

Chairperson and Community Board Members  
**ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD**

**11 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Meeting Status : Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**DEVELOPING ŌTAKI RESERVE FUND PRIORITIES: 2013/14-2015/16**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 To seek approval from the Ōtaki Community Board on a process to consult on priorities for expenditure from the Ōtaki Reserve Fund for the 2013-2015 period.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 The Council's significance policy is not triggered.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 In May 2009 Community Board approved a process to establish priorities for expenditure from the Ōtaki Reserve Fund for the period 2010/11-2012/13. The Community Board considered potential priorities at its August 2009 meeting (SP-09-618) and identified that it wished to then go out and consult on these and seek further ideas from the community. After consultation and feedback from the community, the Community Board approved priorities for this period which it then recommended to Council for final approval. The paper approving the 2010-11-2012/13 programme (SP -10-892) is included in Appendix 1.
- 4 This year, 2012/13, is the third year of implementation of that programme. It is important to seek further feedback from the community on what may be desired for the next three years, prior to a decision by the Community Board on what it wishes to recommend to Council.
- 5 This report seeks approval to commence a process to seek further community ideas.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### *Report Back on Progress on 2010/11- 2012/13 Programme*

- 6 The total potential draw on the Reserve Fund as recommended by the Community Board in 2010 is set out in Table 1 below along with a summary of progress. . The total programme identified at the time was within the general envelope of available funds but the timing of the programme would be structured to fit available funds at any particular time. Effectively the items identified as three or above would be undertaken within Year 3 (2012/13). In some cases work with a lower immediate priority was undertaken earlier where there were efficiencies in the commissioning of work.

Table 1: Summary of Priorities and Progress to Date

			Priority	
Base Land Purchase Fund		\$500,000	Base	No land purchase has been undertaken
Planting Fund		\$ 10,000	Base	This continues to ensure funding for community planting projects
Haruatai Park Improvements	Cricket facilities	\$120,000	2	Completed
	Children's playground shade etc	\$ 15,000	3	Completed
	Playground drainage	To be reviewed	3	Looking at mole ploughing
	New walkway	To be reviewed	5	Completed
	Additional toilet	\$ 75,000	3	Completed
Domain Improvements	Bore	\$ 35,000	2	Completed
	Netball/ basket ball court	\$150,000	2	Completed
	Court lighting	\$ 30,000	2	Completed
	Showers and changing room	\$ 60,000	3	Completed
	Training lights	\$ 60,000	5	2012/13
Aotaki St Skateboard park	Shade structure	\$ 30,000	4	Trees planted
	Small playground	\$ 30,000	4	Completed
	Seating	\$ 5,000	4	Completed
	Extension of skate structure lip	(09/10 budget)	4	Completed
Ōtaki Beach	Access ramp	\$ 15,000	1	Completed
	Pavilion upgrade	\$ 10,000	4	2012/13
	Volley ball poles and net	\$ 5,000	5	Completed
	Children's playground	\$ 60,000	6	2012/13
New Playgrounds	Waitohu Plateau	\$ 60,000	3	Resolved not to proceed
	Ōtaki South Beach	\$ 40,000	3	Investigations have taken place – difficulty with finding a site which does not introduce damage to the dunes – needs further discussion

Te Horo	Park furniture and plants	\$ 5,000	3	2012/13
	Mangaone Stream			
	Gawler Reserve improvement	\$ 5,000	3	2012/13
	Interpretative signage	\$ 5,000	1	2012/13
	Bollards/ barriers	\$ 5,000	1	Provided but solution not supported by community – further discussion on solution with community during 2012/13
Te Hapua	Te Hapua Reserve	\$ 7,500	3	Completed
Ōtaki Swimming Pool	Water plan features – children’s pool	\$ 50,000	5	2012/13
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,387,500</b>		
<b>Current Reserve Fund</b>		<b>\$1,400,000</b>		

PREVIOUS REPORT

- 7 Since 2010, there have been two other projects approved by the Community Board and the Council in association with the Main Street project. These are upgrades to the park area beside the Hall and the improvements to Memorial Park. In addition, the Council approved as part of the Long Term Plan process the construction of a tennis court at Te Horo Beach. This cost, estimated at \$85,000, is included in the planned spend for the 2012/13 year.
- 8 The work over the last two years and the planned spend for the 2012/13 year represents a significant level of expenditure from the Reserve Fund. The amounts are set out in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Actual and Planned Expenditure from the Reserve Fund 2010/11- 2012/13

