

TAIRUA-PAUANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

Tairua-Pauanui - District Transportation

146. Tairua Manaia Road Causeway Project

Submitter # 43, the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board request that the original budget for the Tairua Manaia Road Causeway Improvements of \$1.2 million be reinstated until a solution is found. The Board gives the following reasons:

- The Board has had limited input into the recent on-going discussion relating to this issue.
- A combination of measures is needed to mitigate the effects of flooding for the Graham's Stream community. Improvements to the causeway were subject to a commitment from Waikato Regional Council to undertake the supporting stop bank and floodway improvement works. This is a coordinated approach to the long standing flooding issues in the Grahams Stream area.
- TCDC to establish timeframes for the work involved with Waikato Regional Council.

Submitter # 47 Waikato Regional Council submits that the collaboration between Thames-Coromandel District Council and Waikato Regional Council on the Graham's Creek flood mitigation project has been appreciated.

Having reached general agreement in principle on the upgrade of the Manaia Road causeway bridge in conjunction with floodway improvement works, Waikato Regional Council is now pursuing an agreement with the key landowner and community. The combination of measures is critical to the overall success of reducing flood effects in this community.

The Chief Executive of TCDC, by submission requests that the Council increase the Manaia Road Causeway Improvement project budget from \$500,000 to \$620,000, subject to WRC approving either their medium or full floodway improvement project for completion in 2014/2015.

For the following reasons:

- TCDC and WRC staff agree in principle that a 16m extension option (single lane, plus pedestrian footbridge) to the existing causeway bridge will provide best value in terms of complimenting WRC's proposed medium floodway improvements to reduce flood risk to properties directly upstream of the Manaia Road causeway.
- The cost estimate for this option is \$620,000.
- A decision on whether this project proceeds remains dependent on the outcome of TCDC's and WRC's Annual Plan processes as the TCDC and WRC projects will provide only limited benefit if completed in isolation.
- An updated project definition will be provided to the Council at the hearings meeting

The matter for the Council to consider is...

The budget for Tairua Manaia Causeway Project.

Staff recommendation

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board support the staff submission and recommended to Council the revised budget of \$620,000 for the Manaia Road Causeway project, subject to the establishment of a community working group to finalise options for increasing water flow capacity under the causeway.

The working group membership to include Community Board Chairperson, Community Board Deputy Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council elected members (1 or 2), Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Chairperson, Community Representatives (2), Thames-Coromandel District Council Mayor (ex officio). Working group will also include staff; TCDC Area Manager, TCDC Infrastructure Manager, TCDC Roading Manager, WRC Division Manager.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Chair, the Mayor and Council staff have met to discuss an appropriate way forward for this project.

Community Board recommendation

Supported the staff submission and recommended to Council the revised budget of \$620,000 for the Tairua Manaia Road Causeway project and to initiate a joint project team to ensure the project is seen through to completion.

The Board cautioned the Council against yet another working party on this project and advised that discussions need to be had with WRC on this matter. The Board stresses the little involvement the Board has had in discussions into this project over the past 6 months citing a breakdown in communication on this project. The Board stated that the Manaia Road Causeway issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible and therefore suggested that subject to both WRC and TCDC approving budgets a joint project team needs to see this project through to completion.

Tairua-Pauanui - Healthy and Safe Communities

147. Dog and Horse Restrictions at Tairua Harbour

Submitter # 18 requests that Council consider setting the time limit for dogs on beaches (Tairua Harbour) to 10am-6pm and to keep horses off the beach at all times.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Horse and dog restrictions on beaches.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission, make no changes to the Annual Plan and refer the submitter to the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 review.

Staff reason for recommendation

This decision is outside the scope of the Annual Plan and the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 is being reviewed in May / June 2014.

Horses are controlled through Reserve Management Plans.

Community Board recommendation

That Council make no changes to the Annual Plan and refer the submitter to the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 review.

This decision is outside the scope of the Annual Plan and the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 is being reviewed in May/June 2014.

Horses are controlled on reserves in Tairua and Pauanui through the Tairua Pauanui Reserve Management Plan.

