

Cooks Beach

We have appointed a consultant, who is now well underway, to facilitate the design and resource consent application process.

The pre-liminary design will be based on a back-stop wall and the reinstatement of the dunes and high tide fore shore beach. This concept was discussed at the community meeting on site at the end of December.

Once we have some pre-liminary designs ready we will be going back to the community about their thoughts and inputs in relation to: beach access and the combination of a hard and soft engineering options and the transition design / philosophy from the "homeowners wall".

We have also instructed the consultant to analyse and review the potential of a trial groyne in the vicinity of the estuary entrance as part of the reinstatement of a high tide beach. If this is seen as potentially favourable (they do create negative affects) a separate consent would then be applied for. Under the RMA this is seen as a different "activity" and therefore needs to be a separate consent.

We have had early discussions with Waikato Regional Council on this and had a site meeting with them two weeks ago, i.e. having an early dialogue and "no surprises" approach.

We envisage that the Resource Consent will officially be lodged before April 2019 with the aim of having the construction works completed by October 2019. A 'back-up plan' is being worked on.

My reserve / parks colleague (sue Costello) has drafted, through a specialist, more detailed concept plans for the re-instatement of the Cairn. She would be able to give you a further update on this specifically.

Flaxmill Bay

Currently we are finalising and updating the preliminary design drawings of the active Resource Consent application. This is in relation to a further information request from Waikato Regional Council.

The above is of course mainly in relation to the last community meeting we held at the Eggsentric Café.

The preliminary design drawings will include the beach access requirements, amenity enhancements as per the landscaping architect proposals and presented at the above meeting.

Once we have the pre-liminary design drawings together will be coming back to the community for an update on the project and process.

We have an allocated budget on our 2018/19 financial year to start, and hopefully complete, the construction works; this being our target as a date.

We have had further discussion with Waikato Regional Council on this and had a site meeting with them two weeks ago, i.e. having an early dialogue and "no surprises" approach.

Simultaneously we are working on the Resource Consent application for the trial groyne which is a separate application as described for the reason above.

Hopefully this suffices for your newsletter Cyndy. However, if you have any further questions or queries do let me know.