



Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 02 May 2024  
**Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Meeting room:** Southland District Council Riverton Office  
**Venue:** 117 Palmerston Street  
Riverton

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## Riverton Harbour Subcommittee Agenda OPEN

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### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Chairperson</b>	Nic White
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Ian Coard
<b>Members</b>	Don Byars
	Muriel Johnstone
	Neil Linscott
	Hayley Nelson

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Environment Southland</b>	Lyndon Cleaver
<b>Community facilities manager</b>	Mark Day
<b>Community facilities contract manager</b>	Greg Erskine
<b>Committee advisor</b>	Rachael Poole
<b>Community partnership leader</b>	Stella O'Connor

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## Terms of Reference – Riverton Harbour Subcommittee

<b>TYPE OF COMMITTEE</b>	Subcommittee
<b>SUBORDINATE TO</b>	Oraka Aparima community board
<b>LEGISLATIVE BASIS</b>	Subcommittees delegated powers by Council as per schedule 7, clause 32, LGA 2002.
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<p>The Riverton Harbour subcommittee will comprise as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one councillor from the Waiau-Aparima ward</li> <li>• four members nominated by Oraka Aparima community board (community board to nominate a representative from the community board, two representatives from berth owners and one representative from either Riverton Rowing club or Riverton Coastguard)</li> <li>• one member nominated by Aparima Oraka Runaka</li> <li>• one representative from Southland Regional Council (with no voting rights).</li> </ul>
<b>QUORUM</b>	Four
<b>FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS</b>	Quarterly
<b>SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<p>The Riverton Harbour subcommittee is delegated the following responsibilities by Council:</p> <p>(a) the management and control of all Riverton harbour assets vested in Council being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the use and maintenance of the boat ramp adjacent Koi park</li> <li>• the use and maintenance of the “unloading wharf” and crane at Lees Point operated by Council so that no vessel anchors, moors, secures or is placed at the unloading wharf unless actively loading or unloading fuel, provisions, fishing equipment or fish (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• the use and maintenance of the “common walkway” on the jetty leading to the privately owned berth numbered L36.</li> <li>• the use and maintenance of the “common walkway” on the jetty leading to the privately owned berths numbered L22, L23, L24, L25, L26, L27, L28, L29 and L30</li> <li>• the provision and maintenance of the ‘lead lights’ markers the white light at Howells Point and red flashing light at Pearl Rock and any other navigational aids required to assist those vessels leaving and entering the Riverton harbour</li> <li>• the use and maintenance of berth L35 currently subject to a lease.</li> </ul> <p>(b) the administration, management and control of all Riverton harbour endowment lands now vested in Southland District Council in consultation with and subject to approval by Southland District Council being those lands comprised in Certificates of Title 5C/914, 5C/917, 5C/918, 5C/919,</p>

	5C/920, 5C/921, 5B/825, 9D/859, 10C/615, 10C/616 and all such other Riverton harbour endowment lands so vested.
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	<p><b>Power to act</b></p> <p>The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 The exercise of the following powers (and enforcement of same): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to determine whether any person shall be authorised as necessary to carry out work on any vessel or fishing equipment or any other work or lease any equipment used in fishing or any other gear on Council harbour endowment land and any such authorisation may be given by the Harbourmaster (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• to determine whether any vessel may be left on Council harbour endowment land (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• to determine by resolution that any particular area on Council harbour endowment land be a parking area for restricted periods (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• to ensure as necessary that no person stops, stands or parks any vessel, vehicle, trailer, boat trailer or any other equipment in any area of Council harbour endowment land unless authorised by the committee or the Harbourmaster (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• to take such steps as are necessary to arrange for the removal of any vessel, gear, equipment, vehicle, trailer, or boat trailer left on Council harbour endowment land without the approval of the Riverton Harbour committee provided that if the goods are not removed or remain unclaimed by the owner the matter shall be referred to Council for further action in consultation with the Riverton Harbour committee (1972 Bylaw No. 3)</li> <li>• to ensure as necessary that no person drives any vehicle over Council harbour endowment land at a speed greater than 20 kilometres per hour (1972 Bylaw No. 3).</li> <li>• to arrange for and provide such signs as deemed necessary from time to time to assist in the best use of the wharves and Council harbour endowment lands and for any other reason (1972 Bylaw No. 3).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall be responsible for ensuring that the income from assets and income derived from harbour activities and endowment lands is applied to the maintenance and development of Riverton Harbour, to the maintenance and improvement of endowment lands vested in Council and for such other purposes to benefit the Riverton community</li> <li>3. The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget in every financial year in consultation and with the assistance of Council</li> </ol>

