

# Beach Road Boat Ramp & Surrounds - Katikati

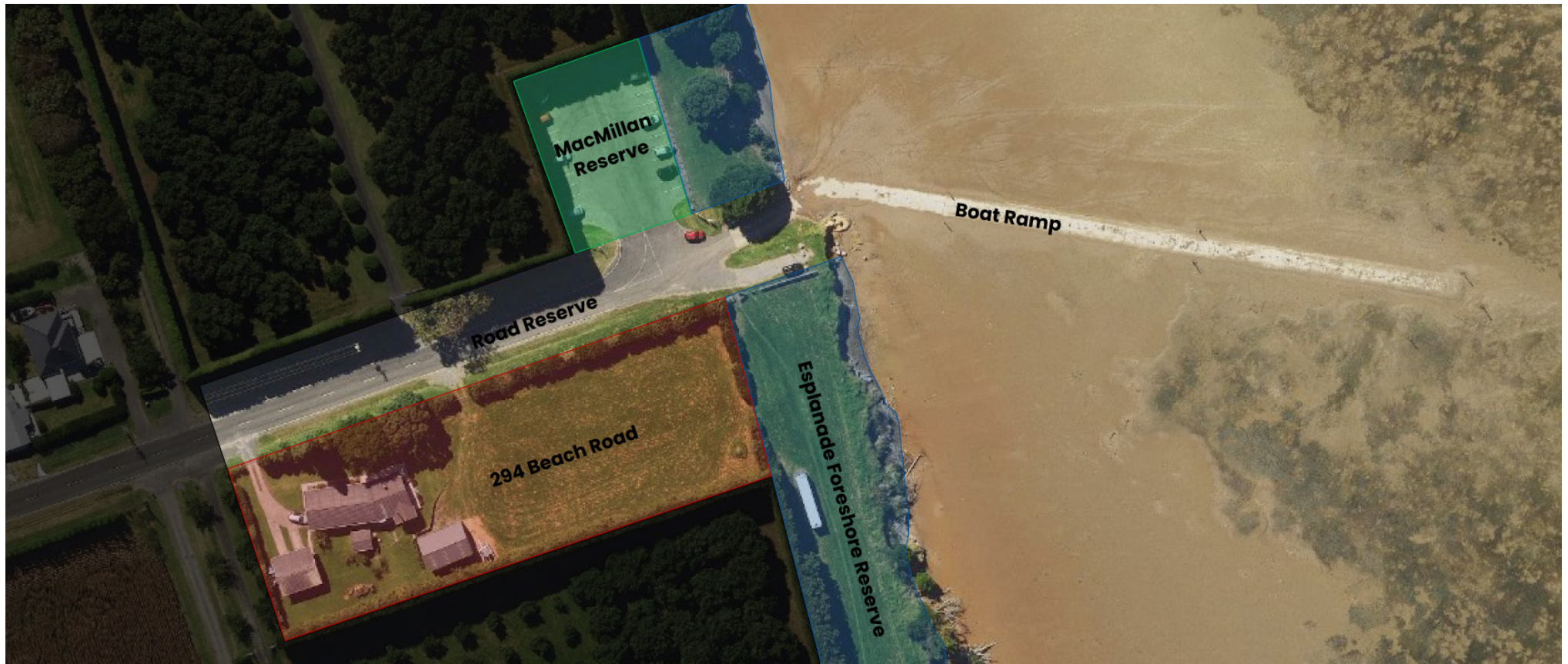
# Decision Story 2024

## A new plan for Beach Road Boat Ramp & Surrounds

We have adopted a new concept plan for the Beach Road Boat Ramp and surrounds in Katikati. We heard how valued this area is and we're looking to what the future looks like to make the most of this special place.

## Creating a concept plan

The development of a concept plan for this area originated when Council purchased the property at 294 Beach Road, Katikati. The Katikati Boating Club signalled their interest in our future plans for this site in relation to their club activities. Further requests were made through submissions to the Annual Plan 2023/2024 from the Boating Club and Katikati Community Board with consideration of MacMillan Reserve, the Esplanade Foreshore Reserve, and the adjacent boat ramp in these developments.



These areas are already widely used by tangata whenua, local residents, recreational boaties, the Katikati Boating Club, dog walkers, cyclists, freedom campers, and other visitors who enjoy the area's scenic outlook.

## Engaging with the community

Council met with local hapū, Ngāi Tamawhariua, and the Katikati Boating Club in August and September 2023 to learn of their vision and aspirations for the area. This feedback directly informed the development of a draft concept plan.

Consultation with the wider community on the draft concept plan was held from 1 March to 1 April 2024. Council advertised this through digital and printed media, and temporary signs at the Beach Road and Tanners Point boat ramps, and Kauri Point wharf. Local hapū, adjoining neighbours, and stakeholders were directly notified to participate in the consultation process.

The community provided their feedback by completing paper and online surveys and in person at the Katikati Fishing Competition weigh-in on 24 February and the Have Your Say event at the Beach Road boat ramp area on 24 March 2024.

