



Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Riverton/Aparima Community Board will be held on:

Date: Monday, 5 August 2019
Time: 5.30pm
Meeting Room: Southland District Council Riverton Office
Venue: 117 Palmerston Street, Riverton

Riverton/Aparima Community Board Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Blair Stewart
Deputy Chairperson	Jan Breayley
Members	Neil Linscott
	Corey Mennell
	Graeme Stuart
	Andrew Wilson
	Councillor Nick Perham

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Advisor	Alyson Hamilton
Community Partnership Leader	Simon Moran

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Terms of Reference – Community Boards

Community Boards are bodies established by statute. Their responsibilities and powers are as delegated by the Southland District Council which are to:

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Southland District Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the Southland District Council within the community.
- Consider annual estimates for expenditure within the community and recommend these to Council.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the Southland District Council.

In addition to these activities, Community Boards will consider how best to provide for their communities, and the people who live there, into the future.

Community Board members will provide leadership by:

- Positively representing their community and the Southland District
- Identifying key issues that will affect their community's future and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities.
- Promote a shared vision for the wider community of interest area and develop ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes
- Community Boards will adopt a strategic focus that will enable members to:
- Provide local representation and guidance on wider community issues, initiatives and projects.
- Contribute to the development and promotion of community cohesion, by developing and supporting relationships across a range of stakeholders at a local, regional and national level.
- Take part in local community forums, meetings and workshops.
- Inform local residents and ratepayers on issues that affect them.

Community Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers

Engagement and representation by:

- Facilitating the Council's consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district wide issues including input into the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, and policies that impact on the Board's area.
- Engaging with council officers on local issues and levels of service, including infrastructural, recreational, community services and parks, reserves and cemetery matters.
- Representing the interests of the community at Council, Committee or Subcommittee meetings when a motion under debate relates to a matter that the Board considers to be of particular interest to the residents within its community.
- Monitoring and keeping the Council informed of community aspirations and the level of satisfaction with services provided.

Financial by:

- Approving expenditure within the limits of annual estimates.
- Approving unbudgeted expenditure for locally funded activities up to the value of \$10,000.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Accepting the highest tenders for rentals of \$10,000; or less per annum.
 - Approving the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is \$10,000 or less per annum.
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Local assets and facilities by

- Overseeing the management of local halls and community centres which are owned by Council and where no management committee exists. This will occur by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.
- Appoint a local liaison person responsible for community housing.

Some Community Boards have specific delegations in addition to the broad delegations above:

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

- Contributing to the development of policy relating to the governance of the Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA).
- Overseeing the management of SIESA by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

Te Anau Community Board

- Overseeing the management of the Te Anau/Manapouri Airport by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

The Community Boards can make recommendations to Council on:

Assets and Facilities

- Annually providing feedback on any asset management plans or community services strategies applicable to the community for which the Community Board is responsible.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Recommending rentals in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets
 - Recommending the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets.

Contracts/Tenders

- Recommending tenders less than \$200,000 to the Group Manager Services and Assets.
- Recommending tenders in excess of \$200,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.
- Recommending tenders to the Services and Assets Committee where preference is not for acceptance of the highest tenderer,

Financial

- Recommending annual estimates to Council.
- Recommending unbudgeted expenditure in excess of \$10,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.

Local Policy

- Considering matters referred to it by officers, the Council, its committees or subcommittees, including reports and policy and bylaw proposals relating to the provision of council services within the Board's area; and
- Making submissions or recommendations in response to those matters as appropriate.

The Chairperson of each Community Board is delegated with the following additional responsibilities:

- Approval of leases, rental agreements and the rollover of existing contracts under \$1,000;
- Engaging with Community Board members to make submissions to the Council on behalf of the Community Board where a submission period is outside of the Community Board meeting cycle. Where a Chairperson is unable to base a submission on a consensus among Community Board members, a Community Board meeting must be held.

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UPDATES

9.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairman, Member Stewart, to report on matters with which he has been involved since the Board's last meeting.

9.2 Councillor's Report

Councillor Perham to report on matters from the Council table.

1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Committee Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum

Notification to speak is required by 5pm at least two days before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the committee 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.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Meeting minutes of Riverton/Aparima Community Board, 17 June 2019



Riverton/Aparima Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED

Minutes of a meeting of Riverton/Aparima Community Board held in the Southland District Council Riverton Office, 117 Palmerston Street, Riverton on Monday, 17 June 2019 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Blair Stewart
Deputy Chairperson	Jan Breayley
Members	Neil Linscott
	Graeme Stuart
	Councillor Nick Perham

APOLOGIES

Corey Mennell

ABSENT

Andrew Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Community Partnership Leader	Simon Moran
Community Facilities Contract Manager	Greg Erskine
Community Liaison Officer	Kathryn Cowie
Committee Advisor	Alyson Hamilton

1 Apologies

There was an apology from Member Mennell.

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Deputy chairperson Breayley and **resolved:**

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

Riverton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Jeremy Raines, Station Officer and Helen Bull, Chief Fire Officer addressed the meeting providing an update on the Riverton Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Mr Raines advised of the ongoing difficulty of encouraging volunteers to join the group and sought assistance from the Board to encourage membership.

Councillor Perham suggested an article be prepared by Communications staff to encourage public participation for volunteer driven organisations across the District. The meeting agreed Councillor Perham liaise with Communications staff to progress this project.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved member Linscott, seconded Chairperson Stewart **and resolved:**

That the minutes of Riverton/Aparima Community Board meeting held on 1 April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

That the minutes of Extraordinary Riverton/Aparima Community Board meeting held on 30 April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports for Resolution

7.1 Havelock Street Kerb and Channel and Stormwater - Preliminary Design Report

Record No: R/19/6/10132

Community Facilities Contract Manager, Greg Erskine was in attendance for this item.

Mr Erskine advised the purpose of the report is for the Riverton/Aparima Community Board to consider the Preliminary Design report prepared by WSP | Opus on the Havelock Street kerb and channel and stormwater project.

Mr Erskine explained rough order of costs for the new kerb and channel, footpath and drainage pipeline are approximately \$800,000.

The Meeting was advised of a budget of \$130,000 for the 2018/2019 year which was based on estimates for kerb work only and options to fund work of this scale would be via a loan of a combination of rates increase and loan or a combination of loan and reserves funding.

Mr Erskine added the significant increase in funding requirements will require community feedback through the Long Term Plan 2021/2031 process.

Resolution

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Deputy chairperson Breayley **and resolved:**

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Havelock Street Kerb and Channel and Stormwater - Preliminary Design Report" dated 10 June 2019.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **Agrees to option 3 that the stormwater project be included in the Long Term Plan 2021/2031.**
- e) **Recommends to Council that the capital expenditure Havelock Street kerb and channel and stormwater project be included in the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan.**

Chairperson Stewart requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

Reports for Recommendation

8.1 Funding Request - Southland Heritage Building & Preservation Trust

Record No: R/19/5/9553

Community Liaison Officer, Kathryn Cowie was in attendance for this item.

Ms Cowie advised the purpose of the report is to present information regarding a request for funding for costs associated with completing stage three of the restoration project of Kohikohi Cottage in Riverton by the Southland Heritage and Building Preservation Trust.

The Board agreed that in addition to supporting the restoration project agreed to a further contribution of up to \$10,000 from the Riverton/Aparima Community Board's general reserve towards an interpretation panel to be erected at Kohikohi Cottage as soon as practicable.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Stewart, seconded member Linscott **recommendations a to d, new e (as indicated), f with changes (as indicated with ~~strikethrough~~ and underline) and resolved:**

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Funding Request - Southland Heritage Building & Preservation Trust" dated 10 June 2019.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **Agrees to contribute funding of \$20,000 from the Riverton/Aparima Community Board's general reserve towards the Southland Heritage & Building Preservation Trust for stage three of the Kohikohi Cottage Restoration project.**

New e) Agrees to contribute funding up to \$10,000 from the Riverton/Aparima Community Board's general reserve towards an interpretation panel to be erected at Kohikohi Cottage as soon as practicable.

- f) **Recommends to Council that it approve the unbudgeted expenditure of ~~\$20,000~~ \$30,000 to the Southland Heritage Building & Preservation Trust for stage three of the Kohikohi Cottage Restoration project which includes an interpretation panel to be funded from the Riverton/Aparima Community Board's general reserve.**

Reports

9.1 Council Report

Record No: R/19/5/9318

Community Partnership Leader, Simon Moran was in attendance for this item.

Mr Moran advised the purpose of the report is to provide an overview of key issues across the Southland District, as well as high level local issues from various Council units.

Mr Moran highlighted various issues of interest including:

- Freshwater Reform
- Township entrance signage
- Southland Regional Development Agency.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Stewart, seconded member Stuart **and resolved:**

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 7 June 2019.**

9.1 Chairperson's report

Deputy Chair Breayley reported on activities with which she has been involved since the Board's last meeting. This included the following:

- attendance at Community Board and Community Development Area Chairperson's meeting recently held at Winton and update on discussions held at the meeting
- reminder to all Members Local Government 2019 triennial election nominations open 19 July 2019 and close 16 August 2019
- note of appreciation received from Riverton Christadelphian Ecclesia following the Groups use of the Taramea Bay barbeque facilities and picnic area, along with a donation of \$50.00
- advice of Environment Southland's adoption of the Annual Plan 2019/20
- report of work on the recreation reserve track has commenced and is looking good.

9.2 Councillor's Report

Councillor Perham reported on activities from the District Council table which included:

- advice of a bridge repair programme currently being undertaken by staff due to the number of bridges requiring replacement within the next 10 years
- advice of attendance at Long term Plan 2031 workshops.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE RIVERTON/APARIMA COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2019.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Unbudgeted expenditure request for Te Hikoi - Heat Pumps

Record No: R/19/7/13333
Author: Kathryn Cowie, Community Liaison Officer
Approved by: Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision ☒ Recommendation ☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present information regarding a request for funding for costs associated with installing two new heat pumps at Te Hikoi Southern Journey.
- 2 Funding is being requested from the Riverton Aparima general reserves.

Executive Summary

- 3 Te Hikoi Southern Journey wish to make an application to the Riverton Aparima Community Board for \$7,000 to assist with the costs associated with installing two new heat pumps in their information/retail centre area.
- 4 The grant is to be considered by the Riverton/Aparima Community Board.

