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***The Mangonui Boardwalk
And Facilities***

Some progress, albeit slow, is being made on plans to resolve community concerns about Council proposals for unsightly safety barriers on the Mangonui boardwalk. These concerns resulted in two community petitions to FNDC last year.

There has been widespread concern in Mangonui about more significant safety issues. The Southern part of the seawall that doesn't have a boardwalk, where people do fall in, needs a boardwalk, and the absence of footpaths and street lighting in busy parts of the village need to be addressed urgently.

A community meeting with Council in Mangonui last year brought Community concerns to a head. Sentiments ranged from "the boardwalk doesn't need a barrier at all" to "let's do a simple nautical kind of rope barrier, and at the same time fix the other issues crying out for attention in Mangonui".

A community working group was formed to explore options for addressing the community concerns. The group produced proposals and architectural drawings which went to Council in December 2016. The proposals incorporated a simple safety barrier, and a lower level wharf and pontoons to enable pleasure craft access to the village. An extension to the boardwalk at the Southern end of the village is also included. The safety barrier design is simple, low cost, and is based around the rope concept which found favour at the Community meeting.

Council have submitted the proposals to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment ("MBIE"), who have the power to approve variations to blind compliance with the Building Act. To date MBIE have approved a part of the plan, and final determination for the balance of the scheme is awaited.

The initial FNDC work done on costing the Working Group's proposals shows the likely cost to be within Council's budget for expenditure on the boardwalk. The Long Term Plan budgets that expenditure for 2024/25, which is obviously way too far away to address the immediate concerns that Mangonui residents have about safety and village facilities.

Nevertheless, provided that MBIE do approve the balance of the design, it's looking good for Mangonui. The working group proposals achieve a whole new range of maritime and community facilities. Pleasure craft and visiting boaties gain access to the village and amenities, small craft such as kayaks, waka ama and paddle boarders will have new access facilities. Whilst there are many details to be worked out, and challenges to be overcome, it's an exciting project, and it's within Council budget.

Mangonui Information Centre

The centre is run by volunteers and we need more! If you think you could spare a couple of hours every week to assist the center please make contact with Debs Baker the Information Centre Manager or one of the committee members.

For visitors to Doubtless Bay the centre is very often the first place people go for information .

If you are a member of DBPI don't forget to drop off your business cards and if you would like a poster advertisement then please speak with the centre staff.



We're on the Web

www.doubtlessbay.co.nz



Business Networking

Breakfast Meetings are a great way to share your business information and meet and greet new businesses to the area. We had a very successful breakfast at **Little Kitchen**, Mangonui in August and are very much looking forward to **Wild Nekta** in October. Watch your email for more information, and spread the word.

NEXT Thirsty Thursday

21st September 2017 we have been invited to Carrington.

6:00 Carrington members bar for drinks and nibbles.

Carrington will give any diners 10% off their meals in the evening if members pre book in for dinner.

Thank you Carrington.



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Local stories about local people and all things Doubtless Bay - Check it out.

New Chairman

Margaret Aydon New Chairman of Doubtless Bay Promotions Inc. She is joined by a team of others:

Eddie Aickin

Debs Baker

Jan Ferguson

Ian Ivey

Rick Palmer

Barbara Pengelly



Stewart Russell

Danny Simms

Lynette Wilson

Would you like to make a difference in Doubtless Bay? Then come and join us, we need people who know the history of the Bay, people who can work on a specific project and people who just love meeting people.