

Whangapoua moloks

TO	Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM	Allan Tiplady – District Manager North
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SUBJECT	Whangapoua moloks

1 Purpose of report

To provide an update on the 12 December 2017 Council decision to continue the interim molok drop off service for this summer (18/19) at Whangapoua and seek the Board's preferred way forward in co-operation with local community which will look at comprehensive redevelopment of Meri Te Tai and a longer term solution around peak period refuse collection.

2 Background

In adopting the minutes of the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held on 08 November 2017, the Council meeting on 12 December 2017 resolved that:

8. Approves the interim arrangement, introduced in the 2016/17 year, for the provision of a molok waste service at Whangapoua continue for the 2017/18 year.

At the Council meeting on 13 December 2016, it was resolved that.

That the Thames Coromandel District Council:

1. *Receives the 'Whangapoua Molok Waste Drop-off Facility' report, dated 30 November 2016.*
2. *Approves as an interim arrangement the Whangapoua moloks remain in their current location with:*
 - *The scale of the current moloks facility reduced to provide for the needs of the community as a drop off place for refuse bags when non-residents are leaving Whangapoua and are unable to use the normal rubbish collection service.*
 - *The glass bins removed completely and a glass collection service provided on two days per week over the summer period (27 December - 10 February).*
 - *The facility made safe for users to minimise its impact on properties in the surrounding area.*
 - *The future development of the recreation reserve planned as part of the redevelopment of the area.*
 - *The safety of pedestrians using the adjacent footpath protected.*
 - *The pohutukawa trees adjacent to the site protected.*
 - *A comprehensive education campaign initiated to maximise the use of the kerb side collection service and minimise the use of the moloks.*
3. *Approves the removal of the glass bins prior to Christmas 2016 and the interim arrangement be left in place until November 2017 (following Labour Weekend when it will be assessed).*

3 Issue

The issue to be addressed is to review the success of the arrangements put in place for the 2017/18 year and whether they should be continued or modified.

4 Discussion

The Council decision on 13 December 2016 set a number of conditions to be implemented, as set out under the bullet points above. Each of the conditions has been successfully met.

From all reports received, the arrangements continued to be successful over the 2017/18 year. The behaviours of residents were modified and the new arrangements for the collection of glass in the kerb side collection were heavily used. There was also little indiscriminate dumping of inappropriate waste and as a consequence the molok area continued to be kept in a much tidier condition than previous years.

Through the government Tourist Infrastructure Fund (TIF), the Council has now secured funding to renew the existing toilet waste water disposal system and redevelop the existing toilet block in the middle of the Park. The Parks and Reserves budget also has funding to develop the recreation reserve adjacent to the moloks over the next two years. Steps are now being taken by Council to update the concept plan for Meri Te Tai reserve, which will include the future of the moloks and disposal arrangements at the site. The timeline for the development of the concept plan is to work with local community leading up to Christmas, with updated concept to be presented to the Community Board early in the new year.

In the meantime it is proposed to continue to remind the community to maximise the use of the kerb side collection, improve the signage at the molok site to ensure public use the facility in an appropriate manner, encourage public to use the Matarangi refuse transfer station and install CCTV cameras to provide security surveillance at the molok site.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whangapoua moloks' report dated 23 October 2018
2. Recommends to Council that the interim arrangement of the past two years for the provision of a molok waste service at Whangapoua continue for the 2018/19 year and be reviewed as part of the development of the recreation reserve concept plan.