WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION REGISTER March 2017

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Item	Progress	
Review of the Pharazyn Reserve Management Plan.	Council's Group Manager Community Services Max Pedersen has said that this Management Plan is a priority for his group.	
Ngāwhakangutu Reserve Management Plan (Tasman Lakes): • Updates on development, funding and other issues • Formation of a Friend's Group	There is no further update at this stage.	
Cleaning up/painting of Waikanae Bridge (over the Waikanae River)	The Council continue to liaise with Kiwirail to keep them informed of any new graffiti and to urge them to remove it in a timely fashion, in accordance with the 'Managing graffiti' section on their website. Destination Waikanae have completed paintings on the abutments of the rail bridge.	
Resource Consent and Parking Issues around Rymans	Council staff are monitoring these issues and if residents observe problems with parking they are encouraged to log a service request with Council and these will be followed up.	
Gardens around the Waikanae Memorial Hall	Greater Wellington Regional Council continues to monitor the area.	
Emergency Rail Crossing	A report is proposed to go to the Operations and Finance Committee on 11 May 2017.	
Updates on Expressway	M2PP's Community Liaison Officer advised:	
	WHAT'S NEXT: ONGOING WORKS You'll continue to see quite a bit of final construction work going on in the area. Over the next few months work will carry on around the Poplar Avenue Interchange and Raumati Straights at the south end, and the Peka Peka Interchange at the north end of the Expressway, as well as on some local roads, to build additional roundabouts, complete the local connections to the Expressway and finish road surfacing and barrier installation. While this work continues, traffic management, lane closures and speed restrictions will occasionally be in place.	
	GENERAL SIGNAGE AND TIPS The signage used at the interchanges follows the NZ Transport Agency's standard guidelines for traffic signage and markings.	
	The interchanges are equipped with advance directional signage, linemarking on the road to guide travellers into the right lanes, multiple 'no entry' signs on the off-ramps, no right and left hand turn signage etc. While people are adjusting to the new ways to drive, electronic messaging boards have been set up ahead of the Expressway entry points advising extra care while driving in these areas.	

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The Alliance has also carried out a six month education campaign teaching the community how to use the Expressway and its interchanges. We have directional information online in various formats, including video guides. Printed brochures are provided at our information centre in the Coastlands Mall and throughout the district's libraries, as well as at the iSite for visitors to the area. These have been mailed to most Kāpiti Coast households. We will also continue to review signage as feedback is received to recommend and make any improvements where it is agreed to be appropriate.

Peka Peka last exit signage - The Te Moana Road Interchange at Waikanae is the last exit for Peka Peka. From the exit here, you need to take a local road route by turning east or west onto Te Moana Road. There is now a mobile messaging board in place just south of the Te Moana Road Interchange, to advise people of this last exit for Peka Peka.

CYCLISTS ON THE EXPRESSWAY

The expressway has been designed and built to accommodate use by road cyclists, with ample shoulder width provided for safe cycling. An expressway is different from a motorway - while an expressway is a high quality, high speed road with limited interchanges with local roads, cyclists or slow-moving vehicles are not excluded from using an expressway as they are on a motorway.

The shared pathway which has been built alongside the expressway has been designed as a recreational facility to provide an additional option for cyclists. While the shared pathway is the safest option for cyclists, the surface of the shared pathway and the fact that it can also be used by pedestrians, skateboarders, scooter riders, and horse riders, means that while it will suit some bike riders, others may prefer to use the shoulder of the expressway - particularly fast-riding road cyclists.

We encourage road cyclists who choose to use the expressway shoulder to keep themselves safe by keeping as far left as possible, and we encourage drivers to take care and act considerately when passing them.

MERGING AT THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ENDS

Around the Poplar Avenue and Peka Peka local roads and interchanges, there are currently temporary merging lanes connecting local traffic to the expressway. These are in place while the permanent southern and northern tie-ins and roundabouts are built. These lanes are configured to make use of the limited road space and are under temporary speed restrictions so these works can be carried out safely. Drivers are encouraged to drive with care and be aware of traffic management, signage, and other vehicles they are merging with at these two points.

To help with the merge at the south end, there is also a temporary speed restriction for southbound expressway travellers as they head over the Poplar Avenue overbridge towards Raumati Straights. There is also the same 70 km/h restriction in place through Peka Peka. We stress the importance of drivers observing this restriction and driving considerately to allow merging traffic to do so safely.

In response to feedback received since the Expressway opened, we've adjusted the delineation and signage at both ends to warn drivers of the upcoming need to merge with expressway traffic.

People can expect to see more changes in these areas over the next 12 weeks, including work being carried out and completed, as well as lane and road layout changes. We thank everyone for their patience and ask people to bear with us while this work is completed. We'll keep drivers and the local community informed of these changes as they happen, and the impact

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	they'll have, using the well-established and familiar communication channels the Alliance has had in place over the past few years.
	SHARED PATHWAY It's great to see people out and about experiencing the shared pathway. If you're keen to check it out and want to know where you can get on and off, check out our shared pathway guide on our website.
	Shared pathways are created for everyone to enjoy, which means all users need to be considerate of other users. Everyone using shared paths are required by law to use the paths fairly and safely, and to try and not hold anyone up. So while you're out enjoying this new facility, please make sure you:
	observe all the directional signage which is there for everyone's safety keep to the left
	make others aware that you're therepass each other safely
	cross roads with care and give way to vehicles. At points along the shared pathway, you'll need to cross local roads to connect to the other side of the pathway. While some of these roads, like Kāpiti and Te Moana, have traffic light controlled crossings, others don't and pathway users need to give way to road traffic and cross roads with caution.
Hanging Baskets in Mahara Place	A report will come to the Waikanae Community Board on 2 May 2017.

	Matters Under Action – Long Term
Item	Progress
Future Waikanae Beach Vision and Action Plan	The Future Waikanae Beach Vision and Action Plan will be endorsed at the Waikanae Community Board meeting on the 14 March 2017.
	Council staff has selected a consultant to progress the Character Assessment.
Develop the Waikanae Town Centre plan, including considerations from the effect of the expressway.	Council's Construction Manager Town Centres advised: The project focus continues to be the SH1 Revocation project where we are working with the NZ Transport Agency and other stakeholders to develop the new road design and connections with the town centre. The revocation of the state highway will enable better east-west connections between the transport hub and Mahara Lane. This SH1 revocation is scheduled to enter construction phase early 2018. Including: • W1 – Category 3 works to further improve the amenity to the Revoked SH1 • W2 – Connection to the Railway and improved pedestrian crossing • W5 – upgrade of Te Moana intersection and connection to Waikanae River. The proposal for Waikanae town centre is for an arts and cultural focus, with improved public space amenity and to assist with fostering business. Mahara Place will be upgraded to provide more green spaces; achieve better integration between the Mahara Gallery, Library and Whakarongotai Marae and transport hub.

	The proposed Library and Gallery upgrade has a project team and steering group in place, we are working closely together to ensure a cohesive Town Centre development. As we move forward we will be providing quarterly updates to let you know how we are tracking. This activity will be supplemented with more detailed Community Board briefings as and when required.
The closure of the Waikanae Police Base	Board Members agreed to an offline meeting to discuss further and would report back when further information is available.