

Puhoi Community Forum Co Chairs Report

30 June 2021

It is with great delight and enthusiasm that I stand before you all and deliver this report. I feel that we have achieved some great results this previous year in an inhospitable climate of shutdowns, lock-downs and uncertainty.

However, the strength of a rope is given by its many strands and it's the same within our community, it's the many individuals, families and personalities that make us strong and enduring. No one person is, or should be considered the village, the phrase is "it is the sum of all its parts."

The Puhoi Community Forum has held its monthly meetings, attended meetings further afield in Warkworth, Orewa and meet with other Ratepayer groups, Matakana Coast Trail Trust, Warkworth Heritage group and many more.

We have attended our ANZAC Parade, planted the Community Garden, organised and paid for a traffic mirror, had multiple communications with AT & Council over road sealing, pest control, road speed limits, parking, freedom camping, weed control or lack thereof, further extending the riverside walkway and riparian planting and many, many more initiatives and projects undertaken by member groups and clubs that also make up the wider community and who are part of the forum family.

It is with the strands of the rope in mind that I thank the members of the forum, the Local Board members Beth and Tim, The members of our umbrella groups that update us on there progress as well as members from Waiwera, Ahuroa, J Tolhopf Rd, Orewa, who all make the effort to attend and help where they can. This is what makes a community not the distance or the area it's the people.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jess for stepping up and taking over the role of secretary much appreciated timing couldn't have been better.

I myself will be stepping down at this AGM from my role as Co-Chair, so I can focus on another Forum umbrella Group, "Puhoi Land Care Group". This group will promote, educate and focus on pest control and weed management in the Puhoi and wider Puhoi environs; some 13,500 hectares.

I will be filling in where needed and won't be far away but I feel it is time for another person to have a go at chairing this meeting alongside the awesome members who attend every Month.

On behalf of Dustyn and myself, I thank you,

Paul Manton, Co-Chair, Puhoi Community Forum.