

Member's Report

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Far North District Council Community Outcomes are as follows:

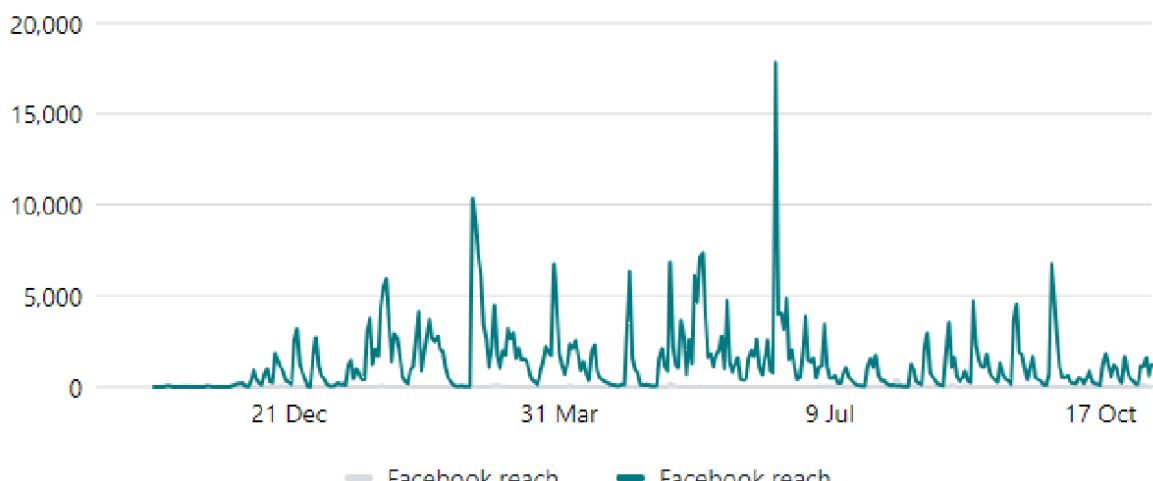
Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable	Connected and engaged communities prepared for the unexpected	Proud, vibrant communities	Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy	A wisely-managed and treasured environment that recognises the special role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki

Meetings Attended

Date	Priorit y	Meeting	Comments
11 Oct 23	#3, 5	Meeting with Roddy and Kimberly Phillips to discuss the history of Derrick Landing	Issues with site not being looked after
15 Oct 23	#2	Meeting with Helen Ough Dealy to review Community Emergency Response plan	Specifically, Kororāreka area
16 Oct 23	#2	Community Response Group hui, to review progress with Bill Hutchinson. Organised for FENZ to attend Russell Flower Show	Mike Chantaloup attended to discuss fire risks.
17 Oct 23	#1,2	Resilient Russell monthly meeting. Update on Community Response planning	Also advised of change of staff at FNDC
18 Oct 23	#1	Responded to resident's request for clarification around District Plan zoning	Click or tap here to enter text.
19 Oct 23	#1, 3	Monthly catch up with Support Officer to visit Maromaku, review roading issues, check out toilet site and new hall signage	Enjoyed school lunch with community members, thank you.
20 Oct 23	#3	Assisted member of Community apply for Christmas Parade funding application	Kororāreka has never applied before.
22 Oct 23	#3	Judging the Great Russell Bake off. 	Too much sugar!! 
24 Oct 23	#1, 3	Meeting with Deb Rewari, Kororāreka Marae to discuss Community Response Plan	Asked for manaaktanga support for response centres
24 Oct 23	#1, 3	Meeting with Russell Top 10 to discuss Community Response Plan	Asked for campground to remain a community centre

26 Oct 23	#1,2,3,4,5	Community Board meeting	The Turner Centre
27 Oct 23	#1,4,5	Met with Chris Galbraith to discuss plans for Russell Boat Ramp, carpark and to acknowledge the Kohatu and wahi tapu	Kororāreka
31 Oct 23	#2	Meeting with Maryanne Hooson to allocate actions for Community Response plan	Specifically Kororāreka area
2 Nov 23	#3,4,5	Meeting with FNDC Anna Wolterbeck and Jaye Michalick regarding Kororāreka Placemaking project.	Agree process and confirm governance group prospects.
2 Nov 23	#3,5	Follow up on Derrick Landing Te Tauranga Waka request for service with Suz Te Tai to discuss long term solution to look after whenua.	Unfortunately Roddy nor Erana Peita unable to attend. But Roddy and I working together.
2 Nov 23	#1,3	Attended Trouble in Paradise – Climate Change in the Pacific opening	Turner Centre, CB funded
5 Nov 23	#2	Door knocking to gather phone tree and explain Community Emergency Response	Matauwahi Road
10 October to 5 November	#1,2,3,4,5	Created 15 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 8,700 □ 52.8% Visits 483 □ 50.9% Page Followers 937 (□891) New Likes 4 □ There is a growing interest in Agendas and the community board meeting funding decisions.	Most popular posts were repairs on Coastal Walkway (2.6K) Community Board Agenda (2.2K) KOAST Trail (2K) Creative Communities Funding (2K) CB funding decisions (1.9K)

Below is the past 12 months, the peak being the Exotic Calupera seaweed post. Since taking over the Community Board page, we are steadily seeing improved engagement each month, particular with Agendas and Community board outcomes. Plenty of opportunity to grow, but it is proving another tool in the kete in terms of keeping the community informed, so thanks to the other CB members for sharing.