Recommendation

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Unbudgeted expenditure request for Te Hikoi - Heat Pumps" dated 17 July 2019.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **Approves the unbudgeted expenditure of \$7,000 to Te Hikoi Southern Journey for the new heat pumps to be funded from the Riverton/Aparima Community Board general reserves.**

Background

- 5 Te Hikoi Southern Journey are in the process of upgrading their heating system. Part of this process involves installing two heat pumps in their information/retail space. The current ceiling radiant heaters in this area needed to be replaced, as it was noticed that they have left black marks on the ceiling and an electrician was unable to confirm if they were safe to use. Lowering them from the ceiling was not an option as they were too big to be suspended on chains. Upgrading to heat pumps is the best option to replace the heaters, and needed to be done immediately as the cold temperature is having an impact on the health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors.
- 6 The installation of heat pumps will be a better, more efficient and cost effective way to heat this space. Additionally it will also mean that they will have the option of cooling the area if needed in the summer months.
- 7 The board agrees that providing funding assistance towards the heat pumps is preferable to providing the museum with funding for operational costs.
- 8 As part of this process they are also looking at installing solar heating. They have identified a need to reduce operating costs, and solar is a viable option for the museum site. It has been considered alongside a range of other cost reduction, revenue generation, and building improvements as part of a feasibility study completed by Impact Consultants. If they decide to progress this option it is likely that it will be funded via public fundraising, sponsorship opportunities and funding applications.

Issues

- 9 The key issues for the board to determine are whether to contribute funding to the project, and if yes, then how much funding to contribute.

Factors to Consider

Legal and Statutory Requirements

- 10 There are no legal and statutory requirements to consider beyond those set out under the 'costs and funding' heading below.

Community Views

- 11 No community views have been sought on this application.

Costs and Funding

- 12 The funding request is to the Riverton/Aparima Community Board reserves fund for \$7,000.
- 13 The cost to supply two heat pumps (coated for marine protection) and install is \$8,417.39 + gst.
- 14 The cost for solar is approximately \$39,900 plus an estimated \$15,000 for batteries. Te Hikoi are requesting assistance of \$7,000 for the heat pumps only.

Policy Implications

- 15 There are no policy implications.

Analysis

Options Considered

- 16 The options for consideration is to either support or decline the funding request in full or in part.

Analysis of Options

Option 1 – In full or in part approve the grant of \$7,000 to Te Hikoi Southern Journey for new heat pumps

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• installation of new heat pumps will mean a better, more efficient heating system for the museum• it will mean an improved visitor experience with the ability to both heat and cool the area quickly and easily when necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• by supporting this project, the money cannot be spent elsewhere in Riverton

Option 2 – Decline the grant funding request

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• there is no cost to the Riverton ratepayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• declining the funding may mean that the museum may have to fund the heat pumps from other sources such as their operational budget which is needed for the day to day running of the facility

Assessment of Significance

- 17 In terms of Councils significance policy, this issue is not considered significant.

Recommended Option

- 18 Option 1 – In full or in part approve the grant Te Hikoi Southern Journey for two new heat pumps.

Next Steps

- 19 Advise the applicant on outcome of funding request.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Council Report

Record No: R/19/7/13464

Author: Simon Moran, Community Partnership Leader

Approved by: Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Chief Executive

Local Government Funding Inquiry

1. The Productivity Commission have recently released their draft report on Local Government Funding and Financing. A copy of the report is available on their website (www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/3819?stage=3).
2. The terms of reference originally set by the government asked the Productivity Commission to identify whether the existing funding and financing arrangements are suitable for enabling local authorities to meet current and future cost pressures.
3. The draft report suggests that the current funding and financing framework measures up well against the principles of a good system in that it is simple and economically efficient compared to alternatives. It also notes that changing to an alternative system would be disruptive and costly.
4. The commission notes that there is significant scope for councils to make better use of the existing funding tools and that it is fundamentally sound and provides a good foundation upon which to build new tools. It suggests that new funding tools are needed in the following areas:
 - supplying infrastructure to support rapid urban growth
 - adapting to climate change
 - coping with the growth of tourism
 - managing new functions/responsibilities that are placed on local government by central government.
5. The report also notes that there is significant scope for councils to improve their organisational performance, productivity and decision making. It suggests that changes are needed to strengthen governance and increase the transparency of reporting on individual council performance. In these areas it recommends legislative change to make it mandatory for local authorities to have an Audit and Risk Committee that has at least two independent members, one of whom is the chair. This is seen as strengthening governance capability across the sector and trying to remove some of the variability which currently exists. It also recommends a review of the current performance measurement frameworks used and the greater use of benchmarking tools to create greater awareness of performance levels.
6. In the 3 waters area the commission notes that there is a need for the sector to lift its performance and that the sector needs to take responsibility for lifting its performance in these areas. It recommends that the changes needed should be supported by the implementation of a strong regulator and new standards to drive a level of change across the sector.

7. The report is out for public consultation until 29 August 2019. The commission is then due to present their final report by 30 November 2019.

Emergency Management

8. Work is progressing with the formation of the new National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which will replace the current Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management later this year.
9. The new agency has been created to improve emergency management capability across the country. It will work across central government and with local government, emergency services, communities, iwi, lifeline utilities and business to create an emergency management system that is ready and able to provide an effective and integrated response to, and recovery from emergencies.

Drinking Water Quality

10. The Ministry of Health have recently published their annual report on compliance of drinking water supplies with the current standards. Note that the data published relates to both council and privately owned water supplies.
11. Across the board the report shows that the level of compliance has reduced over the last twelve months despite the high level of focus that has been placed on this issue in the wake of the Havelock North Inquiry and the current government review of 3 waters. Small and minor drinking water supplies, many of which will be run by private water suppliers, have the highest level of non-compliance. The data in the report confirms the need for change in the sector and will add to the suggestion that local authorities should have responsibility for supporting small private schemes that cannot meet the required standards.

Sustainable Development Goals

12. The government has recently published the first voluntary national review on the progress that New Zealand is making in advancing towards achieving the international 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A copy of the review is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/New-Zealand-Voluntary-National-Review-2019-Final.pdf).
13. The SDG framework provides an international context for the living standards framework being implemented through the central government budget process and community outcomes at a local government level. As a result it can be expected, that over time, central government will use these frameworks to inform their policy development for local government as well as other sectors.

Southland Regional Development Agency

14. Work is continuing with establishment of the SRDA. On 1 July the board announced that the agency will have the trading name of Great South. The process of transitioning staff across to the SRDA has also been completed.
15. Work is now progressing on finalising the schedule of assets and contractual agreements ex Venture Southland which are to be 'sold' to the new entity. A formal sale and purchase

agreement has been developed and will need to be formally approved by both the SRDA board as well as each of the shareholders.

16. Staff are also expecting to receive a draft statement of intent from the SRDA board so that it can also be presented to each of the councils for formal approval and to allow for the new service agreements to be finalised.

Community and Futures

Strategy and Policy

Corporate Performance Framework

17. The corporate performance framework aligns Council's high level direction to its activities and outcomes, and its purpose is to streamline Council planning and reporting functions. As part of the corporate performance framework, Council will deliver on its legislative requirements – including the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, Annual Report and activity management plans.
18. Council produces an interim performance report, undertaken three times a year – for the four month periods of July-October, November-February and March-June, with the third being produced to inform the Annual Report. The third interim performance report for the financial year will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee in August 2019. This framework requires Council activity managers to provide meaningful explanation of the level of performance compared to what was planned, and an opportunity for conversation around performance across the whole activity with the committee.
19. The 2018/2019 year end results have been recorded and these will inform the Annual Report which will be formally adopted in September 2019.

Annual Plan 2019/2020

20. The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan in the second and third years between development of the Long Term Plan. The purpose of the Annual Plan is to consider and approve any variations to the Long Term Plan for that financial year. Once finalised, the direction given for 2019-2020 will be used to set rates for the year beginning 1 July 2019 and deliver any additional projects identified.
21. Consultation on the Annual Plan was not undertaken this year as there was no significant variance identified from the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028. This is aligned with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy that determines whether an issue is significant and the level of community consultation required.
22. The Annual Plan was endorsed by the Finance and Audit Committee on 18 June, prior to Council adoption on 19 June 2019.
23. An Annual Plan 2020/2021 direction setting and review and monitoring report was presented to the Community and Policy Committee on 10 July 2019. Following this, a report will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee on 29 August on the proposed project plan for the Annual Plan 2020/2021.

Annual Report 2018/2019

24. The Annual Report timetable key dates approval report was presented to Finance and Audit Committee at their June 2019 meeting.
25. At the August meeting, the Finance and Audit Committee will approve the draft unaudited annual report to be released to the auditors from Audit New Zealand.

Long Term Plan 2031

26. A workshop was held on 21 May 2019 to confirm the draft strategic framework and activities that Council undertakes. At the workshop, the financial and infrastructure strategies were also discussed and an update provided on their development. The draft strategies should be completed and ready for council approval by early 2020.
27. The significant forecasting assumptions are currently being developed by staff and these will be reported to Council in August 2019.

Risk Management Framework

28. Council continues to identify the need to invest in and develop its risk management processes and approach. The objective of the risk management framework is to create a framework to effectively understand, plan for, and mitigate risk across all levels and activities within the organisation that can provide assurance to Council, the Southland District community and stakeholders that critical risks are identified and managed effectively.

Community Futures Research and Analysis Work Programme

29. Council supports the continuation of research and analysis work to inform assumptions and support its decision making in preparation for the Long Term Plan 2031. This work will assist in leading the development of Council's overall approach to the management of change and preparation for what the future might hold for the District and its communities, and identify priorities for investing in community future planning.
30. High level project plans, developed to help determine priority projects within the District, include work around socio-demographics, climate change, service delivery, rating affordability, land and water plan implications, community assistance and funding, and technological change.
31. This work programme is to ensure that projects needed to help inform future planning and decision making are undertaken in a logical and sequential manner, and that the project managers are aware of other pieces of work being undertaken alongside their own that may influence the overall work programme.
32. New Zealand's population make-up is changing, and population growth is largely in the North Island, with Southland predicted to remain largely static in the next 20 years. What will not remain static however, is the changing demographic that will make up the population of Southland. While all of New Zealand is aging overall, in Southland we will have a population over 65 years of age that is predicted to double in number over this time, and with a population of far greater diversity in ethnicity and culture.
33. Understanding income levels, the implications of technological change, mega trends, water and land plan changes, climate change and developing appropriate levels of service will require

Councils and many other agencies and groups to be even more innovative and thoughtful in future planning. Understanding these future demands and implications for all communities in Southland is of great importance, and understanding expectations that are affordable and sustainable will need to be managed against investing in the status quo.

Policy and Bylaw Updates

34. There are a number of Council bylaws and policies currently being reviewed and updated, and a number of bylaws due for review in the next 12-18 months.
35. The delegations manual was adopted by Council in April, and work will now progress on the terms of reference and delegations for community boards and Council's governance structure for the 2019-2022 term.
36. The review of the Board (TAB) Venue and Gambling Venue Policies has begun, with a report due to the Community and Policy Committee on 9 August 2019. Council has begun to investigate options around abandoned vehicles and unkempt properties. An issues and options paper will be presented to the Regulatory and Consents Committee at its 5 September 2019 meeting.
37. Strategy and Policy are co-ordinating the Procurement Policy and manual, and a review of the speed limits bylaw is underway. Reports to the Services and Assets Committee and Council in August will propose that formal consultation take place from 29 August to 10 October.
38. Council has begun the review of its combined Local Alcohol Policy in collaboration with Invercargill City Council and public consultation is expected to be sought in July 2019.
39. Work to investigate a jetties user pay system has also commenced. Any changes to fees and charges will need to be consulted on through the Annual Plan.

