

Paparoa, Matakoho, Surrounding Areas and Kaipara District Council



Action Plan Update 5



November 2015

Theme 1: Child and Youth Activities and Facilities	
Description	Action
Lack of activities for youth aged 11-16 years old.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>An initial meeting was held in July 2014, where locals brainstormed ideas for an active play space within the Village Green. This group has since met twice more to discuss ideas.</p> <p>The Parks and Community Manager has recently contacted this group to see if there is still interest in this project, and to facilitate a further meeting. However, no response was received.</p> <p>Council is happy to support a project if there is a group of local people who are interested again in the future.</p>
Better facilities may also encourage people to stop and spend time and money in the area when passing through.	
Area available for skate park is limited in size and susceptible to flooding.	
Paparoa playground caters to young children but nothing for those who are older.	

Theme 2: Quality of Roads and Footpaths	
Action	Action Update
Paparoa-Oakleigh Road subsides and is narrow in places.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A total of approximately 5500 metres of rehabilitation work has now been completed to address these concerns on Paparoa-Oakleigh Road.</p>
Where the seal and gravel meet on Franklin Road it is very steep and causes vehicles to skid and rip up the gravel.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A site visit by Council's Roding Engineer has been undertaken and the distance from end of seal to the top of the hill is 150m. To extend the seal any less than this would be shifting the problem rather than solving it. Council currently does not receive NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) subsidy for seal extensions, and Council has no budget at all for seal extensions. Seal extensions will only be carried out when funded by Development Contributions from new subdivision.</p> <p>Unfortunately this is no longer included in Council's forward works programme due to</p>

	<p>these funding constraints. Routine maintenance will continue to reduce this skid risk.</p>
<p>Speed Signage</p> <p>70kph sign to Pahi needs to be back further, down by hill or more warning that speed change is coming up.</p> <p>Put up '70km ahead' signs on western entry to Paparoa.</p> <p>70km sign on Paparoa–Oakleigh Road needs to be moved.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Council's Roding Engineer has assessed the location of the sign. In the 200-300m leading up to the sign the speed environment is approximately 60-70kmh around the bends, so this does not justify moving the signs as the approach speeds are not high. The sight distance to the sign is 70m which can be enhanced to approximately 100m by gating the signs. This was completed in September 2014.</p> <p>Because this issue is on the State Highway it is controlled, by NZTA. However, Council's Roding Engineer cannot see the advantage as there is plenty of visibility and as the approach is up a hill this encourages traffic to slow. Police are accountable for moving traffic. The Police have been notified of these concerns.</p> <p>Council's Roding Engineer has inspected this and cannot identify a problem. The sign is located prior to a corner which naturally reduces speed. Even if the sign was not there the environment ensures vehicles reduce their speed.</p>
<p>Bad corrugations and pot holes in numerous roads in the area.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>As discussed at the Public Paparoa Roding Meeting on 29 July 2014, further detail and clarification on individual issues is needed. If you know of an exact location of where maintenance is needed, can you please report it to Council through the service request system on 0800 727 059, 09 439 3123, or council@kaipara.govt.nz This is a good way to request work as it has to be acknowledged by Council, and you can choose to have progress reported back to you. Ensure you leave your name and telephone number so our Roding people can call you if they need more details.</p>

Concerns about slips in the roads.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>As above, Council needs further clarification.</p>
The corner leading down to Papanoa Primary School on Franklin Road is dangerous.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A yellow chevron sign has now been established on this corner, to slow down and warn drivers.</p>
Areas of Petley Road and Franklin Road are unsealed and create large amounts of dust.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>As discussed at the Roothing meeting on 29 July 2014, there are no long term plans to seal these roads due to no funding and budget constraints. However we will continue to maintain the road to try to reduce the dust nuisance.</p>
Speeds through the village are too fast.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>At the Roothing meeting on 29 July 2014, this issue was discussed. It was raised that the 50kph speed limit could be pushed out further. The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) controls these signs, if you are concerned about them you can log your concern by calling their hotline 0800 111 655. There is quite a process that has to be done to move these signs, however if you contact NZTA directly they will be able to discuss this with you.</p> <p>This is the process for changing speed limits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Speed review to establish the most suitable speed limit for the environment based on NZTA's guidelines. 2) Providing there is a recommendation to change the speed limit; there needs to be consultation with stakeholders including police, AA, community and NZTA. 3) The recommendation then needs to be put to and approved by Council, 4) If Council passes the change then the Bylaws need to be adjusted to reflect the changes. 5) There is a Gazetting book for each district that lays down the exact locations of speed zones – this needs to be amended.

	<p>6) Signs need to be put up.</p> <p>7) The Police can then enforce.</p>
<p>Speeds on Paparoa-Oakleigh Road are too fast.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>This was discussed at the Roothing Meeting on 29 July. It was raised that speeds in this area should be reduced to 70km.</p> <p>Speed limits are set using NZTA's speed survey procedure. The survey takes into account geometry, side roads, adjacent developments, sight distance, pedestrians, cyclists and houses. Based on this Council's Roothing Engineer states that Paparoa-Oakleigh Road would not warrant any less than an Open Road speed limit. Drivers are meant to exercise good judgement and drive to the conditions.</p>
<p>Safety of the one-way bridges between Paparoa and Matakohe. Speed limit between bridges needs to be clearer and have larger signs.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Northland Regional Council's Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021, has listed the Matakohe Bridges as a Promoted Project for funding in the 2015/18 Funding Period.</p> <p>Speed limit between bridges is open road speed, this does not require signage. Drivers are meant to drive to the conditions.</p>
<p>Potholes at entrance to The Landing.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>This maintenance work was completed in May 2014.</p>
<p>Bent metal handrail on path by old bank on Paparoa Valley Road is damaged.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>This was fixed in June 2014.</p>
<p>The footpath opposite the pub is cracked and vegetation is overgrown.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A Council Engineer has assessed this and found no cracking. The only visible dip in the footpath was a driveway dip. The vegetation has been cut back from the footpath.</p>

