

Q6: Maintenance and expansion of existing bush tracks

Agree. But there will need to be some consultation with Ngati Hei on this I assume. Perhaps our Community Plan should now make a statement on consultation with Tangata Whenua seeing as parts of the Reserves in Kuaotunu are to be returned to Ngati Hei. A dialogue needs to be established first before we do that?

Better to well maintain the ones we have first.

A map of those tracks that are already there would be nice. The golf club at Matarangi had one but missed most of our tracks off. Signage is also required in some places. Both a map and signs will make our tracks more used.

When kauri dieback will trigger closure of many existing tracks, we'll need to see what can be prioritised.

These are seeing increasing use which is wonderful. We need initiatives to combat KDB in balance here though.

The preservation and expansion of the existing coastal and bush walkways throughout the Coromandel is something we should all support - It educates us on our past, environment, future and health.

This would support local and tourist options for bush walks and connecting with our wonderful natural environment. It does make a difference if you can actually access some of the Bush and see birds etc. This works well in the uk and Europe which has much more access to long walks in the forests.

Here we need to make sure any tracks going through kauri plantings are boardwalked so as to keep off the roots of kauri to help protect them from kauri dieback.
DOC needs to put in proper hygiene stations on all three entrances to Matarangi reserve BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2018

As an avid walker would love to have more tracks in the region.

We are surrounded by the most amazing natural environment that most residents (not tourists) don't know about. There are only two established tracks which are not widely promoted but are maintained well by a few dedicated locals.

I am a regular bush walker and I think any improvements to our tracks is always a good thing

Again, do we really want council to take over maintenance of bush tracks. Better if they simply provide financial assistance where needed.

Because of kauri dieback [which attacks species other than kauri!] no new tracks should be built. Existing tracks need to be upgraded or re-routed to protect any kauri roots and 'unavoidable' hygiene stations installed at all entry and exit points. They should be closed until they are upgraded to a suitable standard. No trap lines should be installed in kauri bush and existing trap lines re-routed to avoid kauri stands.

Maintenance yes - expansion only if there is a sufficient volunteer base to support it. Neither DOC nor Council have the funds to do this and it is manageable with volunteers. We need to encourage a younger generation (i.e. early retirees) to get involved and take leadership roles. It isn't onerous

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just needs the commitment. We definitely need to expand the volunteer base for the tracks we have.

Attracting more tourist to area. Creating economical activity, more jobs.

We love it and share it.

Maintenance more than expansion...great to have ways that city folk and especially children can experience nature so close.

Its great to have these amazing walking tracks in our back yard and we need to preserve and enhance them for all to enjoy!

This is doc business

Spray free maintenance, consideration of kauri die back

No round- up sprays.
Considering kauri Dieback. In the future some tracks should possibly be closed to protect trees.

if it s for locals, not to enhance tourism at the comunitys expense

No point in having a facility unless it is maintained!

Once again a balanced approach is needed. Bush tracks are great but I come across so many people (many of them locals) with out of control dogs off leads on these tracks. More or better tracks means more people in the bush and therefore more risk of damage.

BUT Let's not go nuts here and encourage busloads of tourists. Small unobtrusive tracks, please. As we have already, but need a maintenance plan and funding.

Important for the health of the community and gives us the ability to access more areas for pest irradiation, week control etc

Kauri Dieback could force track closures so mitigated public bush walks are important. Bush walk next to Luke's kitchen around tcdc water catchment zone is a bad idea, could introduce Guardia to water.

Maintenance yes expansion not so important.How many trampers use the same tracks more than once?Our rates are involved (increased) by more tracks being supplied.We should be encouraging people to enjoy what is available seasonally.

Maintain and expand without loosing the unique nature of the current tracks

This would depend on where and if public land would be required.

Maintenance of our wonderful tracks definately, but no development or expansion. Our beautiful remnants of mature native bush should stay untouched !

We have enough bush tracks and it's important to concentrate on keeping these well maintained.

We need to be mindful of the threat of kauri dieback and ensure access and tracks are designed in ways that protect our special forest environments and landscapes.

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...in conjunction with responsible dog ownership and our permanent residents setting the standard year round.

Put this in the context of the existing community plan. It is well stated at present

Once again it's nice to be able to enjoy bush walks in the summer hot days rather than beach walks .

A few yes expansion to where?

Maintenance of current tracks yes, but no more

Love the idea of more track around Kuaotunu!!
