

TE WAIORA



Nelson Marlborough

Health

Marlborough District Council

Feedback for the development of a management plan for the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon

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1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Marlborough Council's request for feedback for the development of the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH.

Specific Comments

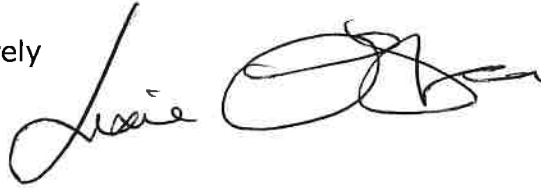
4. NMH continues to support the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan. The 2003 plans included within its vision that the restoration of the Lagoon would enhance the habitat for fish and bird life and enable the gathering of food and encourage recreational uses. NMH endorses this vision along with the desired outcomes to make the lagoon safe, clean and friendly, improve the water quality and enhance biodiversity.
5. As the lagoon is developed, NMH would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring that community amenities are easily accessible and inclusive of people with limited mobility.
6. NMH recommends that the lagoon is a smokefree and alcohol free area, this would help keep the surrounding environment free of litter. Given this area is used for game shooting, alcohol restrictions would discourage hunters from mixing drinking and using firearms. Smokefree and alcohol free signage would be required.
7. The number and quality of seating should also be assessed. Seating in public spaces is important because it gives people a place to rest and socialise. Seating spaces need to have a plain design and be easily recognised as chairs to help those people with sight impairments and dementia.¹ Public benches need to include a centre handrail so that people can easily get in and out of seats.

¹ Alzheimer's Australia Vic (2016) *Creating Dementia-friendly communities: A toolkit for local government* Commonwealth and Victoria Government's Home and Community Care program
<https://www.fightdementia.org.au/files/NATIONAL/documents/Dementia-friendly-communities-toolkit-for-local-government.pdf>

Conclusion

8. NMH thanks the Marlborough District Council for the opportunity to feedback for the development of the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', written in a cursive style.

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