4. The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall be responsible for preparing an Asset Management Plan in and with the assistance of Council.
5. The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall under delegated authority from Council perform those functions, powers and duties which have now been transferred by Environment Southland as under the Riverton Harbour Board Bylaws (No. 2) 1970 Clauses 1-14, 22 and 35-37. Accordingly, the subcommittee is responsible as under:

**Control of vessels**

- (a) to ensure as necessary that vessels only anchor, moor at a berth or wharf/mooring site for which that vessel has been licensed unless the licensee of that berth, wharf has given approval for same. [1970 Bylaw No. 1(a)]
- (b) to ensure as necessary that any vessel not having a licensed site or wharf/berth is moored, anchored, secured or placed within the Riverton Harbour as directed by the harbourmaster. [1970 Bylaw No. 1(b)]
- (c) to ensure as necessary that vessels are not anchored in the fairway or stopped in such a way that the approach to any wharf is obstructed. [1970 Bylaw No. 2]
- (d) to ensure as necessary that all vessels anchored or moored or secured to any wharf within the harbour are adequately secured. [1970 Bylaw No. 3]
- (e) to order the removal of any vessel, timber or other obstacle to any part of the Riverton harbour as deemed necessary by the harbourmaster for the better working of shipping, cargo or wharves. [1970 Bylaw No. 4]
- (f) in pursuance of the responsibilities under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) the harbourmaster may arrange to secure, moor, unmoor, place or remove any vessel and where necessary recommend to Environment Southland that it consider a prosecution for a breach of these bylaws. [1970 Bylaw Nos. 5(a), 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d)]
- (g) to grant permission in appropriate situations for a master of any vessel to haul a vessel on shore for the purpose of inspection or repairs. [1970 Bylaw No. 6]
- (h) to require, where appropriate by order of the harbourmaster the removal from a wharf of any vessel having on board cargo or other matter injurious to health or offensive or dangerous in any respect or other action deemed to be necessary for the safety and interest of all vessels. [1970 Bylaw No. 7]
- (i) to control as determined by the harbourmaster the place, times and manner of bringing vessels to or in taking them from any wharf and the securing of any vessel. [1970 Bylaw No. 10]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(j) to take such steps as are necessary for the suppression of any fire happening on any vessel or on any wharf. [1970 Bylaw No. 13]</li> <li>(k) to ensure as necessary that all motor-launches operating within the Riverton Harbour have a silencing device in good repair to prevent undue noise from the engine and that the master/driver of the motor-launch is over 15 years of age. [1970 Bylaw Nos. 14(2), 14(3), 14(4), 14(5), 14(6), 14(7), 14(8)]</li> <li>(l) to ensure as necessary that the speed, use or management of a motor launch or of a seaplane on the harbour surface or of a water ski aquaplane or other object towed by any motor-launch or seaplane does not create a nuisance or continue to be a nuisance. [1970 Bylaw No. 14(9)]</li> <li>(m) to ensure as necessary that the speed of a motor-launch or seaplane on the surface of the water does not exceed ten kilometres an hour in those situations prescribed by 1970 Bylaw No. 14(10)(a), (b), (c) and (d)</li> <li>(n) to ensure as necessary that the speed of any water ski, aquaplane or other similar object or person towed by any motor launch or seaplane does not exceed ten kilometres an hour or ride on any water ski aquaplane or other object so towed in those situations prescribed by 1970 Bylaw No. 14(11)(a), (b), (c) and (d)</li> <li>(o) to ensure as necessary that any motor launch or seaplane being used to tow any water-ski aquaplane or other similar object or person has two persons on board so that one person can warn of any mishap occurring or the possibility of any mishap occurring to the person being towed or riding upon the water ski, aquaplane or other object. [1970 Bylaw No. 14(12)(a) and (b)]</li> <li>(p) to determine from time to time what part of the Riverton Harbour is to be reserved as an access lane or lanes for any particular purpose in accordance with 1970 Bylaw No. 14(13)(a), (b) and (c)</li> <li>(q) to determine in any particular case where special circumstances so justify by resolution that any of the Riverton Harbour board Bylaws No. 2 (1970) or any specified provisions thereof shall not apply in respect of any area or areas of the Riverton Harbour. [1970 Bylaw No. 14(14)]</li> <li>(r) to deal with any applications on the occasion of any yacht, launch or boat race or speed trial for the suspension of the Riverton Harbour Board Bylaws No. 2 (1970) or any specified provisions thereof in accordance with 1970 Bylaw No. 14(15)(a) and (b)</li> <li>(s) to obtain where possible the name and address of any person who appears to have committed any offence</li> </ul>
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against the Bylaws and where appropriate the registered number of any vessel involved in the alleged offence.

