

# Member's Report

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## Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
12.2.24	Nga Ngaru o Hokianga Takiwa	Marae representatives shared updates on various issues
13.2.24	Opononi Omapere Ratepayers and Residents Association	Local issues including Wastewater consent, coastal erosion, beach access, Community grants available from KHCB.
16.2.24	KHCB monthly hui, strategic plan	Public forum, Community grants allocation, Long Term Plan
29.2.24	CBEC hui in person	Community Board Executive Committee, Wtn. Organising national Community Board conference, Kiwisaver for Elected Members and improving diversity of representation on CB's.

## Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Wastewater discharge to Hokianga Harbour	Hokianga is unanimous that there should be zero human waste to water. The resource consent for Ōpononi-Ōmāpere Wastewater treatment has been appealed and will be worked through the Environment Court process. The OOWWTP consent that was current prior to the hearing is again the current consent. Kohukohu will be discussing their future steps, including development of the Working Group.
Contaminated water from Lake Omapere into Hokianga Harbour	The pollution of Lake Omapere flows into the Hokianga Harbour. NRC have allocated money to create a business plan to restore the health of the Hokianga catchment. This plan should enable NRC and other organisations to attract funding to begin restoring the mauri of the Hokianga waters.
Overgrown vegetation of footpaths, drains and roadsides, Rawene	Vegetation removal was attended by NTA contractor. Further Information is being requested from NTA regarding information on mowing schedule.
Hokianga Community Campus access	The campus is a FNDC asset, leased by Te Puna o Kūpenuku as a venue to provide education for the people of Hokianga. There are ongoing discussions around community concerns and the lease of this site.
Litter, waste, recycling	Para Kore (Zero Waste) now supports education on waste minimisation, litter, rubbish, and recycling specifically to improve the problems in our area. A new Waste Management and Minimisation plan has been developed. Less littering, more recycling by individuals and

	organisations, and putting rubbish out at correct times and places would improve the situation.
Traffic calming, safe accessible footpaths Rawene, Opononi and Omapere	There are ongoing safety concerns around speed, safe cycling and safe footpaths for pedestrians, push chairs and people with mobility issues. We continue to advocate for improvements. The temporary speed bumps that were damaged have been removed. Waiarohia Reserve footpath remains in need of improvements for the safety of pedestrians and is an ongoing concern that needs Waka Kotahi to support as well as FNDC. Opononi and Rawene traffic safety is still of concern, and we are advocating for action.
Rawene Domain	Several local groups continue to work on a collaborative plan to create a recreational hub on the Domain that will serve a wide variety of people and activities in this public space. A meeting with the various parties was held to find ways to move ahead with development. The Domain is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Animal control	Stock on roads is endangering drivers. Dogs roaming in Rawene, Whirinaki, Opononi and Omapere are a hazard, this has again been brought to Council attention.
FNDC assets and reserves	There are concerns about the level of service our facilities receive, such as cleaning gutters, repairs, mowing, weed control, litter. Contracts are due for renewal this year. We have fed back re appropriate levels of service in our area and await the cost implications that this may incur. 'Town-scaping', beautification and levels of service are priorities in the KHCB strategic plan.
Hapū and Community-led priorities	We have a draft KHCB strategic plan with projects prioritised and currently being costed. The draft LTP will be discussed in the next month. Hapū and communities are encouraged to feedback on the draft when it is made public in around March.
Non-notified vs Notified resource consents	There is a need for clear guidelines for communities and discussion with FNDC regarding public interest on new consents.
Safety in Community	There are widespread concerns around safety in our communities. Hokianga are seeking our own solutions. FNDC support for cameras in public spaces is being considered. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Housing	This is an ongoing crisis that needs support at all levels. Seeking guidance from FNDC to support better housing and address homelessness in our ward. FNDC is divesting Elderly Housing (Pensioner Flats) but this has not been finalised as yet.
Housing for Elderly	There is high concern around insufficient and inadequate housing for our Kaumatua Kuia. FNDC are working on a Housing Strategy, including Elderly Housing.
Safe Cycling	Rawene road from the ferry to the junction with SHW12 needs to be made safe for the increasing number of cyclists we have.
Climate Change	There is a strong call for FNDC to take action on reducing emissions and supporting community resilience. Discussions with community around potential impacts and plans for climate change action are needed, particularly in areas where impacts are already being felt, such as Pakanae, Koutu, Opononi and Omapere. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Water resilience.	A scheme for FNDC subsidies on water tanks and pumps is being considered for costing. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Roads, dust, 1 lane bridge approaches	South Hokianga are asking for a higher level of service on the maintenance of all our roads, safer approaches to 1 lane bridges, improved dust control on Waima Valley road, Otaua, Waiotemarama Gorge, and sealing outside Otaua Te Kohanga Reo.
Support for Community groups	We are exploring how FNDC can support the development of the various projects and aspirations of our communities and groups across the Kaikohe Hokianga ward. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.