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

148. Tree Removal Budget

Submitter # 19 requests that Council reduce the funding for tree removal budget from \$30,000 per annum to \$10,000 and to focus on tree maintenance and trimming. The submitter believes that the \$30,000 existing budget is excessive and that the community needs to be consulted before trimming and tree maintenance is undertaken.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

The budget for tree removal in Tairua-Pauanui.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Tree removal is undertaken on the grounds of safety to people and property.

The existing tree removal budget for Tairua-Pauanui is considered to be adequate for the volume of work programmed annually.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and adds that improved communication is needed from Council's Parks department with the Board as to the reasons for the removal of trees. The Board request to be informed of the schedule of tree removal for the coming year.

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

149. Tree Planting Budget

Submitter # 19 requests that Council increases the funding for tree and shrub planting by \$10,000 and adheres to the 2005 tree planting plan.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

The budget for tree planting in Tairua- Pauanui

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Advice is sought from the Community Board regarding this request.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and adds that improved communication is needed from Council's Parks department with the Board.

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

150. Beachfront Protection and Access

Submitter # 19 requests that Council provides \$5,000 for beachfront protection and improved access at north and south ends of Pauanui Ocean Beach Road.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Beachfront protection and improved access to the northern and southern ends of Pauanui Ocean Beach Road.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff will include the request for improved access into the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan currently under way.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

151. Stage II of Tairua to Pauanui Walkway -

Submitter # 26 requests that Council carry forward any un-spent allocated budget for the Coastal Walkway project to link Pauanui and Tairua. And that Council provide an additional \$178, 000 to complete stage II of the project.

The submitter provides a detailed breakdown of budget for stage II including new track, boardwalks and culvert crossing construction estimates. The trust is currently seeking external funding to complete the funds required for the walkway (in additional to Council's budget).

The Tairua Pauanui Community Board (#43) request that unspent money be carried forward from the 2013/2014 to the 2014/2015 year for this work. Submitter # 19 also notes support for Pauanui to Lakes resort walking trail.

Submitter # 44 Sports Waikato support this project as they believe that this project will certainly enhance the creation of a great recreational backyard and will attract visitors to the district.

Submitter # 55 - (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) also request that any unspent budget for these projects be carried forward from the 2013/2014 budget and that the project is district funded. They state these projects are in alignment with the Economic Development Strategy that has been adopted by TCDC. The submitter believes that the project aligns with the TCDC "Coromandel Walks" project and that any additional costs incurred by these projects to meet specifications relevant to the Coastal Walkway scheme should be district funded.

The matter for the Council to consider is whether to...

Carry forward the unspent budget for Coastal walkways to the 2014/2015 year (total \$56,000).

Provide an additional \$178,000 to complete stage II of the walkway.

Fund this project District wide.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and carry forward the unspent budget (\$85,368) to the 2014/2015 financial year.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff support any unspent allocated funding to the project be carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year. Staff recommend the Tairua/ Pauanui Community Board consider the proposal for an increase in funding for the project and the District wide funding request.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. Support any unspent allocated funding to the project being carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year. Further discussion and planning for this project will be undertaken through the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan process.

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

152. Kennedy Park and Waterways Tennis Courts

Submitter # 55 (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) support the minor reserves budget allocation and request that this budget be increased to undertake all remedial work required on the Kennedy Park and Waterways tennis courts to restore them to an appropriate standard.

The submitter believes that funding of this reparation should be available in TCDC budgets as there has been significant depreciation collected from ratepayers on these assets.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Increase the minor reserves budget for Kennedy Park and Waterways Tennis Courts remediation.

Staff recommendation

That Council make no changes to the Annual Plan as this matter will be addressed in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Staff reason for recommendation

This has been a priority issue for the Tairua/Pauanui Community Board.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and adds that the project will be completed in the 2013/2014 year with further work to be undertaken on the Waterways Tennis Courts in the Long Term Plan. This has been a priority issue for the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Tairua-Pauanui - Parks and Reserves

153. Eastern Seaboard Coastal Erosion Strategy (Whangamata, Tairua, Pauanui Areas)

Submitter # 56 (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) support the budget and believe that this is an extremely important strategy that is of high importance to the whole community.

