

Infrastructure - Open Spaces and Facilities

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the feedback from the community.
- b) Notes that there are no changes to the financial provision included in the LTP.
- c) Notes that staff and elected members will continue to work with the Mangawhai Surf Club with regard to repairing the slip.
- d) Request staff investigate options to improve the driveway, carpark, and other amenities at the Kaiwaka sports ground as part of the 2025-26 Annual Plan process.

Introduction:

Submitters were invited to provide feedback on all the Long Term Plan (LTP) source documents. Investment in parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities is wanted by many submitters across the District. Most of the feedback for investment is simply to remediate existing grounds and facilities and/or creating a safer area, and ensuring accessibility is in the design and end result. However, within general comments, there is a desire to rein in the investment by putting any funding to infrastructure recovery or town beautification; keep the parks as green spaces without buildings; or look to fund our spaces and parks differently – independent contract management, user pays.

The slip at Mangawhai Heads Beach which damaged the surf club raised ire with submitters as there is a perception that Council isn't supporting the Surf Lifesaving NZ, who look to keep our community safe when at the beach. All 22 submissions felt KDC should support the progression of the slip repair.

TOPIC

Submissions are summarised below:

- 16 submissions were received towards investing in and maintaining parks, gardens, and playgrounds, plus a further 14 for community sports facilities. There is enthusiasm for Kaiwaka as it is growing rapidly and could be a more inviting stop for travellers passing through, potentially upgrade McLean Park or create a new recreation area on land by the Four Square. Others feel there is a need for court facilities in the mid Kaipara area, and for Dargaville, subsidise the swimming pool more from our rates and make it a year-round facility, and Selwyn Park, make it a safer place for kids and plant trees for shelter, and install some signage to promote Harding Park. Some solutions for investment are simple but important to those users. In Mangawhai a dog park would be appreciated, and Lincoln Downs is supported but not for a few years due to the tough economic climate.

The following budget is proposed for our parks in the LTP 2025-2027 years:

- Memorial Park carpark and drainage improvements - \$250k in 2027
- Pahi Reserve playground and irrigation replacement - \$200k across 2026-2027 years
- Pahi toilet disposal field - \$150k in 2025
- Selwyn Park fencing, playground and drainage improvements - \$200k in 2025
- Fagan Place playground - \$133k in 2026
- Te Kopuru Domain Improvements - \$100k in 2026
- Gum Diggers Track and jetty - \$300k over 2025-2026 years
- Lincoln Downs Outdoor Pursuits Park development - \$350k in 2027
- General playground renewals and parks hard surface, infrastructure, and wastewater renewals across the District - \$1,009m across LTP 2025-2027 years.
- West coast public toilets received 5 submissions - to build toilet facilities for the Kaihu Valley Trail, fix Dargaville's town toilets, and upgrade Kai Iwi Lakes toilets.
 - \$1.407m has been allocated to the Pine Beach toilets and wastewater treatment plant in 2025.
 - \$641k has been allocated to Aranga toilet replacement across LTP 2026-2026 years.
 - Mt Wesley Cemetery receives \$250k for the Sexton Shed and toilet renewal in 2027.
- 2 submissions were received to repair the wharves in Tinopai and Whakapirau. Good news, work is underway to progress these.
- Berms are contentious because some residents maintain their berms, as is their responsibility, and some don't. 5 submitters would like KDC to intervene when berms aren't being cared for or become a nuisance, so we can all be town proud. One suggested having incentives for the tidiest berm.
- 4 submissions asked for investment in pest control in collaboration with NRC and DoC. As we're planning to adopt a more multi-agency cooperative approach in this LTP, this subject will be on the table.
- The Mangawhai Heads Beach slip received 22 submissions for KDC to repair the slip and/or support the surf club in a rebuild.

Options and Assessments

In all cases, except one below, there is either work is planned or commenced, or the funding is not available in this LTP.

Impact of recommendation on the LTP (financial and non-financial)

There is no financial or non-financial impact on the LTP.

Fit with Long Term Plan

The recommendation is consistent with the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications.

Conclusion drawn:

- 1) While some submitters requests are included with the LTP or included within the operational budgets, the majority of requests will need to be assessed and considered in future LTP's.
- 2) A significant number of requests were made on the repair to the slip at the Mangawhai surf club. Council will continue to work with the Mangawhai Surf Club with regard to repairing the slip.
- 3) Council investigates improvements to the deteriorated driveway, carpark and other amenities at the Kaiwaka sports ground as part of the 2025-26 Annual Plan process.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Summary of Submissions