

## **KCSRA – Some Achievements during 2018/2019**

As always, the Committee has been very busy on a range of activities. Some matters are harder to push along than others, but we have made progress in a number of areas.

We set out an abbreviated list of achievements below:

1. Our opposition to a large new mussel farm in the already intensively farmed Beatrix Bay has been successfully concluded. The Court of Appeal dismissed the applicants appeal.
2. The installation of a new public toilet facility in Torea Bay jetty area has been completed.
3. We are part of a Ministerial sanctioned working group tasked with putting together a new governance structure and management plan for the Marlborough Sounds Scallop Fishery.
4. We identified part of Elie Bay road as in urgent need of remedial works due to rising sea levels threatening the road and, in cooperation with the local community, persuaded Marlborough Roads to carry that work out.
5. We continued to represent members on a wide range of issues at the Marlborough Plan hearings making a total of eleven submissions to the hearing panel.
6. As requested at the last AGM we investigated the need for an upgrade of the Te Mahia jetty. We then made submissions on that at the Council Annual Plan hearing and subsequently a budgetary allocation for such work was allocated. Marlborough Roads have now carried out preliminary design and costing studies.
7. Following a request from concerned members we decided to take steps to regularise the informal ski lane area at Double Beach Bay in the Kenepuru Sound. The harbour master agreed to the installation of a trial ski lane in that area and the lane markers etc have been installed.
8. The sealing of the section of Kenepuru Road from Taradale to Waitaria did not take place as promised, due to Marlborough Roads experiencing a variety of technical and logistical issues. However, we sought and received confirmation from Council that the budgeted expenditure has been ring fenced. We have worked with Marlborough Roads to make sure the logistical issues are being addressed. We are hopeful this work will be undertaken in the summer.
9. After an approach from the local school we lobbied the Minister of Education, the Chief Executive of the Department of Education and our local MP to have the decision to abruptly withdraw the School bus route funding revisited. We are advised that a more satisfactory outcome has been negotiated.
10. We made a number of written submissions on a wide variety of topics e.g., to the Department of Conservation in relation to its proposal to make the Queen Charlotte Track a New Zealand Great Walk.