

Urgent decision: Howick Local Board

10 October 2018

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Re: LDI Minor Capex Fund 2018/19 Allocation to The Friends of Mangemangeroa Society Incorporated

1. Subject

The Friends of Mangemangeroa Society Incorporated (The Friends) propose to build a rest and viewing area on Mangemangeroa Reserve in memory of founding member Betty Harris.

The site chosen is a short distance from the existing Rotary Loop Track, has commanding views over the estuary and has long been identified as an ideal location for a viewing area.

2. Background

At the business meeting on 17 September 2018, the Howick Local Board considered a Local Grant application from The Friends for a contribution towards the development of a rest and viewing area.

The application was declined on the basis that other sources of funds were available.

Because the proposed development will create assets that will be on Council land and that will be maintained by Council, it is more appropriate that the grant allocation is funded from the Howick Local Board LDI minor capex budget (work programme line 2331 in the Community Facilities work programme).

The LDI minor capex work programme line includes an allocation of \$50,000 set aside specifically for minor capital works such as this.

The proposed project includes the construction of a 25m track, a concrete slab, a seat and safety fence in a high position overlooking the valley.

The site has been inspected by Auckland Council geotechnical and parks staff, both of whom approve of the location and the proposed works.

The Friends have raised \$5,000 towards the project and have engaged the services of a local contractor who is ready to undertake the work for \$10,000.

In order to avoid further delays it is requested that a matching grant of \$5,000 is allocated from the Howick LDI minor capex fund 2018/19 so that the work can proceed.

3. Reason for urgency

Funding allocation to support The Friends is being requested under urgency due to the timing in which certainty of funding is required. The physical works are scheduled to be undertaken over Labour weekend, 20-22 October 2018. Confirmation of funding is required to enable the works to proceed, meaning this decision cannot wait until the November business meeting. Further, the deadline for the October business meeting has passed.

As per resolution number HW/2016/342, the Howick Local Board has delegated to the chair and deputy chair the authority to make urgent decisions on behalf of the local board.

4. Recommendation

Staff recommend the Howick Local Board:

approve \$5,000 for the Friends of Mangemangeroa Society Incorporated to construct a rest and viewing platform on the Mangemangeroa Reserve from the following 2018/2019 LDI budget line:

- Howick – LDI minor capex fund 2018/19

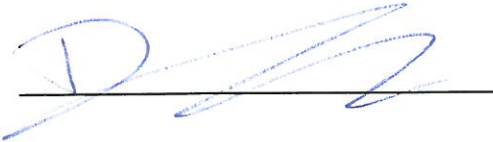
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Signed by Nina Siers
Relationship Manager, Howick Local Board

Date 11 October 2018

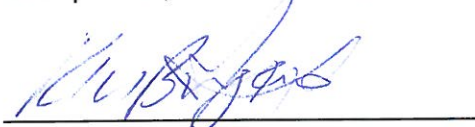
Signatories



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Chairperson, Howick Local Board

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Katrina Bungard
Deputy Chairperson, Howick Local Board

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