

TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Member Name: Sheryl Bainbridge
Subdivision: Doubtless Bay
Date: to 23 October 2020

REPORT

1) Meetings

6 October – THCB meeting at Mangonui Cruising Club Wonderful to have Bill Subritzky join our Board, and also nice to have Lawrie Atkinson's contribution recognised.

Disappointing that once again written reports requested from staff were not received.

13 October – Destination Northland – some interesting stuff including the contra between encouraging visitors without negative impacts on the environment, stats that enable long-term investment from the private sector. Some stats are worked out on our 5 million population but don't sufficiently take into account the 3.96million visitors (pre-covid) International tourism is less than 1% in the far north – the tourism spend in Northland is 79% domestic. A long term maintenance plan is needed to go with infrastructure. A couple of potential opportunities were noted.

13 October – Community Planning meeting with Community Development Advisor. A public meeting to take place on 29 October.

20 October – Museum meeting – two trustees have resigned.

22 October – Combined Community Board meeting. Hopefully a positive way forward will result at some stage. Abundantly clear where there is a disconnect between staff and elected members.

2) Issues

Since Covid there has been a vastly increased number of visitors and summer isn't even here yet. What is in place to cope with the extra tourists, especially if, as anticipated we have a big dry.

2100 project. At a previous Combined Community Board meeting we had a presentation on this. With covid, it's clear that we as a country, let alone some bureaucrats in a council office, cannot predict what is going to happen next week let alone in 80 years' time. Has the investment (how much) of ratepayer funds in this project been well spent?

Failure of staff to provide reports or agenda items – obviously a culture that starts from the top and needs changing

3) Resource Consents

Nil

4) Requests for Service

Several. Presumably they're going through a process somewhere.