

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

Report to Community Board: Te Hiku

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Subdivision: Ahipara / Kaitaia

Date: May-June 2022

REPORT

1) Meetings/Functions

We had over 50 people braved a storm on 31st May to check out the potential plans for **Pukenui and Houhora**. Delwyn Shepherd talked about the concept plans and the board confirmed that this is just a starting point. Lots of comments were left on the sticky notes and people got to share their thoughts personally with the Community Board. The general response was very positive, but also practical and a paper was circulated for those interested in forming a erosion/climate impact group. There was a request from the floor for the draft document to be sent out, and email addresses taken. Submissions will close June 30th. To ensure collective community voice, consideration needs to be given to a progressive group being formed in the area. I talked about Ahipara Aroha group which drew from local community groups and being formed under an incorporated society to oversee future plans and to promote the community's aspirations. It will need a few champions to make something like this to happen.

30th April saw the opening of the new destination park in **Ahipara's Korora Park**. The park was developed as part of the Te Hiku Revitalisation Programme and delivered a community driven park after many years of extensive community consultation over, the Whales are unique to NZ Parks and are the only ones in the Southern hemisphere. Combined with the new flying fox and pump track has been wonderful for families and visitors. However, the popularity of this park has now created parking issues and traffic safety concerns and the community are looking at parking and traffic calming.

Met for breakfast with First Retail people regarding **Kaitaia main street**. Great to hear over 400 community survey responses so far.

Attending **Ahipara Aroha** community meetings and excited by the opportunities for Te Hiku to leverage off the new Matariki event on the 24th to the 26th June.

Supported the **InZone career coach** into Kaitaia and looking at how kiosks can be brought into Kaitaia to support jobseekers and learners to access opportunities. Local business sponsors are coming forward now.

Continuing to promote accessing council services via using social media platforms to promote key information about how to access council services.

Attended Te Hiku Community Board regular meetings

Issues

Submitting road drainage issues this past month.