

## **Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association**

### **Roading Report to the Annual General Meeting 2019**

As noted in the President's report, in light of the continued deterioration of the local road network the Committee decided we needed to do something different.

**Firstly**, we made the whole Committee the Roothing Committee.

**Secondly**, we (Alistair and I) met with Marlborough Roads (**MR**) and the Council in town on five occasions. Each time we put up an agenda and circulated minutes. This closer engagement at a higher level has resulted in some good results roading wise. I will ask **Alistair** to briefly comment on this aspect.

**Thirdly**, we set up a group – mainly Committee members – to keep an eye out on road issues such as blocked culverts etc. We called this group the “Roadeyes”. I rapidly became aware of the need to have a better road issue reporting system. We got as far as seriously thinking of tasking Stefan with the development of our own internet reporting application. Serendipitously at an MR/Council meeting, it turned out Council had recently acquired an internet-based reporting application – Antenno. I will ask **Stefan** to comment on where we are at with this application.

**Fourthly**, we tried to capitalise on the budgeted programme of local roadwork Councillor Hook had brought to the last AGM. In particular, the trial of what we hoped was the modern equivalent of the roadman – the Sounds cyclic road crew, targeting the small maintenance jobs before they become big ones. Great concept but a few delivery issues.

As we tried to resolve/improve matters at our MR/Council meetings, it occurred to me that other Residents Associations such as the Port Underwood Association might be having a similar experience with the Sounds cyclic road crew trial. They were!

By coincidence, the main roading contract (HEBs/Opus) is up for renewal this year. We discussed the opportunity this presented in terms of both cementing in and improving the Sounds cyclic road crew with the Port Underwood Association.

Together we decided to reach out to our local Sounds Councillors to see if we could get them to vigorously engage in the contract renewal process to improve matters. I will ask **Adrian** to say a few words on how our first meeting with the two Associations, our local Councillors and MR went.

**In summary**, there is still much to be done in terms of bringing the local road network back to a good standard but I am reasonably optimistic that the steps the Committee has taken to date will, in time, improve matters.

Andrew Caddie  
President

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