

Taharoa Domain Security Report November 2020

Meeting: Taharoa Domain Governance Committee
Date of meeting: 10 November 2020
Reporting officer: Hamish Watson, Parks and Recreation Manager

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To update the committee on progress from the security and accommodation review

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Staff engaged Security Consultants Fearfree Ltd to undertake an independent security for the Taharoa Domain and Kai iwi Lakes Campground after previous discussions with the Governance Committee. They have provided a comprehensive report outlining risks and actions that can be taken to make the Taharoa Domain and kai iwi Lakes Campground a safer place for staff and visitors to visit.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee:

- a) Notes the Taharoa Domain Security report update.

Context/Horopaki

Taharoa Domain is 640 Hectares consisting of 3 Lakes and 2 campgrounds, Pine Beach Campground has a capacity of 480 with Promenade Point Campground holding 120 campers. During peak season of Mid December through to Easter there can also be an estimated 1000 visitors per day on site in addition to the 600 campers all partaking in a variety of activities.

Council budgeted \$350,000 in the 20-21 financial year of this Long-Term Plan (LTP) for Kai iwi Campground Facilities which allowed for safety improvements up to and including providing an accommodation building on site.

Staff have identified potential security improvements including security gates and following discussions with the Committee agreed to undertake an independent review which would direct investment. Staff subsequently engaged Security consultants, Fearfree Ltd to complete an independent review and provide recommendations

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Health and Safety in employment has received considerable attention by government agencies. This comes after some high-profile incidents and the introduction of the new Health & Safety at Work Act 2015. It is advised that Health & Safety and Security should share an equal focus, as they both have the potential to impact on people's safety. There is a general duty under the Act to eliminate all risks to health and safety, and if risks cannot be eliminated, they must be minimised as far as is reasonably practical.

Following discussions with staff and an onsite assessment, the consultants have concluded that there are relatively basic actions that can be taken to considerably improve staff safety and overall security. (Attachment A)

Significantly, the consultant did not feel it was necessary to provide accommodation on site and noted that this can introduce other risks and potential for long hours for the staff who are onsite all the time.

Staff have started to implement some of the “easy wins” already and will continue to work through the actions using the budget available. Some key findings are highlighted below.

Review staffing levels;

Upgrade communication systems; (Handheld radios)

Duress alert system;

Upgrade CCTV system;

Automated gates at the main entrance and Promenade Campground.

Financial implications

This has been budgeted for in the 20-21 financial year of this LTP and is funded from financial contributions. By not including the accommodation unit and resolving security issues through other options may provide a significant cost savings.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Staff are to continue to implement actions as per the review document

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Kai Iwi Lakes Security Review