

1. STATE HIGHWAY 25.

The upgrading and sealing of SH25 over the Kuaotunu Hill has been delayed for 12 months. The latest suggestions are that:-

(i) an eight month contract be let for Myndermans Hill to Owera
or (ii) an eighteen month contract be let for Myndermans Hill to
Whangapoua

(iii) Two contracts for the Kuaotunu Hill and the Coromandel
Hill to be let seperately on a two year time period, with
the work being done on the two hills concurrently.

The whole work being completed in 4years time, as yet no work has
been started this season.

2. POSSUM SURVEY.

The \$500 raised locally for the possum survey has been spent on a
poisoning scheme to ascertain the size of the population. Letters
requesting financial assistance have been sent to Environment
Waikato and the Department of Conservation with no response to date.
Environment Waikato have assisted on a limited basis with the supply
of Timms traps. An up to date report will be given at the AGM.
Further requests for financial aid will be based on the result of
the survey.

3. BOAT RAMP.

- (i) A request was made to Transit NZ to reduce the amount of
landscaping to allow for more parking space but the original
plan was adhered to. Nevertheless the community is grateful
for the improvement to the ramp and the area generally.
- (ii) Action has been started to remove the dangerous rocks at the
ramp. It is hoped this expenditure will be included in the
1993-1994 Community Board Business Plan.
- (iii) An environmentally acceptable toilet should be erected at
the ramp before the holiday period.
- (iv) The Thames Coromandel District Council has proposed a
procedure to charge boat users for the use of ramps. The
ultimate penalty being wheel clamping the boat trailers. The
Mercury Bay Community Board has opposed this suggestion.
Nothing has been finalised as yet.

4. KUAOTUNU WEST SEWAGE.

Two meetings have been held with both resident and non resident
ratepayers of the area. A working party of ratepayers has been
established to gather more information, especially on disposal
methods. Advantage has been taken on the information gathered at
Cooks beach and Hahei where similar problems occur.

Mike Harper is the chairman of the committee, Ph 866-5392 (bus). The storm water drainage from the road and the reserve that causes additional trouble is being examined by the Mercury Bay Community Board with the intention of eliminating that problem.

5. DUNE REHABILITATION, KUAOTUNU WEST AND RINGS BEACH.

A scheme is being investigated to rehabilitate the sand dunes at Kuaotunu West. This project will be under the guidance of Mr. Jim Dahm, a coastal scientist from Environment Waikato.

Arrangements have been made for a public display to be held in the Kuaotunu Hall on the afternoon of January 5th 1994, outlining some of the methods proposed. This will be followed by a public meeting at Easter 1994 when suggestions from the public will be welcome and a committee formed. It is intended to start the project in the Autumn 1994 when voluntary assistance will be sought, especially in planting and then maintaining the plants.

6. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION.

The Department of Conservation has produced a draft copy of their Management Strategy. The second volume consists of their vision for their estate that exists in the Coromandel Peninsula, offshore islands and elsewhere. The Coromandel sections of the plan have been separated out from the total area. Copies of these volumes are available from the Kuaotunu and Whitianga libraries.

7. RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

As yet this plan has not been finalised.

8. BYLAWS FOR BEACHES IN THE MERCURY BAY BOARD AREA.

- (i) Dogs are prohibited on the beach from the beginning of Labour weekend to the end of the Easter weekend between the hours of 9.00am - 8.00pm. Outside these hours dogs must be under direct control.
- (ii) Between the end of Easter and the beginning of Labour weekend, dogs are permitted, provided they are under control, of a responsible person.

MEETINGS - NOTE

- (i) An additional Ratepayers meeting will be held at the Matarangi Firestation at 8.00pm on January 4th 1994.
- (ii) Display concerning the dune rehabilitation will be in the Kuaotunu Hall from 1.00pm on January 5th 1994.
- (iii) AGM will be held in the Kuaotunu Hall, 8.00pm January 5th 1994.

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SIGNED. Harman Brown, Chairman KP&MRR Assn.

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