The submitter requests that additional funding be allocated in the Ten Year Plan to deliver this strategy effectively, efficiently and in a time frame that allows the implementation of the strategy to have effect before greater expenditure is required i.e. erosion protection.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Support for Eastern Seaboard Coastal Erosion Strategy

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and amend the Annual Plan to reflect the current status of the project.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff confirm the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan is under way. The Plan is scheduled to take six months to create and will be funded from existing budgets.

Any on-going implementation costs would be considered through the 2015 Long Term Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan is underway. The Plan is scheduled to take six months to complete and will be funded from existing budgets. Any on-going implementation costs would be considered through the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan.

Tairua-Pauanui - Harbour Facilities

154. Tairua Mary Beach Wharf Development

Submitter # 28 and #49 (William and Isobelle Brewster) requests that Council consider the scope of the Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp Development which must:

- Incorporate parking as indicated in the 1995 proposal (however not necessarily as big on the eastern boundary).
- The project retain the existing wharf (and not replace it) and that this is maintained and bought up to standard.
- That the Council also retain the trailer boat launching and associated parking facilities and that these are completely separate from Mary Beach Reserve (to be located at the southern end of Petley Parade below the Tairua School to ensure that the visual impact is minimised when entering Tairua on State Highway 20).
- Parking is contained on the inshore reclaimed area of the harbour below the existing road level.
- That Council consider that exiting from the areas via Tui Terrace should be discouraged due to narrowness of the street and poor visibility to State Highway 25 to the north.

Submitter # 101 requests that Council does not spend any more money on the existing boat ramp as it is not user friendly with the tidal rip and being so close to the wharf (many boats have gone under the wharf and become stuck). This same submitter also requests that the grass area at Mary Street Reserve remain in grass and not converted to asphalt for parking. The submitter states that the only time there is a problem with parking is the two weeks over Christmas or when the Fishing Club has a fishing competition. At present the grass area is a delightful and well used picnic and recreation area away from the community play area. The submitter suggests that this could be enhanced.

Currently car parks along Mary Street Reserve are only used at most to 1/4 of their capacity at normal times of the year. The submitter requests to be kept informed as to progress regarding the proposed development, and notes that he is not against sensible change and well spent money.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

**The design and scope of Tairua Mary Beach Wharf Development
Progress reporting to submitter #101**

Staff recommendation

The Council note the submissions and recommend the requests be forwarded to the established Project Team and the Tairua/Pauanui Community Board for further consideration.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp project is currently being reviewed by the Tairua/Pauanui Community Board.

Community Board recommendation
Agrees with the staff recommendations.

Tairua-Pauanui - Harbour Facilities

155. Tairua Mary Beach Wharf Development

Submitter # 43 the Tairua-Paunui Community Board requests that Council provide \$1,071,393 plus the unspent budget carried over from the 2013/2014 Annual Plan for design and construction of the wharf and boat launching facility, and trailer boat parking.

The project is to develop additional boating and recreation facilities for Tairua and trailer boat parking in the vicinity of the Tairua wharf as boating was identified in the community plan as one of the major recreational activities in Tairua.

The rationale behind this project is to replace the existing wharf facility as it is nearing the end of its life expectancy.

With the marina development at Paku this will put pressure on the existing trailer boat parking in the area of the existing Paku boat ramp with the loss of some trailer boat parking areas.

\$1.2 million was confirmed in the 2012/2022 Ten Year Plan which included trailer boat parking, wharf facilities and an all tide boat ramp.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Carry forward unspent money and retain \$1,071,393 into the 2014/2015 year for the Mary Beach Wharf Development.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and agree that any unspent, allocated funds for this project be carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year.

Staff reason for recommendation

It is likely this project will commence in the upcoming financial year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp enhancement project is currently being reviewed by the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board.

Tairua-Pauanui - Water

156. Tairua River Bank Filtration, Pauanui Aquifer reconfiguration and Whangamata renewals

Submitter #47 (Waikato Regional Council) seeks assurance from the Council that sufficient funding will be provided to ensure Thames-Coromandel District Council meets all its compliance requirements.

Waikato Regional Council acknowledges Thames-Coromandel District Council's commitment to the provision of long term community infrastructure through projects such as Tairua River bank filtration, Pauanui aquifer reconfiguration and the Whangamata renewals.

