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Raumati Community Board Meeting

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

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Raumati Bike Bus

Progress Report May 2024

Introduction

In August (?) 2023 the Raumati Community Board made an initial contribution to start the work on the Raumati Bike Bus Project – the project is a cycle to school initiative being organised through the Kāpiti Cycle Action Group. Additional funding was subsequently provided by KCDC and the work started in September 2023 and Kāpiti Cycle Action contracted SmartSense Ltd to undertake the planning, consultation and publicty to implement a ride to school Bike Bus programme for all three primary schools in the Raumati area – Raumati Beach, Raumati South and Te Ra.

Planning work and has continued with the schools and with the assistance of council and so far over 30 students have registered with around half attending training arranged through Pedal Ready. To date only one parent has volunteered to be trained along with five KCA volunteers. Long term the support of parents is required to grow and sustain the Bike Bus.

The two particpating schools (Raumati Beach and Raumati South) have requested that any adult volunteer marshall be subject to the same level of Police vetting that volunteers for school activities need to comply with. Although we are not a school activity we agree that this is a prudent and responsible step to take. Police vetting takes 6-7 weeks and has recently been completed for the first tranch of volunteers.

We are therefore pleased to report that first Raumati Bike Bus ran two weeks ago and the three volunteers delivered five students from the northern end of the Raumati Ward to both schools. This was repeated this week.

With the Bike Bus now operating we are planning to allow it to grow by encouraging students along the existing route (Alexander Road) to join and publicising the Bike Bus again in school newsletters. The recent Kapiti News article has already generated a fresh round of interest.

Securing parent or other local volunteers to act as marshals is the most urgent and important part of the getting the Bike Bus embedded into the community. We will also be using the KCDC comms team to spread the word through council channels. At the present the aim is to have Bike Busses running every week and increase frequency as demand and volunteers ramp up.

To date over $1000 (more than the Raumati Community Board contribution) has spent on publicity printing and safety equipment including hi-vis vests and bells.

Other areas of Kāpiti have expressed interest in rolling out Bike Busses for other schools and we will be supporting them by producing a 'how to' guide for KCDC and providing practical assistance and funding request support.

We are grateful for the Raumati Community Board support and are happy to answer any questions.

Three routes are currently planned and will launch when sufficient volunteer support is obtained.

1. Northern Route to Raumati Beach School starting in Avion Terrace and primarily using the airport shared path and Alexander Road.

2. Eastern Route to Raumati Beach School starting on Manawa Rd and primarily using the Wharemauku Shared path and Kiwi Rd.
3. Central Route to Raumati Beach School starting on Menin Road and primarily using Glen Rd and Tiromoana Rd.

These three routes run close to all but three of the households registered.

The first Raumati Bike Bus

Each route has been risk assessed and whilst a supervised ride on shared paths and on quiet roads is a relatively low risk activity we have identified a range of risks that require assessment and where necessary some mitigation.

Northern Route 2.5km route from the Reserve by 14 Avion Terrace along airport perimeter path.

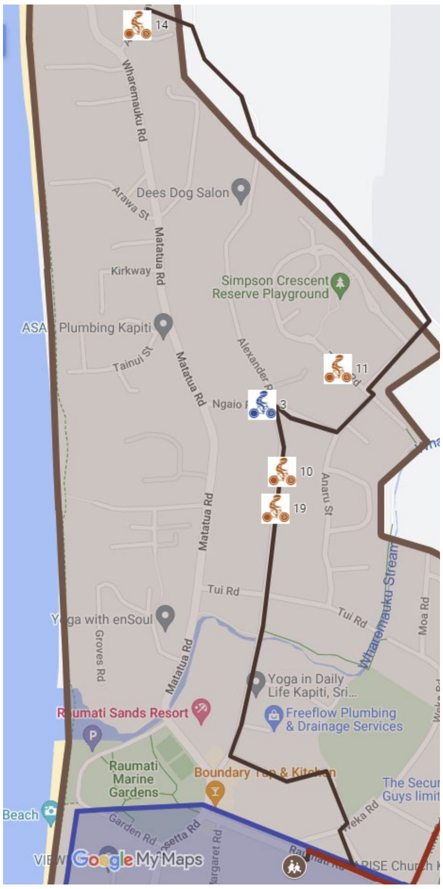

Figure 1 Route plan with initial Bike Bus people

Northern Route - to Raumati Beach School	Leaving	Transit Time
Avion Terrace, Reserve Entrance by 14	08:20	
141 Alexander Rd. - Airport perimieter path	08:23	00:00:03
20 Waikare Rd - Airport perimieter path	08:26	00:00:03
26 Anaru St. - Ngaio Rd. Junction	08:29	00:00:03
14 Ngaio Rd. - Alexander Rd. Junction	08:30	00:00:01
46 Alexander Rd - Tui Rd. Junction	08:33	00:00:03
20 Alexander Rd - Karaka Grove Junction	08:35	00:00:02
8 Alexander Rd - Kowhai Grove Junction	08:38	00:00:03
Weka Park - Crossing Weka Rd.	08:41	00:00:03
Raumati Beach School	08:44	00:00:03