

Member's Report

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Date: 29 November – 25 January 2024 (2 months)

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	Priority	Meeting	Comments
30 Nov 23	#1,3	Meeting with Anouk van Douzel re waste minimisation	Discussion on EcoStar progress and summer project
4 Dec 23	#1,3	Meeting with Hones to discuss recycling bins going to dump.	Offer to take recycling bin contents to dump.
5 Dec 23	#1,2	Discussion re Donkey Bay as a potential use for emergency response.	Suitable for small scall evacuation ex Long Beach.
10 Dec 23	#1,3	Planning for Pop-up Recycling Centre over summer with Resilient Rusell	In response to the annual Rubbish woes.
11 Dec 23	#3,5	Meeting with landscape designers and contractors for Russell Urupā Cemetery.	Land is cleared, contours and soil to feed in to design.
13 Dec 23	#1,2,3,4,5	National Community Board hui CBEC/LGNZ	Turner Centre
14 Dec 23	#1,2,3,4,5	Monthly Community Board meeting	Turner Centre
15 Dec 23	#1,3	Finalising plans for Pop-up Recycling Centre over summer with Resilient Rusell	In response to the annual Rubbish woes.
22 Dec 23	#4	Responded to complaints from local restaurants about Mobile Hawker on Strand	Mobile license for food stall issued for Wharf and Strand
26 Dec 23	#1,3	Help stand up Pop-up Recycling & Refuse centre for summer	On Russell Wharf
14 Jan 24	#1,3	Help pack down Pop-up Recycling & Refuse centre	On Russell Wharf

18 Jan 24	#3,5	Meeting with landscape designers and contractors for Russell Urupā Cemetery.	Land is cleared, contours and soil depth now known.
22 Jan 24	#3,4,5	Meeting with Russell Kororāreka Wharf Trust chair to discuss Trustee refresh	5 year term nearly complete. New Trustees will be needed.
25 Jan 24	#3,4,5	Draft Placemaking Plan Process review	Teams meeting with other CB members.
6 Dec to 22 Jan	#1,2,3,4,5	Limited activity over summer break. Created 14 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 16,425 ↓ 30% Visits 750 ↓ 53.6% Page Followers 982 (↑956) New Likes 7 ↑	Most popular posts were Caluerpa reminder post (7K) Turner Centre concert Rueben Ramkea piece (5.3K) Refuse in Russell Kororāreka (2.9K) Summer Library programmes (2.3K) Council summer hours (1.7K)

My 5 Top Projects

1	Summer refuse (litter) in Kororāreka #1, 3	This initiative exceeded expectations with positive feedback from boaties and locals alike. A great example of teamwork and cooperation. Streets were clean and tidy (see full report).
2	Russell Kororāreka Placemaking initiative #3, 4, 5	Council staff are unavailable for the first meeting so the Governance Group will get together and review the project to date and put their minds to who we may wish to work with as well the impact of coastal erosion on the project.
3	Community Emergency Response in Kororāreka Hapori Whanau Russell #1, 3	This needs to be picked up again after the New Year and progressed. In particular, outlying areas on the back road need to be contacted again.
4	Ōpua to Paihia and Russell walkway / cycleway #3, 4	Council decided to leave the tree where it was but omitted to communicate their plans to the community board member. Lack of engagement from Council staff was unhelpful to say the least. Information on the boardwalk upgrades totally lacking.
5	Derrick Landing Te Tauranga Waka #3, 5	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 but commitments made have not been followed through. 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. Hope to have a hui in February. Waiting for visit from facilities team to check out area.

Other Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Parking in Russell over summer #3,4	This is another perennial problem, exacerbated by trailers using the boat ramp. Again this is a short term issue and needs some creative thinking for a temporary solution rather than significant ratepayer funded infrastructure.
Maromaku Toilet #1, 3	Community will apply for funding of 50% of the installation costs to the Community Board under the Placemaking fund. Asset will be retained by the community.
Russell Urupā (Cemetery) #1, 3, 5	A site visit has taken place to discuss landscape plans now the land has been cleared and contours understood.
Russell Boat ramp carpark #3, 4, 5	MBIE have agreed to include repairs to the boat ramp as part of the overall project which will be good news for the boaties as it is a bad state of repair right now. Plans for the Wahi Tapu protection have been provided. The work won't start until March at the earliest due to the delays.
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. Still receiving complaints relating to drainage, even during summer.
Maromaku and Matawai Roothing #1, 2, 3	Both Roddy and I are concerned about the ad hoc approach to dealing with the roads in this area. We 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 COMPLETED.
4174834	11/04/2023	Boat hull on reserve on Te Hue. Encroachment officer waiting to arrange a site visit. THIS IS ON HOLD FOR SOME REASON.
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 COMPLETED. SUBMITTED TO NTA FOR FUNDING.

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. Awaiting site visit
4179412	20/10/2023	Subsidence and slip on Towai Road. Is apparently being addressed and will be fixed in December some time.
4189665	22/01/2024	Flax plants on bend at Long Beach Road obstructing the road making the corner very dangerous for traffic, particularly with large vehicles.
4190086	24/01/2024	Moth plant growing by Council public toilets on Long Beach. One of many outbreaks of moth plant on road reserves.

Other issues

A mobile license (MOBILE-1) was issued to a food vendor to sell food on the Wharf in Paihia and Russell and the Strand. This is right opposite two restaurants, and round the corner from two others. I received a number of complaints from the restaurant owners. Council should not have issued a Mobile license within 400 metres of other businesses selling similar goods or services, and curiously they do not have jurisdiction over the wharf (FNHL and the Wharf Trust). I would like to know how this happened.