Community Partnership Leaders

Community Board Plans Development Update

40. The community leadership team is currently working on the development and implementation of community board plans across the Southland District.
41. During late June and early July the community leadership team also held four cluster meetings for current elected members (councillors, community board and CDA members) around the District (eastern, central, northern and western) where attendees were asked three questions;
 - what are the strengths of (or in) your community?
 - what are you concerned about?
 - what changes have you noticed?
42. Key themes around people, infrastructure, the environment, tourism, and economic development have emerged to date.
43. Next steps for the community leadership team include the development of the social media strategy in conjunction with Council's communications team, engaging with the key stakeholders identified at the cluster meetings, engagement with youth (by talking to our Youth Council as a starting point), iwi and the Southland Multi-Cultural Society.

44. The community leadership team has also engaged Rebecca McElrea as an independent facilitator for eight of the community workshops to be held in August/September. Work has also commenced with her to develop content and an approach for these workshops.
45. It is important to note that the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Plan will be developed outside of the above process. The path for the development of this plan will involve a community board workshop and then the outcomes will be developed out of other work streams that are currently in place on the island around the Stewart Island Future Opportunities Project.
46. The plans will be outcome focused and will draw on the priorities and preferences of the community. It is intended that the plans will be completed in the first quarter of 2020 so that they may be used to help inform other key processes in Council such as activity management plans and the Long Term Plan. The new community board plans will take effect from 1 July 2021 in line with Council's next Long Term Plan and will be subjected to regular monitoring and review.

Aparima Community Environment Project

47. Achieving "action on the ground" is a fundamental part of how Southland is going to accomplish the transformation in land use practices required to deliver better outcomes for our land and water. Action on the ground is part of People Water and Land and encompasses projects that support, facilitate and lead, and where appropriate, co-ordinate activities following a catchment approach. The workstream follows the principles of ki uta ki tai, mountains to the sea, and integrated catchment management, and recognises that a transition is required to achieve the programme vision and objective.
48. The ACE (Aparima Community Environment) Project is about to confirm a refreshed work programme that documents the expected activities for the next three years. The same kaupapa of working to build and support the resilience of the Aparima community and their environment has been confirmed. This is a farmer-lead project supported by a number of agencies (of which Southland District Council staff have been involved), and whilst focused on good management practices is also keenly interested to connect with the wider community. The proposed key work areas are extension (field days, developing communities of practice and supporting catchment groups), farm plan delivery, awareness and engagement (with wider community through initiatives such as Aquavan), knowledge building (environmental health check, sediment research, cultural values), and project evaluation.

<https://waterandland.es.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1tkqd22dp17q9stkk8gh/hierarchy/PWL%20documents/Action%20on%20the%20ground%20documents/ACE%20flyer.pdf>

Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities Project

49. On Thursday 18 July, Minister Shane Jones announced that funding of \$100,000 had been approved from the Provincial Growth Fund for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities Project.
50. The purpose of the project is to facilitate future focused strategic development and planning for Stewart Island/Rakiura, so that the island (in partnership with local, regional and central

government, iwi and other strategic partners) can proactively plan for managed growth and a sustainable future.

51. The outcomes of the project will link to other local, regional and national strategies such as:
- Southland District Council Long Term Plan
 - Destination Management Strategy
 - Regional Marketing Plan
 - Regional Events Strategy
 - District Sustainability Review
 - Southland Regional Development Strategy.

Environmental Services

Group Managers Update

52. The group manager attended a stakeholder relationship session held by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) in Invercargill. Mike Grant, former Southern Rural Fire Authority chief executive has been appointed to a key regional management role with FENZ, based in Dunedin. It is good to have Mike's extensive sector knowledge in the south still benefiting the region. This was a positive session during which current and future FENZ priorities were explained and key personnel introduced. It was well attended by representatives from the forestry sector and other agencies.
53. The annual survey of local authority progress towards the implementation of the earthquake prone amendments to the Building Act which took effect from mid-2017 has been completed. Staff have assessed all buildings under the relevant assessment methodology/criteria in the high risk zone of Southland District which includes Milford, Te Anau and Manapouri. Due to the relatively new building stock in this part of the District and very minimal unreinforced masonry, there has been minimal identification of potential earthquake prone buildings under these criteria. Staff are now moving on to assess the medium and low risk zones, for which there is a longer timeframe. These areas include a higher number of unreinforced masonry buildings, particularly in Riverton, Otautau, Winton and Wyndham.
54. The Predator Free Rakiura Memorandum of Understanding was signed by a range of parties at a ceremony on Rakiura on 13 July 2019. This was very well attended, with attendees including Ta Tipene O' Regan and the Minister of Conservation the Hon Eugenie Sage. It was great to see this level of interest and support. The project is now moving into the detailed design feasibility stage through a technical working group.
55. Submissions on proposed amendments to the Building Act have closed, although MBIE is yet to release a summary of these at the time of writing. Amongst a range of matters, these proposed amendments seek to achieve greater consumer protection and a fairer regime for apportioning liability in the event of a failure. This issue will be watch with interest and reported back.
56. There are a number of situations throughout the District where accumulations of unused cars and car bodies are causing adverse amenity effects and concerns for neighbours and

communities. Staff are assessing this issue to seek to provide a more effective mechanism for addressing such situations.

Environmental Health

57. Considerable work has been completed to improve visibility of key processes, such as alcohol licensing application progression, to enable effective tracking and notifications to ensure the smooth running of services.
58. The team is leading a work stream arising from a Southland/Otago workshop, concerning recreational water signage. This work also has significant implications for other signage used by the team, for example relating to freedom camping or dog control.

Building Solutions

Team Overview

59. Julie Conradi became the new manager of building solutions effective 1 July 2019, having moved from her previous role as quality assurance lead.
60. Julie has an exciting programme of improvement in the building solutions team, with one of the key focus areas being improving communication and engagement with the customer base.
61. The team is also strongly focused on process refinement and cancelling undue 'noise' to improve customer satisfaction and enable the team to continue to reduce the quantity of work outsourced to external contractors and bring that work 'in house'.

Resource Management

Dark Skies Plan Change for Rakiura

62. The resource management team are seeking to publicly notify the Council initiated plan change in August (subject to Council approval). The change to the District Plan has been sought to create rules around future artificial lighting on the island in order to maintain the existing quality of the dark skies. Depending on the number and nature of submissions received it is expected that a hearing on the proposed changes will be held in early 2020.
63. Ongoing work is occurring on the regional work streams for climate change, biodiversity, landscapes and natural character. The climate change report was presented to Council on 22 May and wider communication of climate change was endorsed. Joint work on the next phases of climate change is currently being scoped. Internal climate change has commenced to inform the initial phase of the next LTP process. Work on the biodiversity, landscapes and natural character projects is ongoing and they are likely to be released in 2020.
64. Council is part of the TA reference group providing feedback to the Ministry of the Environment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity and the proposed New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy which are both proposed to be finalised in early 2020. Consultation on both of these work streams is anticipated to occur between September and November 2019.

Services and Assets

Group Managers Update

65. As we embark on a new financial year our focus is starting to shift towards early 2020 and the recast of the activity management plans. In order to ensure that the value of this planning process is maximised there is a significant amount of work that needs to be completed in the remaining six months of 2019. In particular, there is a raft of strategic documentation that needs to be completed in order to adequately inform the activity management planning process.
66. An example of this is the infrastructure strategy which needs to be revised. This document is a legislative requirement and has previously covered the legislated minimum 30-year period and scope of transport and 3-waters only. With the next iteration to be produced in the coming months, it is anticipated that both the timeline and scope will be revised to incorporate longer term views where appropriate considering the useful lives of the assets, along with integration of community facilities service provision.
67. Other examples include, a review of the Environment Southland Water and Land Plan, a climate change assessment across each of the activities, minimum LoS development for community facilities and condition assessment gathering across a number of asset portfolios. This information is extremely important in ensuring integrity and robustness in the activity management planning process.
68. In addition to the processes above, the community board planning development process will also form a key input into the activity management planning and subsequent works programme development in order to inform the 2031 LTP.
69. Other critical work areas underway include an assessment of the water and waste team's resource capacity, completion of the midyear performance reviews, team business plan development and the recommencement of the community facilities 17A service delivery review.

Property Services

70. Work is almost complete in the review of the Council fixed asset register as the basis of Council's property register. Asset managers are currently finalising the first cut, of whether the properties are strategic or not. For the purposes of this project, the definition of strategic has been expanded to include those community activities committed to and funded as part of the Long Term Plan eg playgrounds. After this stage has been completed, the proposal is to present the register to the Finance and Audit Committee as a step towards identifying a Council list of surplus properties.
71. Current property agreements that have been finalised of interest are Ringaringa Road deviation, easement agreement with Landcorp for access to and the pipeline on their land for the Kepler disposal field, land acquisition for the Clifden bridge Tourism Infrastructure Fund development, landowner agreement related to the Orawia water take site, as well as a memorandum with the owners on the north side of the Mararoa bridge around ownership divestment. Each of these projects are at differing stages of completion from agreement only, to survey completed to final acquisitions being actioned. Actions have commenced to dispose of the Hokonui, and Menzies

Ferry halls as well as transferring the Blackmount and Waianawa community centres to local societies.

Community Facilities

72. Next year's projects have been entered into CAMMS and the project managers assigned. The project managers are now working through the business case phase so that projects can be started as soon as possible in the new financial year. In some cases the project managers will need to consult with the elected members to determine the final scope of some of the projects and in some cases whether or not the project is still required.
73. The work on developing the master data and meta data standards and also minimum levels of service for the community facilities portfolios is progressing. This work will support the activity management plan, team business plan and works programme that will be undertaken later in the year.
74. Further design work, community consultation and sustainable funding options have to be confirmed before a report seeking approval from Council to submit an application to MBIE for funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund is tabled. This is a major project and will represent a substantial commitment for the Stewart Island community and Council.
75. The second biological assessment report on the Winton office/library from K2 Environmental and Biodec has been received and has confirmed the original report findings. Work is now underway to remove internal wall cladding and ceiling panels to provide access so that the extent of the issue can be determined. Once this is done the cost associated with the remedial work will be able to be identified. In the interim the Winton office\library operation has been moved to the RSA hall.

Strategic Transport

Speed Limit Review

76. This process is still on track as planned with a report being presented to the Services and Assets Committee at the meeting on 7 August before being presented to the subsequent Council meeting, with the objective of starting the formal public consultation process.

District Wide Renewals Programme

77. The road design for the District wide pavement rehabilitation programme for 2019/2020 season is currently being completed with the first tender on track for being released to market around mid-July.

