

# Member's Report

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Date: 7 November – 28 November 2023 (short month)

Far North District Council Community Outcomes are as follows:

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable	Connected and engaged communities prepared for the unexpected	Proud, vibrant communities	Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy	A wisely-managed and treasured environment that recognises the special role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki

## Meetings Attended

Date	Priority	Meeting	Comments
7 Nov 23	#2	Meeting with Eagles Nest to discuss Community Emergency Response plan	Emergency evacuation options
8 Nov 23	#1,2,3,4,5	Community board workshop for all boards	Ngawha Innovation Park
9 Nov	#1,3	Maromaku Reserves Board AGM (including Maromaku Memorial Hall)	Discussed plan for toilet
10 Nov 23	#1,5	Kororāreka Marae AGM. There are several CB initiatives which support their Kaupapa.	
20 Nov 23	#4	Attended Northland Forward Together Workshop. Good briefings presented.	Zoom meeting
21 Nov 23	#1,3	Attended Resilient Russell monthly meeting. Discussed need for Litter plan for summer	Working group requested
23 Nov 23	#1,2,3,4,5	Monthly Community Board meeting	Turner Centre
27 Nov 23	#3	Resilient Russell subcommittee to plan to collect litter from Boaties on Wharf. Plan to be put forward to Resilient Russell Trustees.	Awaiting approval to proceed
27 Nov 23	#1, 3	Russell Town Hall Committee meeting	AGM delayed due to Chair being unavailable.
28 Nov 23	#1, 3	Meeting with Chris Gailbraith and Myanne Jensen for our monthly catch up and meeting	Good to meet with Myanne, their new Comms person.

10 to 5 November	<b>#1,2,3, 4,5</b>	Very short week! Created 13 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 16,186 ↑ 101.4%   Visits 843 ↓ 94.29%   Page Followers 956 (↑937)   New Likes 13 ↑	Most popular posts were SH10 Road Closure (12.1K) Ōpua Hill traffic safety signs (4.3K) Northland Inc Events fund (1.9K) Generosity NZ funding service (1.8K) Roothing Te Koukou Agenda (1.7K)
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### **My 5 Top Projects**

<b>1</b>	<b>Summer refuse (litter) in Kororāreka</b> <b>#1, 3</b>	Resilient Russell have now picked up this initiative and I am working with them on a user pays plan for wharf litter and dealing with the boaties refuse. This will also enable a summer recycling solution for 4 hours per day. We are working on contributions from various parties to ensure that it is as cost neutral as possible.
<b>2</b>	<b>Ōpua to Paihia and Russell walkway / cycleway</b> <b>#3, 4</b>	We have formalised a resolution to have the detour around the slip to start at Walls Bay (Richardson Street) not Beachy Street as originally proposed. We are awaiting arborist report for the Pohutakawa tree which has fallen across the track and local Hapū have requested the timber for whakairo (carving). I am planning to arrange a community hui in partnership with Tony Williams (Te Roroa) to enable the community to come together and hear about the plans for tree and share their memories.
<b>3</b>	<b>Russell Kororāreka Placemaking initiative</b> <b>#3, 4, 5</b>	Members of the prospective Governance Group have all been spoken to and are happy to get involved. Given we are in peak silly season, we will look at the initial hui in the second half of February. The first step will be to select who we want to work with the designer.
<b>4</b>	<b>Community Emergency Response in Kororāreka Hapori Whanaui Russell</b> <b>#1, 3</b>	We have a number of phone trees now underway. We have also got a number of potential Community evacuation centres identified depending on type of emergency. Need to visit with Rawhiti community to make sure they are tracking as well. It is slow progress but we are far better prepared than we were in February when Cyclone Gabrielle came though.
<b>5</b>	<b>Derrick Landing Te Tauranga Waka</b> <b>#3, 5</b>	Site of significance to local Hapū, particularly for Kaupapa waka. Roddy and I are working together on this one. Council has done two “beautification” projects but commitments made have not been followed through. Grass area is unmowable and the road is unsafe. Roddy working with local Hapū to understand their aspirations as long-term solution needs to be found. Hope to have a hui in February. Waiting for visit from facilities team to check out area.

## Other Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Pohutakawa Tree, Ōpua #3, 5	This tree made national news when it split and gracefully came down to block the Ōpua coastal walk way. The Community are very keen to see that the rakau (wood) can be retained for carving purposes. Working with local Hapū to make sure it is done under tikanga.
Maromaku Toilet #1, 3	Community will apply for funding of 50% of the installation costs to the Community Board under the Placemaking fund. Asset will be retained by the community.
Russell Urupā (Cemetery) #1, 3, 5	This is moving forward and there are plans to start work hopefully on 11 December subject to confirmation. There is a large pine tree which will need to be removed at the entrance to the new section.
Russell Boat ramp carpark #3, 4, 5	MBIE have agreed to include repairs to the boat ramp as part of the overall project which will be good news for the boaties as it is a bad state of repair right now. Plans for the Wahi Tapu protection have been provided. The work won't start until March at the earliest due to the delays.
Russell Drainage #1, 2	It has been highlighted to Council staff that the area by the boat ramp car park needs to be done prior to the FNHL project getting underway.
Ōpua relationship with Far North Holdings #3	We continue to have monthly meetings, which are constructive at building relationships.
Maromaku and Matawai Roothing #1, 2, 3	Both Roddy and I are concerned about the ad hoc approach to dealing with the roads in this area. We want to see an assessment of the overall area with a plan to carry out work in an orderly and systematic fashion that the community can understand.

## Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
(4125516) 4139501	(1/9/2022) 16/12/22	Matauwahi Bay Road drainage with stormwater drainage due to tree roots lifting pavement and drain resulting in blockages and damage to footpath. <b>MORE SILT REMOVAL. NEEDS TO GO IN LTP.</b>
4139843	20/12/2022	Reinstate the yellow lines on Long Beach Road to prevent parking at turning circle and by fig tree (road narrows). Yellow lines have been painted around town – these are not a new request, but <b>THESE WERE NOT DONE.</b>
4150811	17/03/2023	Causeway to Russell Boat Club on Matauwahi Road (paper road section) needs repairs for safety reason. Will need legal, roading and engineers involved. <b>ENGINEERING DESIGN COMPLETED.</b>
4174834	11/04/2023	Boat hull on reserve on Te Hue. Encroachment officer waiting to arrange a site visit. <b>THIS IS ON HOLD FOR SOME REASON.</b>



4127193, 4111164, 4118337	01/04/2022	Stormwater and drainage issues at Okiato. Ongoing for over a year now with Council stormwater from road flowing down over property. <b>ENGINEERING DESIGN COMPLETED. SUBMITTED TO NTA FOR FUNDING.</b>
<del>4164477</del>	<del>28/06/2023</del>	<del>Tree fallen on boardwalk, concern road may be undermined. Still no resolution as NTA and Community Facilities need to work together. Needs to be resolved ASAP.</del> <b>TREE REMOVED 28/11</b>
4175408	15/09/2023	Stormwater and drainage issues from Long Beach Road onto Duffus Estate land, longstanding and not resolved.
4178870	16/10/2023	Drainage problems leading down to Walls Bay Reserve. Flume needs to be replaced and kerbing and road drainage needs to be fixed. Awaiting site visit
4179412	20/10/2023	Subsidence and slip on Towai Road. Is apparently being addressed and will be fixed in December some time.