### **Mooring and anchoring**

To enforce the General Harbour Regulations for harbours of New Zealand as may be applicable (1970 Bylaw No. 22).

### **Control**

To appoint a harbourmaster for the purposes of control in terms of the Riverton Harbour Board Bylaws (No. 2) 1970 and to supervise the observance and enforcement of the provisions of these bylaws and to appoint in consultation with the Southland District Council such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time [1970 Bylaw No. 35].

### **Offences and penalties**

- to order any person or persons who may be in breach of the provisions of the Riverton Harbour Board Bylaws (No. 2) 1970 to leave the foreshore forthwith. [1970 Bylaw No. 36]
- to recommend commencement of summary proceedings in appropriate cases against any person in breach of the bylaw.

(6) The Riverton Harbour subcommittee shall have the power to make submissions to Environment Southland in respect of all resource consent applications received by Environment Southland that deal with matters involving the Riverton Harbour.

(7) The Riverton Harbour subcommittee will report at three monthly intervals to Environment Southland on any actions taken pursuant to the powers transferred by Environment Southland and any issues or concerns identified by users of the harbour.

## **5.2 Power to recommend**

The Riverton Harbour subcommittee will:

- (a) make recommendations to Environment Southland on matters of concern that pertain to Environment Southland's RMA functions
- (b) make recommendations to the Council or a relevant committee on all matters of policy not delegated to the Riverton Harbour subcommittee
- (c) recommend to Council the granting of any leases or licenses for any Riverton Harbour endowment lands
- (d) recommend to Council the user charges and fees to fund the harbour activities.



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**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 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.”

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

5.1 Meeting minutes of Riverton Harbour Subcommittee, 30 November 2023

**6 Public participation**

Notification to speak is required by 12noon at least one clear day before the meeting. Further information is available at [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) or by phoning 0800 732 732.



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## Riverton Harbour Subcommittee

### OPEN MINUTES

**UNCONFIRMED**

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Minutes of a meeting of Riverton Harbour Subcommittee held in the Southland District Council Riverton Office, 117 Palmerston Street, Riverton on 30 Nov 2023 at 4:00 pm.

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#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Nic White
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Ian Coard
<b>Members</b>	Muriel Johnstone (4.07pm – 4.35pm)
	Neil Linscott
	Hayley Nelson

#### APOLOGIES

Councillor Don Byars

#### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Committee advisor</b>	Robyn Rout
<b>Senior business partner</b>	Lesley Smith
<b>Community facilities contract manager</b>	Greg Erskine
<b>Senior project manager</b>	Phil Fahey

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**1 Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Byars.

Moved Neil Linscott, seconded Nick White and **resolved:**

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee 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 Extraordinary/urgent items**

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolution**

Moved Ian Coard, seconded Hayley Nelson **and resolved:**

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2023 as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**6 Public participation**

There was no public participation

Muriel Johnstone arrived at 4.07pm.

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## Reports

### 7.1 Direction setting for Long Term Plan 2034

**Record No: R/23/11/56074**

Senior business partner, Lesley Smith and Senior project manager, Phil Fahey spoke to this report.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Neil Linscott, seconded Hayley Nelson recommendations a – c:

#### **That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- a) Receives the report titled "Direction setting for Long Term Plan 2034"
- 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 deciding on this matter.

