

# **Manu Bay (Waikeri) Breakwater: Progress Report Update No.4**

As outlined in Update 3, Council meet with each group individually to discuss the proposal of works. Thank you to all the Manu Bay breakwater participants for the respect shown at the hui and the shared knowledge to find a step by step solution to the concerns that affect Manu Bay.

This report is to let you know the results from the hui with key stakeholders on whether to proceed with the proposed rock removal from the seaward side of the breakwater or to undertake another workshop (Workshop 3).

Key Stakeholders were identified based on how the proposed works would directly and indirectly impact their interests in Manu Bay. Please refer back to Manu Bay Progress Report 3 for details.

Prior to the pandemic WDC (Trevor Ranga) met with three groups starting off with representatives Luke Hughes and Maioha Kelly from Point Board Riders Club (PBR) and, Malibu Hamilton from the Surf Protection Society. Then a meeting was held with Raglan Sports Fishing Club President Ken Barry and Vice President Matt Hassard. During Covid Level 3 a hui was held with land owner Daniel Kereopa. The pandemic arrived and there was a long wait to secure a hui with hapu, at no fault of hapu. Adjusting to a new normal has been needed. WDC met with hapu at Poihaakena Marae on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

## **Hui Results**

The hui results as a whole can be summed up as stakeholder-inclusiveness achieved. There is informed support from the affected stakeholders to proceed with the proposed rock removal from the seaward side of breakwater as identified in the WDC survey plans fig 1.

The following commentary is to capture the understanding and conditions pertaining to each approval, for the rock removal works proposed only. The key priority of the proposed work is to address the safety issues of the boat ramp/breakwater with the knowledge amongst the groups.

### Raglan Sports Fishing Club

The Raglan Sports Fishing Club is in support of the proposal and encouraged progress in this step of the process with the intent to allow the concrete cap to be tabled in future discussions as agreed to in the workshops held in 2018. The proposed location of the relocated rocks has been established which is to be placed in front of the sun shelter embankment (see fig 1).

### Surf Community

To gain approval from the surf community, two hui were needed. The first hui was to understand each other's concerns. The conclusion was that more information is required from WDC to enable the surf community to make an informative decision to proceed with

the works. As a result, a report was commissioned and provided to the surf community, and to the Stakeholder Forum.

The second hui was about clarification, understanding the report provided as a request from the first hui. Common terminology between WDC and the surf community was agreed to minimise translation errors in discussing areas in question, as was the best way to remove the rocks as a group.

Malibu Hamilton gave approval on behalf of the Point Board Riders Club and the Surf Protection Society on condition that prior to commencing, the removal work will be reviewed by Malibu Hamilton for viewing and acceptance, and that Kereopa whenua are recognised by the surf community as key stakeholders to collaborate with and involve in future decision making, to support erosion prone areas with remediation.



Fig 1

Representative landowner Daniel Kereopa is in support of the methodology to remove the planned rocks. Daniel is actively concerned about the accelerated rate of erosion affecting his whenua whaanau and would like WDC to consider a long term rock placement of potential rock build up in support of protecting the whenua.

Hapu

Hapu is in support of the proposal. Monitoring of the breakwater is to continue for the next 12 months and the data collected to be presented to hapu. Hapu and land owner Daniel Kereopa will be attendance to oversee the rock removal works.

### **Next Steps**

As the key stakeholders have given approval to the removal of the rocks as discussed, placing them in front of the sun shelter embankment, Council are now making preparations to carry out the works as agreed at the soonest opportunity.

Once complete, the performance of the breakwater will be monitored as part of the ongoing maintenance of the structure, and a programme of Stakeholder Forum meetings agreed on to discuss results, future maintenance requirements, and any further works as agreed.

### **Planned works to commence**

Tentative dates: Early September (next suitable lowest tide).

### **Feedback**

If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us at [projects@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:projects@waidc.govt.nz)