Bridges

78. Geotechnical testing and investigations are currently being undertaken at a number of bridges which are most likely to form part of the accelerated bridge renewal programme over the coming two years. Geotechnical investigations are on track to be completed by the end of July at which point tenders will be put out to market (in August).
79. Council staff have also engaged in discussion with NZ Transport Agency around the challenges Council faces with the bridge stock. A meeting has been setup up with key NZTA

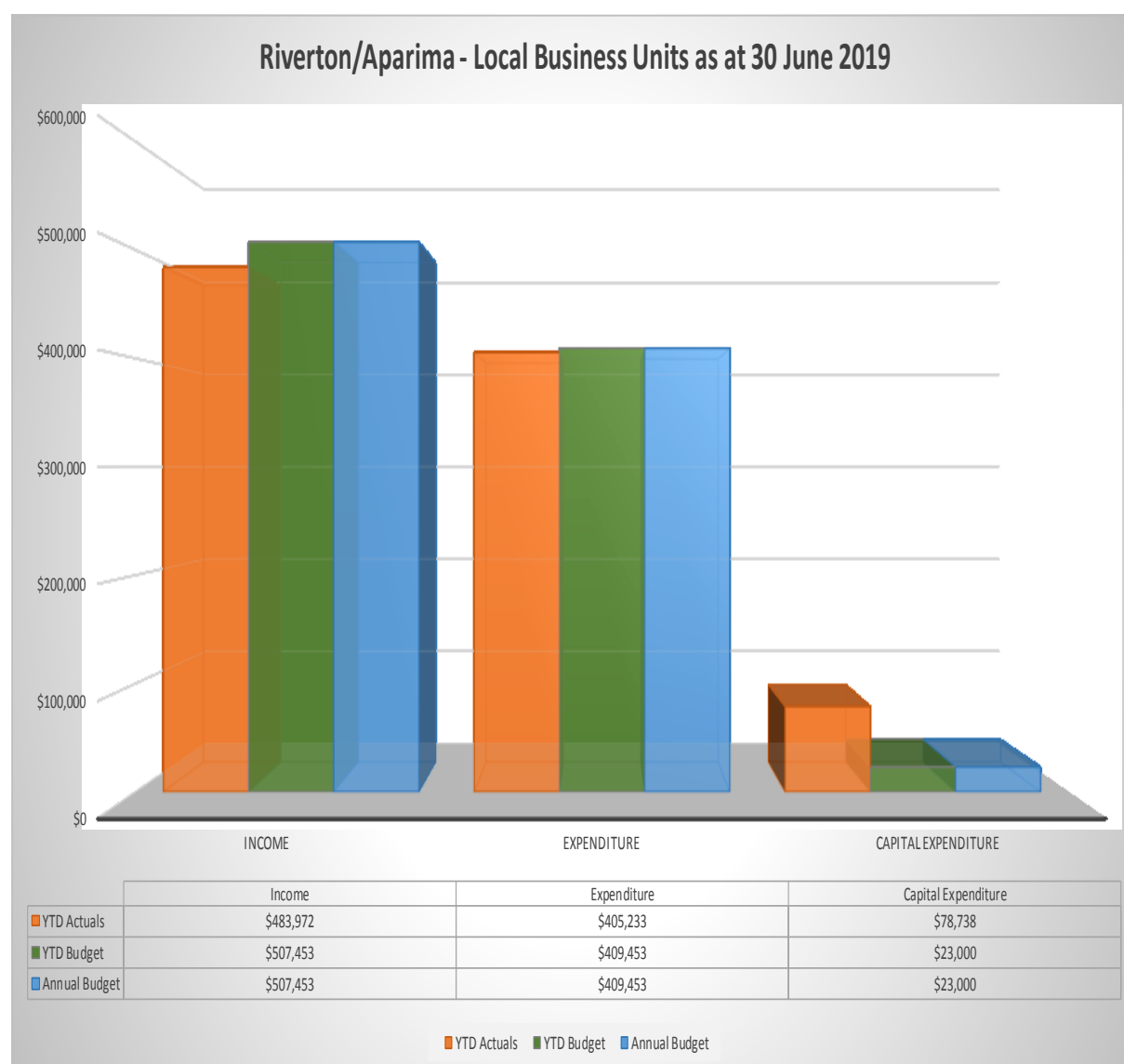
staff in late August to continue with discussions and help establish what Council needs to do in readiness for the next funding application round and beyond (2021 onwards).

Pyramid Bridge Replacement

80. Pyramid Bridge is a joint asset between the Gore District Council and Southland District Council. A tender has been awarded to Concrete Structures Ltd for the replacement of this bridge.

Finance

81. The interest from reserves is yet to be added to the income line for the administration business unit as this is one of the last things done before the year end accounts are finalised.
82. There are no significant variances to report on since the last meeting.



Riverton/Aparima - Business Units as at 30 June 2019										
BU Code	Business Unit	Income			Expenses			Capital		
		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Income Budget Full Year	Expenses YTD	Budget YTD	Expenses Budget Full Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Capital Budget Full Year
26300	Administration - Riverton	\$43,567	\$62,377	\$62,377	\$41,754	\$44,489	\$44,489			
26302	Operating Costs - Riverton	\$31,545	\$31,637	\$31,637	\$41,569	\$44,637	\$44,637			
26307	Street Works - Riverton	\$77,655	\$79,325	\$79,325	\$48,801	\$38,051	\$38,051	\$74,906	\$23,000	\$23,000
26310	Refuse Collection - Riverton	\$25,782	\$26,336	\$26,336	\$27,790	\$28,336	\$28,336			
26313	Stormwater Drainage - Riverton	\$90,175	\$94,537	\$94,537	\$24,800	\$32,060	\$32,060			
26314	SW - STO554 & PLS54A Riverton									
26325	Cemetery - Riverton	\$58,082	\$52,241	\$52,241	\$50,985	\$46,135	\$46,135			
26328	Beautification - Riverton	\$60,237	\$60,867	\$60,867	\$61,133	\$60,867	\$60,867			
26332	Recreation Reserve - Riverton	\$12,621	\$12,842	\$12,842	\$18,371	\$22,248	\$22,248	\$3,832		
26333	Taramea (Howells Point)	\$8,190	\$8,962	\$8,962	\$4,931	\$6,366	\$6,366			
26337	Taramea Bay	\$35,549	\$37,349	\$37,349	\$51,877	\$50,018	\$50,018			
26338	Koikoi Park				\$680	\$680	\$680			
26340	War Memorial Reserve	\$1,549	\$1,920	\$1,920	\$761	\$1,582	\$1,582			
26346	Playground - Riverton	\$5,972	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$4,987	\$7,189	\$7,189			
26379	Sewerage Loan Riverton									
26391	Riverton Pool	\$33,049	\$32,960	\$32,960	\$26,795	\$26,795	\$26,795			
26618	UN200 - Emergency Drain Renewa									
Total		\$483,972	\$507,453	\$507,453	\$405,233	\$409,453	\$409,453	\$78,738	\$23,000	\$23,000

Reserve Balances

Riverton	Opening Balance	Current Budget	Forecast Budget	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Local													
Reserve													
Riverton Cemetery Maintenance	53,420	60,108	60,108	60,056	66,963	74,097	81,466	15,925	21,380	27,014	32,833	38,844	38,844
Riverton Doc Profiles Lib Sale	64,271	66,410	66,410	68,619	70,901	73,258	75,692	78,207	80,804	83,487	86,258	89,120	89,120
Riverton General - OPR	398,492	258,786	282,965	118,642	129,115	139,932	151,105	162,646	174,567	186,880	199,598	212,734	212,734
Riverton Parks & Res Develop -	27,250	28,222	28,222	29,226	30,263	20,260	21,002	21,769	15,534	16,121	16,727	17,353	17,353
Riverton Property Sales	232,973	232,973	232,973	132,973	132,973	132,973	132,973	(2,360)	(2,360)	(2,360)	(2,360)	(2,360)	(2,360)
Riverton Property Sales - RES	-	6,622	6,622	13,462	20,527	27,825	35,363	40,923	44,439	48,071	51,822	55,697	55,697
Riverton War Memorial - OP	11,933	12,271	12,271	12,621	12,982	13,355	13,740	14,138	8,734	8,967	9,208	9,457	9,457
Taramea Bay/Rocks Development	32,288	33,324	33,324	9,394	10,499	11,640	12,819	14,037	15,295	16,594	17,936	19,322	19,322
Taramea Howells Point	19,762	22,358	22,358	19,577	22,167	24,842	27,605	30,459	33,407	36,452	39,597	42,846	42,846
Total Local Reserve	840,389	721,074	745,253	464,570	496,390	518,182	551,765	375,744	391,800	421,226	451,619	483,013	483,013
Total Local Balance	840,389	721,074	745,253	464,570	496,390	518,182	551,765	375,744	391,800	421,226	451,619	483,013	483,013
Stormwater													
Reserve													
RVTN Stormwater Hdws - RES	60,774	103,289	113,289	157,367	213,225	270,920	330,513	278,345	338,183	399,989	463,829	529,769	529,769
Total Stormwater Reserve	60,774	103,289	113,289	157,367	213,225	270,920	330,513	278,345	338,183	399,989	463,829	529,769	529,769
Total Stormwater Balance	60,774	103,289	113,289	157,367	213,225	270,920	330,513	278,345	338,183	399,989	463,829	529,769	529,769
Total Riverton Reserve Balance	901,163	824,363	858,542	621,937	709,615	789,102	882,278	654,089	729,983	821,215	915,448	1,012,782	1,012,782

Recommendation

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 30 July 2019.**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Bath Road Beautification Project - Summary of Public Submissions

Record No: R/19/7/13508
Author: Kathryn Cowie, Community Liaison Officer
Approved by: Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Riverton/Aparima community board with a summary of the public submissions for ideas of what the community would like to have included in the Bath Road beautification project.

Executive Summary

- 2 The public have been asked to provide suggestions for the planned beautification project along the Riverton Railway Reserve on Bath Road. The following report summarises all the submissions received so the board can start discussing possible options for the project.
- 3 21 submissions were received from the public, as well as 31 comments on the Southland District Council and Riverton – Haven by the Sea Facebook pages.

Recommendation

That the Riverton/Aparima Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Bath Road Beautification Project - Summary of Public Submissions” dated 30 July 2019.**

Background

- 4 In 2014 Janice Templeton raised the issue of the area adjacent to Bath Road being tidied up and made available as a recreation reserve at a community board meeting. She was advised that while the board supported her idea in principle, the land was owned by the Crown and licensed/leased through Land Information of New Zealand (LINZ) to DT King Co Ltd for their use and was not under community board control, therefore they could not do any work in this area.
- 5 Council staff liaised with LINZ regarding the possibility of ownership of the land being transferred to Council. This was a lengthy process, and following a long period of discussions and negotiation the land ownership was transferred to Council in April/May 2019.
- 6 Following this it was decided to begin the process of consulting the Riverton Community about what they would like to see as part of a beautification project in the area.

