

# **The Community of Maungaturoto and Kaipara District Council Working in Partnership**



## **Action Plan Update 3**

**February 2016**



Kaipara te Orangahui

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<p>Investigate the possibility of the footpath to be extended from Doctor's Hill Road along State Highway 12 to the old Bowling Green.</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>Council's Roading Engineer has investigated and has provided the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) with the information. This has now been put forward to NZTA's programme of works. Items on this programme are carried out based on NZTA's priorities and budget.</p>
<p>There is limited parking space outside the shops.</p> <p>Shop owners park out front and take spaces from shoppers (Residents Association sent letters to shop owners, but this made no difference). Could impose time limits on parking.</p> <p>Could use land behind the public toilet or land behind the commercial buildings/old bank building for parking.</p> <p>Truck unloading is an issue and leads to double parking. There is also nowhere for tourist busses to stop.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council staff monitored Maungaturoto's car parking fortnightly for four months from September to December 2015. This was monitored on differing days and times of the week. It was determined that there is approximately 100 car parking spaces in the township and each time monitoring took place, there was between 30-50 available car parks. Therefore it was determined there is not a shortage of parking spaces. It is acknowledged that there is a shortage of spaces when an event is held at the school, however, this is the school's responsibility to manage the overflow of car parking. They could potentially make field space available.</p> <p>Council is not currently in the financial position to develop or construct any additional car parking areas in the Maungaturoto township.</p> <p>One way of addressing parking spaces in the township is through demand management, by putting in place time limits and enforcement. This was offered to the Maungaturoto Resident's Association as a potential solution to freeing up parking spaces for shoppers, and it was decided against.</p>
<p>Bumpy footpaths on main street.</p> <p>From the Library to Whaka Street junction with Hurdall Street, there are many old kerbs up to over 16 inches high in some places and cars have to park far out from the kerb to open their doors.</p> <p>Continuous crack along the length of the Vet Centre kerb and some rough concrete.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Some minor footpath work has been carried out, including the Primary School entrance. The rest was completed in late October to address these concerns where possible.</p> <p>Council engineers are costing a 'bump strip' of tanalised timber to be installed on high kerbs. Work to</p>

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<p>At the entrance to the Primary School both sides of kerbing are broken, this is not accessible for mobility scooters.</p> <p>Footpaths on Whaka Street are cracked and uneven with weeds growing through them.</p> <p>Some footpaths in Flowerdale Heights are cracked and broken due to trucks driving on them.</p>	<p>drop the kerb is too costly to be carried out. A bump strip should alleviate the concern.</p>
<p>Various manholes around town have been set too deep and are dangerous</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council's Engineer has investigated but was not able to see any of concern. In order for Council to investigate further, we need specific locations or street numbers from the Community. If you know of any specific examples that you believe need to be addressed please contact our Community Facilitator on <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a> and ones of Council's Engineers will be happy to meet you on site.</p>
<p>Water rates: Why are they more expensive in Maungaturoto? What is the formula?</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>The Maungaturoto water supply services approximately 895 people. There are in total 447 connections; 410 from the Township and 37 from the Railway Village. This is considered a small number of people to service the capital expenditure. In addition, the population of Maungaturoto and the Railway Village is spread out rather than condensed, requiring long lengths of pipe work – meaning no economies of scale. Finally, because the infrastructure is aging, expenditure is high.</p> <p>Operating costs (excluding interest and depreciation) for water supply are split evenly between all of the individual water networks in the Kaipara District, based upon usage. That is, the operating costs are harmonised for all water schemes across the District. Capital costs on the other hand, are individual to each scheme. The operating costs are then combined with the capital costs (including interest, funded</p>

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	<p>depreciation and loan repayments) in each individual scheme to calculate the rate payable for those connected to each scheme.</p> <p>The first cubic metre of water supplied to each connected user is charged at 25% of the operating costs for each scheme, plus a portion of the capital costs of the individual scheme. For Mangaturoto village, 20% of the schemes capital costs are added to the 25% of the district averaged operating costs to calculate the charge for the first cubic metre. The remaining costs are charged by the total expected consumption on a per user cubic metre basis. A monthly charge is paid by Fonterra for their usage.</p> <p>This reflects a move towards 'equalising' the rate payable for the service being received, irrespective of location. This approach recognises the argument that the service being received by the end user is the 'same' irrespective of location and hence the costs should be similar.</p> <p>Council does not intermittently increase and decrease rates based on work required, whether it be operational or capital. If a loan is taken out for capital expenditure over a period of time, at the end of that time the rates do not reduce because the loan is paid. There will always be other expenditure required and particularly with ageing infrastructure this can be high.</p> <p>The age of the infrastructure, a backlog of deferred renewals and affordability are identified by Council as the key issues.</p>
Paint parking lines to better define parking spaces	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This has now been completed throughout the main Maungaturoto township. It is anticipated that this will alleviate some parking concerns. Your feedback on the success of this measure would be appreciated.</p>

