



APPENDICES MINUTES

Raumati Community Board Meeting

Tuesday, 20 February 2024

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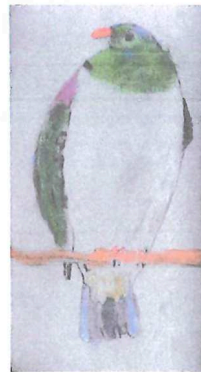
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PREDATOR (PEST) FREE RAUMATI COMMUNITY HUI/ MEETING

Predator free Raumati is a community initiative to address pest species and a desire to increase and protect our local native wildlife.

This is an initial hui/meeting to:

- Give a brief introduction to Predator Free Raumati Community group.
- Create an initial community plan for managing Pests, eg rats, mice, stoats.
- Time lines for developing this Raumati wide community venture.
- Provide information on traps and information learnt about setting up a community program on traps.
- Update on funding options for traps.
- Create overall interest and group and sign up to support this community venture.
- What next??!



**WHEN: Saturday
24th February 2024**

TIME: 2pm

**WHERE:
Kapiti College Hall**

**JOIN:
Facebook – Predator
Free Raumati**

**Email alternative for
information**

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**Please confirm
attendance on facebook
page or via email so we
can gather numbers
expected for the venue.**

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**KCDC
LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-27**

**Submission on behalf of
Raumati Community Board**



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INTRODUCTION

The Raumati Community Board (RCB) accepts the position that KCDC is facing currently, namely that the budget is extremely tight and when paired with a high inflation economy there is no appetite for large rates increases and few options for increased spending. We therefore intend to focus largely on existing projects, or projects that have very little impact on the operational budget. The issues we wish to raise are as follows

Raumati Pool Building

The Raumati Pool Building was decommissioned over a decade ago and has since been used for little more than book and dust storage. This neglect has been a shame on our community, and the opportunity cost has been immeasurable. Council currently has two options, either to tear the building down at some cost to the rate payer and in the process tear out the hearts of many locals with it, or repair and improve the building for some future purpose. The RCB submits that the building ought to be repaired and improved.

This year there has seen an increase in interest in the building, largely driven by the Our Vision for Raumati project, which highlighted just how important this space is to the Raumati Community.¹ There is a strong desire within the community to breathe life back into the space and enliven the waterfront area to increase amenity and general wellbeing. There is also a long-term tenant in the building with ideas for broader use in the future.

The RCB takes the view that, within the context of tightened economic times, there should be three phases in revitalising the Raumati Pool space as follows:

First – earthquake strengthening

Driven by landlord obligation and community interest, KCDC has now completed a full building assessment which has shown a high level of earthquake risk. Although costings have not been completed, indications are that it will not be expensive to achieve an acceptable standard and any impact on rates is likely to be minimal.

The RCB submits that KCDC, as a matter of prudence and general safety, ought to implement all work necessary to ensure that the building is repaired to a standard that will ensure it meets the earthquake standards for the foreseeable future.

¹ See more on the Our Vision for Raumati project here: www.ourvisionforraumati.nz

Second – repair to a useable standard

Once earthquake strengthening work is completed, community pressure will emerge with a hope for using the space. However, further work will be required such as filling in – or covering over - the old pool area.

There may be significant cost to such work, which risks rates pressure. However, if it can be done at a reasonable cost then it ought to be done. As a community we can then start to use the space until a more permanent idea can come to fruition.

The RCB submits that it would be prudent for KCDC to do a costs calculation to bring the building up to a condition that is usable, and that they explore options with the community of how it might be used in the medium term.

Third – a full building restoration to ensure the use and longevity of the building

As a large building on a key location, the old Raumati Pool is sited perfectly to be used as an asset that can create entertainment, economic activity, and general community wellbeing. There have been a number of ideas suggested, and there may be more that have not emerged. It would therefore be prudent to commence a process to tender for use of the space to ensure the best ideas can come forward.

The final stage of the building work will then be done only once a viable long-term tenant has been secured for the building. The work will then be carried out in partnership with the tenant, and the costs will be recovered through the lease agreement.

