

Foxton Futures Community Plan Engagement

Foxton Business Breakfast – 16 May 2024



Where are we heading?



Vision for Foxton
& Foxton Beach

Challenges &
Opportunities

Outcomes

Foxton Futures Community Plan

Ideas and
Aspirations

Actions &
Priorities

Implementation

A Community Plan for the future of Foxton and Foxton Beach needs to:

- ✓ Reflect the community's ideas and aspirations
- ✓ Respond to the issues, challenges and opportunities
- ✓ Create a clear integrated picture of the future and what we want to work towards
- ✓ Bring alignment and is something that the community and stakeholders can buy into and support
- ✓ Be capable of evolving as context changes
- ✓ Strive for consensus

Recap: Community Planning Sessions

Three community planning sessions were held in November 2023

72 people participated and attendees included a range of ages, interests and connections to Foxton and Foxton Beach

Really impressed with the level of engagement, what we covered and people's enthusiasm to be involved



What we asked?

We asked...

What are the things you appreciate and value about Foxton and Foxton Beach?



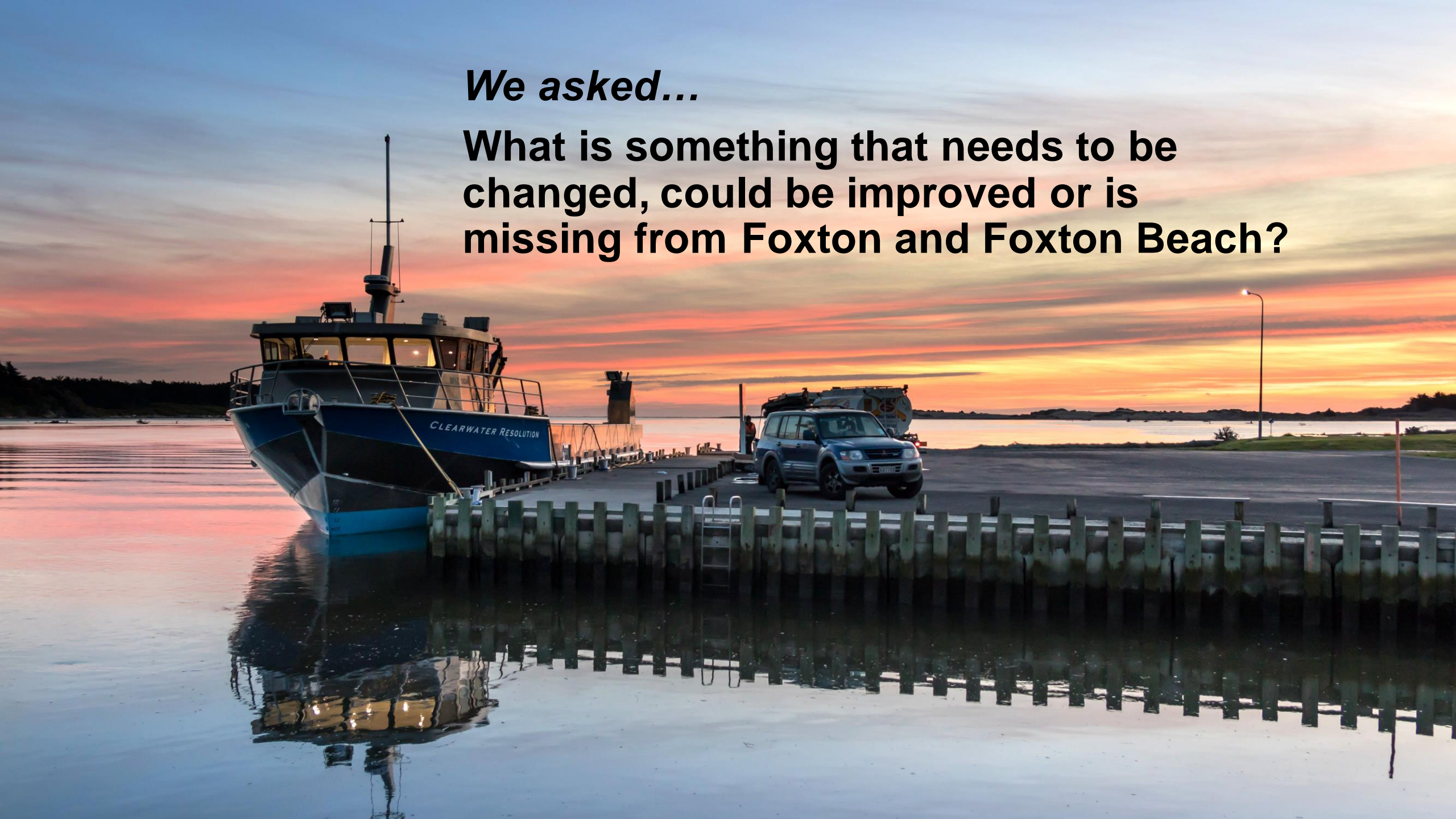


We asked...

What is the thing you Love about Foxton and Foxton Beach?

We asked...

What is something that needs to be changed, could be improved or is missing from Foxton and Foxton Beach?





We asked...

**What are the opportunities for
Foxton and Foxton Beach?**



We asked...

If Foxton and Foxton Beach, off the back of the growth and change were to go through a transformation, what would you want to stay the same?



We asked...

It's 2030, you drive into Foxton and Foxton Beach, there has been a concerted effort to implement the Foxton Futures Community Plan, what are you seeing? What looks different?



We asked...

If Council could help make one of the ideas or initiatives come to life in the next two years what one would it be? Why?

What we heard?

Values

Historic Buildings Warm welcoming and friendly
 Shared Pathways Race course Equestrian centre
 Relaxed atmosphere **The Culture**
Community The People Main Street **The Beach**
 Location Unique attractions Parks Museums Low light pollution
 Tourist Facilities Good industry presence Art Wildlife centre
Recreation opportunities Equestrian
 Environmental concern The Environment Golf Shopping
 Excellent infrastructure Wildlife appreciation Weather
 Easy to get around Education Affordability No Global Corporates
 Authenticity Men's Shed Sports
Heritage History Access to big cities
 No parking meters Medical centre Health shuttle
Estuary RAMSAR Good employment Accessible