## Feedback received

We received 127 submissions from this phase of formal community consultation, with 53 submissions coming from our online survey and most of the responses provided in-person at the engagement events.

73% of submitters who completed the survey told us they supported the proposed draft concept plan, with many providing suggestions for us to consider. It became clear that the area is used frequently and valued by a wide range of the community for a wide range of purposes.



### We asked the community for their feedback to five questions.

1. Do you support the draft concept plan for Katikati's Beach Road Boat Ramp and surrounds?
2. If you have any feedback about the draft concept plan, please share your thoughts.
3. To help us understand what's most important to you, please rank each area below from 1 to 6 (1 = Highest priority, 6 = Lowest priority).
  - Boat ramp
  - Walkway/cycleway
  - Boat trailer parking
  - Public car parking
  - Picnic areas
  - Open green spaces
4. How frequently do you visit or utilise the boat ramp, and/or surrounding areas?
5. How do you typically spend your time while visiting this area?



## Key decisions made

We identified several key themes from community feedback to the proposed areas for development. Some amendments were made to reflect the response to these and to develop the final concept plan.

### Hapū aspirations

Local hapū, Ngāi Tamawhariua want to see walking and vehicle access to their Tutaetaka Island urupā along the Esplanade Foreshore Reserve maintained for Te Rereatukahia Marae whānau. They also told us that the existing streetlight and lookout point was an important feature to retain. These aspirations are reflected in the final design and include historical storyboards and cultural features that will be developed in partnership by hapū and Council.

### Community aspirations

Based on your feedback, the final concept plan includes a CCTV security camera, new toilet block, barbecue and picnic facilities, additional street lighting, and open green space.

There was support for a new playground in Katikati, and we think this best considered as part of the development of Moore Park.

Additional feedback incorporated into the final concept plan sees the public carpark kept at MacMillan Reserve to maintain water views, and boat trailer parking moved to a new sealed area at 294 Beach Road to create improved function and flow for boaties. The aquatic storage facility will remain by the existing dwellings on 294 Beach Road, for now, with its final position to be determined through further discussions with the Katikati Boating Club.

22 submitters told us they want to see more substantial upgrades to the existing boat ramp including dredging of the channel and extending or raising the ramp more than what was proposed. This has not been incorporated into the final plan, as previous feasibility study work has shown the costs would be too great to deliver meaningful improvements.

Some members of the community want to see more significant developments made to the area. One aspiration was for a new full scale sandy beach by the boat ramp, which included the landscaping and removal of a section of the existing esplanade foreshore reserve. This was presented by the Katikati Boating Club and supported by 11 other submitters. The other aspiration was for a multi-storey marine clubhouse to be constructed for community use.

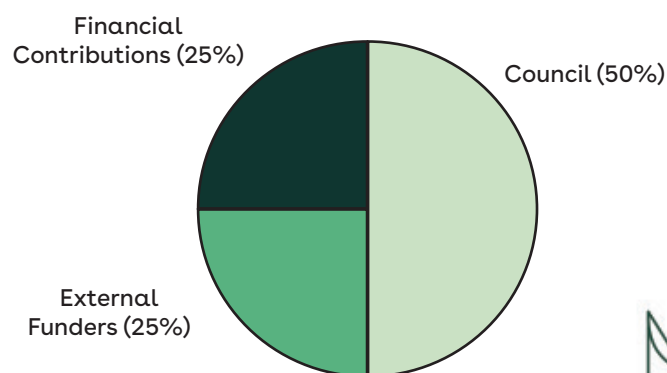
These two aspirations were not considered in the final concept plan, as it doesn't reflect the wider aspirations or priorities of the majority of submitters and comes with a high element of risk and cost to the overall project implementation.

## Implementation of the concept plan

The total indicative cost to implement the concept plan is \$867,514. This cost will indicatively be shared between Council (50%), Financial Contributions from developers (25%), and External Funders (25%).

Funding to implement the concept plan will be considered through future Council planning processes including the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Council will also decide whether to subdivide and sell the balance of the 294 Beach Road site, and use the proceeds to fund implementation of the concept plan.










# Beach Road Boat Ramp & Surrounds - Concept Plan

## PLAN KEY

- 1 Public parking
- 2 Existing storage shed to remian
- 3 Public toilets
- 4 Boat ramp widened to improve access
- 5 Boat ramp manoeuvring area
- 6 Scenic lookout
- 7 Cultural element (in consultation with local Hapu)
- 8 Future storage shed (to replace existing)  
Indicative location, TBC

## PLAN LEGEND

-  Coastal margin planting
-  Reserve / stormwater management planting
-  Trees
-  Trees (Existing)
-  Reserve seating / picnic tables & BBQ area
-  Bench Seating
-  Informal spill-over parking
-  Future subdivision area (Subject to District Plan rules)
-  Future boat ramp passing lane
-  Wider connections
-  Information / historical signage
-  Bollards to restrict vehicle access to authorised persons only
-  Existing shipping container (to be removed)
-  Lighting

## Formal Parking Spaces:

- 9 boat trailer parks
- 28 car parks