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Town needs a focal point, like a town square.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This was not identified as a priority by the Maungaturoto Community when discussed in the Parking Workshop. Therefore no further work will be undertaken to address this.</p>
<p>More rubbish bins in town.</p> <p>Rubbish bins in the main street overflow and are not emptied enough.</p> <p>One of the rubbish bins at the playground was removed and not replaced. There needs to be one by the entrance.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council staff have investigated and new rubbish bins have been installed in a co-ordinated approach within the Maungaturoto township.</p> <p>Rubbish bins are cleared once a week, this is based on population size. The contractor also checks on a Monday and if they are overflowing they are cleared.</p> <p>The playground bin has now been relocated from the far side of the playground to near the entrance.</p>
There is rubbish on the roads (Ford Road). Is Transfield supposed to clean this?	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This is not in Transfield's contract. If you see rubbish on the roads that needs to be cleared, please contact Council on 0800 727 059, and they will enter it in our Service Request system so it can be addressed.</p>
Kerb and channel along the main street in front of businesses needs to be cleaned more than once a year.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Urban kerb and channel cleaning is part of the maintenance contract with an assigned budget. It is undertaken twice yearly. Any more frequently than this would mean an increase in budget.</p>
<p><b>State Highway Concerns:</b></p> <p>Tight corner with Gorge Road is dangerous, could have a roundabout here instead.</p> <p>Reduce speed to 50km from the bottom of State Highway 12 (just past Dairy Factory) where it is 70km.</p> <p>Crossing the main road is difficult.</p> <p>Resealing of State Highway 12 past the Maungaturoto Hotel has been done very badly, and needs to be redone.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>As these are all located on the State Highway, they are NZTA concerns. All of these concerns have been logged through the NZTA hotline on 0800 111 655, and an engineer has provided feedback, stated below. If the community wish to further raise concerns with NZTA, you are encouraged to log State Highway concerns through this channel.</p> <p>NZTA have advised that there is no recorded crash history on this corner with Gorge Road, and therefore it</p>

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<p>New part of State Highway 12 around the bottom of the hill is damaged from heavy vehicles when the Brynderwyns are closed and traffic is diverted.</p> <p>State Highway 12 between Paparoa and Maungaturoto is in a bad state.</p>	<p>does not justify a review. A roundabout will not be installed here.</p> <p>A speed limit review of this area from the Dairy Factory to town has been carried out, and NZTA have determined that there is not enough roadside development to extend the 50km speed zone. However it has been proposed to extend the 70km speed zone to the other side of the Dairy Factory.</p> <p>NZTA have advised that Maungaturoto already has a zebra crossing and a pedestrian easing device in the main township to enable safe crossing of the main road, and there is no further justification for another crossing.</p> <p>The section of the State Highway past the Hotel and bottom of the hill, was redone in early 2015 in order to address this problem.</p> <p>NZTA carried out a rehabilitation project on this section of the State Highway between Paparoa and Maungaturoto in January/February 2015.</p>
<p>Roads are no good, they get fixed then fall apart again.</p> <p>A number of roads, particularly Tanoa Road are not being graded enough, resulting in potholes and corrugations.</p> <p>Gravel on roads needs attention, particularly Bickerstaffe Road and Arial's Hill Road.</p> <p>Gorge Road needs more upkeep, such as grading and metalling.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council's roading contractors have specific standards, measures and timeframes that they have to meet when maintaining roads within the Kaipara District. This contract is monitored and audited and is only paid when Council is satisfied that the work is completed to the agreed level of service. Roads are generally graded when conditions are appropriate e.g. after there has been a consistent period of wet weather. Grading in dry conditions adds to dust concerns and causes corrugation and destabilisation of the pavement structure. Grading in moist conditions ensures it is more cost efficient for Council and that the work will be carried out to a satisfactory level.</p> <p>If you have specific concerns about the condition of your road you are welcomed to log these in Council's Service Request System by calling Council on 0800 727 059 or email <a href="mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz">council@kaipara.govt.nz</a></p>