Opportunities to grow

Challenges

managing the growth open courthouse and mav tech museums
 make foxton beautiful accessibility to services from east to west
listening to the community promotion of main street
water quality improve public facilities
 recognising the socio-economic challenges faced by foxton and its community
 protect areas which support families
 invest in our rangatahi maintain the small town vibe maintain retail centre
 health services wildlife securing natural environment
 safe crossing over main street **open the river loop** relaxed consents
 facilitation of accommodation destination foxton
community engagement plan
 papakāinga bring the community on the journey roading
 enhancement of entrance to foxton market foxton as a tourist destination
 being aligned with the growth and direction of foxton and foxton beach
 increased population needs better infrastructure use greytown as a model
 opportunities for people to contribute to the ltp removal of trucks
 maintain pride in the community



Opportunities

Promotion of wildlife history and culture
 Water connection between Foxton and Foxton Beach
 Attraction of investment Housing Development Boat tour
 Cultural events Employment History of Foxton Larger community pool
 Signage Shared Pathways Mini golf Bus connections
Fresh commercial opportunities
 Sporting events New Industries Unique cultural identity Surf Club
Tourism Destination
 Recreational areas Community Hub Forest Trek
 Improved River quality Cafes and Restaurants Police Presence
 Develop Waterfront Population growth Destination management
 Splash pad Truck stop park off SH Restoration of Historical buildings
 Outdoor arena for events
 House boat hire Annual celebration event **Accommodation**
 Motor home accommodation
Water borne activities Mall and More retail Services
 Rugby tournament

Love

No Global Corporations
 Connection between past and future Authentic and Enthusiastic people
 River/River Pathway
 Wildlife Bird life and the education around this The value volunteers bring
Lots of opportunities Horse riding
 Relaxed environment No traffic lights Mr Grumpy
History Accessibility to the major cities
Affordability Wide streets TANS Golf Variety **Pace of life**
Multi-cultural harmony exemplified
 The Natural Environment **Climate** Family safe town
 New Health Centre New pools No Parking meters
Lots to do Windmill Accessibility to shopping
The Location Beach/beach walks Fishing **Pride/Spirit**
 Strong sense of identity Able to walk to amenities
Small town/village atmosphere Quiet
Involvement Small town off the main street
 Friendly warm and welcoming