Community Views

- 7 The Riverton community have been asked to submit their suggestions for what they would like included in the Bath Road beautification project. An article was placed in the Western Star, flyers were distributed around the township and on the Southland District Council and Riverton – Haven by the Sea Facebook pages. This report is a summary of those submissions.

Costs and Funding

- 8 The project is to be funded from the Riverton Aparima Community Board general reserve. \$25,000 has been allocated towards the project.
- 9 It is allocated to the 2019/2020 financial year in the Long Term Plan.

Submissions

- 10 21 submissions were received, as well as 31 comments on the Council and Riverton-Haven by the Sea Facebook pages.
- 11 Suggestions can be broken down into the following groups. The number beside each suggestion relates to the number of times it was suggested.

12 Structures/Infrastructure

- walking track (12)
- picnic tables/area (9)
- BBQ (7)
- information boards (7)
- seating (5)
- shelters (6)
- car park (6)
- public toilet (4)
- dump station (5)
- dog park (2)
- exercise stations (2)

Planting

- take down the trees (10)
- plant natives (8)
- general requests for planting (4)
- requests for wetland specific planting to encourage bird life etc (2) (see submission # 8 and # 11 for more information)

Art/displays

- use the old boat as a display (4)
- use bush locomotive as a display (3)
- painted surfboards (1)
- art avenue with sculptures etc (1)
- wind sculptures (1)
- murals (1)

General/other comments

- make it low maintenance, low cost, and simple (3)
- community groups could assist with parts of the project, planting etc (2)
- comment from Ocean Shell regarding the current road encroaching on their property and their wish to continue to use an area opposite their premises for staff parking (submission # 4)
- give the area a name eg Riverton Railway Esplanade (2)

- 13 You will see that there were a number of submissions requesting a dump station for camper vans. There is already a dump station project underway, located adjacent to Bath Road opposite Delhi Street, this is due to be completed in around February 2020.

Next Steps

- 14 Formation of a sub-committee to drive the project, consider iwi representation/consultation.
- 15 The committee and community board will need to decide on how to approach this project. In discussions with council staff it was suggested to take the following considerations into account:
- is the \$25,000 allocated enough to do anything significant or appropriate
 - should they use that \$25,000 to scope/design a larger project and then budget that accordingly
 - how will the community board maintain any of the planned beautification
 - location of dump station site opposite Delhi Street, and what will be suitable to put near here

Attachments

- A Bath Road Submissions - final - July 2019 [📄](#)

29 May 2019

Hana Thomson hanalibertythomson57@gmail.com

Take down those hideous trees, plant harakeke (flax- don't spray these ones!) And other native plants.

Create a walking track along the edge of the estuary with a wee picnic area, plant some grass get rid of all the gravel, and the trucks can park in thier yards.

i-site boards with information about the estuary, the mai mais, the old boat down there that not many people even know about it.

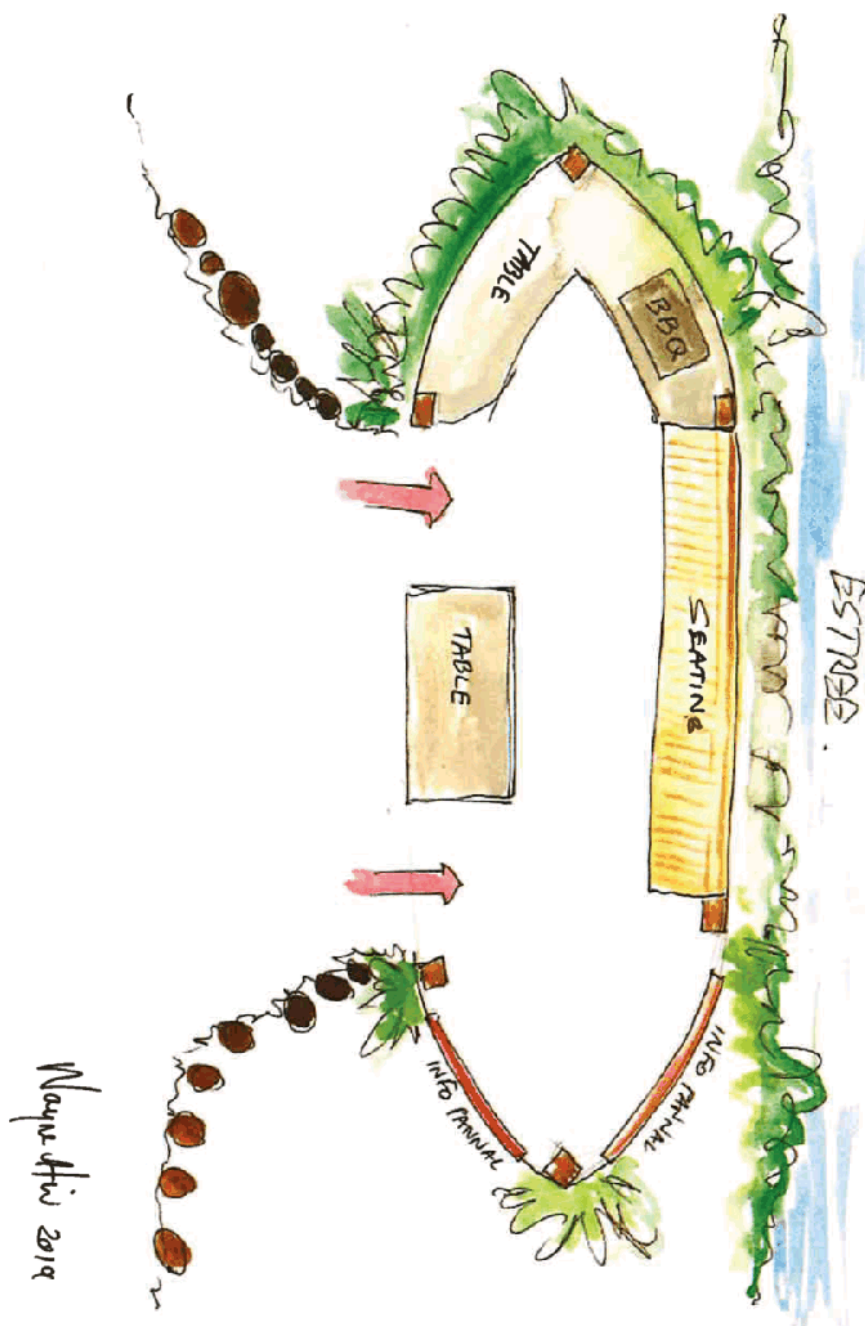
A small park even for families passing through, could carry on the frisbee golf there.. a dog park area since it's pretty restricted where you can take your dog now.. taking down the trees is a good start regardless 🍷

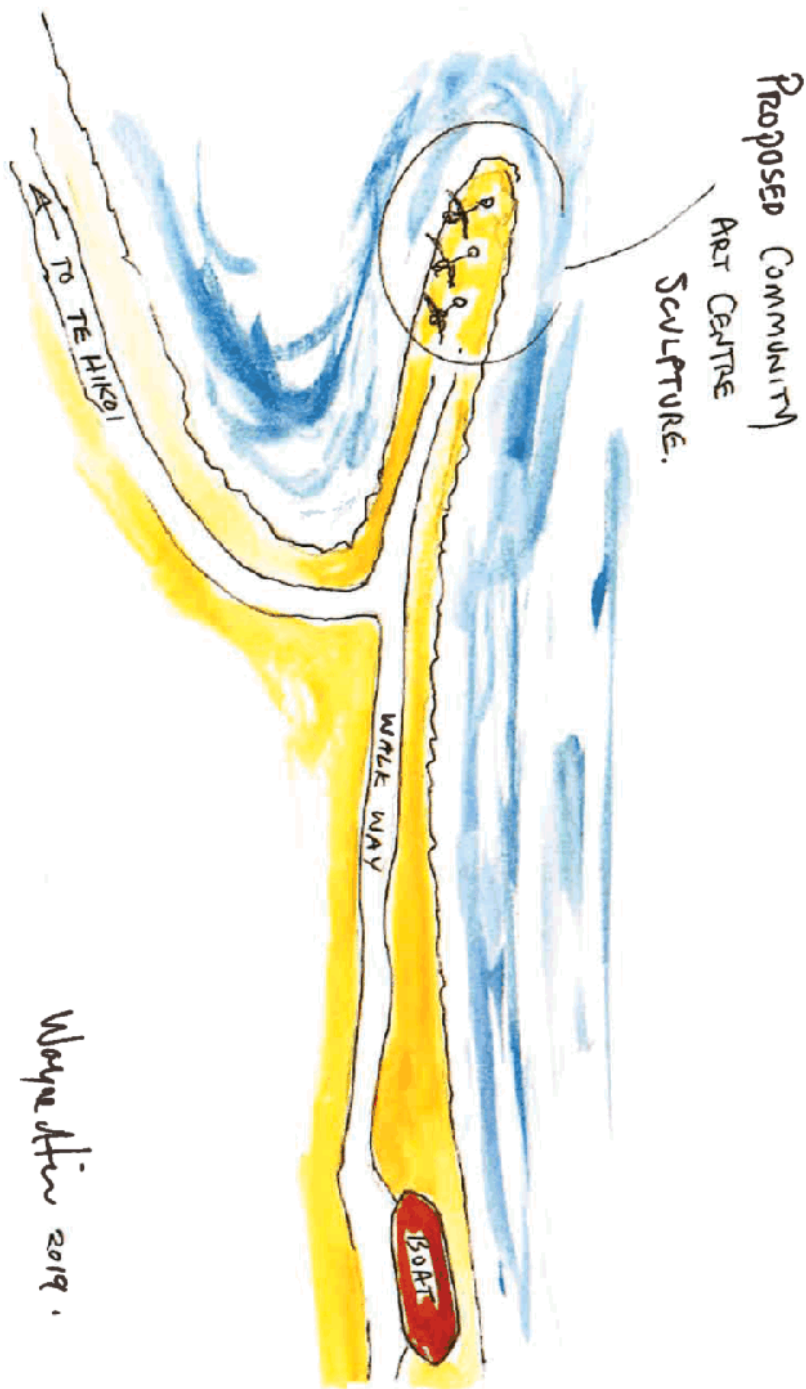
Also if the businesses down Bath Road were all for it, I'd reccomened getting in touch with the artists that dolled up the mainstreet to get in there and chuck some colour down that road, it's so dull