Civil Defence response	Civil Defence groups are reviewing local responses across Hokianga, looking at what support that FNDC might offer, what roles FNDC staff and Elected Members take in Emergency response. Equipping Council owned buildings that are used for emergency response with solar power and battery storage is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
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### **Requests for Service (RFS)**

RFS number	Date	Comment
4121926	5.12.22	Erosion of Seawall Rawene, the hole was filled to prevent risk to children, however erosion under the road is still a concern. NTA are waiting on their pumping contractor availability to grout the rock wall - timeframe advised for March. The displaced rocks shall be reinstated prior to grouting.
4133549	3.11.22	Spray-free Hokianga wish to progress this issue, prefer mowing as an approach where possible, weedeating where necessary and organic spray as a last resort. A tree and vegetation policy is being prepared and will be taken to elected members, which will include a discussion on use of herbicides / alternatives.
4140355	27.12.22	Broken retaining wall below Parnell st, above Nimmo st E. Works to rebuild the rock and concrete supported structure have been programmed and were scheduled to commence during April 2023. Not yet completed as awaiting funding allocation. An update has been requested from NTA.
4172689	28.8.23	Enquiry re plans for dust control or tar seal on Waiotemarama Gorge rd, Pakanae end. Currently there is no further funding for new seal extension projects until the next Council LTP in 2024. If approved by Council, and before Council considers new roads for inclusion in any future seal extension programme, a full review of the Road Prioritisation matrix and the criteria and processes that are used to develop the final recommended list for Council is being undertaken by NTA and FNDC Councillors. The issues raised for Waiotemarama Road will be included in that review. Specific roads of concern should be brought to the attention of FNDC Councillors. Response provided; RFS has been closed:
4175318	15.9.23	Paper road Hokianga Harbour Drive to Fairlie Cres, maintenance, pests, pedestrian safety. Customer has received response and RFS has been closed. Budget has been proposed for the 2024-27 LTP towards safety barrier installation. Paper Roads are not currently maintained by NTA for vegetation removal / maintenance.
?	11.10.23	Beach access from Freese Park, Omapere area in general. In support of Opononi Omapere Ratepayers Association rfs regarding the need for public access to the beach, particularly for those with mobility needs. This is being followed up for more information.
4183987	6.12.23	Follow up on public rfs for water leak, Opononi. Far North Waters further investigated and a pinhole leak was identified on the reticulation pipework. The leak was repaired and customers advised.
4186757, 4187326, 4155801	18.12.23 8.1.24	Vegetation removal was attended by NTA contractor. Further Information is being requested from NTA.

4188068	9.1.24	Follow up of public concern re water safety signage at Opononi Wharf. This is an NRC issue. RFS has been closed.
4177081	10.1.24	Follow up on public rfs re cleaning wastewater drainage through private property, Rawene. Work is being undertaken to clean the drain as requestd.

### **Other Issues**

Concrete bollards were placed at Russell Esplanade, Rawene. Further discussion to be had around the design of the sea wall repair and bollards in this location.