My 5 Top Projects

1	Community Emergency Response in Kororāreka Hapori Whanau Russell #1, 3	<p>We have had another get together of the group and are now working on phone trees for the various communities. Okiato, Te Wahapu, Kororāreka, Tapeka and Jacks Bay. Also confirmed a number of locations suitable for use as evacuation centres for differing events. Need to visit with Rawhiti community to make sure they are tracking as well. It is slow progress but we are far better prepared than we were in February when Cyclone Gabrielle came though.</p>
2	Ōpua to Paihia and Russell walkway / cycleway #3, 4	<p>There are a number of issues relating to the walkway. The major upgrades are now scheduled to start, but there is limited understanding from staff that people start to use the walkway not just between Ōpua and Paihia but that it is a circular loop for tourists. So signage needs to be around the full loop not just at Ōpua and Paihia. It is a 15km loop and if walkers get 7km in to find it is closed, it will not be good. Further issues are now that FNDC does not want the new section which crosses the sewage treatment plant to be used without a fence. But they can't build the fence until the new year. It is needed for summer. On top of this, the ancient pohutakawa tree just past Doug's boat yard has split and is falling down the cliff, much to the distress of the community. Fortunately the walk is closed at that location because of the existing slip. We are expecting the paper on the diversion via Walls Bay (rather than Beechy Street) at the November Board meeting.</p>
3	Summer refuse (litter) in Kororāreka #1, 3	<p>We have had a number of businesses do their Eco-star assessment thank you to CBEC, but we still have no progress on a plan for improved litter management 6 weeks out of summer. CBEC have come up with some recommendations, but with the departure of Graham Norton we need someone else to have a conversation on how to plan for improvements this summer. Key to this is some means to provide some degree of recycling in town and a solution to boats who are unable to access the rubbish barge.</p>
4	Russell Kororāreka Placemaking initiative #3, 4, 5	<p>This project has finally kicked off. First steps are to organise a governance group who represent the various sections of the community and ensure no one is unintentionally missed. This needs to be done before Christmas ideally although once we hit Christmas, we will need to regroup after February sometime. Council staff are finishing off their Placemaking Guidance and we have discussed potential facilitators with the idea that the community choses who to work with.</p>
5	Derrick Landing Te Tauranga Waka #3, 5	<p>Site of significance to local Hapū, particularly for Kaupapa waka. Roddy and I are working together on this one. Council has done two "beautification" projects at the community request in the past in 2000 and 2015, but this has not been followed through and the site is now a mess, used by boy racers for wheelies. Grass area is unmowable and the road is unsafe. Roddy working with local Hapū to understand their aspirations as long-term solution needs to be found.</p>

Other Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Maromaku Toilet #1, 3	Support Officer and I visited Maromaku to see the roading and toilet location for ourselves. We have also looked at the toilet itself and it would be good to get this installed. We would like to see the project progress and have suggested that they apply for 50% of the cost of installation under the placemaking project. Will continue with this
Russell Cemetery #1, 3, 5	There has been a delay in appointing a Cemetery Landscape designer but a follow up meeting is finally scheduled for 13 November to review the
Russell Boat ramp carpark #3, 4, 5	This project has been delayed while Far North Holdings get agreement from MBIE to include repairs to the boat ramp as part of the overall project as the boat ramp is in bad need of repair. It is full of potholes and trailers are getting stuck in them. Plans for the Wahi Tapu protection have been provided.
Russell Drainage #1, 2	It has been highlighted to Council staff that the area by the boat ramp car park needs to be done prior to the FNHL project getting underway.
Ōpua relationship with Far North Holdings #3	Chipping away at this with my monthly meetings. But there is still a major issue as far as the local community is concerned.
Maromaku and Matawai Roding #1, 2, 3	Both Roddy and I are concerned about the ad hoc approach to dealing with the roads in this area. Precious funds are being wasted with grading work clogging up the drainage water tables, water tables are done piecemeal with no apparent logic. We really want to see an assessment of the overall area with a plan to carry out work in an orderly and systematic fashion that the community can understand.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
(4125516) 4139501	(1/9/2022) 16/12/22	Matauwahi Bay Road drainage with stormwater drainage due to tree roots lifting pavement and drain resulting in blockages and damage to footpath. MORE SILT REMOVAL. NEEDS TO GO IN LTP.
4139843	20/12/2022	Reinstate the yellow lines on Long Beach Road to prevent parking at turning circle and by fig tree (road narrows). Yellow lines have been painted around town – these are not a new request, but THESE WERE NOT DONE.
4150811	17/03/2023	Causeway to Russell Boat Club on Matauwahi Road (paper road section) needs repairs for safety reason. Will need legal, roading and engineers involved. ENGINEERING DESIGN UNDERWAY.
4174834	11/04/2023	Boat hull on reserve on Te Hue. Encroachment officer waiting to arrange a site visit.

4127193, 4111164, 4118337	01/04/2022	Stormwater and drainage issues at Okiato. Ongoing for over a year now with Council stormwater from road flowing down over property. ENGINEERING DESIGN UNDERWAY.
4164477	28/06/2023	Tree fallen on boardwalk, concern road may be undermined. Still no resolution as NTA and Community Facilities need to work together. Needs to be resolved ASAP.
4169391	3/08/2023	Repairs to scouring caused by waterflows on road reserve at end of driveway which has created a significant pothole. RATEPAYER PAYING TO FIX ROAD RESERVE WITH CONCRETE.
4175408	15/09/2023	Stormwater and drainage issues from Long Beach Road onto Duffus Estate land, longstanding and not resolved.
4178870	16/10/2023	Drainage problems leading down to Walls Bay Reserve. Flume needs to be replaced and kerbing and road drainage needs to be fixed.
4179412	20/10/2023	Subsidence and slip on Towai Road. Is apparently being addressed and will be fixed in December some time.

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