

Opua Esplanade Reserve 2019 Consultation

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ID	OER19/1
First Name	Angelika
Surname	Kyriak
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I seek amendments to the proposed name
<p>My submission is: There is no spring on the reserve and according to information from informed sources, the "spring" referenced by the proposers of the name is located elsewhere in Opua. It would be a matter of respect, if, for once, this history of Walls Bay were recorded on the basis of facts. However, it does not particularly matter to me if the reserve is named "Waipua" as long as the name "Walls Bay" is also acknowledge. Perhaps: Waipua Reserve at Walls Bay."</p>	
<p>The reasons for my submission are: Those who honour the reserve would do well to acknowledge each other's view and show mutual respect.</p>	
<p>The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Name and signpost the reserve as: Waipuna Reserve at Walls Bay, or Waipuna Reserve (Walls Bay)</p>	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/2
First Name	Don
Surname	Jansen
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: This is to advise of my complete agreement in the naming of the reserve on Richardson Street Opua as the Waipuna Reserve .	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/3
First Name	Richard & Ann
Surname	Green
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: That the proposed name of Waipuna be adopted as the legal name for the reserve	
The reasons for my submission are: Waipuna is the original name of the bay where the reserve is located. Presumably that name predates European settlement in the area and hence it should become the formal name	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: That the proposed name of Waipuna be adopted as the legal name for the reserve	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/4
First Name	Myra
Surname	Larcombe
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
<p>My submission is: The reserve should remain Walls Bay Esplanade Reserve as per the notice placed by the FNDC by removed illegally. The next bay north is Lemon's Bay - does Council intend altering that as well? This process is a waste of ratepayers money. The people instigating this should be liable for costs, not ratepayers.</p>	
<p>The reasons for my submission are: Walls Bay has never been known as Waipuna. Waipuna is an open spring up the gully from Baffin St. An underground spring at the junction of Belcher/Richardson St fed into a stream that ran down the North side of Wall's Bay to the sea. Now destroyed by the present boat yard owner. Information recorded by the late Riri Maihi Kawiti states: Whe, the oldest son of Hieamaru, lived at Opua and mentions the head of an enemy warrior being thrown into the spring named Waipuna. This can only refer to the spring in the valley on the Southern side of Puketiti. If you view the two springs, it is obvious. FNDC states that Ngati Manu are Kaitiaki of this land. I disagree. Please refer original deed of sale 17 January 1831. Ngati Manu did not have title to land on the Opua side of the Kawakawa River (OLC658-689). Riri Maihi Kawiti's diary records that Ngati Hine have Tribal and Territorial interests in Opua Lands. The background provided by Andy Finch and Kathryn Trewin is incorrect.</p>	
<p>The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Retain the name Wall's Bay Esplanade Reserve. I have already supplied FNDC with the recreational value that resulted in the OPUA CWI building changing sheds and toilet across the bridge opposite the Opua Hall to benefit the number of families coming by train to enjoy picnics and swimming, especially at Wall's Bay.</p>	
Additional Supporting Information	Attached

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1 Do you support the proposed name of Waipuna Reserve?

I (please tick one box): Support Oppose Seek amendments to the proposed name of the esplanade reserve

My submission is:

The Reserve should remain Walls Bay Esplanade Reserve as per the notice placed by the FNDC but removed illegally. The next bay north is Lemon's Bay - does Council intend altering that as well? This process is a waste of ratepayers money. The people instigating this should be liable for costs. Not ratepayers.

My reasons are: (giving reasons for your view helps us better understand your submission and what you are seeking)

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The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: (this helps the Community Board make sure that the issues you raise can be addressed accurately)

Retain the name Walls Bay Esplanade Reserve. I have already supplied FNDC with the recreational value that resulted in the Opua CWI building changing sheds and toilet across the bridge opposite the Opua Hall, to benefit the number of families coming by train to enjoy picnics & swimming - especially at Walls Bay.

If you need more space, please feel free to write on extra pages. If you have extra information you would like the Community Board to consider, please attach it to your submission or email it to submissions@fndc.govt.nz



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proposed naming of the Opua esplanade reserve

my reasons continued :-

Information recorded by the late Riri Maihi Kawiti states :- Whe, the eldest son of Hineamaru, lived at Opua and mentions the head of an enemy warrior being thrown into the spring named Waipuna. This can only refer to the spring in the valley on the southern side of Puketiti. If you view the two springs - it is obvious.