Retain

The river loop opened

Young couples and families arriving
Iconic land marks Watertower Windmill Growth in sport and recreation

Heritage buildings Green Spaces TANS complex

One hub of shops Community spirit and pride
Retain community volunteer groups Free parking Keep Foxton Beach residential

Community split Heritage RAMSAR Locally owned businesses
shopping MAVTEC Estuary Private investments

Bird sanctuary Te Awatiou Pump track Public Park maintenance
areas **Easy access to the beach** town

Quiet streets Small The look and feel of Main Street War Memorial Hall

Population connections Holiday camp Cultural Park

The focus on the river and environment Levels of service feel Relaxed vibe

Foxton Fizz Environment Clean environment Commercial enterprises to provide jobs

Maintain the small town vibe Target reserve forest for equestrians

Dutch and Maori cultural identity site Four museums and three art galleries

Social recreational side of Foxton Beach Swimming pool

Promotion as a destination Historical connection to place
River access Boat club and wharf

Maintain the heritage and beauty of Main Street

Easy planning and recourse processes

Increased housing development Community plan

Promotional Strategies New coastguard building

RAMSAR Informationcentre

Promotional entrance signage and roundabouts

Support for local businesses

Truck stops on SH Plant town trees

Open the river loop and clean the river

A multi-use path separated from the road

Complete Sports Hub with FRC Beach is patrolled

Health and Wellness Centre Community funding and events

Clean water and stormwater management

Improved traffic plan and flow across SH

Better public toilets on Main Street

Recreational cycle and walkway

Don't sell the War memorial Hall

Next two years



2030

Preserve the Heritage look of the town

Stormwater management

Club and community engagement to retain talented youth
beautification/destination More families and children No MacDonald's or franchises

Clean parking bays Road cones No parking meters Creative fibre capital of NZ

Open galleries Redevelop the second part of the river verge Environment plantings and art

Population growth business development More restaurants Promotional strategies

Supermarkets Foxton as a national tourism destination Café river loop

Colour gardens Good businesses Variety of shops Housing Wetlands

Community plan Rest areas Parking for caravans Mature trees along streets

swimmable **Open river loop** Kids Play area River marina

Consent a major subdivision Support historic buildings Promotion of local stores from highway

Easy access to walks and cycle ways Bridge over SH beach Holben reserve

Public transport Less pot holes Main street update reduction in number of cars Boat tours

Improved local traffic plan

Dedicated youth planning Commercial education centres Water sports on the river loop

Historical trails Events and summer festivals at the river loop Foxton Brand and identity

New business destination Ramsar site is thriving and has the right protection

Well maintained green spaces Good accommodation Promotion of local events

More integration between town and beach

Community

Nature &
Environment

Recreation

Emerging Themes

Transport &
Infrastructure

Commercial

Heritage &
Culture



Community



Nau Mai Haere Mai
Welkom
We Welcome You

Within this building you'll find galleries
dedicated to the stories of the people
of Auckland, Foston, and
who have contributed to
find our community in a way
for all to enjoy.
Come and meet
stories - and

IRIHARA KEKE

RENTAL FICTION

MAKE THE
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POISON
CITY

EXIT

Community

<p>Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warm• Welcoming and friendly• Location• Community groups• Community facilities• Medical and health services	<p>Retain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community spirit and pride• Small town vibe – including farming & rural community spirit• Social recreational feel of Foxton Beach• Iconic features – windmill & water tower	<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More police presence• Signage• Youth opportunities• Housing
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater promotion of what's on offer and what's important here<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wildlife○ History and culture○ Community events• Connection & relationship between Foxton and Foxton Beach	<p>2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public toilets in Main Street open after hours• Youth retention• Additional regular events	<p>Next two years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community fund and events• Welcome and entrance signage• Information signage

Nature & Environment

are resting here ...
 is a wetland of international importance
 on the West Coast. It has one of the most
 diverse bird species in New Zealand - around 80 species have
 been recorded here and are protected under the
 Wildlife Act 1953.
 A significant area of salt marsh and mudflat
 is a key habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl. It
 is a major stop-over for many birds on migration and stay for
 many breeding shorebirds.

