

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
Member Name: Lane Ayr
Subdivision: Kerikeri Subdivision
Date: January – March 2020

Meetings

Date	Meeting
15/01/2020	Meeting with several Board Members
21/01/2020 – 23/01/2020	Bay of Islands Sailing week OPUA
24/01/2020	Meeting Kerikeri Board Members
03/02/2020	BOI – Whangaroa CB Meeting Bay Sports Kerikeri
07/02/2020	Meeting Bruce Mills
14/02/2020	Meeting with Mr Green re RC through Vision Consulting
19/02/2020	Waipapa Hall Committee Meeting
21/02/2020	DAG meeting Paihia
28/02/2020	Coffee with Kelly
02/03/2020	Meeting David Clendon
02/03/2020	Community meeting with Cricket and League
03/03/2020	Bay of Islands – Whangaroa CB Meeting Waipapa

Issues

How many times can I write about “continued concerns” in regard to the impact of Cruise Ships and the potential damage to the core tourist income sectors e.g. Accommodation, Food. It may be interesting to note current occupancy rates.

The impact of bus tours on public facilities including traffic with little or no benefit for local communities. Previous Council installed a tourist parking area including bus parking on the north side of the river and constructed a bridge to provide access to the Stone Store area, signs were removed directing traffic from town, the access can be made from Waipapa Road which connects to HWY 10. Even those who do not reside in Kerikeri are well aware of the traffic congestion in the town, so it is extremely disappointing when a wholly owned entity of FNDC installs 3 / 4 bus stops at the Stone store and runs tourist buses through town Tour buses that provide no true income should be direct up the highway to Waipapa Rd

Continued lack of any provision of marine facilities to service the massive growth in trailer boats in the Bay area. FNH appears to only be interested in funding commercial activities, which is inline with their mission statement.

There has and continues to be significant growth in the Kerikeri/BOI area and a large proportion of these new residents move here to participate in marine/boating activities, it appears that there have been no new facilities provided in the past 30 years, some older facilities have been upgraded. Marine facilities should be treated no differently than any other infrastructure. The

Council may wish to compare the number of ratepayers participating in Marine activities vis a vis the number participating in other sports/activities which receive substantial financial support.

Resource Consents

Still very few RC received responded to one from a Council sub contractor within 24hrs I was called direct by the applicant not sure of what my response should be.

Requests for Service/Information

RFS submitted re footpaths on Mission Road

Have received verbal response re part of the RFS.

Have received a few brief reply "Our footpaths are to spec" this of course does not answer the question(s) I was attempting to raise e.g. Did FNDC strengthen the footpath to provide for non-permitted activity, did FNDC approve the actions of a subcontractor in charging ratepayers additional funds for strengthening their driveways??

In progress

- Basketball Court It appears 50% of the court has been uplifted during the demo of the Pavillion.
- Windsor Landing (Current information obtained from newspaper no formal response to CB from FNH or FNDC.
- Ross Kemp Place re reserve.

The Kerikeri Domain appears to be a mystery, if this process is in any way indictive of the Councils effectiveness then I am sincerely concern about our ability to get anything done.

If my report appears to be negative, I apologise, however I may be left with the impression that there is little, or no regard given to the opinions of the Board or its members by the Council and its staff. And if I was really synodical, I might suggest this was the consideration given to regular ratepayers.

E.g. When the Board is asked to pass a recommendation, and is given two options

1 Passed the item

2 Not pass the item, "but there would-be no-good reason not to"

This is just seeking a rubber stamp

While I'm on a roll the recent water shortage raises a number of questions that would suggest a lack of practical thinking. There will always be droughts, be they 5 year 10 year or more frequently. Storage in the "rainy" season would appear to be the most effective method of lessening the impact. I note new ¼ or ½ acre sections are required to have 3 large tanks 2 for the house 1 for the fire brigade, four

gated/retirement villages were occupancy is 5 times normal subdivisions and they have no storage. This I believe is another example of where commercial developers are setting the infrastructure requirements of the community who then has to pay the penalty for poor planning.