

TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Member Name: Sheryl Bainbridge

Subdivision: Doubtless Bay

Date: to 19 April 2022

REPORT

1) Meetings

Numerous discussions regarding Northern Drainage and Parapara Hill.

Museum meeting

TACT meeting

Meeting with CEO and others regarding Drainage areas. The CEO seems to have a good handle on what the issues are now.

2) Issues

Mangonui Information Centre – Funding: Doubtless Bay is a destination and is becoming increasingly popular. In the LTP Mangonui Info Centre, which provides a valuable service in the community received funding of \$15k for the first year, in acknowledgement of this, and also because its main income stream, the Mangonui Waterfront Festival was cancelled due to COVID. It was cancelled again this year, leaving the service struggling for income. As presented to the LTP last year, its figures stack up well against our three i-sites which cost a lot more to operate. I-sites are a council function but how can the Mangonui Information Centre be assisted please? It is noted that in the LTP Te Ahu and the Turner Centre also received grants of \$50k each which have not been carried through past the first year.

Kaitaia Market: The previous operator has left, and a replacement has been appointed by staff. This may be a very good solution, and I have been told that the appointment is for an initial period of one year. In the meantime, a transparent process will be undertaken to ensure that other interested parties will have the opportunity to apply for the position.

Rangitoto Reserve: I hope to have a response to my tabled item for the Board's last meeting which included the following: Item 8.3 Action Sheet Update – Investigation into divesting Rangitoto Reserve, Mangonui: The response contains errors and omissions. There is nothing to substantiate the statement that the 'transfer to DOC' mentioned 'may be more complex than first envisaged'. The public can access the reserve by boat, along the beach from Hihi and through adjoining landowner Mr Palmer's land on request, which has never been denied. The point is that although the land was vested in the then Mangonui County Council and designated a recreation reserve in 1962, the designation of this historically and culturally valuable land is now incorrect. If this prominent site, at the eastern entrance to the Mangonui Harbour was restored, the terraces and building platform would be highly visible to the public from many vantage points, and could become iconic locally. The irony is that its comparative lack of accessibility has saved it from degeneration, but now trees and weeds have got to the point where there could be significant damage to the terraces from their roots.

The Reserves Act 1977 provides for the classification of reserves, relative to their purpose. The Council's reserves policy states that a reserve should be used for the purpose for which it is classified or the classification changed. If divesting itself of the culturally and historic reserve is in the too hard basket, this may be an option for the council to consider. The Reserves Policy then goes on to say that the Act requires that a reserve management plan be developed for

any recreational or historic reserve vested in Council. The management plan is to specify how the reserve is to be managed, what development or activities will be allowed on the reserve, and how it will be maintained or enhanced. So really, a management plan is required by legislation, in which there is no reference to considering the cost. The value in having a reserves management plan is that it is a basis that volunteer groups can use when applying for funding to external organisations. I would like further discussion on this issue as the current state of the significant weed issue on the reserve needs addressing and the council may not have the skills to undertake this work in such a potentially iconic spot.

Draft District Plan Heritage Areas: Despite widespread community concern about, and strong objections to the imposition of blanket heritage areas on already compromised property including the wider Mangonui area, the public has not been kept up to date with what is happening. Council totally dropped the ball in terms of its extremely poor consultation and failure to listen to communities. What is the present position?

Rangiputa Trailer Boat Parking: An RFS asking for a concrete block to be repositioned in order to provide parking for one vehicle and boat trailer met with the usual resistance.

Footpaths: As there is no longer a Waka Kotahi subsidy for the foreseeable future, how is it intended to progress footpath construction in rapidly developing areas such as Doubtless Bay. The present allocation of \$150k p.a. is not going to go far, in which case the council needs to be more proactive in mowing verges in high use areas for pedestrian safety reasons. Mill Bay Road Mangonui, as I write this, has knee high grass along the roadside despite my lodging an RFS at the beginning of the month.

3) Resource Consents

LUC 2220473 – tasting room and wine sales Paewhenua

4) Requests for Service

RFS 4105392 – urgent repairs needed to footpath adjoining Coopers Beach bridge.