#### **The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Neil Linscott, seconded Ian Coard the motion:

#### **That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- d) Notes that Council has yet to approve the assumptions on which the draft budgets have been prepared which may impact the proposed revenue and fees required.

#### **The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Ian Coard, seconded Nick White recommendations e and f:

#### **That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- e) Agrees that the project to replace the T-Wharf (P-11225) be included in the LTP budgets for 2024/2025 (\$300,000) and 2025/2026 (\$714,000). Funded \$200,000 from the Riverton Harbour reserve and the balance by way of a loan.
- f) Confirms that annual interest and principal repayments on the T-wharf project loan which form part of the Riverton Harbour operating expenditure be split between Licence Fee Berth Holders and the Public (Endowment Land) as follows:  
2026/2027 30:70 (licence fee holder/public)  
2027/2028 35:65 (licence fee holder/public)  
2028/2029 40:60 (licence fee holder/public)  
2029/2030 45:55 (licence fee holder/public)

2030/2031 50:50 (licence fee holder/public)

**The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Nick White, seconded Hayley Nelson the motion:

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- g) Agrees and recommends to Council the Riverton Harbour budgets and work programmes attached for inclusion in the draft LTP including any amendments agreed at the meeting including changes resulting from resolution (e) or (f).

**The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Neil Linscott, seconded Ian Coard the motion:

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- h) Acknowledges that the Riverton Harbour subcommittee to hold further discussions with the licence fee holders prior to commencing the T-wharf replacement project.

**The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Hayley Nelson, seconded Nick White the motion:

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- i) Recommends to Council the setting of the following fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2024 (subject to resolution (d) and (i)):

<u>Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Fee/Charge GST inclus</u>
Wharf License Fee	per metre	\$39
Transfer Fee		\$176.

**The motion was put and carried.**

Moved Neil Linscott, seconded Nick White the motion:

**That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- j) Delegates authority to the subcommittee chair to approve any further minor changes required to the budgets following this meeting.

Notes that staff will advise the subcommittee of any material changes to the final fees approved for inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034. receives the report titled "Direction setting for Long Term Plan 2034".

**The motion was put and carried.**

The meeting concluded at 4.35pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A  
MEETING OF THE RIVERTON HARBOUR  
SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....



## Investigation into renaming of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park

**Record no:** R/24/3/11056

**Author:** Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

**Approved by:** Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

Decision

Recommendation

Information

### Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek a recommendation from the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee on whether it wishes to support the further investigation and potential change of spelling of the park name known as Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park in Riverton.

### Executive summary

- 2 The Oraka Aparima Community Board has had a request from the kaihautu, (general manager) of the Oraka Aparima Runaka to find out who the sign for Koi Koi park is meant to honour.
- 3 Initial research has not found definitive proof of how the park got its name and there has been past misspelling of Captain Howells wife (Kohikohi) as Koi Koi.
- 4 The park is located at 3B Jetty Street Riverton. The land is not a reserve and it is part of the Riverton harbour endowment lands now owned by Southland District Council.
- 5 The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee has delegation for administration, management and control of all Riverton harbour endowment lands now vested in Southland District Council in consultation with and subject to approval by Southland District Council being those lands comprised in Certificates of Title 5C/914, 5C/917, 5C/918, 5C/919, 5C/920, 5C/921, 5B/825, 9D/859, 10C/615, 10C/616 and all such other Riverton harbour endowment lands so vested. These delegations mean that a change in the name/spelling would need confirmation by Council.
- 6 Southland District Council (SDC) has a district reserve that is named Koi Koi park listed in the 2003 Reserve Management Plan.
- 7 A recommendation is sought from the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee on whether it wishes to support the investigation and potential change of the spelling on park signage and any other reference that has Koi Koi spelling (for example the SDC website).