Priorities assessment

Improvements on the Raumati Pool Building fulfil 4 of KCDC's Top 10 priorities.²

First, improving and using the building will increase inclusive spaces and create opportunities for local people both for recreational use and community wellbeing. Priority D is satisfied.

Second, if a viable business idea can flourish in the building, then employment opportunities may be enhanced through improved tourism and economic development. Priority E is satisfied.

Third, using the building is a big part of the feedback from the Raumati Vision Project, which will ultimately feed into the Kapiti Vision. Priority I is satisfied.

Fourth, the derelict state of the building has been a shame on our community for a decade. Improving and using the building will therefore enhance mana and pride in KCDC's operational performance. Priority J is satisfied.

² Information on KCDC Top Ten Priorities here: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/councillors-hub/councillors-top-10-priorities/>

Conclusion

There is overwhelming support for the Raumati Pool Building to be improved. Doing so would enhance local wellbeing, satisfy 4 of the Top 10 Priorities, and it would help KCDC improve its obligations to tenants. Those benefits need to be constrained within the realities of a tightened economy, and it would therefore be prudent to stage the work. The RCB submits that this building ought to have a priority within the Long-Term Plan for 2024 to 2027.



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Raumati Village

Under the current Long-term Plan, work is budgeted for an upgrade of the Raumati Village town centre from 2026. Within the current economic context and budgetary constraints there is little justification for bringing that forward. However, the intervening time allows for engagement and trials.

There are a number of channels now available for town centres to trial temporary street activations. KCDC could apply for these grants and work with the RCB and the Raumati Vision Project to develop ideas for temporary street activations within Raumati Village. Those projects can then be used to provide feedback for longer term ideas for a town centre upgrade.

In following this strategy, KCDC would be satisfying 5 of the Top 10 Priorities, being D, E, I, J, and K.

The RCB submits that it would be beneficial for KCDC to support cost effective temporary street activations as a way of working towards a bigger town centre plan.



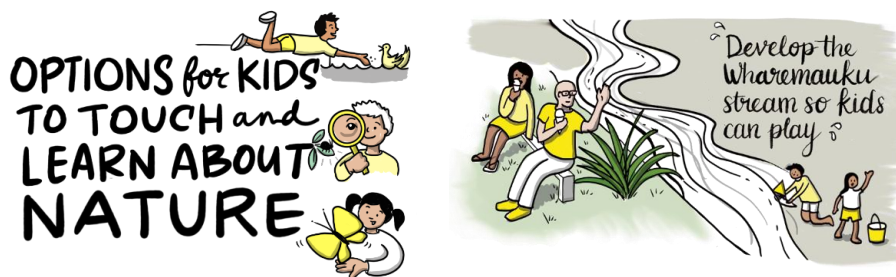
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Wharemauku Stream

The Wharemauku stream is a key part of the local ecosystem, as well as being an important taonga. The management of the stream over the years has been poor, and it has degraded to a point that is unacceptable. Part of the issue is the cross-department nature of the ownership. However, the Raumati Community Board view ourselves as having a kaitiaki role in the stream and we are keen to see it cleaned, revitalised, and for the banks of the river to be planted.

Restoring the quality of the stream would satisfy 4 of the Top 10 priorities, being A, C, I, and J.

The RCB submits that it is of vital importance to provide resources to help the Raumati Community revitalise the Wharemauku stream.



Raumati Seawall

The Raumati Seawall needs repair. KCDC has been consulting with the community about design and construction, and public meetings have occurred outlining detail of those aspects. There is a huge expectation from the Raumati Community that the planned seawall upgrade will proceed, and the budget to complete the work needs to be confirmed through the Long-Term Plan. Doing so would satisfy or support Top 10 Priorities A, B, and D.

Storm Water work

Likewise with storm water work. There are plans in place to upgrade the storm water infrastructure and it is essential to the community that these works proceed. Funds budgeted for storm water upgrades in Raumati need to stay in place. Doing so satisfies Top 10 Priorities A, B, and D.

Stage/Soundshell – Marine Gardens

An idea that has emerged from the Raumati Vision Project is to have some kind of sound shell or stage in Marine Gardens. It would provide a focus for youth as well as others to express their creativity through music, theatre, dance, etc. It would create a place for people to gather socially and connect, and it would satisfy Top 10 Priorities D and I.

