

TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

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Subdivision: Doubtless Bay
Date: to 28 July 2022

REPORT

1) Meetings

1. Museum meeting
2. TACT meeting
3. Meeting with Christine Hawthorne about concept plans.

2) Issues

Concept Plans: We had a really good meeting about the concept plans. The many suggestions will go out for public consultation after the Board accepts them in September. I would be keen to see some progress on developing a shared path between the end of the Mangonui boardwalk and Paewhenua Island.

Also, I think we need to look at recreational maritime facilities holistically. As more and more people, many of them active retirees, move up to Doubtless Bay and Karikari, and our tourist numbers increase to include those who are now reluctant to travel overseas due to covid and have bought boats instead, we are seeing vastly increased use of our boat ramps. We have the Far North Boat Ramp study, TIF funding was granted for Rangiputa, and the concept plans have identified other areas – Mangonui and Perehipe where better facilities are needed. Maritime recreation is just as much of a sport as land-based sports are and we should cater for the growing number of locals and tourists wanting to enjoy our harbours. Can we look at this please?

On fine days in particular, the amount of activity on the Mangonui boardwalk is phenomenal, with people fishing, walking, and relaxing. I believe that the boardwalk proposed for Pukenui between the wharf and Lambs Bridge would be equally attractive to visitors and locals, and that the Board could be asking the Funding team to look at options to get this project underway including funding from external organisations rather than rates. Can we do this?

3) Requests for Service

RFS 4105392 – urgent repairs needed to footpath adjoining Coopers Beach bridge. I have been told that NZTA are going to be carrying out work on the bridge but that the council will do some temporary repairs to access by pedestrians (27.7.2022)

RFS 4115220 – Large pothole at Coopers Beach shopping centre. Yet another straightforward request that is taking an inordinate amount of time to action. Why is it so hard?

Tree on Hihi Road – same stuff, different place. Depressing. Perhaps the CEO can advise us how to get (a) responses and (b) action, as nothing I do seems to work.

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. Now there are two blocks in place.