
From: Caroline Davidson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 5:51 pm
To: haveyoursay
Subject: Te Kuiti Holiday Park

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As an NZMCA member, I suggest you contact the NZMCA office regarding your plans. The association is actively expanding it's network and providing more facilities. They collaborate with Penny (formally Kiwicamp) who provide the buildings and connectivity for payment. They could be interested in installing the building at the Otorohanga NZMCA park.

Regard

Caroline Davidson

From: H and R Duder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 9:51 am
To: haveyoursay
Subject: Te Kuiti holiday park

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Hi,

I would like to express my feelings in regards to the holiday park.

I feel this needs to be where all the freedom campers park. I drive past the statue every morning at 5am and the car and van numbers are growing by the day.

Where do these people go to the toilet?? I bet they don't know where the toilets are and I also bet they don't have them on board.

It has made the town look untidy and is a disgrace considering the amount of money that got put in to the motor home park.

Just think if this is the amount of people in winter, what is it going to be like in summer time?

Why not make the gated park cheaper or make that the freedom camping site.

We need to clean up our town, young children play on the grass around the statue which is where I bet a lot of people are using for a toilet.

Thank you
Ranae Duder

From: Matt Faull [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 12:57 pm
To: haveyoursay
Subject: Bathroom/kitchen block

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Hi

On behalf of the Tainui Wetere domain we all think it would be a grand idea if we could secure the bathroom/kitchen block for our domain as it would get well used. It would also make it a destination for campers, which aligns for what we are working towards doing.

Thanks

Matt Faull

Vice Chairman

Tainui Wetere Domain

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 4:58 pm
To: haveyoursay
Subject: Te Kuiti Holiday Park

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Hello Waitomo District Council,

Could we please have a breakdown of the costs to run the Holiday Park as I thought it was basically self-supporting.

I wonder why holiday folk are choosing to camp for free elsewhere in town.

What are the costs involved for campers at the holiday park?

I do not agree with dismantling these facilities as we have few camping facilities near Te Kuiti.

I suggest Council close free camping in our carparks and travellers are encouraged to use the proper facilities.

I am a member of the Brook Park Committee and the folk I've spoken to speak highly of the facilities and enjoy walking or playing disc golf, in the wider park.

The recent Disc Golf tournament plan to have the NZ Nationals in 2028 in Te Kuiti and they find accommodation sparse here.

I feel reducing facilities is a short-sighted vision from council.

Sincerely,

Sue Wagstaff

From: Craig McKellar [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 4:58 pm
To: haveyoursay
Subject: Camp Ground

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Councillors

In simple terms it is not good business at \$45000 per annum to run & collect \$13000 p.a. .

Even with the rent collected from 47 Te Kumi, (market rent of around \$23500 p.a.) still falls well short of the \$45000.

Relocation of the re useable facilities to Marokopa makes sense.

From my own observations mobile homes appear to be one night stays, accordingly accept what the camping ground is and move on, so rate payers do not continue to subsidise the white elephant that it is.

Likewise dispose of 47 Te Kumi Road as the council function is not to provide staff housing nor invest in rental real estate.

Yours faithfully

Craig McKellar

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 24 May 2025 1:15 pm
To: haveyoursay
Cc: Janette Osborne
Subject: Te Kuiti Kiwi Camp

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The Te Kuiti Kiwi Camp: A flop in the way it has been set up. No area for tents.

Te Araroa Trail

From October to March each summer there is a huge influx of trampers from the Te Araroa Trail who pass through Te Kuiti.

All need accommodation of some sort. Where do approximately 1000 people stay?

A few stay in motels, others have been traditionally taken in by "Trail Angels".

"Trail Angels" are not guaranteed accommodation, and having 350+ people stay at your home over a space of 4 months is not necessarily sustainable ongoing over consecutive summers.

Many of these trampers use Te Kuiti for a 'Zero' rest day.

Why should council be concerned about people who are just out doing "their thing".

Our local business community benefit hugely from this influx.

The purchase of filling, rewarding meals on arrival to town. (Take aways, restaurants, cafes all benefit)

The local Laundromats are well used.

The resupply – shopping for a weeks' worth of food to sustain over the next stretch of trail.

The repair and replacement of equipment.

The return customers – many Overseas people remain in NZ for some time travelling.

They return to places they enjoyed, they tell friends, they bring others to our town.

All bringing further income.

Other users issue.

There is another segment of our community using the facilities.

With the removal of amenities block what will happen?

I understand there is a growing use by

Homeless people who live in their cars, or tents hidden in other places.

Toilets, showers are frequently used.

It has been noticed that the showers are being used by more and more in the community who have houses but no hot water.

People are seen to shower then leave for work or school in the mornings.

Possible Solution

Firstly I know the response from some will be "It is not council responsibility to provide accommodation".

Correct, but if council still want:

"A prosperous district

We enable a thriving and sustainable economy to create greater benefits for everyone."

Is it possible a manger or lease arrangement would improve the income?

Improved space to accommodate tents.

Not just for Te Araroa Trail walkers – there is a huge sector of NZ population who still love camping.

If this Kiwi Camp is dismantled then we will have another issue, how will council address that?

Maybe better economics wise to rectify this issue than start over.

Sue Sands

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