



Te Hiku

Community Board Chairperson's Report

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Date: 30 March 2023 – 17 April 2023

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting
27/03/23	Te Hiku Sports Hub Meeting
30/03/23	All Elected Members catchup – virtual
04/04/23	Regional Transport Committee workshop – virtual
06/04/23	Council meeting – virtual
11/04/23	Te Hiku Community Board Meeting – Te Ahu
17/04/23	Mayor & Community Board Chairs - virtual
17/04/23	Land Drainage Committees – Te Ahu

Report:

The Te Hiku Project Working Group

The bus shelters have now been completed by Kiwi Carpentry – three are in Ahipara and three in Awanui; just in time for tamariki to shelter from any unpleasant weather with the change of seasons. We have already had positive comments from Ritchie's buses and it's awesome to see people using them. As we have shared before, these took some time to come to fruition with all the planning and negotiations involved and the challenges of land availability that was safe, on the bus routes and didn't have underground services running below them. I know 6 are not enough for our Te Hiku area but they are not cheap to construct, and we are grateful we have a few in our communities to start with.

Prices are being sought now to get the "Town Square" underway. The first surprise is the cost of timed water jets that come up from the path below the 9m waka that will feature in this town square. A water feature was a popular request in the consultation meetings about the draft plan and ideally, we really want to include one but at the end of the day it is reliant on the funds available. Unless we are successful in gaining further funding this is one feature that may have to be put into Stage 3 of the development.

Ahipara Aroha committee have engaged Eddie Walker to assist with the QR code development to work towards having all the cultural artworks included in Ahipara, Kaitaia and Awanui that people can scan and be directed to a website with the korero and explanation of each one. Printing.Com will also be assisting us in getting these printed and installed on the posts around Ahipara where special places are explained and then on each cultural artworks so that you can learn about the meaning and history of the area each one portrays.

For those wondering why there was cut outs in the new path on South Road just before the wooden bridge, we have been waiting for tiles to arrive and under Waikarere Gregory's guidance, these will be filled shortly with designs representing the local area which will complete the Te Ahu loop path.

The Te Hiku Sports Hub/Te Ahu loop is being completed with tiles being laid on the pathway opposite Te Ahu frontage to compliment the entrance to Te Ahu.

The Pou on SH 1 on the north side of Awanui was unveiled on Easter Monday.

Te Hiku Drainage Boards I attended the Kaitaia, Kaikino, Waiharara & Motutangi Drainage Boards Meetings on Monday 17/4/23. Our Te Hiku Community Board has delegated authority to approve funding and recommend to the Council for either the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan. A teams meeting was setup with Kaipara District Council and some of the Boards were able to hear how the Kaipara Council staff run their drainage districts of which they have 30 drainage districts. Our drainage boards have approved funding for a dedicated part time staff member that will work with our Drainage Committees and oversee the work on the drains. A targeted rate that is struck yearly on work that is approved and is a targeted rate paid for by the farmers that farm in the drainage districts.

Thank you to the CEO and staff of Far North District Council who attended all of the meetings and workshopped a way forward for the Drainage Committees. The leadership from this team was appreciated by all.

Te Hiku Sports Hub I attended the first meeting this year for this group. This facility plans to be open sometime in September or early October. The area is all now enclosed and work on the inside of this area is now advancing. The tiling of the pools should start soon. A discussion was held with regards to invites for the opening. Another meeting will be held soon to plan the opening. This is very exciting for the Community. The old Kaitaia Pool is now closed that served this Community since 1950's.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4152275	29/03/2023	Follow up on behalf of a ratepayer