

Reference Number: 2024/1083

3 May 2024

Tēnā koe

Thank you for email of 10 April 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to rates contribution. Please see outlined below a response to your request.

How much does Foxton & Foxton Beach contribute to the overall rates in the Horowhenua for the last 5 years? And what is that amount?

The total rates levied for Foxton and Foxton Beach (including Himatangi) in the Horowhenua district for the last 5 rating years is \$45.23 million.

Note that this amount includes Goods and Services Tax (GST). When a local authority charges rates, legislation deems the rates to be a supply for goods and services, so GST must be charged.

Note this does not include amounts collected via metered water rates and Land Transport (Roading) rates.

Of the total rates amount contributed by Foxton & Foxton Beach residents for the last 5 years, how much was actually invested and spent on Foxton / Foxton Beach? Please list at a high level those investments and expenditures.

At a high level, the amount of spending on Foxton / Foxton Beach including but not limited to maintenance and operations of three waters activities (Stormwater, Water and Wastewater), maintenance of reserves, and capital investments is shown in the table below:

Financial year (1 July – 30 June)	Amount of operational spending on Foxton/Foxton Beach (\$000) excl. GST	Capital investments on Foxton/Foxton Beach (\$000) excl. GST
2023-24 to 15 April 2024	2,095	4,157
2022-23	2,882	2,844
2021-22	2,449	5,292
2020-21	4,196	8,654
2019-20	2,148	3,077

For a list of capital investments in the Foxton / Foxton Beach areas, please refer to Council's Annual Report for the last 5 years here: <https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Documents/Annual-Reports>

For example, in 2021/22, some examples of capital investments in Foxton/Foxton Beach included but not limited to:

- Foxton Aquatic Centre - Planned renewals \$17k
- Foxton pool redevelopment \$58k
- Foxton East Drainage Scheme \$731k
- Development Planning and resource consenting Foxton Beach \$113k
- Foxton Beach reticulation - Renewals \$21k
- Foxton Beach treatment plant - Renewals \$49k
- Foxton reticulation – Renewals \$96k
- Foxton water treatment plant – Renewals \$59k
- Foxton Beach wastewater reticulation – Renewals \$28k
- Foxton wastewater treatment plant - Pond desludge \$148k
- Foxton wastewater treatment plant - Strategic upgrade \$1,426k
- Renewal works at Foxton Transfer Station \$84k
- Endowment – Foxton Beach reserves projects \$371k
- Foxton Beach surf club building upgrade \$305k

Note that costs related to the Foxton Community Board and other support services related costs attributable to Foxton/Foxton Beach are not included. Districtwide Roding maintenance and capital investments are also excluded.

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.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Jacinta Straker (Group Manager Organisation Performance) on jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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