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Road to Whakapirau has bad slips.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>A rehabilitation project on Whakapirau Road was completed in July 2015. This has addressed the slips.</p>
Slip on Bickerstaffe Road past the Wharf.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Repairs were completed in December 2014.</p>
Need signage stating no engine breaks through town	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>There are already existing signs on either entrance to Maungaturoto, advising truck drivers to please not use engine breaks through town.</p>
Need a seal extension to Otamatea Marae, as there is high usage on this road when there are events on at the Marae.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>In the past, seal extensions occurred when Council attracted a Central Government subsidy. Seal extensions were prioritised based on traffic counts which meant roads with high traffic counts were at the top of Council's seal extension list. Central Government no longer provides this subsidy. It costs approximately \$400 to seal one (1) metre of road and if 100m in front of each Marae was sealed this would be \$400,000 per Marae. Council believes there to be 22 Marae in the Kaipara District, of these, 16 Marae are on unsealed roads.</p> <p>There are many demands on Council rates. Council receives many requests for seal extensions each year and has around 1,125 kilometres of unsealed roads in Kaipara. Currently the only way for a road to be sealed in Kaipara is if the residents in the area fund the work, or the road is required to be upgraded as part of a resource consent. As part of resource consents, Councils are able to collect financial contributions. For Kaipara we can collect financial contributions from a developer by requiring them to upgrade a road(s) in the immediate area. This could include sealing an unsealed road or portions of an unsealed road.</p>
Bypass around town for trucks: Originally Crown land that could be reinstated, comes out of the Carters yard and is south facing. Could be	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This has been discussed with the NZTA, regarding the possibility of including this in their Thirty Year Strategy.</p>

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<p>retail/light industrial land on the other side, is currently zoned residential.</p>	<p>They have stated that realistically this would not be included. The land in question was acquired by the Crown over 50 years ago for the purpose of a deviation to the State Highway, but was then vested with the local authority (now KDC) in 1972. Council is not in the financial position to create a bypass around the Maungaturoto township. It is also envisaged that a bypass would decrease the amount of money spent within the township.</p>
<p>Create bike lanes</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>At this stage Council has not created bike lanes anywhere in the District. This would involve widening the road and would be a costly process. There is currently no budget for this type of project.</p> <p>Council is working on a walking/cycling strategy that will identify linkages. When this work is carried out, the Maungaturoto community will be informed.</p>
<p>No footpath on Gorge Road from Woodland Park into town, it is dangerous on the cemetery corner.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>A gravel path has now been installed from the end of the kerb and channel (township end) through the cemetery and is continued along the bank above the road, to opposite the first house on the right-hand side (approximately 81 Gorge Road).</p>
<p>Need footpaths on both sides of the street.</p> <p>Some old straight sided kerbs are broken and dangerous for pedestrians and mobility scooters.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Unfortunately Council will not be constructing any additional footpaths. However, Council's Engineer has investigated footpaths in the main town area and appropriate works are scheduled.</p>
<p>From the Whaka Street intersection to Flowerdale Heights, many driveway entrances are poorly built and rough.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Driveway entrances or vehicle crossings are the responsibility of the land owner. Council does guide owners through the standards and regulations in which you would need to comply.</p> <p>Council's Monitoring and Compliance Officer has inspected driveway entrances in this area. Those</p>

