

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
Member Name: Rachel Smith
Subdivision: Kerikeri
Date: April 2019 - August 2019

Meetings

08 May 2019	Kerikeri Domain RMP workshop (Kerikeri)
20 May 2019	BOI - Whangaroa Community Board meeting (Russell)
29 May 2019	Combined Community Board workshop (Council Chambers, Kaikohe)
11 May 2019	Cherry Park House committee meeting (CPH, Kerikeri)
13 May 2019	Te Ao Māori workshop (Kohewhata Marae, Kaikohe)
13 May 2019	Far North Youth Council meeting (Kaikohe)
17 June 2019	Community member meeting re Sports Needs for Kerikeri (Kerikeri)
17 June 2019	Meeting with FNDC officer re targeted rates and BIDs (JBC, Kerikeri)
18 June 2019	Cherry Park House AGM (CPH, Kerikeri)
19 June 2019	Carbon Neutral Kerikeri re Climate adaption (Kerikeri)
19 June 2019	Healthy Families re connectivity and community challenges, public spaces etc (Kaeo)
20 June 2019	Landing Road footpath site visit (Kerikeri)
27 June 2019	Council meeting re Kerikeri Domain RMP (Kaitaia)
1 July 2019	BOI - Whangaroa Community Board meeting (Kaeo)
2 July 2019	CPH committee meeting (CPH, Kerikeri)
4 July 2019	Kerikeri Sports Needs (Field sports) workshop (Kaikohe)
7 July 2019	LGNZ conference (Wellington)
26 July 2019	BOI Marina Playground project (FNHL offices, Opuā)
31 July 2019	Community Board Executive Committee Meeting (LGNZ, Wellington)
07 August 2019	Opening of Kerikeri Primary School/Wiroa Stream track (KKPS, Kerikeri)
12 August 2019	BOI - Whangaroa Community Board meeting (Kawakawa)
12 August 2019	BOI - Whangaroa Community Board strategic plan workshop
12 August 2019	Baysport committee meeting (Baysport pavilion, Waipapa)
13 August 2019	Cherry Park House strategic plan meeting (CPH, Kerikeri)
16 August 2019	Opuā reserve community consultation (Opuā Hall, Opuā)
27 August 2019	Dean Wright (Kerikeri Peninsular Pest Control) re community projects
29 August 2019	Council meeting observe (Council Chambers)
29 August 2019	Mai Lyfe Kerikeri re Youth projects, basketball etc (Kerikeri)

Resource Consents

- NIL

Requests for Service/Information

- RFS 3970666 - Request for information in regards to the replacement option of disability parks in vicinity of Procter Library.
- RFS 3967426 - Naming of Peacock Gardens Reserve (*response received and forwarded on to Living Waters*)
- RFS 3956411 - Landing Road footpath re safety concerns with the crossing point *WIP, remains open as improvements are made to increase visibility etc*
- RFS 3967356 re confirmation of Cap Works schedule of Rangitane Reserve toilet (lodged by His Worship Mayor) *Remains open*
- RFS 3926910 re Cherry Park House constitution and MOU **Remains open, some response to date**
- Smokefree signage required for Kerikeri Domain **NO RESPONSE (note that signage exists around playground area)**
- RFS 3908970 re Lake Manuwai user group and addressing need for infrastructure **Open, no progress made. Have requested legal clarification around delegation of CB through management plans etc.**
- RFS: 3908546 re signage on SH10/Kerikeri Road roundabout. **Referred to NZTA, no response. Signage numbers continue to increase.**

In progress

- Developing and solidifying relationships with community groups and leaders to raise awareness of opportunities available through Community Board partnerships.

Issues/Of Note

- Regular feedback from community regarding issues with the FNDC consenting process.
- Concerns from community members with limited ability over the change of disability parks in vicinity of Procter Library; they are unable to use the new parking options, due to limited accessibility, vision lines etc.
- Great feedback from community in regards to increased level of service at Procter Library.
- Increasing feedback for widened footpaths/shared use paths around the community. Widening footpaths would allow for two pushchairs/mobility frames to walk alongside each other.
- Concerns increasing with safety around schools, traffic congestion levels increasing due to changes in the Ministry Transport Entitlement Zones etc. Large community concerns also regarding affordability of accessing education in shared options (ie buses)
- Safety issues with vehicle crossings on SH10/Kerikeri Road roundabout highlighting the need for further landscaping on roundabout to restrict vehicular access. NZTA stance is that landscaping needs to be community led through their policies, project needs to get further traction. It would be beneficial to see CB take lead on this project in the next term, in partnership with NZTA.
- Cherry Park House issues with sunken floor, and accessibility issues.
- Concerns around increasing land development in Kerikeri area, and the lack of Development Contributions. It would be beneficial for the Board to receive an update on the Revenue Review process, and where the District is placed in terms of Development Contribution options.
- High concerns from public around traffic congestion issues in CBD area, and the flow on effect of economic return to local businesses in the Kerikeri CBD due to apparent reduction of foot traffic. It would be beneficial for the Board to receive an update on the District Transport Strategy to understand where this is heading.
- Community concerns around level of development occurring, and the flow on effects this may/will have to public access, connectivity etc.
- Domain walking track is in need of maintenance on MOE land to address the surface being lifted in areas. Number of close calls from members of community in terms of assisted walking etc. Highlights the need to formalise the agreement with MOE in regards to use of space.
- Issues raised re ROW access between Fairway Drive and the Briscoes carpark. Carpark owner would like to see this ROW enforced as a one way entry only due to safety concerns, and repetitive damage to surrounding buildings
- Rangitane Reserve need for public toilet, especially highlighted over summer period with continuous increase of use by wider public. Use has extended to birthday parties etc due to a playground and other recreational infrastructure in place on a coastal reserve. Highly populated with no sanitary facilities.

