

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

**Report to:** Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board  
**Member Name:** Frank Owen  
**Subdivision:** Kerikeri  
**Date:** Period 15 November 2021 to 11 March 2022

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### Meetings

Date	Meeting
2 Dec 21	BOIW Community Board Meeting
10 Dec 21	Kerikeri Domain skate park soft opening
13 Dec 21	Kerikeri Domain Working Group
11 Jan 22	Cherry Park Committee meeting
14 Jan 22	Meeting Casey Gallon re Induction process
20 Jan 22	Cherry Park Committee meeting
24 Jan 22	Kerikeri Domain Working Group
25 Jan 22	Com Board meeting agenda preview
3 Feb 22	BOIW Community Board Meeting
11 Feb 22	Kerikeri Domain Working Group
15 Feb 22	Kerikeri / Waipapa Spatial plan meeting
21 Feb 22	Meeting with Chair re Board Agenda
3 Mar 22	BOIW Community Board Meeting.
4 Mar22	Meeting with Cr. John Vujcich, Ken Ross, and Mike Edmonds on local Government reform.

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### General Comments.

The period under review being the Xmas New Year period has been relatively quiet.

One thing I do notice however is the issues around encroachments.

### Cherry Park House.

I am pleased to report this project is moving ahead in a very constructive way. I want to place on the record my appreciation of the response of Council staff to the issues and the constructive actions being taken. Without any way diminishing the efforts of a number of staff, I want to particularly give credit to Darien James for his efforts to reach a good solution to the many issues raised.

## **Kerikeri Domain Working Group**

I, again, want to place on record the time and effort Member Lane Ayr puts into this project. A difficult political issue being well managed. As the work progresses the benefits to the Kerikeri community are becoming more and more evident.

## **Local Government Reform**

As members are aware I have been somewhat disillusioned, as a recent participant in Local Government, with the effectiveness of Local Government as an effective voice for residents and rate payers. The reality is that many of the problems are structural and can be sourced back to a twenty year old Local Government Act.

I am of the view that Community Board members need to ensure their voice is heard clearly by the Local Government Reform Working Party. To that end I am going to carry out a survey of Community Board members nationally. My objective will be to develop a clear and unequivocal consensus view of community board members on reforms that are needed in the Local Government area which I would then make available to the working group.

I would stress that any submission I make will be a personal submission and in no way should be interpreted as criticism of any actions and submissions made by our Council and / or its elected members. I just feel it would be valuable to establish and convey the collective views of Community Board members nationally. Members of the Bay of Islands Whangaroa will be used as a pilot group to assist in the development of my questionnaire I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thanks in advance.

**FRANK OWEN**

**11 March 2022**

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