Theme 3: Attracting Businesses and Jobs to the Area	
Action	Action Update
Attract businesses to area.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A small working group had some traction in discussing and developing these ideas. However, this has not continued. It is acknowledged that Progressive Paparua and members of the local community are involved in promoting business and tourism for this area.</p> <p>The District Plan allows a lot of commercial and light industrial land use in Rural Zoned land. Council's Planners is happy to guide a business owner through the District Plan to determine if they need a resource consent to establish their business in the Rural Zone.</p> <p>Business and economic development is currently not a core focus of Council. However, staff are happy to support where possible.</p>
Assist businesses in the area.	
Young people move away because there is no work, and they lack experience. Training is expensive in terms of both time and money.	
People pass through the area and do not stop as it is not an end destination. Makes tourism difficult.	
More commercial and light industrial land needs to be opened up in order to diversify business.	
Create/strengthen a relationship between Paparua and Matakoho businesses. Helping and supporting each other's business.	
Development and access is limited by infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges • Roding 	
Look to natural assets, history and character and unique advantages in order to make the area more attractive to visitors.	
Help local cottage industries to be recognised through marketing themselves, and others supporting local goods and products within their stores.	

Theme 4: Increasing and Encouraging New People to Join In Community Activities	
Action	Action Update
The need to encourage and invite residents to become involved, as it is the same people constantly pitching in.	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>A meeting was held on 22 July 2014 to discuss the need to attract new volunteers. It was identified that existing volunteers could invite their neighbours or others to "give them a hand"</p>

	with a volunteer project, particularly where that project appealed to the individual's interests or skills. It was also acknowledged that local projects tended to attract more support when they were undertaken in the public eye i.e. riparian planting along a drain on a busy road, rather than in a remote creek.
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Theme 5: Community Safety	
Description	Action
Resident safety: Set up Neighbourhood Watch groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather list of interested people who may like to help with keeping an eye out in different areas or locations Signage stating there is Neighbourhood Watch in the area Police involvement Cameras. 	COMPLETE A meeting was held on 22 July 2014 to discuss the establishment of a Neighbourhood Support Group. Following this, a Neighbourhood Support Group has now been established and Elizabeth Metcalfe is the 'Street Contact'. Anyone interested in being a part of this group can contact her on lizm1@xtra.co.nz or 09 431 7507.

Theme 6: Noxious Weeds	
Description	Action
Issues with overgrown noxious weeds such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privet Gorse Elaeagnus Blackberry Pampas Ragwort. 	COMPLETE Northland Regional Council planned to hold a Weeds Workshop in Paparoa in November 2014, however unfortunately there was not enough interest expressed so it was cancelled. The 2015 Weeds Workshop was held in Paparoa in July.
Need manpower for spraying and cutting.	

Miscellaneous	
Description	Action
Develop area between The Landing and The Village Green, where trees have been removed	COMPLETE A planting project was successfully carried out in September 2015, in a joint effort by the Paparoa

	<p>community, Kaipara District Council and Fulton Hogan. The involved cleaning up and planting the river bank between The Landing and The Village Green.</p>
<p>Public toilets in Village Green look great on the outside and are clean on the inside, however they could do with a 'spruce up' especially as they are used by travellers and tourists passing through the area.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>The upgrading of the interior of these toilets was completed in early December 2014.</p>
<p>Kaipara District Council compliance fees for running Paparoa and Matakohe Halls' community / commercial kitchens are high (\$500) and a large cost when usage fees are small (approximately \$15 an hour).</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>The compliance fee for running a commercial kitchen is \$420 and is payable yearly with the registration year covering 01 July to 30 June annually. This includes one annual inspection by Council's Environmental Health Officer.</p> <p>Hall kitchens only need to be registered as a 'licensed commercial kitchen' if the kitchen is available for hire by a private person intending to prepare food to sell for private or public consumption off-site e.g. jams, jellies and baking prepared in the licenced kitchen and sold at a Farmers Market.</p> <p>On the other hand, if someone were to hire the hall for a wedding, this would include the use of the kitchen facility for preparation of food to be provided for those attending the event within the same venue. This then would not warrant the kitchen to be a licensed commercial kitchen. An exception would be if a caterer hired the kitchen facility to prepare food to be supplied at another venue e.g. wedding reception in a marque on the beach – then it would need to be a licenced commercial kitchen.</p> <p>It is therefore at the Hall Committee's discretion whether they wish their hall to be available for these hire purposes, which require a commercial kitchen licence. If so, hire fees need to be adjusted accordingly to reflect this licencing fee.</p>

<p>Dog laws – Kaipara District Council is very dog 'unfriendly'</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>The General Bylaw that controls dog laws is reviewed every ten years; currently there are no pressing problems that warrant a review sooner than 2019. The control of dogs in Paparua is considered adequate at present.</p>
<p>Petley Road rubbish cage – some people do not use the proper paid rubbish bags.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>From 01 May 2014 Council has advertised refuse collection points throughout the District may be under surveillance. Routine bag checks are carried out on non-regulation bags and a surveillance camera is also used in some locations. If you see or know of someone who is illegally dumping their rubbish, details including registration numbers or photographs can be reported to Council on 0800 727 059 or 09 439 3123, or emailed to council@kaipara.govt.nz.</p>