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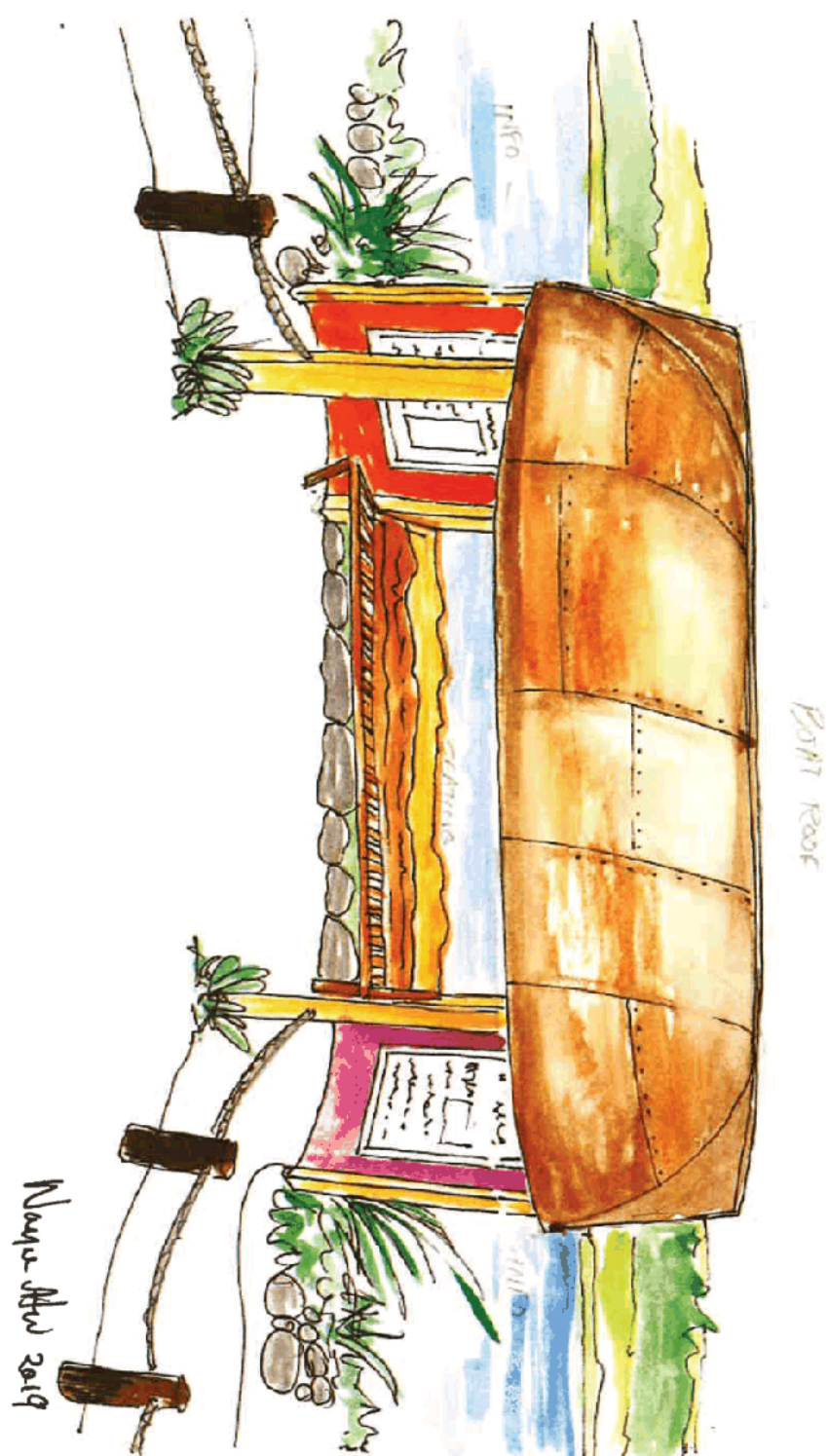
4 June 2019

Wayne Hill 021 144 6363





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9 June 2019

Steph MacDonald stephmacdonald@hotmail.co.nz

Morena

I'd like to see a panel of painted surfboards in a line, to add another awesome piece of artwork to our community!

Thank you for your consideration.

Steph MacDonald

0221618033





14 June 2019

Bruce Shields bruce@oceanshellnz.com

Dear Sir or Madam

Our business Ocean Shell at 81 Bath Road is adjacent to part of the Railway Reserve

We currently have staff parking cars on the gravelled area opposite our buildings and would like to discuss with council how this can be continued . Perhaps we can lease a small part of the reserve ?

We would also support the removal of the pine trees adjacent to our buildings , for 27 years we have been cleaning the pine needles out of our spoutings ! The macracarpa hedge could stay

We believe the priority must be for a low cost , low maintenance development of this area . We imagine that it will be much too expensive to realign Bath road and although the current road does encroach onto our property are happy to let it be as it is if we can use the Reserve for staff car parking

We visualise any planting would be along a walking/cycling track along the edge of the estuary and the balance of the graveled areas to the south would be maintained by spraying

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our thoughts

Regards Bruce and Colleen Shields

1 July 2019

Leah Boniface <rn-le-boniface@xtra.co.nz>

Riverton Railway Reserve Beautification Project

The area shown on the diagram would make an ideal sealed public car park linked by a sealed path to the Te Hikoi museum and focal point to the south and with a sealed walkway connecting to Pitt Street in the north.

I envisage universal blue signs positioned on the intersection of Napier and Palmerston Streets, indicating the car park so that locals and visitors alike may use the free parking area. Locals are often reminded not to park outside Te Hikoi and to leave the street free for tourists. Because of planned expansion of the museum, its own car park will cease to exist and therefore space will be needed for volunteer workers to park.



The car park should have marked lots for cars with several designated for disability parks. Landscaping in native plants, preferably flowering and fragrant, would enhance the area and attract native birds. Care should be made with the selection of plants that they do not require constant maintenance, nor grow so large that they inhibit the excellent view across the estuary.



The sealed path along the edge of the estuary waterline, would provide a pleasant area for those with mobility issues (wheelchairs) and also for dog-walkers. To connect with Pitt Street, this would make an ideal circuit for people from BUPA Longwood to stroll, and exercise getting a breath of fresh air and communing with nature.

The path would also be enhanced by suitable plantings as mentioned above. Rustic benches on which to sit and rest could be located at intervals along the entire walkway. Exercise stations, similar to those around Queen's Park in Invercargill, could also be a feature for those who are more energetic or indulging in fitness training. I do not think cyclists or scooter riders should be using the walkway unless it had a centre dividing line for the safety of walkers.



3 July 2019

Riverton Community Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Community Board in relation to the Railway Reserve.

I went back to my original letter dated 6 /12/14 to see what I had written on behalf of my group; Stewart Bull, Vaughan and Megan Templeton and James and Sue Pinckney.

Quote from the original letter: Our group would like to see the area tidied up and be available as a recreational area for picnicking and so on.

We realised that there would be a cost incurred in the initial tidy up but following that, it may only be necessary to be a mown area.

There is also the possibility that a community group would participate in the plantings and future care which would help costs. End of Quote.

I have been informed that you have received lots of submissions so that shows the interest in the area. I would be concerned that a huge effort would be made and then the Board would be left with all the maintenance of the area which comes back on the ratepayers.. It may be that, as quoted above, that some groups would be prepared to look after certain areas. As we have noted previously, the enthusiasm initially shown may wane eventually but have heard suggestions that have great merit and would enhance the area.

We would be concerned if the beaurocracy be too heavily involved with engineers reports and so on. Make it a community project which works well as the Wild Bush/Waipango Gates Project has shown.

1. We would like the area to be called “ the Railway Esplanade”
2. If there is to be a walkway could the area be attached to the “ Te Araroa” trail and come back on to Princess St so that the walkers could continue down the North Beach.

Good Luck with the progress which will hopefully move on at a quicker rate than the initial request.

Sincerely,

Janice Templeton

9 July 2019

Sally Cole <sally-dene@xtra.co.nz>

Suggestions for this project:

Make it a multi recreational area.

Dogs off leash whole area

Put something akin to deer fencing along Bath Road with numerous access/exits

Tidy up but leave most large trees

Plant only low lying shrubs suitable for sea conditions

Some flowering and some fruiting trees

Picnic areas with table in sheltered sites

Grassed areas – kids games, dogs

Shared footpath for skate boarders, walkers, mobility scooters, roller skates

Provide steps/jetty for access to water

Shelter/building for surfers/wind surfers etc

Plenty of rubbish bins

Gas stoves for public use

Water taps alongside

Public toilet

Keep it sort of 'natural wild' but tidy.

Look forward to it all! (??)

Sally Cole

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10 July 2019

Jesse Bythell jesse.bythell@gmail.com

Hello,

I am not exactly sure where the Riverton Estuary Railway Reserve is, but based on the artistoc images I saw in the ad seeking feedback it appears to connect the end of Bath Street with wirerush and salt marsh vegetation to the north owned by mix of private landowners, DOC and the Riverton Estuary Care Society, plus some unformed legal roads. As such, I think any activities considered in the area need to take into account the ecological values nearby.

I think the idea of linking Te Hikoi in the south to Te Wai Karori in the north would be a great way to make that estuary edge beautiful and usable for locals and visitors alike. The area along the waterfront in Wellington which connects Te Papa to Te Aro Park and Whairepo Lagoon is very well used and enjoyed, I think Riverton could aspire to something similar (though happily less crowded and without the need to re-create a saltmarsh community from scratch!).

I would like to see the following initiatives:

- Creation of a walking track for people to safely access the covenant 'Te Wai Karori' owned by the Estuary Care Society. Ideally work with the Estuary Care Group to create a connected network of tracks allowing locals and visitors to explore the wirerushland and saltmarsh community. There is almost no native vegetation left on the Riverton estuary shores which the public can access, and this is a great site to go bird watching and enjoy the views, especially when the wind is up on the beach. There are very few places anywhere in Southland where people can safely access wirerush wetland communities.
- Develop interpretation panels to communicate to visitors and locals the cultural and biodiversity values of the area (perhaps include a panel to help people ID birds – it could be illustrated by a local such as Lloyd Esler or Janet Hodgett who are talented and scientifically trained). One sign might feature local birds, another estuary fish species and perhaps another focusing on molluscs, invertebrates and lizards which are found in the area. A panel explaining the plant communities and perhaps one about the historic flax industry in the area would be worthwhile too. Many people fail to appreciate the value of rushland and estuaries as they're not as obviously scenic as lakes and mountains, but once people get to understand their intricacies they're truly interesting and beautiful places, and ecologically very significant to many species.
- Perhaps consider installing a bird hide or seats for people to rest on while bird watching on the estuary.
- Remove woody weeds which threaten the native plant communities. In particular Darwin's barberry and gorse.
- If any enhancement plantings are to be undertaken, consider using locally source material – perhaps get it grown by the team at Whakaoranga at the Oraka Aparima Runaka? One species which is particularly great for the edges of walking tracks is salt marsh ribbonwood (*Plagianthus divaricatus*). There are very few locations in the Longwood Ecological District where this plant occurs now, and it's beautiful, very tough and salt resistant and has wonderfully scented flowers in October to delight both native moth species and human visitors alike. Depending on how wet and modified the area is, it may be that native species are already present and no enhancement planting is needed. However, if you do wish to use native plant species which are appropriate, the range of

plant communities present in the Te Wai Karori Reserve offer a good indication of what to use. Please do not treat the area like a garden and plant colourful flaxes or exotic species as they pose a threat to the adjacent naturally occurring plant communities in Te Wai Karori. In very dry sites you might consider a few coastal species which are special in Southland but under threat, such as pikao/golden sand sedge (*Ficinia spiralis* – At Risk – Relict), shore spurge (*Euphorbia glauca* – At Risk – Declining) or mikoikoi/NZ iris (*Libertia perigrinans* – Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable). These species are well known in public landscaping and do well in urban settings where the presence of people and dogs mean few rabbits are around to damage them (rabbits are a major threat to these plants). I can imagine an interpretation panel explaining the impact of rabbits in Southland and linking Riverton's historic connection to the release of various exotic organisms such as stoats to reduce rabbits. I can recommend Lloyd Esler to help with this as he is well versed in the history and has written at least one book on this topic.

