

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

**Report to:** Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board  
**Member Name:** Manuela Gmuer-Hornell  
**Subdivision:** Opuia – Russell  
**Date:** 14 August 2022

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### Issues/Feedback

This is my last report as an elected Bay of Islands – Whangaroa Community Board member. It has been an enjoyable three years, and I am proud of our board and how we worked as a team. We had robust discussions within our board and the two other community boards. The combined community boards significantly shifted within FNDC to be better heard and understood. It took some very frank discussions, and I hope the transformation can continue into the next term. I am delighted that the newly elected members will have a brand new and fantastic induction process.

The big challenge FNDC has is the vast diversity of our small population over a widespread area. This issue should be better explained and discussed within our region.

I am handing the baton over to the next representative of the Opuia – Russell Subdivision. I thank my communities for their support and trust over the last three years.

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### In progress

- Opuia Resource Consent non-notified for development Franklin St/Kellett 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 Kellett Street – Opuia 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 oppose 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 - been pushed back for a couple of years now
- **Maintenance in Russell Township to be outsourced to a local community group** - 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.
- Mark boundaries at the "Walls Bay" Opuia reserve clearly with bollards
- Placemaking Russell The Strand WIP
- Smart Bins and Free Public WiFi is coming to Russell – the bins 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 Walk Way & Harrison Reserve Track – Opua – DOC removed all bridges, and this popular track is no longer usable. Still awaiting an official reply from DOC Bay of Islands.
- FNDC has cancelled the cycle track from Opua to Kawakawa
- Mark the carparks outside the Russell tennis courts – original request Oct 2019
- Rubbish Collection Point Skip Bins in rural areas