FNDC states that Ngati Manu are Kaitiaki of this land. I disagree. Please refer original deed of sale 17 January 1831. Ngati Manu did not have title to land on the Opua side of the Kawakawa River. OLC 658-689

Riri Maihi Kawiti's diary records that Ngati Hine have Tribal and Territorial interests in Opua Lands.

The background i) supplied by Andy Finch and and Kathryn Trewin is incorrect.

Walls Bay re-naming. My Submission is :-.

The name "Wall's Bay esplanade reserve" was perfectly acceptable to Council as per the Walls Bay Management plan 2012 although the background history was altered illegally by some-one in the FNDC in 2014 - despite repeated requests for information on this act no-one at the FNDC has replied. A notice placed by the FNDC but removed illegally by the boatyard also claimed this bay to be "Walls Bay Esplanade Reserve". No action was taken by Council to rectify this. The next bay north is Lemon's bay – does Council intend altering that as well? This process is a waste of Ratepayer money. The reason for altering the name to Waipuna is based on totally false information. I have already forwarded the history of Opuā and area to the FNDC, Councilors and Community Board members and cannot understand why this process is continuing. The people instigating this should be liable for costs – not ratepayers.

My reasons are:- Walls Bay has never been known as Waipuna. Waipuna is an open spring in the gully up from Baffin Street. An **underground** spring at the junction of Belcher/Richardson St's, fed into a stream that ran down the north side of Walls Bay - now destroyed by the present boatyard owner.

Information recorded by the late Riri Maihi Kawiti states :- Whe, the eldest son of Hineamaru, lived at Opuā and mentions the head of an enemy warrior being thrown into the spring named Waipuna. This can only refer to the spring in the valley on the southern side of Puketiti. If you view the two springs –this is obvious. FNDC states that Ngati Manu are kaitiaki of this land. I disagree. Please refer original deed of sale 17 January 1831. Ngati Manu did not have title to land on the Opuā side of the Kawakawa River. (OLC 658-689.) Riri Maihi Kawiti's dairy records that Ngati Hine has dominant tribal and territorial interest in Opuā lands. Why has the history I forwarded been ignored?

Background. 1) supplied by Andy Finch and Kathryn Trewin is incorrect and based on false information.

Back in 1994 the FNDC permitted the sale of reserve land above Beechey Street that had been developed into an attractive reserve despite strong protest from the public. The last coastal reserve left in Opuā. Now is the time to preserve in it's entirety the whole of the Esplanade Reserve in Walls Bay.

I have already supplied FNDC with the recreational value that resulted in the Opuā CWI building changing sheds and toilet across the bridge opposite the Opuā Hall to benefit the number of families coming by train to enjoy picnics and swimming – especially at Walls Bay.

The decision I wish the Community Board to make is:-

Acknowledge the wrongs of FNDC and name the Bay "Opuā Esplanade Reserve" and place a notice in a prominent position accordingly.

Myra Larcombe.

29/8/2019.