- High kiwi numbers being killed on roads in kiwi habitation areas.

Community Board Executive Committee meeting report

Mick Lester presented retirement report

Additional note was made in regards to the lack of mention of CBS at LGNZ conference, especially around the theme of localism. There was a very strong focus in this report around the value of a diverse representation at CBEC, and the added value that Young Elected Members had made to the direction and focus of the Executive Committee.

It was resolved that Conference Innovators be named as the conference organisers for 2021 Community Board conference. The feedback from the Community Board conference strongly indicated that there is huge benefit to hosting the conference in one location, as opposed to multiple venues.

CBEC chair report highlighted the conversation that is needed about CBEC representation at National Council. A representation conversation should be had with the incoming CBEC. *Should this also happen for Zone meetings? Should Community Boards be represented at Zone meetings?*

Age Friendly Communities

DRAFT strategy to be finalised and launched toward the end of the year. Now closed for submissions, which are now available online to view prior to adoption. www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz

The strategy for 65+, however it has been highlighted that the strategy needs to focus on the lead up ie working opportunities for older people. ie unemployment after 40 is more challenging to re enter the workforce, which can have detrimental affect on the position that an individual reaches 65 (financially, socially etc)

This is separate to the Healthy Aging Strategy.

What role should Local Government play in realising housing opportunities?

Population changes - while we are saying that population is changing, we are not necessarily acknowledging and realising fully what an aging population means. How do we best encourage intergenerational interaction in our communities? **Should the Far North District be developing an Age Friendly Communities Strategy?** Hamilton City Council have developed and submitted a plan to the World Health Organisation, which has enabled them to join the Age Friendly Network of Cities and Communities, and collaborate internationally.

Update from Malcolm Alexander (LGNZ)

Auckland representation was approved at AGM, which will change the way Zone 1 is shaped on a National Council Level. It does not have effect on Community Boards as the Far North is the only TA with Community Boards in place.

Localism - it is important that Community Boards submit on the Localism Discussion paper. **Do our Boards want to request that a report come to Boards in the next term to action?**

Drinking water - early September mayors of rural and provincial in regards to severe reduction in dairy. It could be opportune for our Boards to request an update on this following, in order to understand what implications the drinking water discussions will have on our communities. These things are all highlighting how ADAPTABLE we need to be in order for our communities to be resilient.

Climate Change

CBEC have resolved to support a declaration of Climate Change Emergency and that they encourage their members to consider Climate Change at the forefront of their decision making processes. Do our three Boards want to consider taking a Climate Change stance?

Remuneration

There were discussions had around the equality of salary levels across Boards within a District. Mick is working in that space to achieve more equality. It was highlighted the disparity of salary levels between our three Boards.

Community Board Conference debrief.

All conference content is now available on the LGNZ website in the CBEC section.

CB Induction process

This will occur 2 weeks after election., I tabled the need for Community Board induction to be held in the Far North for Zone 1 as there are no Boards in the remainder of the Zone. There is challenge with this as CB induction and Councillor induction is usually held together, which means the most central point is Whangarei. It needs to be highlighted the importance of all inducted Board members attending the induction session.

It was also highlighted the importance for Community Boards to submit to their Councils that CB member training and development is considered in the Annual Plan process.

Meeting with Minister Mahuta - Minister for Local Government

Key points

What is localism? Not only what is localism to LGNZ, but what is localism to our people?

What benefit do Community Boards have to “reinventing the wheel with grassroots empowerment”?
Transparency. People want to know, and need to know where their money is going, and that it is being well spent. Community Boards are already empowered through existing framework (LGA) to provide this. Community Boards are needed to truly understand the requirements of our people, their communities, their neighbourhoods. Community Boards are not necessarily avenues for funding, as opposed to avenues for engagement and understanding. Delegations need to reflect the understanding and interpretation of communities - What is the purpose of Community Boards in their eyes, and how do we ensure that delegations empower that?

Outcomes - What are the outcomes that we want for New Zealand, and how do we ensure that we can achieve them with measurable data. Next level; What outcomes do NOT require measurable data?

Wellbeings. What does this look like? How do we take Wellbeing's and the requirement from the LGA, into real time practice? How can we change the conversations, and move into the space of a growth mind set?

The importance of Central Government understanding the diversity of the communities it is writing policy for, and acknowledging that in order to achieve the best outcome for the Wellbeing of our people, we need to look to the things that matter to them. The places and spaces they have access to, the connection they not only physically have to those places, but also emotionally and spiritually. The way they are able to govern those spaces, but in a way that is transparent and accountable to the people - the ratepayer. Understanding connections to core services, and how accessibility (road quality, footpaths, speed limits etc) needs to be equitable. In order to achieve that, we need to fully understand the challenges and needs within the communities that those services are intended for.

Recognising the effects of the little things; ie footpath (and shared path) widths.

The need to encourage communities to be adaptable and responsive. This also needs to be replicated in the infrastructure that needs to be in place to empower this, how in order to achieve a Just Transition we have to have a full understanding of where ALL communities are at and where we want them to be.