## **Recommendation**

### **That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Correct the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park".**
- 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) **Recommends the further investigation and potential change of spelling of the park name known as Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.**

## **Background**

- 8 Howell's Cottage or Te Whare Kohikohi is named for Captain Howells Maori wife. Howell married Kohikohi, daughter of Chief Horomona Patu, from Centre Island/Raratoka. She brought as a dowry a large area of land (50,000 acres of land surrounding the present-day township of Riverton) between Waimatuku Stream and Jacobs River. They built this cottage in the middle of what was the local kaik. The cottage is now the sole remaining structure that marks the site of the kaik.
- 9 The spelling of Kohikohi's name has sometimes been recorded as Koi Koi (how her name may have been "heard" by pakeha in the 19th century).
- 10 Neil Linscott and Blair Stewart (local historians) have both said that the whole area (park) was named for the cottage and Captain Howells wife Kohikohi. Blair Stewart mentioned that the family had wanted the signage Koi Koi corrected.
- 11 The Oraka Aparima Community Board has had a request from Riki Dallas, kaihautu, (general manager) of the Oraka Aparima Runaka to find out who the sign for Koi Koi park is meant to honour.
- 12 Te Hikoi Museum manager has said their runaka representative, Teoti once asked Muriel, (local kaumatua of the Oraka Aparima Runaka) about the correct spelling and they looked at officially changing it to Kohikohi but noted it was complex.
- 13 SDC staff are unable to find definitive proof from their records and archives as to how the land got its name.
- 14 If support for the change is recommended from the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee, further work will be completed, including engaging with the New Zealand Geographic Board (and any other relevant organisations) to determine whether they wish to be involved and to seek any guidance they may wish to provide.

## **Issues**

- 15 Iwi have asked SDC to find out “who the name of the park is meant to honour” and if it is Kohikohi then the spelling of the name should be corrected from Koi Koi to Kohikohi, (a common misspelling of her name). After initial research it could not be definitively proven that the land was named for the Maori princess and a complication is the te reo translation for the noun of koi is peninsula.
- 16 The park may not have been named for Kohikohi. However thus far there have been no records found of why the park was named. There are records showing that the land was part of dowry of Kohikohi and Koi Koi was a common pakeha misspelling. This is a potential reason for the current naming of the park.

## **Factors to consider**

### **Legal and statutory requirements**

- 17 Further advice would be sought on any legal and/or statutory implications should the Committee support further investigation.

### **Community views**

- 18 There have been various community members in the past that have expressed that they would like the park renamed to reflect the spelling of ‘Kohikohi’. It is also timely to consider the change when the ‘giant’ paua shell relocated to this location and the area may become a more popular destination point.

### **Costs and funding**

- 19 The cost of signage changes will be covered from councils’ maintenance and equipment budgets for the area.
- 20 Further information on costs associated with the potential change will be determined through further investigations, should those investigations be supported.

### **Policy implications**

- 21 The reserve management plan will need to be changed (this would occur as part of the scheduled Southland District Council Reserve Management Plan reviews due in 2024/25 rather than through a ‘one off’ review). Other policies or bylaws that refer to the current spelling and any other records (for example on the SDC website) would need to be amended.

## **Analysis**

### **Options considered**

Option 1 – recommend further investigation into amending the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.

Option 2 – decline to recommend further investigation into amending the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.

### Analysis of Options

#### Option 1 – recommend further investigation into amending the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correcting the name to the revised spelling of the potentially reinforces the correct spelling, the history associated with the land and recognises that it was named for her.</li> <li>Strengthens community and iwi relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs for a new sign and other associated costs</li> <li>No definitive proof as to how the park got its name, further investigations required</li> </ul>

#### Option 2 – decline to recommend further investigation into amending the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No costs incurred associated with changes to the name of the park and associated documents/policies that utilise the current spelling.</li> <li>Further investigations not required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential misspelling continues with the associated lack of recognition of the history of the subject area.</li> </ul>

### Assessment of significance

- 22 None of Council’s significant policy thresholds are triggered by this spelling correction.

### Recommended option

- 23 Option 1 – recommend further investigation into correcting the spelling of Koi Koi park to Kohikohi park.

### Next steps

- 24 Further investigations would be completed to better understand the appropriate spelling and associated process/costs.
- 25 Subject to the result of the investigation the change would progress through the community board and Council for their recommendation and final approval.
- 26 Should the change be approved, SDC will make the necessary changes in its documents and systems to reflect that change. Any wider actions associated with the change will also be carried out.

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.



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## Recommend support to locate the paua shell at Koi Koi park

**Record no:** R/24/3/22530

**Author:** Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

**Approved by:** Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

Decision

Recommendation

Information

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### Purpose

- 1 To seek recommendation from the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee to locate the newly refurbished giant paua shell to Koi Koi park, which is endowment land.