Summer birds



Kauka
Bar-tailed godwit

The size of a small gull with grey-brown
 coloring turning reddish in late summer.
 Godwits have long legs and a very long beak.
 They are often seen feeding on the sand or
 feeding at the water's edge. In September, the
 adults make a non-stop flight to New Zealand
 from their breeding grounds in Alaska. They
 usually return to Alaska around March.



Huahuu
Lesser knot

Lesser knots look like a small godwit, but have
 much shorter legs and feet. They can usually
 be seen on the estuary from September to
 March, when they turn a chestnut brown
 before returning to Siberia to breed. Huahuu
 are often seen with the godwits, feeding on a
 sandbank or feeding at the water's edge.



Poaika
Pied stilt

Elegant and slim, pied stilts are black and
 white waders with long slender red legs. They
 are often seen on mudflats, catching crabs
 and fish.



Torea
Oystercatcher

Solid birds with short legs and a very strong beak,
 oystercatchers are often seen pecking their beaks
 into the wet sand looking for crabs and shellfish.
 There are two types of oystercatchers at the estuary:
 the variable-tower panga and the pied-tower.



Matuku moana
White-faced heron

Tall and elegant with long legs
 and a strong beak, white-faced herons are
 often grey waders with a white face. They
 are usually seen wading in shallows, stalking
 small fish and crabs.



Kawau
Shag

There are several varieties of shag living
 and fishing around the estuary. They
 are often seen swimming and diving
 underwater, looking for fish.



Spur-winged plover

Medium-sized brown and white birds, spur-winged
 plovers are quite striking with a black cap and
 collar and a yellow breast. They have adapted
 to live in many different environments, and
 although usually seen in paddocks and wastelands,
 they are often seen on the sandbank and mudflats.

Birds of the Manawatu Estuary

All-year-round birds



Tūturiwhatu
Banded dotterel

These birds are small, brown and white.
 Adults develop a small chestnut band across
 the chest during the breeding season. They
 are usually seen running across the sand or
 resting with the wrybills.



Ngūtiparore
Wrybill

Wrybills are small, grey and white birds with
 a black collar. They are the only birds in the
 world with a sideways-curving beak. They
 breed on Canterbury and Otago braided rivers.
 The total wrybill population is estimated at
 only 5,000-8,000 birds. They are usually seen
 feeding at the edge of the water, or resting in
 groups on the sand.



Kātuku ngūtiparā
Royal spoonbill

Spoonbills are large white birds with long
 legs and a black spoon-shaped beak. They
 are usually seen feeding on the sandbank, or
 wading in the water hunting for crabs and fish.

Winter birds

bank at high tide



Nature & Environment

Value <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estuary / RAMSAR• Beach• River Loop• Weather• Connection to the environment	Retain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open River Loop• Estuary• Green spaces	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of River Loop• Water quality• Promotion and protection of the Estuary and RAMSAR site• Dune protection
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment education	2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimmable river• Open River Loop• Enhanced open spaces	Next two years <ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Loop open• Clean water in River

Recreation



Recreation

Value <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wide range of recreation opportunities• Parks• Shared pathways	Retain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green spaces and range of opportunities	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to meet the needs of the community• More for families
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to support health and wellbeing• More waterborne activities• Sports hub• Enclosed 'safe' kids' play areas• Splash pad	2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation opportunities associated with the River Loop	Next two years <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connected recreational cycleway and walkway

Transport & Infrastructure



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Value <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No parking meters• Easy to get around• No traffic lights	Retain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy access to Foxton Beach	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe crossing of SH1• Waste Water Treatment Plant• Stormwater• Shared pathways• Stormwater & flood management
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared pathways• By-pass for trucks• Truck stop out of town• Bus connections	2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared pathways• Roundabouts (with planting)• Pathways and cycleways along the River Loop• Improved local traffic plan for post Ō2NL (east to west connection)• Public transport• Excellent infrastructure	Next two years <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundabouts on SH1• Shared pathways separated from the road

