

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

**Report to:** Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board  
**Member Name:** Frank Owen  
**Subdivision:** Kerikeri  
**Period** 16 July 2022 to 12 August 2022

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### Meetings

Date	Meeting
20/07/22	Meeting Cherry Park users re future of Cherry Park House
25/07/22	Pre Meeting Agenda meeting with Chair
06/08/22	AGM Vison Kerikeri.

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### CHERRY PARK HOUSE

A meeting of the Cherry Park House Management Committee and Cherry Park House user groups was held on 20 July. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the users with issues surrounding Cherry Park House and thoughts on the future of the facility. The meeting was constructive and agreement was reached that the management committee continue discussions with Council on an acceptable way forward. As a consequence a working group is being established made up of Cherry Park House Management Committee representatives and representatives of other Art Groups in the area to ensure plans moving forward meet a wider community need than that being provided by Cherry Park House at the moment. I have been asked to join that working group and have agreed to be involved. In the meantime, work is progressing on the safety improvements on the building and the obtaining of a building warrant of fitness. As Board members will be aware I have enjoyed my involvement with Cherry Park House and I have agreed to be co-opted to the Management Committee in the event that the electorate decides at the coming election that I have reached my use by date. If re-elected I would clearly like to continue as the Board rep. on the management Committee. Finally I think it would be appropriate if the Board were to pass a resolution thanking the Management Committee for the constructive and professional way that the Committee has worked with the Board and Council to resolve what has been a problem child for Council in recent years.

### KERIKERI DOMAIN WORKING GROUP.

This has been a group I have enjoyed working with over the past months. The concept of a working group made up of elected representatives and staff has resulted in what I believe is a good model for future projects of this type. Everyone involved deserves thanks for the constructive way in which they have worked as a team to enhance our community. It would only be fair however to acknowledge the time and effort Lane Ayr as Chair of the group has put in to ensure the success of the project.

## **THE LAST THREE YEARS.**

This may, or may not, be my last report as a member of the Board. The last three years have been both interesting and illuminating. Whereas I have enjoyed my time on the Board and the relationships we have developed as a group, I do feel Community Boards are underutilised. As members will be aware I think that it would be beneficial to our communities if Council delegated more authority and responsibility to Community Boards. That of course will be an issue for the new Mayor and Council to address.

Finally I would like to place on record my thanks to the Chair for the enormous amount of work she has put in over the past three years. As her Deputy for the past two years it would be fair to say Belinda and I have not always agreed on some issues. That is how it should be, debating different viewpoints to reach consensus is always valuable and constructive. That aside, the commitment Belinda has brought to her role and the effort she has put in is tremendous, and we as a Board need to acknowledge that.

**FRANK OWEN**

**12 July 2022**

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