ID	OER19/5
First Name	David
Surname	Thompson
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/6
First Name	Douglas
Surname	Schmuck
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I seek amendments to the proposed name
My submission is: Hopua	
The reasons for my submission are: Very appropriate in connection with the water body in the area.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: This decision is directly connected with a review of the RMP.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/7
First Name	Dr Brian
Surname	Hepburn
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/8
First Name	Gail
Surname	Thompson
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/9
First Name	Gillian
Surname	Simpson
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/10
First Name	Tom
Surname	Nankivell
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/11
First Name	Colleen
Surname	Nankivell
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/12
First Name	Joan
Surname	Hepburn
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: No response provided	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/13
First Name	Anonymous
Surname	Submitter
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: I don't know enough about the motive to call it Waipuna. I'm not really against it being called Waipuna but I think it has always been known as Walls Bay so why not just make that the official name. Thank you.	
The reasons for my submission are: As above	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Call it Walls Bay, or explain why it should be changed. There needs to be a strong reason/significance to change it to Waipuna.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/14
First Name	Wayne
Surname	Taylor
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: That it should be named Richardson street reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: To have it named Richardson Street Reserve would stop any confusion as to where it is situated.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/15
First Name	Robyn
Surname	George
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: That the reserve should not be named Waipuna Reserve	
The reasons for my submission are: 1) As a permanent resident of Richardson St and neighbour of the reserve I have a genuin interest in the name. My family and I use the reserve many times a week. 2) I have not been able to determine any definition of the proposed name Waipuna that relates directly to the reserve area. Nor does it appear to have any tribal connection to, or reflect any history of the area, unlike the name it is commonly referred to, Walls Bay Reserve. 3) Other Hapu are proposing alternative names and these should be given consideration	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: I support the naming of the reserve as the Opua Esplanade Reserve. The reserve is a natural extension of the Opua Basin, and it is logical to name it accordingly. This also will make it easily recognisable and locatable to both visitors and locals.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/16
First Name	Darren
Surname	Crawford
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: I support the bay to be named it's or name Waipuna as per lwi wishes	
The reasons for my submission are: Because it's the respectful and accurate thing to do	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: To name the bay Waipuna	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/17
First Name	Kevin & Jan
Surname	Burnell
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: We submit that the esplanade reserve on Richardson St, Opua should be named Waipuna Reserve in keeping with appropriate historical and cultural references and context.	
The reasons for my submission are: We submit that the esplanade reserve on Richardson St, Opua should be named Waipuna Reserve in keeping with appropriate historical and cultural references and context. Our reasons are as follows: the local Ngati Manu people have recommended the name Waipuna Reserve. There is no more significant cultural or historical reason to give the reserve any other name and therefore we fully support the recommendation.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: the decision we wish the Community Board and Council to make is "THAT the esplanade reserve located on Richardson Street Opua be formally named Waipuna Reserve".	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/18
First Name	Jillian
Surname	Kearney
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I seek amendments to the proposed name
My submission is: OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE would be my preferred suggestion for the legal name of this reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: With regard to the proposed name: I understand there is disagreement among iwi connected with this area over this, and a strong argument that WAIPUNA relates to a different area entirely. Ngati Manu are given as the sole source for the proposal, being described as kaitiaki for this land - but I am told they are not listed on the 1831 sale agreement relating to it, which at the very least suggests the testimony of those iwi who are on the agreement should be taken into account if future objections are not to arise. As the name is associated with a specific incident in Maori history, it would be an embarrassing blunder all round to incorrectly attribute the name to the wrong area. Other objections are: there is no longer a spring in this area; the name is not unique, there being other WAIPUNAs; and the name is unfamiliar to most locals, even those who have lived here the longest. It is one thing for a new name to be seen as an imposition, but for it to be an unjustifiable or controversial one serves nobody's interests. The name OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE by contrast incontrovertibly applies to the reserve, would be familiar to all, and would have the additional benefit of instantly drawing attention to the recreational assets of the local area. While it is impossible for me to comment on what all those with mana whenua might prefer more specifically (that information being not yet available on this page), I would consider the more general name OPUA likely to be popular with Maori and non-Maori alike. It is familiar, historically resonant in both English and Te Reo, and ensures continuity in a small but proud community. For these reasons, I support the reserve being officially named the OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: TO RENAME THE RESERVE THE "OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE" (provided this accords with all those exercising mana whenua)	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/19
First Name	Dell
Surname	Coyte
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: Do not think "Waipuna" is appropriate. I think it should be called Opua Esplanade Reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: Many locals are unaware that this is a PUBLIC RESERVE. Needs good signage, picnic table and seats, so that the locals feel free to use it and not be intimidated by the person(s) using the boat yard - thinking it is private property - which it is not!	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Get the reserve named and make it very clear it is a public reserve - NOT a private property.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/20
First Name	Anthony
Surname	Atkinson
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: Waipuna is incorrect. Most definitely the wrong choice. The esplanade reserve at Walls Bay should be named and a sign be promptly erected indicated the Opua Esplanade Reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: I am seeing an end to this ill-thought process, which has only been initiated by the promptings of a selfish, malign person in Opua who wants to have exclusive use of the esplanade.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Name the esplanade reserve at Walls Bay Opua Esplanade Reserve.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/21
First Name	Douglas
Surname	Dysart
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
<p>My submission is: The proposed name by Ngati Manu indicates along with that of many other submitters they do not understand the history of this area. Waipuna relates to a swamp several kilometres away alongside the Industrial Estate. Their participation is unjustified, questionable and misleading, having never owned the land. I propose the name OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE</p>	
<p>The reasons for my submission are: Opua Esplanade Reserve :- 1- Provides a Maori identity and should satisfy the requirements of WAI 49. 2- It relates to a specific locality in NZ. 3- It identifies with enabling the public to enjoy recreational use of the esplanade reserve and the adjacent sea. 4- It identifies conservation values. 5- It is not controversial.</p>	
<p>The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Inform the public immediately it is a reserve by erecting a temporary generic RESERVE sign until a formal OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE one is in place. This needs to be in place before summer. Demand that the Boatyard sign is taken off the reserve immediately and erected within its own boundary. FNDC administration needs to be held accountable and stopped from wasting ratepayers money any further. This started off as the frivolous whim of a resentful, disgruntled person. Management failed to deal positively and responsibly with the knowledge on hand and with proof that there was a connection between the boatyard and the removal of the previous reserve sign.</p>	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/22
First Name	Mike
Surname	Rashbrooke
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: Either Hopua Esplanade Reserve or Opua Esplanade Reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: Waipuna is the name of the area on the Kawakawa River, now behind the Marine Industrial Estate. Any European name, like Stewarts, Walls, Leeds, Tubini or Schmuck reserve would not be suitable or appropriate.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: I have attached copies of letters to the Northland Age and a brief history of Walls Bay from Myra Larcombe, QSO.	
Additional Supporting Information	Attached

