



Te Hiku

# Community Board Chairperson's Report

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## **Meetings Attended**

Date	Meeting
06/03/2024	Combined Community Board workshop – Ka Uri
08/03/2024	Te Ahu Trust
11/03/2024	Meeting with FNHL in Mangonui re: Paewhenua walkway
12/03/2024	Proposed District Plan variation and update on Housing
12/03/2024	NRC workshop on Freshwater Plan at RSA
12/03/2024	Housing for the elderly – online
13/03/2024	Kataia, Waiharara/Kaikino & Motutangi Drainage committees
18/03/2024	Te Hiku Sports Hub
19/03/2024	Te Hiku Community Board – Te Ahu
25/03/2024	Coopers Beach Bowling Club
26/03/2024	LGA – online
26/03/2024	Transport Committee – online
26/03/2024	Transport workshop – online
26/03/2024	Extraordinary Council – online
27/03/2024	Financial Contributions workshop - online

## **Report:**

### **Kaitaia Town Square Update**

This week (before Easter) the turf goes down in and around the water feature and the power and water supplies get completed. The patches on both buildings where the block wall and gardens

were removed will be painted too. The pots are kindly being stored at Mainfreight until after Easter and then will be potted up around 2 April. Once that has been finished the square will be complete apart from the waka installation.

Another hui is took place on 26 March with 4 local hapu who are naming the artworks and doing the blessing and want to be part of the celebration opening which will involve pop up stalls, food and entertainment. We are aiming for a Thursday or a Friday to do this but need to work in with the Te Hiku sports hub opening too.

In regard to the parklets, we got an early cost indication which was a little alarming with the increase from 2 to 5 parklets, however the design provided wasn't enough for a community board presentation. We were given cross sections for building purposes, but not the overview of the final look.

With the additional costs we have incurred with the Town Square in the engineering and fabricating plus delays on site with standdown fees and changes to foundations etc we are wary of deadlines with MBIE, opening plans that work with council and ministers etc and want to keep the Parklets separate to the Town Square. We are referring to the parklets as "stage 2" as we realise the approval process could take some time plus the accessibility parking needs time for consultation as it will need to be moved to another section of Commerce St.

With an end of April/early May completion date we want to keep the parklets separate to the Town square so that the MBIE funding component and reporting can be finalised without waiting for the parklet design, approval, budget and construction.

#### Te Hiku Sports Hub update:

There are still a few components to complete before pools are able to be commissioned and then a Public Use Certificate will be issued. Now looking at mid to late May for opening.

### **Requests for Service (RFS)**

RFS number	Date	Comment
4196469	02/02/2024	Abandoned vehicle Kohuhu Street, Kaltaia <b><i>Vehicle has been removed</i></b>