

Member's Report

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Subdivision: Bay of Islands Whangaroa Board, Russell Ōpua Subdivision

Date: February – March 2023

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
2 Feb 23	Refuse and recycling round table with Community	Hui with interested Community Groups and Council staff to discuss ways to address refuse and recycling in Russell, particularly focusing on the summer peak.
3 Feb 23	Meet with Kororāreka Marae rep to discuss refuse locations around the Waharoa. Pōwhiri for Governor General	Russell Waitangi
6 Feb 23	FNDC Waitangi stand	Very few visitors. Need more enticements.
7 Feb 23	Meeting with Chris Galbraith, FNH Ōpua Marina and Belinda Ward	To discuss improved engagement with Ōpua community and FNHL
8 Feb 23	Russell Business Association Meeting	Russell.
8 Feb 23	Te Tiriti o Waitangi and He Whakaputanga Workshop	Council Chambers Kaikohe
10 Feb 23	Zoom meeting with Tom Frost and Maromaku community members	Discuss opportunities to improve internet connectivity in Maromaku area.
10 Feb 23	Meeting with Kent Thwaites, community member	Would like to see a small skate ramp installed for community use. Very limited opportunities for youth.
12 Feb 23	Meeting with Fire Brigade members to go through Community Civil Defence response in absence of CD Group.	Russell Volunteer Fire Brigade
13-14 Feb	Community support in lieu of lack of a civil defence group	To meet with Bill Hutchinson in March to plan re-establishment of Civil Defence group.
15 Feb 23	Resilient Russell monthly meeting. Discussed	Discussed Refuse hui, upcoming public consultation for Waste Management Plan, and how they could approach to localism for council contracts.
28 Feb 23	Attended Russell Business Association meeting to discuss security cameras	Initial survey of community support to determine whether to proceed.
2 March 23	Meeting with Dan Cleaver, Ōpua Business Association	Discussion about Ōpua Business Association, their focus and role within the community. Focus is very much on Marina users, particularly offshore markets.

2 March 23	Meet with landowner to discuss issues of encroachment and confirm next steps	Landowner advised that boundary survey to be carried out and application would be required for a license to occupy with Council. Staff will take over process from here.
9 March 23	Russell Sports Club AGM and meeting.	Raised concerns that grant had not increased for decades but costs had increased significantly, particularly insurance and lawnmowing.
10 Mar 23	Akona training Te Tiriti o Waitangi	Online professional development LGNZ
11 Mar 23	Battle of Kororāreka Commemoration	Maiki Hill at dawn, followed by hui.
16 Mar 23	BOIW Community Board meeting	Turner Centre, Kerikeri
16 Mar 23	NTA meeting to discuss cycleway project	Overview of progress on cycleway project. Concerns expressed on ongoing renewal impacts.
20 Mar 23	Attended Russell Town Hall Committee meeting.	Follow up issue of guttering and repairs which has been outstanding since December.
21 Mar 23	Attended Bay of Islands speed limit hearings via Teams	Spoke in support of Community Board submission.
22 Mar 23	Meeting with Chris Galbraith, Far North Holdings for an update	Start of regular meetings as an attempt to get better engagement between FNHL and Ōpua community.
Feb	Created 19 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 22,770 ↑ 43.1% Visits 954 ↑ 17.3% Page Followers 708 New Likes 25 ↓ 37.5%	Most popular posts were Kerikeri SH10 detour, Vert Jam post, Cyclone update 15 Feb, postponement of Kanikatoa, Cyclone warning 12 Feb.
March	Created 20 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 24,891 ↑ 33.6% Visits 1,183 ↑ 70.5% Page Followers 747 New Likes 32 ↑ 88.2%	Most popular posts were Kerikeri SH10 detour plus other roading posts, Rural Travel Fund applications, Annual Plan consultation, Cyclone Gabrielle Mayoral Relief fund, Kai Ora fund

Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
No Civil Defence group in Russell Kororāreka.	Civil Defence Group not operational as volunteers had resigned. Been liaising with Bill Hutchinson and will carry out Tsunami test checking on 2 April. Have sent Community email out to gauge response in community members stepping up to get involved with Civil Defence, with a plan to hold a meeting in May. Good response to date.

