

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Report to: Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
Member Name: Manuela Gmuer-Hornell
Subdivision: Opuā – Russell
Date: 21 June 2022

Meetings

Date	Meeting
05/05/2022	Community Board Meeting - TEAMS
10/05/2022	Russell Sports Club Meeting
11/05/2022	Resilient Russell Meeting
16/05/2022	Strategic Planning Workshop – TEAMS
16/05/2022	Russell Community Hall Committee Meeting

Issues/Feedback

Three SmartBins have been installed in Russell; they look great and hopefully will take care of the unsightly, smelling, rat-attracting bins. I am, however, disappointed with the (social media) reaction from my community. After three years, we finally have an improvement, yet people find negativity to rubbish (pun intended) the initiative.

Local procurement for the Russell Township, this issue is coming up weekly! I propose that Russell be a trial-town to get town maintenance localised again.

DoC has removed the bridges along the Harrison Reserve Track out of the blue – the backlash from the not consulted Opuā and Paihia community is massive! Right now, I am lost for words.

In progress

- Opuā Resource Consent non-notified for development Franklin St/Kellet St – petition tabled at CB Meeting 3/2/2020 – this has now gone to a full (over 100 attendees) community meeting 8/3/2020 – and we have just been told FNHL has sold the land to a private developer. The land is now occupied by hapu and locals. This is a community being pushed out of their town.
- **Footpath Kellet Street – Opuā School – been approved but not carried out – after being promised to be finished by September, it is now "scheduled" for January 2021. As per this report, this is now FNHL project – I am opposing this decision.**
- Petition Okiato Boundary for paper road RFS-3996575 – tabled at CB meeting 9/12.19 – the cost to be carried by petitioners. Motion passed in November 2020 CB meeting
- Speed Limit Review

- **Maintenance in Russell Township to be outsourced to a local community group**
- Mark boundaries at the "Walls Bay" Opua reserve clearly with bollards
- Placemaking Russell The Strand
- Smart Bins and Free Public WiFi is coming to Russell – the bins have arrived on Tuesday, 11 May! Mixed reactions from the community, where a recycling approach seems to be the desired outcome.
- Move Flagpole at the Russell Cemetery as per Russell RSA request
- Walking track to the beach at Kaha Place – Terry Greening
- Coastal Walkway & Harrison Reserve Track - Opua
- Cycle track from Opua to Kawakawa has been cancelled by FNDC
- Mark the carparks outside the Russell tennis courts
- Rubbish Collection Point Skip Bins in rural areas

