

Turangi Tongariro Community Board Meeting – 12 September 2017.

Submission from the Omori Kuratau Community to be included in the Turangi Tongariro Community Board (TTCB) submission to the Taupo District Council (TDC) Long Term Plan (LTP).

Following consultation with the Omori Kuratau Community, the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Assn (OKRA) Committee met in July to formulate a submission to be presented to the TTCB at their monthly Board Meeting. We thank the TTCB for this opportunity.

The Omori Kuratau Community submission is as follows:

1. Install a physical barrier between Omori Road and Te Pohue Street, from the lower intersection of Omori Rd and Te Pohue St through to the pedestrian access point across Omori Rd.
2. Install pedestrian refuge areas on Omori Rd access to Omori Rd Store; On Omori Rd just above Ihaia Rd for access to the playground area; At the bottom of the hill on Pihanga Rd at the intersection of Hiuhiuawai & Waipapa Strs.
3. Re-asphalt Omori Road from the top end of Te Pohue Street through to the turn off to the Omori Boat Ramp.
4. Extend current curb & channelling already on Omori Road through to the intersection with SH41.
5. Provide sun shade cover for playground adjacent to the Community Hall. Quotes received indicate cost to cover the playground area of 18m x 12m is up to \$30,000 (including GST). Is this something that could be funded out of TTCB Community Grants, with some additional funding from the Omori Kuratau Community?
6. Upgrades of the current sewerage/storm water/reticulated water systems which are coming under increasing pressure to cope during peak loadings.
7. Establish long term re-planting and beautification of Kuratau/Omori TDC controlled reserves, on a joint venture basis where the TDC provide the plants and the Omori Kuratau Community provide the manpower.
8. Establish walking/cycle track between Kuratau and Whareroa. This is to be done with full consultation with DOC, local Hapu and TDC.
9. Promote to the World Heritage Committee that the Lake Taupo region be considered for World Heritage status. A World Heritage Site is a location that is listed by UNESCO as having outstanding cultural or natural value to the common heritage of humanity.

The following fall outside the LTP, but the Omori Kuratau Community would like to see a satisfactory conclusion, and help from the TTCB would be appreciated:

1. Review land lease arrangement for the Omori Kuratau Community Hall – this is currently set at \$80 + GST/month. Ideally we would like agreement on a long term peppercorn rental.
2. Implementation of a 50km speed limit the length of Omori Road. This is to be considered as part of the new District wide speed limit By-law to be introduced by Denis Lewis, Infrastructure Manager, TDC, later in 2017.
3. Obtain agreement with local Hapu for continued unimpeded public access of the track beside the Kuratau River that encroaches on private Hapu land.