- Consider putting in a network of traps to reduce the impact of predators on native birds and reptiles. Periodically fern birds are heard in this area (*Bowdleria punctata* – At Risk – Declining) and they would benefit greatly from pest control. Other bird species which feed or nest within the native vegetation along the estuary edge include: black billed gulls, variable oystercatchers, pied stilts, banded dotterels, white faced herons, Australasian shoveller ducks, paradise shelduck, grey teal, occasionally royal spoonbills and there have been observations of Australasian bitterns in the rushland. There are several exotic species too such as black swans, Mallard ducks and Canada geese.

On a related note, please consider removing the weedy marram grass growing alongside the approach to the bridge over the estuary (closest to the Te Hikoi) and replace it with something local such as silver tussock (*Poa cita*).

Yours sincerely,
Jesse Bythell

12 July 2019

Marion Ruda, 9 Lucknow St, Riverton 9822

Riverton Railway Reserve Beautification Project

These are my ideas for the beautification of the Riverton Railway Reserve.

Plant natives on edge of creek which emerges opposite Delhi St, at the northern end of Bath Road.

Install an effluent trap and pump, for the use of camper vans, at the northern end of the street.

Next to this build a secure Dog Park with seating and a bin for the 'dog poo.' As there are many dogs being walked past my home in Lucknow St, and fewer places to allow them off the leash, I believe that this is an essential part of the plan.

At the South end of the 'dog park' plant grass with a generous area for parking along Bath Road. In this area, which will join up with the grass at the south end of Bath Road, build a BBQ with lots of seating. I suggest leaving the loading ramp.

Tidy the railway embankment and at the estuary end build a wrap around wharf suitable for small boats, etc. to tie up. This estuary is used frequently in the summer months for small sail boats windsurfers etc. A toilet block with a cold water shower is also a must. Leave a gravel area for the parking of trailers.

Make an access road down to the sand so that people can use this area for volley ball and games etc. There is already an unformed track which may be tidied up and could be used for launching small boats etc.

Plant natives and grasses along the estuary bank for shelter, beautification and for our native birds. Remove the old macrocarpa and pine trees. Tidy up the rockery across the road from Princess Street.

Have a walkway (dunite) with plenty of seating, suitable for wheelchairs and prams, meandering through this whole area up to Delhi Street. As the rest home and Bupa village is close by, I envisage this being used more for bringing the residents out on a sunny day.

For the future I believe that this walkway should link up with the Te Wai Korari Wetland Reserve which has access off High Street.

I am only too happy to discuss my ideas and am available at phone 03 2349321 or email marionruda@xtra.co.nz.

12 July 2019

Dorothy Willis dorothyewillis@xtra.co.nz

Riverton Railway Reserve Beautification Project

Keep it simple.

The grass area from about opposite Whites old yard to Te Hekoi be kept in grass with its panoramic views over the estuary. Level the area off. A picnic table or two would be great.

There is plenty of area from Whites old yard to Delhi Street to:

1. Develop a camper van park with dump station.
2. BMX track.
3. Mini Golf.

Dorothy & Ernest Willis, 95 Towack Street, Riverton.

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12 July 2019

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I'm writing to support the proposal to beautify the esplanade alongside of the Jacob's River estuary at Riverton. I'm the Chairman of the Riverton Estuary Care Society Inc. and organisation established to enhance and protect the qualities of the estuary at Riverton. To that end we have developed the wetland, Te Way Korari, at the North end of the town, on the edge of the estuary. This wetland should serve as the destination for walkers using the proposed route alongside of Bath Road. We, the Society, would like to see the planting of native estuary-side plants all along the route, with an emphasis on cabbage trees (Tii Kouka/Cordyline Australis), harakeke (Phormium tenax) and toetoe (Austroderia toetoe) and are willing to help provide and plant a percentage of those. Tii kouka in particular, are iconic to that stretch of estuary edge, as members of the Oraka Aparima runaka might tell you. Our wetland reserve features harakeke that has always grown in the area and we would be happy to transfer some of those to the proposed site. There are other plant too, that would complement those I've mentioned; many of the coprosma family, especially propinqua, as well as many of the hebe, especially hebe elliptica. I would also recommend kowhai, especially those grown from the old kowhai growing across the estuary near the Narrows.

If you would like more information or ideas please feel free to email me or call my home phone: 032348249.

Robert Guyton

13 July 2019

Allan Skerrett <allan.skerrett@kinect.co.nz>

We wish to put forward our contribution to this project.

Would love to see it beautified, as we look out across at this area, and see the many cars and people that stop there, whether it be for access to the water, for floundering, wind surfing, fishing, boating or just walking along waters edge.

We reckon it would be a great spot for "self contained" campers to stay, say a minimum 2 - 3 nights, as they are handy to the shops, museum, RSA, restaurants and cafes, where they would be spending money. A gas bbq also put in place like the one at Taramea Bay and a few permanent bbq tables. And ideally a dump station also handy to the area. I know there is one by the local service station, but it is difficult to access, especially for bigger vehicles, which we have experienced. Perhaps fell the ugly trees and put a dirt bank in and plant it with tussocks, for wind protected, and gravel much of the area, for low maintenance.

We see the many tourists coming into this growing town, so to have an attraction like this, the day trippers could also make use of it.

Regards

Karen and Allan Skerrett

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Riverton

13 July 2019

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SDC railway reserve submission from Catherine Hill, 234 9388, 11 Bay Road

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the future of the railway reserve.

I am not a landscape artist—and I hope you do get suggestions from such people.

I have lived in the area and looked out over the estuary both from my home and the Museum where most of my voluntary work is located since 2000.

I have seen the demolition of most of the railway embankments (2001) and the removal of rail bridges. This has opened the upper part of the estuary to more activities including kayaking, wind surfing, kite sailing etc but at this stage not many recreationalists have taken the opportunities. I expect that to change. However, no good launching facilities exist as yet. Yes there is a small ramp behind the Environment Centre but it is not well maintained, nor is it generally known it exists at all. That needs upgrading and signs alerting people to its existence.

The dramatically wide area available further north could—should—be made available for development to include picnic tables, and, above all, toilets and parking—maybe a covered area for picnickers caught in a weather change. Yes, wind is a factor as it comes through the gap between the Longwoods and South Riverton, but, following the Focal Point development of a number of years ago, some concrete barriers and plantings such as those around the flag pole, would complement what we already have.

Saying that the two areas need to be joined—which I understand was considered desirable (Stage 2) for some time in “the future”.

From where I work in Te Hikoi Museum, I see many people pass the window moving into and out of the Focal Point area. If they can be encouraged to park off the main street it would free up space for travelers to be able to use Palmerston Street, and we could fill the town with visitors using Riverton’s facilities and shopping—and maybe flow many of them into the area under consideration. After all many travelers will not see anything if they cannot see somewhere to park.

Beautification is the key, but to actually get people to use the Reserve area for parking, for picnicking and for water activities and for changing rooms/toilets it would need to be well signposted on Napier and Palmerston Streets—maybe with an overhead banner-type construction.

As a member of the Riverton Heritage Society for most of my time in Riverton and on its Management Committee since—I think—2003, I am keen to see the proposed extension to the museum building. There are more stories to tell which are important—let alone items to be adequately stored to museum standards. One of the stumbling blocks is the need for parking as the area proposed is at present a car park for nine vehicles.

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I consider the SDC could help by providing parks in the proposed development area and hopefully sponsoring them to enable parking requirements to be met. The requirement as I understand it is, they must be within 250 metres of the building which is well within the area for development.

I would be opposed to the inclusion of a recycling building as there is a perfectly fine one beyond the end north end of Havelock Street.

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14 July 2019

M&V Bailey mvbailey@xtra.co.nz

Hi there,

As owners of a house in Bath Rd we enjoy walking along the edge of the estuary and can see what a jewel it could be in Riverton's crown. We were in Riverton last weekend and loved the new pathway past the footie field going down to the beach. Well done to everyone involved with that.

The issue with this new walkway is the wind that comes across from the west. How southern communities have dealt with that in the past is with the flax windbreaks. *Phormium tenax* is very people friendly, giving great shelter but enabling people to see through the top most leaves. So we wonder about a mass planting of flaxes starting from the beach back to the roadside with gaps for paths, some benches that both look out to the water and make for conversation areas within the flax forest, some play areas with timber carved creatures for children's play.

Another reason for mass planting of flaxes: that's a very wide area of land between the water and the road and we've seen and heard young ones practising their various motor moves. A flax forest would deter that and hopefully its impenetrability would impede those people who back their vehicles up to dump their rubbish. Ditto it would also stop freedom campers, who leave more than tyre marks.

The big macrocarpas along the edge of the estuary do provide some wind shelter. Purists might want them cut down but trimmed judiciously they could provide views through their branches. If the final decision is to bring them down, the timber could be used to make playground equipment.

Walking, now called intuitive exercise, is the new big thing and walkers enjoy sometimes a short walk and other times a longer one. Could this initial plan include a longer term vision that could take in walking to the W.W.F. reserve. Another track for more seasoned walkers could be starting from Te Hikoi, through the new reserve, joining up with the old railway going underneath the bridge, along Bath Rd extension, turning right down the lane by the sub station past the recycling centre, the sewage ponds to the beach, and back towards the township to join up with the new pathway by the bee boxes and back to Te Hikoi.

It would be essential to ensure paths and rest areas are suitable for prams and push chairs, wheel chairs and mobility scooters.

Hopefully the 'boat' is going to be used as part of the story of this area? And it would be good to have some interpretative panels, just a few, as this is an historic area of Riverton.

Some of this work could be done by volunteers. Quite a lot actually. I hear more of the roadside flaxes are going to be removed around Southland and these clumps could be broken up and heeled in somewhere till the plans are ready to be executed. That would require them to be dug up rather than poisoned of course.

What work has been done on the health of the estuary itself? It certainly is home to a great variety of bird life but how are the aquatic creatures faring? Hopefully some thought will be given to their well-being.

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Will deliberations on this project be advertised and open to the public?

