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Tēnā koe 

Your request to Manawatu District Council partially transferred to us on 16 February 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to active dune management. Please see outlined below a response to your request.

Information around active dune management and investment Foxton Beach, Waikawa Beach

Horowhenua District Council (the Council) have an annual Coastal Resilience Programme in place, with a budget of \$50,000 p.a. This is to primarily undertake foredune planting along the Horowhenua coastline, from Foxton Beach in the north, through to Waikawa Beach in the south.

In the last 5 years, this planting programme has consisted of the following:

- Foxton Beach – an average of 5,000 spinifex plants and 500 pingao plants per annum, at an average cost of approximately \$17,875
- Waikawa Beach – an average of 4,000 spinifex plants and 400 pingao plants per annum, at an average cost of approximately \$14,300

In addition, Council undertake a districtwide pest plant spraying programme. This is a targeted approach to deal with pest plants identified in the Horizons Regional Council (HRC) Pest Management Plan. Within the Foxton Beach area particularly, Council work in closely with the other agencies (HRC and the Department of Conservation) to coordinate works, and ensure maximum impact is derived in terms of improving these dune systems. The work itself is ad-hoc from year to year, with pest plant species being targeted on a needs basis.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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