Submitter # 56 (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) is extremely concerned that these project has made no tangible progress despite water supply being a critical issue in recent years during the peak period. The submitter states that the matter of adequate water supply to our communities is of highest importance and the delay in finding alternative options or pursuit of consents to increase supply from current sources is of great concern. They urgently request that a solution to adequate long term water supply be placed as a matter of high priority for the Tairua-Pauanui ward.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Sufficient provision of infrastructure and funding to meet all WRC consenting requirements

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and makes no further changes to the Annual Plan.

That the Council explicitly provide reassurance to the Regional Council that sufficient funding is provided to ensure that Thames-Coromandel District Council meets all its compliance requirements.

Staff reason for recommendation

Work is on-going to enable Council to provide reliable water supplies across the district, whilst also meeting compliance standards. Asset management planning as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan will consider these requirements and future growth projections to determine more accurately the demand for services and as a result, infrastructure requirements.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and requests to understand what water capacity projects are being proposed to address the water storage issues in Tairua?

Tairu-Pauanui Community Board Projects

157. Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Projects & Budgets

Submitter # 43 the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board request Council confirm the following projects and budgets:

Harbour Facilities

- Confirm the Tairua renewals budget of \$15,624

Community Centres and Halls - Pauanui Community Amenity Building/Land

- Carry forward unspent budget for construction of the Community Amenity building and additional land purchase. This is due to resource consenting requirements with a pre-hearing meeting scheduled for 2 May 2014.
- Confirm the Pauanui Community Amenity Furniture and Fittings for the meeting room only budget of \$11,570.
- That this project is called Pauanui Community Amenity Building from here forward.

Parks and Reserves

- Confirm the budget allocated to Renewals of \$14,000
- Confirm the budget allocated to Minor Reserves Projects of \$46,873

District Transportation Puketui Valley Road, Hikuai Dust Seal

Confirm the budget for the Puketui Valley Road, Hikuai Dust Seal of \$24,971

This project was identified under Council's dust seat programme. However, the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board agreed to a local contribution (from reserves) to bring the project forward in priority to 2014/2015. The project was identified by the Hikuai community in their Community Plan as being a priority.

NB: Submitter # 56 (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) agree with the budget for this project as this project has been on the Hikuai Community Plan for a significant period of time and believe this will also improve access to the popular Broken Hills recreational area for tourists.

Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater

- That the budgets for the Tairua/Pauanui water supply projects be confirmed and that these projects be completed during 2014/2015.

NB: the submission specifically referred to Tairua Riverbank Filtration and Pauanui Reconfiguration projects.

- That the budgets for the Tairua-Pauanui wastewater projects be confirmed.
That the budget for the Tairua-Pauanui stormwater renewals be confirmed.

Social Development Activity

- Confirm the budget of \$37,000 for the community grant contestable fund.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Confirmation of draft Annual Plan budgets.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and confirms the budgets and carry forwards as submitted by the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board.

Staff reason for recommendations

These budgets have been prioritised through both Community Board and Council planning in preparation for the Annual Plan. As noted by the Community Boards submission, these projects and associated budgets are supported.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and adds for clarification that the Pauanui Community Amenity Building Furniture and Fitting budget is for the meeting room only.

Tairua-Pauanui - Wastewater and Stormwater Projects

158. Project Information

Submitter # 56 (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association) requests greater detail being made available regarding the expenditure for the following wastewater projects:

- Tairua renewals
- Tairua pump station upgrade
- Pauanui renewals
- Pauanui pumpstation upgrade

In particular the submitter notes interest in the budget allocation of \$36,949 for the Pauanui pump station upgrade.

The submitter states that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is a very new asset and it would be of great benefit to have a better understanding of why approximately \$37,000 of ratepayer's money needs to be spent on such a new commodity.

The submitter similarly requests greater detail being made available regarding the expenditure for the following stormwater projects:

- Tairua renewals
- Pauanui renewals

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Provision of greater information regarding wastewater projects.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

For wastewater, the abovementioned project is for works on the wastewater reticulation pumpstations, and not on the wastewater treatment plant. Staff will provide a greater level of detail for this project to the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board as part of regular staff updates and an appropriate response will be provided to the submitter.