

**PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM**

**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 February 2023 at 7.30pm at  
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB - CHAIRPERSON – Dustyn O’Leary**

1. **Apologies: Gavin Donaldson, Karen Rehm**
2. **In Attendance:** Jenny Neel, Mike Swain, Liz McLaren, Shannon & Terry Robinson, Dell Peacock, Ken Sinclair, Sandra Beagley, Jenny Schollum, Sorrel O’Leary, Pip Beagley, John Rehm, Brian Titford, Paul Manton, Michael Frost, Olive-Anne, Dwayne
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 29 November 2022**

Moved: Jenny Second: Ken. Accepted

4. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda)

5. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **December 2022** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum. Invoice paid to Greg T for his work at PLG.  
Moved: Paul Second: Sorrel accepted.

6. **Incoming Correspondence- none**

7. **Local Board Update**

No update given.

8. **Presentation** and Update from NX2, Ayla Walker and Jonathon Green- changes to layouts and roading for Puhoi and Village entrance, tunnels, road closures, etc. No projector available due to the late change of venue. Information will be sent out by email from the forum.  
There will be night closures coming up. 9pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday, to complete the works around the junctions at the tunnels,  
North bound closure coming through the tunnels. North bound will be diverted to SH16  
There will be stop/go along the Hibiscus coast highway

South bound from Puhoi will open, sometimes be on SH1 and sometimes on the Hib Coast (old road).

There is no firm “opening date” for the new motorway, as all compliance must be met, inspected and signed off. It is hoped that all will be open by mid-2023, but this cannot be confirmed while still in negotiations.

It is confirmed that the merge lane at the intersection to Puhoi will be repainted during February. Eventually there will be some closures at night of the Puhoi intersection under the bridge so the new intersection can be built but this will be for a lesser time.

The meeting also heard the update on the Forum’s request last year to have clear signage to Puhoi from the new roundabout on the motorway at the current Kaipara Flats area. This is critical as there is no actual offramp, so drivers will need to know which exit to take for Puhoi, and not be stuck heading south to Orewa. This has not been resolved, and NX2 are continuing to advocate. The forum are assured that our concerns will be supported and we will be updated with any news.

## 8 General Business

- (i) Native Tree Plaque – Dustyn/ Jenny  
No progress yet. Dustyn will send the vector files to Jenny this month
- (ii) Fallen branches in PPMP- Jenny  
Dealt with.
- (iii) River Walkway/PPMP – planning and maintenance – Sorrel. Initial agenda items put on hold as flood damage is now the priority.  
River Walkway is blocked with many meters high debris from the flood.  
Prior to the flood, Hodds offered to help with spraying and clearing. This offer still stands but the logistics will be changed due to slips and problems with access. The forum discussed which is the priority. Decision is: open the loop track, then the blockage on the River Walkway.  
Agreed to scope the area and what needs clearing, take photos and arrange a list of priorities. Aim is to have a working bee/s and invite Sean (Hodds). Paul M will contact Sean and suggest tentative 25/26 Feb.

It was noted that the level of mud and silt in the car parking areas also need clearing, which is Council responsibility. Paul is meeting with Rose Crooks about the overall clean up so will raise this too.

Concern expressed by Liz about the forest slash being washed into the river during the flood and heading towards residents' fences/ bridges. The Council have agreed to come and look at her property, but Liz is keen to have contacts with the forestry.

Olive-Anne raised the issue of emergency response and that Puhoi could work out a better plan for should this happen again. She is told that Mahurangi West have a good plan, so she will follow up with them.

- (iv) Orchard signage discussion postponed. Pip requested consent to buy tree stakes to prop up the remaining orchard trees. Cost up to \$200- Moved: Dustyn Second: John, meeting approved .  
Paul asked if more mulch would be useful for the community and is happy to arrange. Moved: Dustyn Second: Ken.
- (v) Memorial notice board for Judith Williams- Pip  
Meeting in favour, discussion about the best available location. Agreed that outside the library would be a good location.
- (vi) Power supply/ Vector – Mike  
Vector have responded to Mike, and agree that the number of power cuts (twice what would be expected rurally) is unacceptable. Brian fed back to the meeting that vector have a plan to mitigate the loss of power to small areas by having the ability to switch the source to another supply. The ongoing problem is trees down on lines, which is likely to continue in rural areas.  
Encouragement to the meeting to email vector every time there is an outage.

- (ii) **Working Group Updates**
  - **Road Safety Group**

- Puhoi Heritage Museum – screening on TV 7.30 next Tuesday- “Passengers”
- Community Orchard- as above
- Waiwera Valley Association – Brian reported a log jam causing a growing lake – struggling to get anyone from Council to come out.
- Puhoi Village Market – cancelled for February
- Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support- as earlier
- Puhoi Sports Club- still in clean up mode.
- Puhoi Landcare – Only 2 traps out of 17 lost to the floods on the Rosa Villa trapline. Plans to work with newly engaged residents to set more lines close to the Dunns Bush area. Plans to trap the River walkway on hold until floods all cleared. Weed identification information for the community is underway featuring specific weeds to target.

**(iii) Miscellaneous Items**

The mirror the Forum placed at Krippner was lost in the flood. Do we want a new mirror? Paul will check out the cost.

Pip- someone has been drilling into the poplars and poisoning them along Krippner road. They are within the historic zone.

Meetings will be held at the Memorial Hall (not the Sports Club) until further notice.

Paul informed the meeting that he will be stepping down as Co-Chair from March.

Next Meeting will be Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Emma (Sec) will be absent so Paul will take the mins.

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