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1 Do you support the proposed name of Waipuna Reserve?

I (please tick one box): Support Oppose Seek amendments to the proposed name of the esplanade reserve

My submission is:

EITHER 'HOPUNA ESPLANADE RESERVE'
OR 'OPUA ESPLANADE RESERVE'

My reasons are: (giving reasons for your view helps us better understand your submission and what you are seeking)

'WAIPUNA' IS THE NAME OF THE AREA ON THE KAWAKAWA RIVER NOW BEHIND THE MARINE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. ANY EUROPEAN NAME LIKE STEWART'S, WALLS, LEEDS, TUBINI OR 'SCHMUCK' RESERVE WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE OR APPROPRIATE. THE PRESENT BOATYARD

The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: (this helps the Community Board make sure that the issues you raise can be addressed accurately)

AS ABOVE AND AS ATTACHED COPIES OF LETTERS TO NORTHLAND AGE AND A BRIEF HISTORY OF WALLS BAY FROM MYRA LARCOMBE, QSO.

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Boi - Waipuna Reserve C. 3
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The Editor,
The Northland Age,
P.O. Box 45,
Kaitiaki.

Dear Sir,

To my observation the workings of local democracy in the Far North can appear sometimes to be quite simple and straightforward while in fact being complex, mysterious, murky and ironically amusing.

Such is the current Council proposal to change the name 'Walls Bay Reserve' at Opuia to 'Waipuna Reserve'. This first arose in 2014 after the new 'Walls Bay Reserve' sign had been defaced then stolen in late 2013. As has been raised in these columns, documents have since come to light indicating that the vandal/thief objected to the name 'Walls Bay' and later returned the stolen sign to Council on the basis that they would re-name the bay. It turns out that FNDC can't do that on its own, but it can apparently name a reserve which hasn't been 'formally' named, as is said to be the case, despite 'Walls Bay Reserve' being the title or description for decades on Council documents going all the way to the Supreme Court in June this year. Given the stated motivation of the thief, being their antipathy to the name 'Walls Bay', the irony in this latest proposal is that it would be described as 'Waipuna Reserve at Walls Bay'.

There are clearly some issues regarding this means of achieving one's aims, and with Council apparently accepting the tactic. They have refused innumerable community requests over five years to re-erect the original sign, giving as a basis the need to "wait until the reserve has been formally named", but then delaying to do so until now.

While the proposed new name may be regarded as an improvement, I suggest the most suitable name would reveal itself from some fairly straightforward research. The Waitangi Tribunal will soon make its Report on WAI 49 lodged by the late Sir James Henare. This major claim includes as sought redress the reinstatement of the historical Maori names for the bays and beaches in this area. I am informed that these are listed with WAI 49. In 2014 Sir James' son, the late Erima Henare, was asked for the historic name of Walls Bay and indicated 'Hopua' – 'a place of shelter'. The Waitangi process has progressed and I have to question the intelligence of the CB being directed now to spend an estimated \$1000 to arrive at a new name which may require to be changed again within a year or three. Why not locate the WAI 49 name or simply re-instate the original reserve sign immediately while awaiting the outcome of the Tribunal Process? That is the question.

'Waipuna' ('spring water') was reliably the name of the land at the edge of the former lagoon near Ashby's/FNH's boatyard on the Kawakawa River, where an unusually voluminous artesian spring still exists. A considerably smaller one at Walls Bay used to feed a small stream running down the reserve which was used by the public for a number of purposes, but this was diverted and filled-in by the owner of the neighbouring boatyard in November 2012.

