

Date: Wednesday 19 April 2023
Time: 10am
Meeting Room: Kumeū Meeting Room
Venue: Kumeū Library, 296 Main Road, Kumeū.

Rodney Local Board

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Letter of Support: Kaukapakapa Area Resident and Ratepayers Association

Thank you for all your association is doing to improve our community, in particular around the safety of children coming to and from school.

The lack of footpaths leading to school, and limited safe parking and crossing options is of significant concern to us. As a school we have met on numerous occasions both with Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi around ways we could improve the status quo before the unthinkable happens.

We fully support the upgrading of the current 'Kea Crossing' model outside of school. It creates confusion for our students (do cars stop for me or not?) and for motorists (cars stopping unexpectedly in front of me). The number of near misses is too many to count for both students and car versus car. A formal, raised pedestrian crossing, with warnings will provide clarity and improved safety for those using it.

The fact that children and parents can not park, walk or cycle safely around our village is not good enough. Before and after school, and any school or community event that happens is fraught with danger, as people are forced to park on the side of the highway and walk along it to get to an access point.

The safety of the smallest members of our community has to be paramount in decision making. We fully support the current plans to upgrade the pedestrian crossing and surrounding footpath and parking options.



Andrea Clarke
Principal



Thank you for the opportunity to present this short summary of views we have collected from our community regarding two aspects of 'Muriwai's Pathway to Recovery'

We acknowledge that there are many topics and we know overall and long lasting recovery will be complex, difficult and expensive. Time is short today so we have focused on two topics – cordons and the continuation of the skatepark and pump track project to be undertaken by Parks and Community Facilities.

Cordons

Residents have identified a number of conditions that need to be met before the cordons can safely be lifted at the entrances to Motutara and Waitea Roads. These are as follows –

- 1 A comprehensive security plan signed off by all relevant agencies and published to the community be in place and fully operational
- 2 The Regional Park be fully reinstated and operational – this includes
 - a. That both toilet blocks (Muriwai and Maukatia / Māori Bay) operational (septic systems and water supply)
 - b. Drinking water supply operational
 - c. All car parks functional and not subject to flooding during rain events
 - d. All tracks within the Regional Park open and safe
- 3 Both Motutara and Waitea Roads are open and safe. This would include both roads (and the relevant retaining wall structures that support them) having been assessed. A 30kph speed limit is also requested on both roads – with no stopping allowed through the current 'red' zone
- 4 The gate to be closed at the Coast Road access to the Beach. Any additional vehicles into Muriwai for the foreseeable future is considered to be an unnecessary risk and complication to the recovery of our community
- 5 A formal Emergency Management Plan undertaken and adopted for Muriwai (like the one recently completed by the Local Board for Kumeu)
- 6 A clear agreed road map / plan for the recovery of Muriwai and its community is finalised and in place

Should the cordon be lifted ahead of these actions being undertaken we have a serious concern that additional people will be placed at risk (including emergency first responders) and many properties, particularly those that are uninhabited, due to damage or imminent risk will be looted.

The community feel extraordinarily strongly about this we can't discount the possibility that unless these actions are in place we will see local residents taking matters into their own hands – either by establishing their own road blocks or through some form of community patrols.

Muriwai Skate Park & Pump Track Project

This project continues to have significant support throughout the Muriwai community. Despite traumatic recent events (and in some ways because of those events) the community still strongly feels that this investment will not only benefit themselves long term, but represent an investment for the wider Rodney community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these issues of significant concern to our community.

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