

Presentation from Kaiwaka Can to Kaipara District Council on Kaiwaka Central Project

Thank you for the chance to present our plans for Kaiwaka Central. I am Derek Christensen, chair of Kaiwaka Can and I have with me Isobel Gabites, Marijke Valkenburg and Dave Launder.

You have a detailed document on the whole scheme but we suggest you leave that for now and follow this document and the powerpoint.

Introduction to scheme

Our plan is to enhance a small area of central Kaiwaka, the area along and beside State Highway One from Oneriri Road to the northern side of the southern bridge over Kaiwaka River.

We have several aims.

One is to **increase the connections** between different parts of Kaiwaka, especially for foot, cycle and disabled traffic. It links east and west sides of the highway safely so someone on foot can visit all the shops in Kaiwaka on State Highway One without taking their lives in their hands over such a busy road.

Another aim is to **provide a green and welcoming entrance** to the centre of Kaiwaka. This is the entry into Northland and the only township in KDC on State Highway One. We want visitors to notice, to stop and to enjoy.

We want the township to be seen as **vibrant, as distinctive and as a place with a heart.**

And we **need more parking** in a town identified as having a parking crisis. We can't park on State Highway One and we have just lost one car park space in the small parking area beside the main street shops.

All these aims are **directly in line with those of the Township Improvement Plan**, the foundation document for current changes and upgrades.

And it is a plan that is really stage one of several enhancements to the township which are reflected in the Township Improvement Plan and in the Council Long Term Plan.

A brief look at the plan itself, following the numbers on the powerpoint, starting from the south.

1) Form **10 carparks** in Oneriri Road to give much needed parking space. Ideally this would also include realignment of Oneriri Road to provide a safe intersection. Work towards another EV recharging station.

2) Put a **foot and cycle bridge** over the river on the west side of the bridge. This is already included in the LTP.

3) Once over the river, there is already a good picnic area and table. We want to form a short **walking and dog exercise track** to the west, planted out in native trees and shrubs. This is DOC land so negotiations will be needed.

4) Going east from the picnic table, we plan to upgrade and **beautify the crossing underneath the bridge and extend a walkway** some 80 metres east alongside the river, with landscaping development and enhancement of council reserve . We also want to form this so disabled access is possible from the path up to the eastern shops. This can connect to the south bank by footbridge which is also an extensive area of Council reserve.

5) Ultimately we would like to put a half tide weir **in the river to provide a more constant water level and make this part of the river** more attractive.

6) We plan to put **lighting** through the area to create a beauty spot for the town at night.

Obviously finance is a key question.

The **bridge** is already in the LTP.

For the landscaping that enhances council reserves we plan to apply to the Reserve Contributions Fund.

The **western path** owned by DOC needs to be negotiated and we have no current source of funding for the **weir** but we are liaising with a stormwater engineer and the whitebait connection organisation.

Why do we come to you?

Several reasons.

1) We **appreciate your awareness** of the plan and would love you to see the possibilities it offers, especially as the State Highway gateway to KDC.

2) We need an **integrated approach** as we work with Council, integrated between governance and management and also across departments as the plan covers several different areas.

3) And we want **advice on an anomaly** we face. Kaiwaka Can was set up by Council to be a voice in and from the community. But we have no legal status and so can't apply for funding. We are working on Incorporation and will have that in place in the next few months. But we are keen to start shifting all the pieces into place to make Kaiwaka safer, more connected, greener and more welcoming.



thank you, Mayor and Councillors