

# Member's Report

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## Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
30 Mar 23	Elected members catch up via Teams	General catch up
2 Apr 23	Civil Defence – check Tsunami sirens working in Russell	5 sirens, reported back to regional CD.
2 Apr 23	Neighbourhood community support group in Ōpua meetin	Paihia co-ordinator met with a group of locals to discuss setting up community support group in Ōpua
3 Apr 23	Meeting with Andrew Vanasche of Love Ōpua	To discuss role of Love Ōpua and how to engage with community board
4 Apr 23	Set up Ōpua Community email on Google groups with a soft roll out to community support people.	Looking at ways to engage with Ōpua community who are not on Facebook.
4 Apr 23	Weekly Teams catch up with Kim to review outstanding RFSSs	Council Chambers Kaikohe
5 Apr 23	Meeting with Bill Hutchinson and Sarah Bonniface to discuss standing up a new Russell Kororāreka CD group	Good discussion, will look to organise a community hui in May
5 Apr 23	Deliberative Democracy training Ako	Online professional development LGNZ
6 Apr 23	Meeting with Sarah Peterson, Director Far North Holdings	Part of regular engagement with the organisation to improve communications with community.
7 Apr 23	Article for Russell Lights	Local monthly Community Board column
11 Apr 23	Catch up with Chris Gailbraith	Monthly catch up with FNHL Marina to keep community engaged
13 Apr 23	Community Board meeting in Kerikeri	Monthly meeting at Turner Centre
24 Mar to 17 Apr	Created 18 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 19,275 ↑ 27%   Visits 566 ↑ 3.5%   Page Followers 766   New Likes 15 ↑ 7.1%	Most popular posts were Hokianga Ferry maintenance (12.5K) Annual Plan consultation (5.2K) Rubbish times for public holidays (3.5K) Fees and Charges consultation (2.7K), Te Ahureaka o Ngāti Hini (2.6K)

## **Community Issues**

Issue name	Comment
No Civil Defence group in Russell Kororāreka.	Met with Bill Hutchinson and Sarah Bonniface. Community meeting scheduled for 18 May 2023 with intention to stand up a new Civil Defence Group.
Maromaku Roothing	Community would like a more strategic approach to roading, which requires water tabling to address the longer-term issues. Needs to be included in AP and LTP. No progress.
Russell refuse and recycling	Simon Millichamp has introduced Ecosolutions and we are looking at education programmes in June or July for community to look at waste reduction. Have followed up concept of user pays service for boats with Resilient Russell but will need to chase up parties if we are to get any traction for next summer. WIP.
Ōpua Community relationship with Far North Holdings	Have established regular monthly meetings, first of which was had in March. Posted Community Facebook with update. Generally positive feedback and appreciation that this is work in progress. Have noted Puketiti is not part of these discussions. Also establishing bi-monthly meeting with FNHL Directors to keep lines of communications flowing.
Rawhiti road seal	This remains an issue. Having looked at the new proposed cycleway maps which include other unsealed roads nearby, we should include this stretch of road as promoting coastal cycling and creating economic opportunities.
Maromaku Toilet	Project has been reactivated.
Russell Sports Club	Need an increase in annual grant to help offset cost increases for club. The \$5,000 does not cover the mowing and insurance costs.
Russell Drainage	Increasing numbers of RFSs which related to badly maintained drainage assets which are then having detrimental impacts on the roads. Seems that multiple groups within Council collectively own the problem, but nothing is fixed. Long term this will be extremely costly to remedy.
Car theft and break ins in Ōpua theft of cars	This is a significant problem with thefts and break ins every few days. It is not only causing issues for the community, but it is well known within the Pacific cruising circles which means it reflects on Port Ōpua & marina generally.
Footpath at Kellett Street Ōpua	Despite agreeing that it was a priority for the Board at the December Workshop, NTA still wish to wait for FNHL to build as part of their resource consent at Puketiti, which is under occupation (a whole separate issue)

## **Requests for Service (RFS)**

RFS number	Date	Comment
(3987148) (3996575) 4032539	2020 2021 12/01/23	Encroachment on paper road at Okiato. Encroachment officer attended, License to Occupy being applied for by landowner. Being progressed by staff.

(4001004) 4139204	(11/02/20) 15/12/22	Car parking lines for parking outside Russell Tennis Court, presently unmarked. This has now been updated and works were scheduled for April. Have now been advised there is no funding. This is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time this has happened. Why was it not put in to the plan last year?
4137946	6/12/22	Signage for Maromaku Hall, images to be added for website of Maromaku Hall. Visit by staff to site to review sign and road signage. Photos being gathered by support officer.
(4125516) 4139501	(1/9/2022) 16/12/22	Ongoing issues on Matauwhi Bay Road with stormwater drainage due to tree roots lifting pavement and drain resulting in blockages and damage to footpath. Now a safety issue with path extremely muddy. Engineers have visited and agree to fix the problem
4139742	18/12/2022	Seal for Rawhiti Road (Council). This has been closed as it is not on the priority roads list. See issues, it hasn't gone away.
4139843	20/12/2022	Reinstate the yellow lines on Long Beach Road to prevent parking at turning circle and by fig tree (road narrows).
4143747	25/1/23	Request for duck crossing sign due to high deaths of ducks on road. Requested quote for Council to install to compare with community installation (around \$150).
4144277	31/01/23	Culvert on Council Reserve by Medical centre is blocked with weeds causing flash flooding of carpark and ambulance station in heavy rain. It's an inter-agency fix as there are a number of things that are needed to be checked upon in relation to both Roding and Waters assets but ultimate the culvert is choked with weeds and needs clearing.
4148332	28/2/23	Request for Council to actively monitor progress of government agencies progress on kiatiakiatanga of the old Customs House, former Police residence. Heritage New Zealand covenant over the property, Police a conservation plan. Meeting held with Hapū to discuss disposal; Police are obliged to maintain the building until disposed however whether they fulfil their obligations remains to be seen.
4144216 Plus others	03/03/23	Drain on Florance Avenue has not been cleared properly despite multiple requests - cage was removed but none of the clay. The culvert going under the road is completely blocked and water ponds where the cage was once. All the stormwater runs down the overflow beside the road, crosses it at the beginning of driveway and has created a deep pothole on its way.
4149708 & 4151342	10/03/23	Potential new encroachment on Walls Bay Reserve in Ōpua with new building construction. RFS for track maintenance and general tidy up.
4150811	17/03/2023	Causeway to Russell Boat Club on Matauwhi Road (paper road section) needs repairs for safety reason. Will need legal, roading and engineers involved.
4153533	10/04/2023	Water created washout which is cutting down a hill likely to cause a slip. If unattended, road will cause a slip onto neighbouring property and road will be inaccessible.

### **Other Issues**

- If there is no funding for an RFS, then it should not be closed without notification and ignored. Discussion needs to be had to add in the work for the following year's plan and LTP. Simply not doing is not a response.
- Russell Sewerage scheme is non-compliant, e-coli present, with abatement notice from NRC.