

Huntly Community Board Chair's report April-May 2021

Cleaning of mainstreet. Suggested to roading that the bill for this is not signed off for payment until the board is happen / inspected. However apparently this is not possible in that the payment is not signed off as such. However have connected to inspector and provider and will meet on sight after the work has been completed (I think next cycle is May).

Meetings set up, scheduled for this week:

- Compliance team regarding G & C
- Road Safety manager for footpath scheduling
- Strategic Parks for long term connections
- Waste management for update on review

Broken shop veranda. Letter has been set to owner of building instructing to fix the veranda for shop opposite the library. This is a very positive step.

Other CRM's raised:

- Sealing / marking / curbing of Tumate Mahuta drive carpark
- Brick(s) missing in mainstreet
- Hole / ankle trap next to footpath William street
- Memorial Hall carpark service (asked to raise this)
- Entrance to green cathedral of Lake View Terrence
- Parking long term mainstreet around 60 mainstreet, instead of following 90 minute rule.
- Vegetation on Ralph road. The sight line for the very blind corner, which drives often don't always stay on the correct side of the road, has disappeared due to gorse and willow. I raised this already, and spraying was done, however feedback was that spraying from the road, hit the road facing vegetation, but didn't reach the weeds behind this vegetation. Thus requires respraying.

Temate mahuta drive reserve. Have contacted WRC regarding consents to lower culverts, clean out incoming drain, and cleaning of ponds. WRC assigned a case manager, and I have had a number of conversations with him and meeting in person this week. There are two complexities. One is that WDC did not get resource consent for these works because WRC told them they didn't need a consent which in retrospect isn't accurate. What this means is that there isn't a current consent that work could be done under. Secondly the new wetlands legislation has come into force. This new legislation covers this 'wetland' and WRC haven't yet figured out how this legislation works for areas like this. Hopefully at the face to face meeting this week, a way forward will be worked out.

Davis Park CRM. Am aware of some frustrations in the community that it appears that the council isn't keen on weed control on the Rayner Road Natural Reserve, Huntly, which surrounds the park. I hope to find out what the issue is, and move it along. I do note that in the reserve management plan that weed control is mentioned as a consideration.

ANZAC flags. Had a very good discussion about flags in the mainstreet with a member of the public who was concerned that they were not up. He has volunteered to help change in the future and has helpful paperwork. Talked to Ngaruawahia Community Board about how they change the flags. They pay ~3k for changing the flags, and the flags are owned by the Nga RSA.

ANZAC wreath. Placed wreath on cenotaph at end of dawn service on behalf of community.

Waste Minimization fund. Attempted to kick start this. With email and phone calls to council. Been very disappointed that had zero feedback from council about this. Have lost significant time, and lack of contact has been a let down.

Huntly Arts Strategy. Have written a reference for this project.

Pottery shed. Is a brick building in Lake Hakanoa that has been identified as a good place for a pottery kiln by Huntly Arts / Friendship house. A kiln has been donated, and the hold up is earthquake proofing assessment / works. Meeting with council regarding this, to see if we can move it along.

Arts Funding presentation. Fronted for the mural presentation for the Creative Communities funding round. Feedback was positive, and feel very that we high chance of success.

Connected with **Citcare Property Account Manager** after the last meeting. Have raised berm mowing outside of park area of Caesar Roose.

Changes in central government legislation regarding councils. This apparently impacts community boards. We are the Northern most council in area 2 for Local Government NZ. The chair that attended the annual LGNZ conference has suggested that area 2 hold an information / meeting at WDC so that all boards can come up to speed on the implications of the central governments moves. Will keep everyone informed about this as it progresses.

Daffodil planting. Thanks to Eden for taking care of the practical details, picking up bulbs having sign in sheets etc. A thanks to Rewi for sending whanau down while he was bed ridden. Was a very good time, took ~30 folk 1 hour to plant the three sacks of bulbs. Have contacted council to make sure they are on the do not mow map. This will hopefully look wonderful for years to come. Thanks to all who turned up and helped out.



LTP submission. Created a draft, and obtained feedback on this from the board before submitting.

Verbal submission to Stage 2 district plan. The hearing is occurring as I write. And my timeslot is Tuesday morning. If I understand the section 42a correctly, WDC agrees with our submission about keeping the subsidence zone the same shape. I will be pressing for effective monitoring so that the zone in due course can be removed once the mine is full of water and stabilized.