

Date: Monday 9 December 2013
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Howick Local Board Meeting Room
Venue: Pakuranga Library Complex
7 Aylesbury Street
Pakuranga

Howick Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

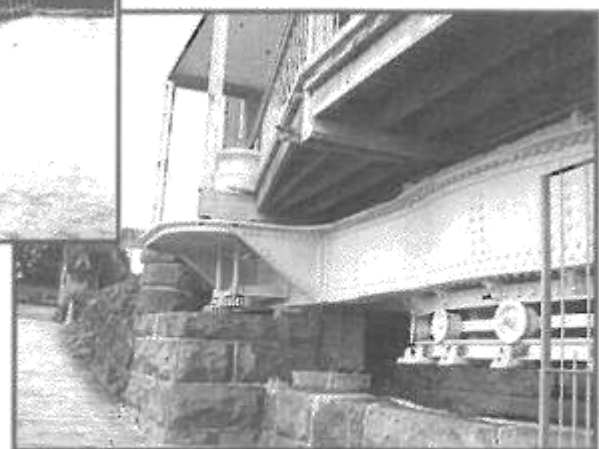
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Submission to Howick Local Board on 9 December 2013

Requesting support for 1865 Panmure Bridge Publicity

1. The first bridge across the Tamaki River at Panmure opened on 20 October 1865. It was a major engineering work in a young city that made a huge improvement for the lives of the residents of the Howick and Pakuranga districts.
2. The original Panmure Bridge and the old Kopu Bridge near Thames are the sole remaining examples of swing span bridges in New Zealand. As such they are very important engineering heritage structures. The recent restoration work on the circular turning rail of the Panmure Bridge permits visitors to see how the swing span could rotate.
3. After many requests and years of frustrating delay, the remnant steel work including the badly corroded beams of the rotating swing span and circular rail have been cleaned and repainted. Auckland Council Property was responsible for this work.
4. Despite many requests, Auckland Council Property would not take responsibility for signage and a publicity booklet to describe the fascinating history of the bridge.
5. This important heritage site belonging to Auckland Council is poorly recognised and needs to be publicised, particularly in view of its recent restoration and the 150th anniversary due in 2015.
6. We estimate the cost of appropriate signage would be approximately \$2,000 and a historical booklet \$15,000. The booklet describing the history of the Tepid Baths after the restoration in 2012 was published by the Waitemata Local Board at a cost of \$15,000 to design, print and publish 1500 copies.
7. My brother Alan and I are prepared to provide the information for the signage and history on a voluntary basis. We believe that the Howick Local Board would benefit from the publicity generated by this signage and such a booklet.

John La Roche, Chairman IPENZ
Engineering Heritage Auckland Chapter



Restored circular turning rail and winch

Public Presentation to Howick Local Board

Firstly, on behalf of Ormiston Community Vision we would like to thank you for the \$3,000 grant that your Board has made to the upcoming Christmas in the Courtyard evening, along with the provision of native seedlings for the re-planting of the gully in the Toplands Reserve.

However in light of the fact that it now appears that your Board is unwilling to support an additional application for \$5,000 to cover the costs of this event, our organization is wanting to obtain clarification of your Board's stated intention that 'you wish to provide support for community activities run in the Ormiston area.'

In October, we sent your Board a letter requesting support for the following

1. The construction of a playground in the Toplands Reserve.
2. An application for funding for our Christmas in the Courtyard evening
3. An indication of support for the re-opening of the Ormiston Community Market

Bearing in mind that significant Local Board support is currently given to community events in the Howick and Pakuranga areas, we would like to know what your Board is planning to do to provide similar degree of support for community events run by our organization in the Ormiston area.

We are willing to work with the three local Botany subdivision representatives and would like to know how they personally plan to support us as we plan our activities for next year. We will be inviting the three members to one of our meetings early in the New Year and we will be seeking a concrete commitment of their, and the Board's support, before we are able to plan any future community events.

We as a committee are not willing to personally under-write the cost of these activities, and as it is very difficult to raise financial support from businesses, and so if this support is not forthcoming from the Board, then I am afraid we will not be able to organize any further community activities. Could you please write to us in response to our letter that has already been tabled, preferably early in the New Year, out-lining your Board's action plan for our committee to consider.



Norman Sutton

Chairperson

Ormiston Community Vision



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22 October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of Ormiston Community Vision (formerly Botany and Flat Bush Residents and Ratepayers Association) in order to make the following requests:-

1. In view of the degree of local support, that the Board give final approval for the construction of a new playground in the Toplands Reserve to cater for the large number of families with young children living in the adjacent areas.
2. That we seek a grant of \$8,000 from the Howick Local Board to help with the running of the Christmas in the Courtyard event planned for Saturday 14 December (see separate grant application)
3. In view of the degree of local support, that we request an indication of the level of support from the new Board for the possible re-launching of the Ormiston Community Market in the spring of 2014.

We are looking forward to establishing a good working relationship with the new Board.

Regards



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