### Executive summary

- 2 The iconic Riverton giant paua shell is being refurbished and needs a new location.
- 3 The community was asked to vote on several choices for a new location and the majority voted for Koi Koi park.
- 4 The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee has delegation for the administration, management and control of all Riverton harbour endowment lands now vested in Southland District Council in consultation with and subject to approval by Southland District Council being those lands comprised in Certificates of Title 5C/914, 5C/917, 5C/918, 5C/919, 5C/920, 5C/921, 5B/825, 9D/859, 10C/615, 10C/616 and all such other Riverton harbour endowment lands so vested.
- 5 Koi Koi park is part of the Riverton harbour endowment lands, so support for the project is being sought from the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee.
- 6 If Koi Koi park is supported as a recommendation by the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee then a report will be written to the Oraka Aparima Community Board and Council for approval of the location before installation work will start.

## Recommendation

### That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Recommend support to locate the paua shell at Koi Koi park”.**
- 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) **Recommends supporting the newly refurbished giant paua shell to be located at Koi Koi park**

## Background

- 7 Since the 1990s Riverton Aparima has had a large paua shell located on the main street near the entrance to the township. The giant shell was constructed and owned by Fiordland Souvenirs and has been a local icon ever since.
- 8 Fiordland Souvenirs has sold the land the paua shell resides on, which prompted the Oraka Aparima Community Board to purchase the statue rather than having it dismantled and destroyed.
- 9 The paua shell is currently being refurbished and needs a new location.
- 10 The community was asked to vote on five proposed locations for its new destination. During the consultation phase, 431 votes were cast, with 203 in favour of the Koi Koi Park location, (Skateboard park opposite fire station). Other suggested sites included the intersection of Napier St and Bath Rd, Palmerston St playground, Taramea Bay playground, and Pilots Reserve Lookout by the whale.



PAUA SHELL VOTES	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	Opposite Riverton fire station near skatepark	Napier Street intersection with Bath Road	Palmerston Street playground	Pilots Reserve lookout by whale	Taramea Bay playground on beachfront
<b>Facebook comments</b>	6	2	1	6	4
<b>Make it Stick</b>	63	28	10	23	6
<b>Physical</b>	134	30	51	49	18
<b>Total:</b>	203	60	62	78	28

- 11 Waka Kotahi have no concerns with the proposed location of the paua shell in the skate park.
- 12 If Koi Koi park is supported by the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee then a report will be written to the Oraka Aparima Community Board and Council for approval of the location before installation work will start.

The proposed orientation and location is between the two toetoe bushes, west of the skate park.





**Issues**

- 13 Not all members of the community voted to have the paua shell relocated to Koi Koi park.

**Factors to consider**

**Legal and statutory requirements**

- 14 There are no legal and statutory requirements.

**Community views**

- 15 Members of the community have communicated to the Oraka Aparima Community Board on numerous occasions expressing their desire to ensure the paua shell remains in Riverton Aparima and is in a visible location.
- 16 The community board came to Koi Koi park to help provide input for the positioning and orientation of the paua shell.

**Costs and funding**

- 17 There will be no extra costs incurred with this location.

**Policy implications**

- 18 There are no policy implications.

**Analysis**

**Options considered**

- 19 To recommend support or not to support the new location of the paua shell at Koi Koi park.

**Analysis of Options**

**Option 1 – recommend support the newly refurbished giant paua shell to be located at Koi Koi park**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• visible from the bridge and main road</li><li>• majority of the community voted for this location</li><li>• ample parking</li><li>• plenty of space for people to move around</li><li>• promotes the skate park.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• not all members of the community support the location.</li></ul>
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### Option 2 – decline support for the newly refurbished giant paua shell to be located at Koi Koi park

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no loss of grass land that the statue will occupy.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the second highest polling location (Napier Street intersection with Bath Road) had less than half the number of votes so a lot less popular.</li></ul>

### Assessment of significance

20 Not considered significant.

### Recommended option

21 Option 1 – recommend support for the newly refurbished giant paua shell to be located at Koi Koi park.

### Next steps

22 If Koi Koi park is supported by the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee then a report will be written to the Oraka Aparima Community Board and Council for approval of the location before installation work will start.

### Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.