

# Member's Report

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Subdivision: Kaikohe – South Hokianga

Date: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
March 10	Ratepayer Assn	
March 11	Community Board	

## Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
<u>Community Beach Access -explained</u>	<p>Community Stairs to the beach opposite the Lighthouse Motel, Opononi. License to Occupy Reserve submitted.</p> <p>Funded by Hokianga RSA Welfare Fund, Opononi District Lions, Opononi Hall Committee and an anonymous donor. Labor donated by ToeJoe and crew, with Dious at ITM generous with their support</p>

## Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4286772 & 4287166		<p>Arai te Uru – as a major tourist attraction in Hokianga, it is the request of the community that the walkway – running trail from Opononi-Omapere-Signal Station Road to Arai te Uri should be maintained at least four times a year, with a major cleanup having been undertaken by the community. FNDC, after repeated requests and media coverage, reopened the path at around 200-240 SH12. This made it safe so children and the elderly no longer needed to go out on to the road, and be at risk.</p>

		A request has been submitted for new signage that is needed, showing the complete trail to Arai te Uru. FNDC staff have advised the original signs were a joint venture with Sport Northland and indicated they are liaising with Sport Northland to develop updated signage, including a map and potentially other features.
REQ-75733	Security Cameras	Funding is not currently allocated for this item at Arai te Uru due to budget restrictions. further information on the full CCTV programme and funding would be helpful.

### **Other Issues**

I have requested an Ombudsman review regarding access to the FNDC new roading contract commencing July 2026. The contract has not been provided following the request, which was declined. The purpose of seeking the contract is to understand the specified footpath and weed control services, including frequency, in order to inform community understanding of service levels.

This has been discussed with Transportation Business Manager during our roading site visit in February where he also provided information about the contract arrangement.

It is encouraging to see staff within FNDC taking proactive steps to support the equitable allocation of council resources to **Hokianga**. Advocacy from within the organisation can make a meaningful difference in ensuring funding and services reflect current community need.

### **Pride of Place Funding**

I am very concerned that the application for two shade sails in Opononi was not able to be included due to internal timing/process issues. Clarification on what occurred and how this will be prevented in future would be appreciated. I believe this could impact community confidence and expectations around process and timeliness.

Other applications were progressed at the meeting, and future applications encouraged. I am concerned about the delay for this application potentially detrimentally affecting when it can be considered and the level of funding available at that point in the round. I raised these concerns during the meeting.