

Whakapirau and Kaipara District Council Working in Partnership



Action Plan



What makes Whakapirau special?

- Friendly Community with good spirit
- Great history
- Quiet and safe
- Special environment – trees, beach, fishing, safe swimming and harbour
- Tennis Courts, toilets, swing
- Tar sealed road
- The new sign on the foreshore
- It is not Auckland
- No shops or cafes
- Good wharf that was built by the Community



Priority	Actions	Timing
Wharf Repairs	<p>Handrail uprights are badly corroded.</p> <p>Handrail cable needs replacing or tightening in areas.</p> <p>Timber stairs and landing have rot evident in several locations and tread plate has been removed by the tide as the screws have worked loose or rotted out.</p>	<p>Council staff are investigating options to undertake the work.</p>
Old Dairy Factory	<p>The Community want to ensure the preservation of this historical building.</p>	<p>Council, like the Community, wants to ensure the preservation of this building and are working with Brett Taylor to with regards to ownership and the future of the building.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014</p>
Drainage	<p>Clear and spray drains.</p> <p>Investigate putting pipes in.</p>	<p>Drains were sprayed 7 March 2014. Council will report back with regards to the maintenance plan in June 2014.</p> <p>The cost of piping drains is approximately \$320,000 per 1.5km of road. Currently Council cannot afford to pipe any more drains.</p>
Markers on seabed rocks	<p>Investigate having markers put on the seabed rocks.</p>	<p>A community member is currently working with the Northland Regional Council on this.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014</p>

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Pest Control	There are a lot of rabbits in the whole area and they need poisoning or trapping. There is also problem with wild cats.	The Community Facilitator has been in contact with Paul Ralph at the Northland Regional Council in Dargaville and he is happy to work with the community on their pest problems. Paul can be contacted on 09 439 3300.
Karakā Green Reserve	Investigate options to mow this reserve.	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Council arranged for the Reserve to be cut back in March.</p> <p>Recreational Services will mow the Reserve on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The Community can do additional mowing as required.</p>
Freedom Camping	The community would like more consultation on this.	Council has not yet released the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw. This matter is before the High Court regarding Freedom Camping in the Coromandel. Council is awaiting the outcome of that legal process before it proceeds. It is expected that we will be advertising the calling of submissions on the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw later in 2014.

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Roading	Main road leading into Whakapirau.	<p>Work has been programmed to stabilise patches on the main road coming in. These have worsened since last assessed.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014.</p>
Foreshore erosion	A small rock breakwater was removed years ago and due to this there is a gradual and natural movement of beach sand form along the beach. With this migration of sand every time there are rough swells at high tide a little bit of the foreshore is washed away.	Council is investigating and will report back in June 2014.
Boat Ramp	The boat launching area needs to be dug out, graded/levelled off and have a concreted slipway to ensure a boat trailer can be backed down at all tides. The boat ramp needs to be scraped out with a digger to deepen it and make it more suitable for all tide use by removing rogue rocks and silt build up.	Council is investigating and will report back in June 2014.
Rubbish bins	<p>On beachfront and at wharf.</p> <p>The Community would like proper rubbish bins installed along the foreshore and in particular one by the wharf.</p>	<p>Council will speak with the contractor with regards to the cost of rubbish bins.</p> <p>Council has previously put rubbish bins at wharves and they get filled with fish offal which creates a public nuisance. Due to this Council is reluctant to put a bin at the wharf.</p> <p>Council will speak with the Community to see if they have a solution.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014.</p>

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Signage	Speed signs, warning signs for tight corners and children in area.	<p>Council staff have been to Whakapirau to check signage.</p> <p>There will be gated 50kmh signs (both sides) erected at the entrance to the township.</p> <p>Council is investigating other options for signage.</p>
Seating on waterfront	Investigate the options of more seating on the waterfront.	<p>There are currently five picnic tables with attached seats placed equal distance along the beach. In addition there are two newly installed park benches and there is a bench seat at the tennis court which would seat about fifteen.</p> <p>Not identified as a priority by the Community.</p>
Community Shed	To put community items in and fro the community to share.	Not identified as a priority by the Community.
Street lighting	Half of the street lights are not working. Put in a service request for these lights to be repaired.	<p>Service requested has been entered.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014</p>
Macrocarpa Tree	Get the tree trimmed.	<p>Service requested has been entered.</p> <p>Council will report back in May 2014.</p>
Historic Signage	Investigate what the signs could say and how much they will cost.	<p>The Community Facilitator will speak with Delwyn Chambers.</p> <p>Council will report back in June 2014.</p>

An Action Plan Update will be sent out in June 2014

Issues raised and voting on importance:

Issue	Votes
Wharf repair	51
Old Dairy Factory	44
Drainage	43
Markers on seabed rocks	38
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