



Manawatu Estuary Trust

Protecting the natural features of the Manawatu Estuary

P O Box 11, Foxton Beach.

12th July 2019

Dear Foxton Beach Residents

RE Dawick Street viewing platform improvement project.

The Manawatu Estuary Trust was formed in 2001 by people from the surrounding region with the aims of conserving the estuary for its biodiversity and establishing facilities as required for its educational and eco-tourism values.

The Manawatu Estuary is a living habitat where international migratory birds and New Zealand shore birds use its ecological diversity to sustain their populations. The estuary is a Ramsar Wetland of international significance and is one of the most accessible Ramsar sites for viewing.

The aim of our viewing platform improvement project is to enlarge the present viewing platform at the end of Dawick Street, Foxton Beach, adding a roof to provide shelter from sun and rain.

This would make an all-year, all-weather site that local residents, international visitors and educational classes alike can use to observe the flora, fauna and tidal fluctuations of the estuary.

Why are we doing it?

The project would create a purpose-built amenity to accommodate the greater number of persons who are becoming increasingly more interested in estuaries, especially school groups. Sunset Walkway, a popular recreational feature of Foxton Beach, would also be provided with a sheltered, covered stopover point for everyday use.

How to have your say.

We would welcome your comments and input on our vision to enhance the viewing platform, and will have a period of consultation to seek these views. This consultation period is from 12 July 2019, and ends 10th August 2019.

We will have an open day at the Holben Pavilion on Saturday, 3rd August, 2019 from 10am to 12 noon when you can come and add your ideas

Or email comments to manawatu.estuary@gmail.com

Or post your comments using the enclosed stamped envelope.

If you would like further information, please visit www.metrust.org.nz

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