

TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

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Subdivision: Doubtless Bay
Date: to 7 December 2021

REPORT

1) Issues

Paewhenua Island

- Went yesterday with John Haines. The car park and first part where the gate is are mown by the council 3-4 times a year and I have put in an RFS to have it mown again before Christmas.



- The next bit (photo 6 large trees) has a track through long grass which could be cleared in an hour or two by a couple of guys with weed-whackers.



- Next to the wetland is privately owned and they maintain it, but public have access, then through the bush, that was developed some 20 years ago has become overgrown and needs clearing.





- At the end the reserve with cemetery and original Butler homestead site is mown by the Paewhenua Island residents' group, even though it is owned by the council. I put it on Doubtless Bay Facebook page yesterday afternoon and there had been 4 queries about how to access it by the end of the day so obviously there is interest.
- An elderly man spends his Wednesdays clearing gorse and pampas alongside the track and has done a good job. I believe that if the council did an initial clean-up of the overgrown parts of the path past the bit that is able to be mowed, community members may agree to helping keep it clear in the future. It's a good flat walk with mature mangroves on one side and regenerating bush on the other side and the reserve at the end is lovely.



- Our strategic plan indicates that one day we would like to see a shared path from the Mangonui boardwalk area right round to Paewhenua Island but in the meantime if this bit was cleaned up it would be easy for locals and visitors to use right now.