Kind Regards, Mike Rashbrooke.

Boi - Wairakau C.B

OER19/22

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Walls Bay. History.

The title deed of lands purchased by the Church Mission Society on 17th January 1831 shows the boundaries and names of Chiefs who were the sellers and identifies the parcels of land. Total area estimated as "about 7 or 800 acres". (Appendix (ii) OLC File 658-689.) The Chiefs listed are :- Tohi Tapu, Hauhau, Wakaria, Wairakau, Pumuka, Te Ngaue, Te Iri, Te Waikoraka, Hamu, Hiamoe, Pukututu, Watonga, Hoia. The block of land that concerns the Whangae /Opua/Awahapa area is situated in claim 667 and referred to as Pungorungoru.

Since 1842 there have been numerous land claims submitted but all were disallowed as the original purchase was deemed to be bone fide and the Native title extinguished. (NZ Gazette 1859 page 261. Appendix v111 (a))

Puketiti was the headland at the end of a peninsular jutting out into the confluence of the Kawakawa and Waikare rivers. It was a vantage point - not a living Pa site. The contour of the coast allowed foot traffic between Ake Ake and Te Raupo to Puketiti but the difficult terrain north towards Awahapa and Haumi, did not.

Land now known as Opua was virtually a "No man's land" until a railway to deep water at One Tree Point was proposed and a wharf built in 1881. When the railway was established and passenger and goods trains ran, people from "inland" i.e. Kawakawa, Moerewa, Otiria would travel to Opua for a day's outing to the beach. What became known as Walls Bay became very popular for picnics and swimming groups. When owned by the Walls family, the flat area beside the cottage was kept mown and became an excellent picnic spot. The Stewart family were previous owners. They had a launch and as was common in those days erected a boatshed on the foreshore with a slip way. As children we all knew that the land was reserve and were allowed on it but were informed in no uncertain terms that nothing belonging to the owner was to be touched! An **underground** spring at the head of the gully formed a stream that ran down the northern side of the bay. Opua school children would walk round the point to Walls Bay for class swims. The beach did not run out to mud as did the main beach so we could swim at any stage of the tide. The stream was excellent for washing the salt out of our hair before returning to school. Flat land was a bonus in Opua so the small reserve was used extensively for recreation. Picnic parties coming by rail became so numerous the Opua Country Women's Institute built change sheds with toilets in 1936 on a flat area across the bridge opposite the Opua Hall.

Mr. Rae Hone Tane, a direct descendant of Pumuka, Chief of the Pa at Te Raupo, provided me with a copious amount of history of the Bay.

Walls Bay has never been known as Waipuna. WAIPUNA refers to an **open spring** in the valley on the Kawakawa side of the Opua peninsular. The underground spring at Walls Bay is at the head of the gully and issues forming a stream down the northern side of the bay. (This stream has since been destroyed by the present owner of the Boatyard).

Pomare, Chief of Ngati Manu did not own any of the land purchased by the CMS therefore Ngati Manu iwi cannot claim kaitiaki over Walls Bay. (Refer original sale document 17 January 1831).

Myra Larcombe,

5/8/2019

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The Editor,
The Northland Age,
P.O. Box 45,
Kaitaia.

02-10-18

Dear Sir,

Some observations about your article, 'The Opuia boatyard battle goes on', 2nd October:

The first is that 'the battle' has never been about the 'boatyard'. It is about our reserve. The boatyard has long had all the consents it requires to function on its own land, as it did under the previous owners from 1974. The present owner is the first to assert claims to the adjoining public land, including by means of 'adverse possession', a tenuous legal stratagem to be compared with a child's claim of 'finder's keepers'. By that measure any individual could lay claim to any of the nation's public reserves as free real estate.

The second is that the article is an improvement on that earlier printed in the Advocate and Herald insofar as it lays some initial emphasis on the fact that the challenged and quashed 'easements' were 'granted', not directly by DoC or the Minister of Conservation, but in fact by FNDC acting under a Ministerial Delegation. However, that was in 2015 whereas your article states it was "in 2006". The FNDC in 2006 made a recommendation for the grant of 'easements' to DoC, and, in 2007, the DoC decision declined some of the FNDC proposals as did the Court of Appeal in July this year for much the same reasons. DoC had previously made the same decision in 2000 and did so subsequently in 2013. This is because the boatyard owner refused to allow the registration of the granted easements and has kept applying for extra private rights over public reserve, again, and again, and again. These were the extra private rights that were the downfall of the FNDC's grant of purported 'easements' in 2015. By the boatyard owner's own estimates, his applications and Court proceedings have cost the District's ratepayers and the Country's taxpayers approx \$1.5M to date. Mayor Carter publicly claimed these rising costs to be a basis for giving this serial applicant what he wants.