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	property owners who need to address their driveway entrance will be informed.
<p><b>Community Initiatives:</b></p> <p>More fitness and sports activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog and exercise park</li> <li>• A walking/fitness circuit, opposite the school and through the country club.</li> </ul> <p>More people helping out, being involved, and more working bees.</p> <p>Get through traffic to stop and spend money.</p> <p>Start a Neighbourhood Support Group around Whaka Street, and hold a 'meet the neighbours' event.</p> <p>Sustainability initiatives: Community orchard, gardens on berms, community garden on Council land that is for sale, local shops to be plastic bag free.</p> <p>Beautification around town entrances.</p> <p>Marketing: Town needs to reinvent itself.</p> <p>Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs to capture tourists attention, that they can take 'selfies' in front of</li> <li>• Could have a sign at the turn off on State Highway 1 directing people to Maungaturoto</li> <li>• Signage on entrance to town so drivers know what the town has to offer.</li> </ul> <p>Pull together information for potential business people, including contacts and helpful information and what opportunities there are for businesses. This could be on the Maungaturoto website.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>These ideas are not considered to be the core purpose of Local Government, therefore they are best to be community initiatives that Council may support.</p> <p>Maungaturoto Residents Association is more than open to hear from local residents that have ideas and potential projects, which the community may be able to spearhead and support. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. If you would like more information, you can contact Terri Donaldson on 09 431 8599.</p> <p>The Maungaturoto Website, Facebook page, and Crop Circle Facebook page are all other platforms for sharing ideas and joining community initiatives that relate to the ideas raised.</p> <p><a href="http://maungaturoto.homestead.com/">http://maungaturoto.homestead.com/</a></p> <p>Links to the stated Facebook pages can be found from the above website.</p>
<p><b>Maungaturoto Centennial Hall:</b></p> <p>Costs for the hall are too high, especially parking charges and insurance.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council acknowledges that the costs associated with the hall are challenging at times. The hall's insurance is currently paid by Council, so therefore is not a cost for the Hall Committee. Council's Rating Policy allows</p>

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<p>Want the targeted rate to be spent on our hall, not elsewhere.</p>	<p>for community groups to not pay the General Rate, however requires a standard wastewater connection charge and then a charge per pan for the hall. This policy is applied district-wide. The hall has an ample number of toilets, some of which have now been disconnected to reduce these costs.</p> <p>The only hall that now has a targeted rate is the Ruawai/Tokatoka Hall, and only a specific catchment of ratepayers within this area pay it. This was organised and agreed upon by the local Ruawai community. Maungaturoto ratepayers are not paying a targeted rate for their hall or any others within the District. If Maungaturoto would like a targeted rate established for the hall, Council welcomes this discussion.</p>
<p>There was an issue with the GST component in the handover contract for the Maungaturoto Hall</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>In order to officially handover the Maungaturoto Hall from Council to the Maungaturoto Hall Society, Council resolved in 2010, that 'subject to land tenure being satisfactory resolved, Council makes a grant to the Maungaturoto Hall Society Incorporated of the purchase price of the hall, less the GST component, which will be loaned to the Society by the Council, to be repaid by the Society when it received the refund of GST'.</p> <p>This meant that Council sold the hall, and granted the Society the hall purchase price of \$565,000 not including GST (\$84,750). The GST amount was loaned to the Society, and Council then paid GST to the IRD.</p> <p>The GST component was then able to be claimed back from IRD by the Society. The Society could then repay Council the loan, which was the value of the GST.</p> <p>No money actually changed hands for the purchase price, and the GST component resulted in being cost neutral for both parties, but the Society did become the official owners of the Maungaturoto Hall. The reason for this complex arrangement was to show the value of</p>

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	the hall that the Society received. It is of course acknowledged that the Society does have to meet maintenance and upkeep costs.
<p><b>Youth:</b></p> <p>More activities for teenagers.</p> <p>Skate park could be improved, finished or moved.</p> <p>Could have a basketball court located somewhere central and not associated to a school.</p> <p>Need sitting/hang our spaces in parks.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council's Community Facilitator is happy to work with any groups or individuals wanting to undertake any of these projects. If interested, please contact <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a></p> <p>A Maungatutoto community group is currently working on the skate park project, with Council's Community Facilitator in support.</p>
The street light outside the Police Station is flickering intermittently.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This was addressed by Northpower in March.</p>
Maungaturoto does not have a local representative e.g. a Councillor.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>The Commissioners' term finishes in October 2016. Council will return to having an elected Council in October 2016, aligning with the elections of other local authorities in New Zealand.</p>
<p>Sell Council's surplus land</p> <p>Why is the strip on State Highway 1 by Settlement Road opposite Hastie Lane for sale?</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Council has been looking at all surplus Council owned properties across the Kaipara District that could be sold. In March 2010, Council made a resolution to sell this land in Kaiwaka. In order for it to be sold it had to comply with a set of criteria, identifying surplus land and its saleability. The benefit of this land is not enough to warrant holding onto it. This land has now sold.</p> <p>The section for sale on View Street, Maungaturoto has recently been removed from the property market in order for the community to establish a playground and park on this site.</p>
Should not have to pay resource consents for advertising signage.	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Control of advertising signage is a function of councils for a number of reasons, including the risks of inappropriately designed and placed signage on traffic</p>