Commercial



Commercial

Value <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shopping - the small local shop experience• Local vs National Chain shops• Good industry presence	Retain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look and feel of Main Street	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need more visitor accommodation• Restaurants to accommodate later dining• Employment – attracting staff• Shops in Foxton Beach – or not?• Main Street vs SH1 for shops
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New and fresh commercial opportunities• Support for small business growth• More accommodation• House-boat hire on River Loop?• Employment opportunities for youth• Tourism opportunities	2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor accommodation• Small business development• Restaurants• Tourism activity	Next two years <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for SH1 & Main Street ahead of Ō2NL

Heritage & Culture



Heritage & Culture

Value <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The visible heritage and history• Evidence of multi-culturalism• Museums	Retain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The heritage buildings and character in and around the Main Street	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balancing development and retention of character• Extra obligations on the heritage owners and buildings
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restore and retain more historic buildings• Increased acknowledgement of the town's history	2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preserve the heritage look of the Foxton• Historical connections	Next two years <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance and strengthen the character of Foxton



What else have we heard...





**We still want to hear from iwi, hapū
and the youth community**



Let's KŌRERO

Long Term Plan 2024-2044



Specific Foxton and Foxton Beach submissions for the Long Term Plan 2024-2044 included the following:

- Role of De Molen
- Protection of Heritage Buildings and Waahi Tapu sites
- River Loop
- Manawatu Estuary
- Surf Lifesaving
- Foxton War Memorial Hall
- Foxton Court House
- MAVtech
- Ihakara Gardens
- Courthouse building
- Foxton Beach Stormwater
- Foxton Open Spaces
- Wastewater
- Manawatu Coastguard



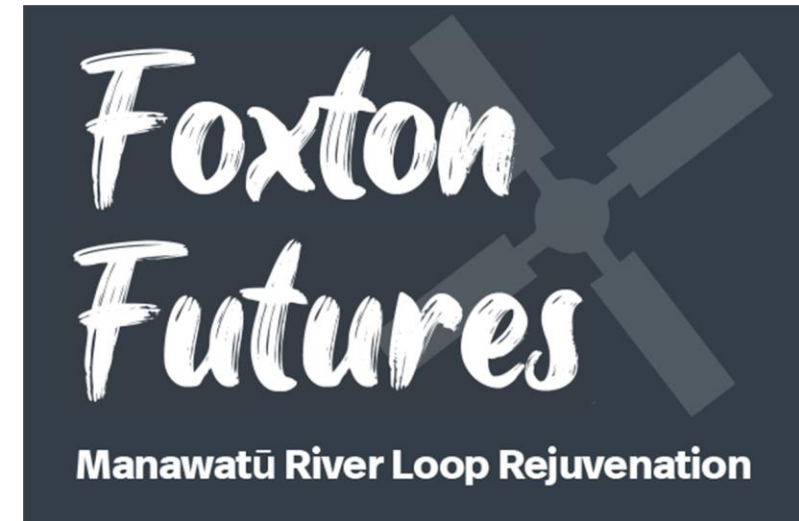
At this session, attendees were asked...

“What is the one thing we need to make sure we get right?”



What about 'Foxton Futures'?

- Co-chaired by Monique Davidson and Robin Hapi
- Appointed Elected Members from Te Awahou Foxton Community Board, Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council
- Previously focused on the River Loop project – see opportunities to now have a broader focus
- Waiting for the Community Plan to take shape
- Looking for wider community involvement
- To guide the implementation of the Community Plan



What happens next?



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What happens next

- | | Timeframe |
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| • Reporting back – starting with drop-in sessions today - 16 May | 16 May 2024 |
| • Council to adopt the LTP 2024-44 – includes budget for this work | May-June 2024 |
| • Engagement with Youth and Marae and Hapū | |
| • Work with interested people and groups to explore and understand each of the Emerging Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get clear on the challenges and opportunities• Identify actions to address these• Consider implementation – responsibilities, costs, priorities | June - August 2024 |
| • Report back and test direct with community | September 2024 |
| • Incorporate feedback and finalise Community Plan | November 2024 |



Got ideas or want to stay connected
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