

# TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

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Subdivision: Doubtless Bay

Date: to 23 January 2022

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## REPORT

1) **Congratulations** to all concerned regarding progress on the Mangonui boardwalk which will be a fantastic asset for our community

2) **Meetings**

23 December – meeting with staff regarding museum accommodation

1 January – visit to Parapara Road as a result of complaints about its condition

3) **Issues**

We're only 8 months away from the end of this electoral term and I am frustrated with the number of issues raised that have not resulted in progress or solutions.

**Draft District Plan – proposed heritage precinct for Mangonui.** Despite public objection to the proposed heritage precincts in many areas including Mangonui, we have heard nothing about any outcome. Could the communities have the courtesy of a public response to confirm that their concerns have/have not been listened to please.

**Beach Signage** – Following concern about inaccurate signage at Coopers Beach and Taipa, we have been waiting for a response and outcome from the District Facilities department since 4 August last year. With the number of drownings already this year it is important that signage accurately reflects the condition of the beaches. This signage does not.

**Rangitoto Reserve** – Ongoing for more than a year. The council did not agree to funding a management plan. A report covering the way that the council intends to manage the gross degradation of this important historic site was flatly refused, and it does not look like any effort is being made to put a long-term plan in place regarding weed control while protecting the site's historic and potential tourism values. What is the council doing about (a) divestment and (b) weed control taking into consider historic values as above?

**Rangiputa Boat Trailer Parking** – A member of the public complained about a concrete block being placed in an area that prevented a car and boat trailer parking on the grass verge. I asked for it to be moved back so that parking in an exceedingly busy area could be achieved while maintaining the desired outcome of not having cars drive around to the beachfront in front of private properties RFS 4092713. I received the following response: *if they were to move it, they would relocate it towards the road to prevent parking there due to the H&S concerns raised (also apparently the owner of the house next door uses it to park his quad and vehicles). There are no plans to move the block further back.* I have queried the response regarding health and safety in particular, especially as in an email from staff dated 3 January included the statement regarding the shocking condition of Parapara Road that: *I'm not sure I'd classify road corrugations as a health & safety matter requiring urgent attention.* Is there consistency within council about health and safety issues?

**Government Purchase of Property at Taipa for Iwi** – There is a public accessway between the two parcels of land that the government is said to have purchased. On 12 December 2021 Mayor Carter said *“This looks like a legal issue. George should be able to comment. He will keep us posted.”* The council will need to look at options regarding the public accessway.

**Parapara Road** – After receiving complaints from residents I went to have a look at the condition of the hill which was extremely badly corrugated. I believe some work has been done but a more permanent solution is required as this will be an ongoing health and safety issue. And before anyone says that roading is not a Community Board delegation, I would point out that maintaining an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community is part of the Board’s role under the LGA.

**Track to Paewhenua Island** - Although it was understood that the track would be mown before Christmas, it wasn’t and any locals, or visitors that the Mangonui Information Centre may have directed to this walk would not have had a good experience walking through waist-high paspalum. If council is not going to keep on top with this work, it might have to look at better solutions regarding community input instead of hiding behind H&S and getting nothing done.

**Drainage Districts** – still no meetings held, and summer is almost over. What is happening?