The third observation is that Opuia Coastal Preservation Inc (OCP) has not, as reported, "... been fighting Mr Schmuck since before the FNDC granted easements in 2006..." OCP was formed in December 2014 after the FNDC had decided it has jurisdiction as "landowner" to just 'grant' these private rights over reserve. OCP put this FNDC "permission", and their subsequent grant of 'easements' in 2015, before the Courts in order to uphold the integrity of the Reserves Act and protect reserves on behalf of all New Zealanders. Both FNDC decisions have now been quashed by the Courts.

The given basis for these serial applications has been that the boatyard 'needed' these private uses of the public land in order to maintain its economic viability. An illuminating development occurred in March 2017, when, after the High Court had upheld the now-quashed 'easements', the boatyard owner removed all four slipway rail spurs from the private boatyard site. He later declared, in an application to establish a private marina in Walls Bay, that he had "decommissioned" this infrastructure on his own land. He was evidently preparing to conduct his business activities solely on Walls Bay reserve when OCP took the matter further to the Court of Appeal.

Kind Regards, Mike Rashbrooke.

ID	OER19/23
First Name	David
Surname	Taylor
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: To keep the reserve name as Walls	
The reasons for my submission are: Respect the history and family the park is named after. In my view it is not a good enough reason to change the name by a few locals who think it's fashionable.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: The decision I wish the Community Board to make is to retain the current name.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/24
First Name	Kathryn
Surname	Taylor
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: I fully support the proposed restorative name of Waipuna Reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: Historically it is the correct name. When a place has had an event and is subsequently called a name in respect of that event it needs to be upheld. (To me, this is applicable when no other previous name was in place). From the history you state, the place was named Waipuna from such an event. To my mind, it is simply the rightful course of action. I am aware that there was probably no Reserve in the name, but the Reserve status is a current definition of an area that is recognised by Ngati Manu. All good!	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: The decision I wish the Community Board to make is to honour the name "Waipuna Reserve" and for it to stand alone.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/25
First Name	Henry
Surname	Nissen
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: That further research of the name "Waipuna" needs to be undertaken before a naming of the esplanade reserve is considered. I would consider supporting a name such as "Opua Esplanade Reserve" which in fact is what this reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: Having a clear understanding of the past history of this esplanade reserve and the constant degradation of same over many years I think it is imperative that the reserve has a sign explaining that it is in fact an esplanade reserve and not an area of neglected land and that it might be part of the adjoining boat yard. Carefully consider whether a change from "Wall's Bay" is warranted - I think not - save the ratepayers some of their hard earned money.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/26
First Name	William
Surname	Kearney
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I oppose the proposed name
My submission is: I agree whole-heartedly with the submission of Mr. Dysart (submission OER19/21), and with all of his reasons, that the legal name of the Reserve should be Opua Esplanade Reserve. There is some reason, as yet unknown, for the approach articulated by Myra Larcombe - that the name "Waipuna" is wholly wrong and relates to a different spring, that Ngati Manu were not the kaitaki of this land - not being awarded any consideration. I specifically accept and endorse the history of Myra Larcombe, as set out in her submission (OER19/4). I would wish to add to my letter, Myra Larcombe's letter showing the history of the Reserve, sent as an attachment to her email to you. I support that, entirely.	
The reasons for my submission are: No response provided	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: No response provided	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/27
First Name	Terence
Surname	Bennett
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: A good name for a local reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: Like the Maori name.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Name this reserve Waipuna Reserve, meaning Spring of Water.	
Additional Supporting Information	No

ID	OER19/28
First Name	Margaret
Surname	Bennett
Do you support the name proposed (Waipuna) for the esplanade reserve located in Richardson Street, Opua?	I support the proposed name
My submission is: to name this reserve Waipuna Reserve.	
The reasons for my submission are: I believe a Maori name "spring of water" to be culturally sensitive and very appropriate for the reserve.	
The decision I wish the Community Board to make is: Name reserve Waipuna Reserve	
Additional Supporting Information	No