Opening Balance 63082960	1,257,024
Opening Balance 99906960	194,733
Opening Balance	<b>1,451,757</b>
<b>Plus Levies and Interest Collected (Estimate)</b>	
Estimate of Additional Reserves/Interest collected 2010/11	171,013
Estimate of Additional Reserves/Interest collected 2011/12	52,280
Estimate of Additional Reserves/Interest collected 2012/13	60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,735,050</b>
<b>Less Planned Capital Expenditure</b>	
Actual Spend 2010/11	132,963
Actual Spend 2011/12	535,863
Planned Spend 2012/13	422,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,091,646</b>
<b>Expected Closing Balance 30th June 2013</b>	<b>643,404</b>

- 9 In addition to the priorities established for the Reserve Fund, the Board also sought from the Council that work would be undertaken on the feasibility of a footbridge across the Rangiuru Stream, with the outcomes of that work to be completed in time for consideration in the preparation of the 2011/12 Annual Plan. (This project could not be funded from the Reserve Fund). It requested Council support and advocacy to the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the development of a viewing platform at the Ōtaki River estuary. A contribution to the platform was also provided from the Greater Ōtaki project budget. The Board requested an investigation of the possibility of a walkway between Sims Road and the Mangaone Stream mouth.
- 10 The significant level of expenditure from the Fund represents a very real improvement to facilities over the period. When combined with expenditure from the Cycleway, Walkways and Bridleway budget, the roading budget (the new footbridge at Atkinson Avenue) and the general parks budget (for toilets) the Ōtaki Ward has seen major improvements over the last few years in its facilities. Further work on the improvements to swimming pool facilities and services is underway.

### *Establishing Priorities For 2013/14-2015/16*

11 Over the last few years, other possibilities for projects have been identified. These include:

- a playground facility adjacent to the Visitor Information centre
- small skate area for smaller children at the skateboard park.
- a basketball court at the Domain
- picnic tables at the Domain – near children’s playground
- improved barbecue facilities Ōtaki Beach;
- a more in-depth review of how the Pavilion at the Beach can be better utilised;
- adventure equipment at Haruatai Park (e.g. flying fox, climbing wall);
- improvements to the picnic areas at the Ōtaki Gorge;
- a dog exercise area at Te Horo;
- a playground at Te Horo;
- provision of land on the Waitohu Plateau for additional park space.

12 There may well be other ideas from the community. It is proposed that the Ōtaki Community Board seek ideas from the community as it did previously by running a page in the local newspaper calling for ideas. With a month for people to input ideas, these would then be considered alongside any projects identified in relevant asset plans. The goal would be to have a recommendation from the Community Board to the Council by the end of the year.

### Legal Considerations

13 The Reserve Fund can only be used to create new assets on reserve land owned by Council. It cannot be used for operating costs (e.g. maintenance) or replacement of existing assets. This will be made clear to the community when calling for ideas.

### Delegation

14 The Otaki Community Board has the ability to recommend to Council on any matter before it. In particular, under D 6.3 it has the ability to:

*listen, advise and act on any matter of interest or concern to the local community... in particular over the desired levels of service for Council services and assets across the 15 activity categories.*

## Consultation

- 15 In addition to the call for ideas via the local newspaper, it is also proposed that the Community Board have a time where it can meet with members of the community and groups to hear about ideas. This information would also be fed into the process.

## Policy Implications

- 16 There are no policy considerations.

## Publicity Considerations

- 17 A report back to the community on the Community Board's recommendations to Council and the Council's decision would be undertaken via the local newspaper. This would involve outlining the ideas that were put forward, the priorities identified and the programming over a three year period.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 18 That the Ōtaki Community Board approves the commencement of a consultation process following the process set out in SP-12-675 to seek ideas from the community on priorities for Reserve Fund expenditure for the period 2013/14-2015/16.

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Appendix 1 SP-10-892 Otaki Reserve Fund Priorities