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	<p>safety, and the visual amenity affect caused by signage increases. Council is required under its bylaws and planning functions to control advertising signage, of which a cost is applied by Council to cover processing such applications. There are some circumstances where Council will permit signs to be displayed without resource consent approval. These are signs advertising a business on the site the sign is located, temporary sign displays such as an event, sale or auction and for signs which are considered to be of public interest e.g. health signs.</p>
<p><b>Vegetation:</b></p> <p>Flax on road reserve (outside Noel Radd's) needs to be chopped back or replaced, as it is a habitat for rats.</p> <p>Pine tree fallen down partly over Bickerstaffe Road.</p> <p>Weed control on Whaka Street.</p> <p>The kerb and channel along View Street outside Vickers Way is particularly overgrown and blocks the stormwater flow, forcing water across the road onto neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Lawn in the RSA Cemetery is too long and when mown, it is a rough job.</p> <p>From View Street towards Bickerstaffe Road the footpath and concrete wall with vine growing over and down reduces the width of the footpath, meaning it is very close to the road and dangerous.</p> <p>Privet on the road reserve around the cemetery on Gorge Road</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This area was planted by the community, therefore Council is hesitant to trim it back. The Resident's Association have been informed and will address this issue themselves.</p> <p>This tree branch was removed in November.</p> <p>Weeds were sprayed in December.</p> <p>This vegetation was sprayed in the December spray round, to address the concern. The kerb and channel is now clear for stormwater to flow.</p> <p>Council is not responsible for the maintenance of this cemetery. If you wish to discuss the maintenance of this cemetery you can contact Barry Davis (RSA Support) on 09 431 9152.</p> <p>This vegetation has recently been addressed by the property owner.</p> <p>The privet has now been removed.</p>
<p>Trees for berms.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>As the owners of the berm area, Council have the right to either allow or refuse placement of any permanent structures including trees and shrubs within the berm area.</p>

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	<p>If a group want to plant within the roadside berm we ask that they contact Council indicating what, where, and provide numbers of plants/trees being planted. We also ask them to provide any other information e.g. community/property owners support. We then evaluate the proposal. The main issues or reasons impacting the proposal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety reasons (both pedestrian and vehicles) mainly relating to visibility</li> <li>• underground and overhead power, water, wastewater and telephone services</li> <li>• ownership (who is going to be responsible for future maintenance), or unsuitable plant species.</li> </ul> <p>Council is not looking at planting on berms at this time, but if a community group is interested, please contact Council.</p>
<p>Police are not visible enough, they are never seen around town.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>This has been raised with Maungaturoto Police, who agree this is an issue, and that staffing is their biggest concern as well. However, you can always contact their office if you need. There is a volunteer who staffs the office on Monday and Tuesday mornings, even if Police are not there. If you have concerns about the level of Police staff in this area, you are encouraged to pass this on to your Local MP (Winston Peters), to make Central Government aware.</p>
<p>Playground equipment needs to be fixed.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Playground equipment was repaired in January 2015.</p>
<p><b>Business and Services:</b></p> <p>Incentives for new businesses that produce jobs.</p> <p>Train service for commuting to Auckland.</p> <p>More shops and small businesses.</p> <p>More shop buildings.</p> <p>More accommodation options.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>As Commissioner John Robertson discussed at the public meeting held in Maungaturoto, Council is not in the business of economic development. Instead, it is focussing its efforts on strengthening core Council services and current levels of service. Council is also working to ensure the District's infrastructure is robust to enable and support business.</p>

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<p>There is no bus service from Maungaturoto to Auckland.</p> <p>Collaboration needed by social services.</p> <p>Desirable new businesses e.g. McDonalds, Pak n Save, Gym and a Restaurant.</p> <p>Clothing shops for young people.</p> <p>Education when young people leave school e.g. apprenticeships or training to keep young people employed and in Maungaturoto.</p>	<p>These ideas could be projects initiated by the community, local groups or private investors/developers. Council is happy to support business development, but cannot lead it. Northland Inc. is the economic development arm of Northland Regional Council, and they are able to offer business advice and support. Council is happy to facilitate contact with them.</p>