All the best for it, Mark and Vanya Bailey

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14 July 2019

Dave Asher da.southcoast@velocitynet.co.nz

Submission on Riverton car park.

I think the pine trees should be cut down and native plants planted.

The van park should have a toilet disposals unit connected to the sewage system.

Dave Asher Riverton 032348109

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14 July 2019

maryannpeter maryannpeter@xtra.co.nz

I would like to see the ugly trees, hedging and scrub removed and the whole area levelled and regrassed, including along the remaining causeway.

Perhaps a walkway from behind the museum, along the estuary edge, the length of the reserve.

The existing access down on to the beach in the triangle formed by the causeway needs improved, retaining the present vehicle access for people floundering.

Pedestrian only access to the estuary on the other side of the causeway for windsurfers where they presently park and wind surf from and another pedestrian access to the estuary, further along the reserve. Restricted vehicle access, if not total ban and bird sanctuary along this part of the estuary foreshore.

Very, very selective, minimal replanting along the reserve so the stunning expansive outlook over the water is not obstructed in any way.

Some designated car parking.

Vandal proof tables and seating and some barriers to prevent hooners in cars tearing up the grassed areas.

M TeWhenua.

14 July 2019

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Re Riverton Railway Reserve Submission

Suggestions for development of the railway area on Bath Road

- * Retain the Station Platform as an Historic Icon
- * The area needs to be attractive, practical, sheltered and capitalize on the magnificent view across the estuary.
- * A picnic / barbeque area
- * A designated parking area, along from the museum and walking distance to shopping and cafe.
- * A boat ramp which considers the tidal waters and the sandy beach
- * An information notice board showing attractions and activities around Riverton
- * The macrocarpa trees give shelter, but are very untidy. Take them out and replace with natives, without obstructing the view.
- * Children's play area
- * Toilet facilities
- * Rubish bins – and maybe recycling if they can be in an unobtrusive place.
- * An area for outdoor concerts and entertainment
- * The 3 (three) lights in Council storage to be reinstalled by the bridge span. These lights were previously put up at the end of the bridge and were taken down when the viewing platform was built.
They were sponsored by the Lions Club of Riverton.

Thank you for the opportunity to share some ideas. I look forward to developments

Nola Fleck
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COMMENTS RE BATH ROAD
RAILWAY RESERVE.

12-7-19.

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- 1/ TIDY THE AREA UP SO THAT IT CAN BE EASILY MAINTAINED, I.E. MOWING ETC. THE AREA WAS LEFT IN A POOR STATE IN ~~AN~~ PLACES AFTER DT KINGS REMOVED GRAVEL. MAYBE THEY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF SMOOTHING THE AREA OUT.
- 2/ REMOVE THE EYESORE OF THE OLD STEEL BOAT HULL. CUT IT UP FOR SCRAP.
- 3/ MOST IMPORTANT. BEFORE ANY LANDSCAPING WORK IS DONE, BATH ROAD BETWEEN PRINCESS ST AND LUCKNOW ST NEEDS TO BE WIDENED. THIS PART OF THE ROAD IS A DISGRACE, ESPECIALLY AROUND OCEAN SHELL AREA WHEN TRUCKS ARE LOADING & UNLOADING. THE ALREADY NARROW ROAD IS REDUCED TO ONE LANE AND TRAFFIC IS FORCED TO DRIVE THROUGH PUDDLES OF WATER ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD. A DECENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AND UPGRADED.

PLEASE WIDEN THIS PART OF BATH ROAD AND UPGRADE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

DON'T WASTE MONEY ON TOO MUCH LANDSCAPING ETC JUST A GOOD TIDY UP. LOW MAINTENANCE.
KEEP IT SIMPLE.

FROM IAN WARD

RATEPAYER @ 85 AND 87 BATH ROAD.

15 July 2019

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Hello

You were asking for ideas for Bath Road.

I seen on facebook one person offered 500 native trees that is awesome.

I drive thru Matura most weeks, they have just put in a bike park. Some days there is 40 people there on their bikes and scooters. Parents there on the park benches.

Image having something wonderful that families could enjoy. With those 500 native trees on that beautiful piece on land. I'm often there taking photos as it does have a beautiful view when the sun is setting.

I took some photos on my crappy phone so you could see the park.

I'm sure they would share the plans to save as money.

Regards Melanie Healey



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Verbal submission from Blair Stewart, Riverton Community Board Chair

Ideas for Bath Road:

- Walking track
- Fitness equipment (like Queens Park)
- Pump track
- Art avenue with sculptures etc

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Beautification Project Suggestions

- 1 Remove large trees
- 2 Rope fence as required
- 3 Open space end of Princess St
- 4 Meandering walkway
- 5 Dump station North end
- 6 Old Iron boat story plaque
- 7 Railway gear on rail track eg Jigger — Mary Club involved
- 8 Shelters with tables
- 9 Low flax plantings
- 10 Sign post Bald Hill - Milford Sound - Dunedin etc
- 11 Large picture frame and seating for photos
- 12 Birds seen
- 13 Area for cars, vans to park
- 14 ? as to bath Road widening
- 15 This can be part of the Historical walk around Riverton
- 16 Give the area a name e.g. Riverton Railway Esplanade
- 17 Photo Board of old Railway Station.
- 18 Rebuild Turn Table — consider how still there
as a project
- 19 Rubbish bins

Suggestions forwarded as to
the Railway Esplanade

for Enquiry.

Comments collated from Southland District Council Facebook page (5307 members):

28 May 2019

1 **Marina Seager** Please please please fix/replace/beautify the Taramea Bay toilet block. Your Western Star article commented on how many visitors we're getting in that area - but those toilets are just plain disgusting. They honestly have to be the worst loos in Southland. I know this is not the area you're looking for ideas for ... but I can't help but comment.

2 **Hana Liberty Thomson** I agree, these toilets have always been unpleasant, definitely due for a revamp!

29 May 2019

3 **Cazna Gilder** And if an old train carriage was available to setup as an inside picnic shelter. To shelter from the weather.

4 **Cazna Gilder** Firstly, you'll need shelter belts. Secondly, the Arts Centre had some cool sculpture ideas...you know wind activated type structures. Thirdly, I'd love to see the old shipwreck be made use of. Also a great spot for bird watching. I always thought the bridge end of the railway would be a great spot for a birdwatching shelter, set up like a maimai...

5 **Cazna Gilder** For visitors and tourists alike. With info boards about the railway and hunting seasons and bird types etc

6 **Hana Liberty Thomson** Take down those hideous trees, plant harakeke (flax- don't spray these ones!) And other native plants.
Create a walking track along the edge of the estuary with a wee picnic area, plant some grass get rid of all the gravel, and the trucks can park in thier yards.
i-site boards with information about the estuary, the mai mais, the old boat down there that not many people even know about it.
A small park even for families passing through, could carry on the frisbee golf there.. a dog park area since it's pretty restricted where you can take your dog now.. taking down the trees is a good start regardless 🍷

7 **Hana Liberty Thomson** Also if the businesses down Bath Road were all for it, it'd be awesome to get the artists back that done up the main street and give the road a bit of .

8 **Cazna Gilder** These are all idea's the Riverton Promotions group came up with a number of years back but with small membership and lack of interest from Community Board, it was kaput. Just saying.

9 **Cazna Gilder** A boardwalk connecting to the wetlands one...

10 **Leanne Shaw** Cazna Gilder love this idea. Walking/ biking

Comments collated from Riverton Southland – Haven by the Sea Facebook page (6201 members):

28 May 2019

- 11 **Don Black** Removal of the ugly old trees & planted with native shrubs with a walkway.
- 12 **Julie Mcwilliam** How about using some money to fix the terrible water then think about “beautifying” areas in the township.
- 13 **Don Black** nz water standards are a joke,A public swimming pool is only allowed 3ppm chlorine and our so called potable water is allowed 4ppm chlorine.Look up how bad chlorine is for you and its relation to cancer.
- 14 **Morghen Dawson** Paint the bridge!
- 15 **Trevor Colyer** Paint the bridge light it up get trendy
- 16 **Peter Templeton** I would like to see that old steel boat put on a platform with its history and also a bush locomotive thats been given to riverton, it belonged to Moores mill ive been told,put a shelter over them to preserve our local history.

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- 17 **Jade Maguire** Lets plant it out with natives, I will donate 500.

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- 18 **Peter Templeton** I would like to see those ugly pines fell ... the steel boat that came out from Scotland put up on beams and a 1936 Dodge bush locy we have had left to Riverton put on rail tracks. They could be put where the old platform is. Bring back yesteryear, just adds to a baron part of Riverton. Put my name down to do some.
- 19 **Yvonne Campbell-Burrows** And some kind of off the road (away from trucks/campers) cycle track!
- 20 **Peter Templeton** Yvonne Campbell-Burrows They are talking about Bath Rd it's about 1000m long. I can't see a cycle track fitting in there but a good thought. Cheers.
- 21 **Cheryl Maslin** I would like to see the bridge across the estuary painted.
- 22 **Marlene Campbell** A lowered speed limit from the bridge to the end of the Riverton rocks road at the point. It's dangerous and it's only a matter of time before a child or cyclist is killed by the morons speeding around there.
- 23 **Irirangi Aneta Luke** I would love to see a timeline wall perhaps starting with the arrival of Maori, settlers, significant events, industries etc all th way to present, leave room for future generations to add?

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24 **Julie Davis** On Bath Rd. It would be a great space to have a few tree down to sit with wooden picnic tables and a BBQ area like at Anderson Park in Invercargill. To view the estuary & the sunset. Maybe this is where we could have a timeline wall of Riverton's history.

25 **Sandy Gillett Peter Templeton** ideas great, along with cycle trail and timeline could easy work together. Some form of shelter for bbq/picnic area would increase use too.

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26 **Adam Berry** Maybe some freedom camping space could be created to bring more tourist \$\$ to town, reducing pressure on other popular hotspots & creating more interest in Beautiful Riverton By The Sea & the Riviera.
Cheers

27 **Laura Harry** No way I would hate to see freedom camping in Bath Street where I live; this road is used by many as a by pass to the main road, many speed up and down it oblivious to fact it's a 50km zone with dog walkers, kids and people walking on it, trucks park on the roadside at the top end, this is still a residential area. Freedom camping needs to be away from residential areas.

28 **Trevor Colyer** Keep it simple trees lovely lawn areas bbq areas a walking and cycle track capitalise on the already stunning mountain and estuary views

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29 **Donagh Booth** A maze would be fun family attraction

30 **Donagh Booth** Imagine a miniature replica train going down the old railway line

31 **Alan Oakley** Important to get some trees planted as soon as practicable so they have a few years to get established before the old ones need to come down. The big ones are such an important feature, they give it height and frame the view. They just need a tidy up of the lower branches not the total removal.

Couple of speed bumps on the road to slow down the traffic and a clear demarcation of where trucks can park at the top end. It is already much better and could be another lovely feature