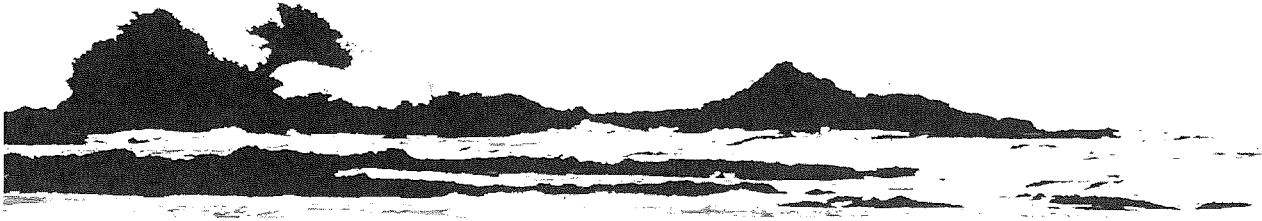


# Kuaotunu Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc.



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Hi Rob,

## KUAOTUNU DEVELOPMENTS

I am writing on behalf of the Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association to express our thanks for the assistance TCDC has given our residents over the last year or so on various projects around Kuaotunu.

The major achievement was the reopening of Bluff Road to pedestrians and bicycles in December. While the outcome may not have been produced in exactly the manner we had desired the reopening is greatly appreciated by us all. As you will possibly be aware this route has been very popular over the summer holiday period and is a great asset, especially to the Rings Beach Wetland walkers.

We have also seen the start on the pedestrian walkway between Kuaotunu West and the boatramp which has been much used although, as you know, unfortunately suffered significant storm damage in the January events. We look forward to the repair of this stretch and the continuation of this footpath further east by TCDC in conjunction with LTNZ. The automatic rubbish compactor has been installed at the boatramp and we will be interested to see how this is received by the public.

The Mercury Bay Harbour Master has also been very helpful with the installation of three 200m marker buoys along Kuaotunu Beach on a trial basis and we have received considerable feedback on this initiative. The upgrading of the navigation lights by WRC at the boatramp has also helped to improved safety in this area.

Progress has also being made on the conversion of part of the Kuaotunu sports ground changing rooms into a community library and a new petanque court adjacent to this facility will further improve the attractiveness of this family area.

Other smaller projects completed by TCDC include a much needed bike rack at Luke's Kitchen and the community noticeboard outside the Kuaotunu Store. The latter has been especially well received by the community and its location ensures that it will remain a very useful asset for our community.

Finally we also very much appreciate the attendance of various TCDC staff and councillors at our public and committee meetings. Attendance at the public meetings is especially useful as it gives our members a chance to have direct communication with their elected representatives in a manner that would not otherwise be possible.

Cheers,  
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Secretary

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