



191 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Heads, 0505

March 14th 2019

To: Jason Smith - Kaipara Mayor and;
Louise Miller Kaipara CEO.

RE Reserve Contribution Funding (RCF) for Mangawhai Activity Zone Charitable Trust (MAZ)

Dear Jason and Louise,

With no forthcoming action on the above topic, I am writing on behalf of MAZ requesting that some positive activity happens in regards to a Grant from the RCF being made to MAZ so we can get on with finishing the Park which should have been a KDC Park from the MAZ commencement in 2008.

As at 1/7/2018 there was \$5,572,000 in the RCF and as no contestable funding round has been announced we now need to use some of the funds for the purpose that they were collected for and in the area where they largely were generated from - "Mangawhai"!

I also believe significant funds have been collected in this current financial year so why can't KDC show a positive hand in taking action and allocate funds to a Community project such as MAZ as it is becoming the centre of outdoor activities which the whole Community benefits from. It would be seen as a fair and just move by the total community of Mangawhai and its surrounds.

LET'S STOP PROCRASTINATING AND JUST GET ON WITH IT AS OUR COMMITTEE (AND THOSE BEFORE US) HAVE DONE.

In the KDC prepared Consultation Document 2018/28 (page 19), an option to grant MAZ \$500,000 was discussed and I have personally been requesting KDC assistance from before the last election when The Commissioners moved on. It will be three years this September and there has still been no action.

Quite unbelievable that this is occurring while our committee needs funding urgently to increase the activities at MAZ for all those in Kaipara to enjoy.

For your information KDC gave MAZ \$200,000 in 2010 (yes nearly nine years ago) which we matched dollar for dollar and since then no further grants have been made (MELA is NOT KDC money). We have stuck at it as we know there is a Community need so we would like to think that KDC would act in the same way.

We attract in excess of 30,000 visitors every January and this is growing but we need KDC help (which we deserve and qualify well for support from the RCF) so please let it happen!

We are writing to both of you as you can make it happen and YOU MUST make it happen. We will have the most skilled New Zealand team working at MAZ from July 2019 extending our MAZ Skate area using the NRC funding and we would like to retain their services to complete the skate arena to make it the only Olympic standard skate park in the country. This would be a meaningful achievement with the 2020 Tokyo Olympics quickly advancing.

MAZ and the Mangawhai Community are NOT prepared to listen to excuses or future promises we NEED and ask that ACTION happens because it can. The money is there - MAZ qualifies with the RCF criteria probably better than any other volunteer Trust in Kaipara - The Community is calling out for it with positive results on a daily basis so please both of you show some leadership and authority by making \$500,000 available to a cause that is one of the shining lights in Kaipara! Nothing but a positive outcome will satisfy us.

Kind Regards

Colin Gallagher
MAZ Chairman

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