Maromaku Roading	Community would like a more strategic approach to roading, which requires water tabling to address the longer-term issues. Needs to be included in AP and LTP. No progress.
Russell refuse and recycling	Simon Millichamp has introduced Ecosolutions and we are looking at education programmes in June or July for community to look at waste reduction. Have followed up concept of user pays service for boats with Resilient Russell but will need to chase up parties if we are to get any traction for next summer. WIP.
Ōpua Community relationship with Far North Holdings	Have established regular monthly meetings, first of which was had in March. Posted Community Facebook with update. Generally positive feedback and appreciation that this is work in progress. Have noted Puketiti is not part of these discussions. Also establishing bi-monthly meeting with FNHL Directors to keep lines of communications flowing.
Rawhiti road seal	This remains an issue. Having looked at the new proposed cycleway maps which include other unsealed roads nearby, we should include this stretch of road as promoting coastal cycling and creating economic opportunities.
Maromaku Toilet	Project has been reactivated.
Russell Sports Club	Need an increase in annual grant to help offset cost increases for club. The \$5,000 does not cover the mowing and insurance costs.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
(3987148) (3996575) 4032539	2020 2021	Encroachment on paper road at Okiato. Encroachment officer attended, License to Occupy being applied for by landowner. Being progressed by staff.
(4001004) 4139204	(11/02/20) 15/12/22	Car parking lines for parking outside Russell Tennis Court, presently unmarked. This has now been updated and works are currently scheduled to commence in April 2023. RFS Closed but will monitor it is completed.
4137946	6/12/22	Signage for Maromaku Hall, images to be added for website of Maromaku Hall.
(4125516) 4139501	(1/9/2022) 16/12/22	Ongoing issues on Matauwhi Bay Road with stormwater drainage due to tree roots lifting pavement and drain resulting in blockages and damage to footpath. Now a safety issue with path extremely muddy. Engineers have visited and agree to fix the problem
4139742	18/12/2022	Seal for Rawhiti Road (Council). This has been closed as it is not on the priority roads list. See above, it hasn't gone away.
4139843	20/12/2022	Reinstate the yellow lines on Long Beach Road to prevent parking at turning circle and by fig tree (road narrows).

4143747	25/1/23	Request for duck crossing sign due to high deaths of ducks on road. Requested quote for Council to install to compare with community installation (around \$150).
4144277	31/01/23	Culvert on Council Reserve by Medical centre is blocked with weeds causing flash flooding of carpark and ambulance station in heavy rain. It's an inter-agency fix as there are a number of things that are needed to be checked upon in relation to both Roothing and Waters assets but ultimate the culvert is choked with weeds and needs clearing.
4148332	28/2/23	Request for Council to actively monitor progress of government agencies (Heritage NZ, Police, OTS, Hapū) to discuss kiatiakiatanga of the old Customs House, former Police residence. Heritage New Zealand are creating a conservation plan and covenant over the property. Meeting held with Hapū to discuss disposal, Police are obliged to maintain the building until disposed however whether they fulfil their obligations remains to be seen.
4144216 Plus others	03/03/23	Drain on Florance Avenue has not been cleared properly despite multiple requests - cage was removed but none of the clay. The culvert going under the road is completely blocked and water ponds where the cage was once. All the stormwater runs down the overflow beside the road, crosses it at the beginning of driveway and has created a deep pothole on its way.
4149708 & 4151342	10/03/23	Potential new encroachment on Walls Bay Reserve in Ōpua with new building construction. RFS for track maintenance and general tidy up.
4150811	17/03/2023	Causeway to Russell Boat Club on Matauwhi Road (paper road section) needs repairs for safety reason. Will need legal, roading and engineers involved.

Other Issues

- Russell Sewerage scheme is non-compliant, e-coli present, with abatement notice from NRC.