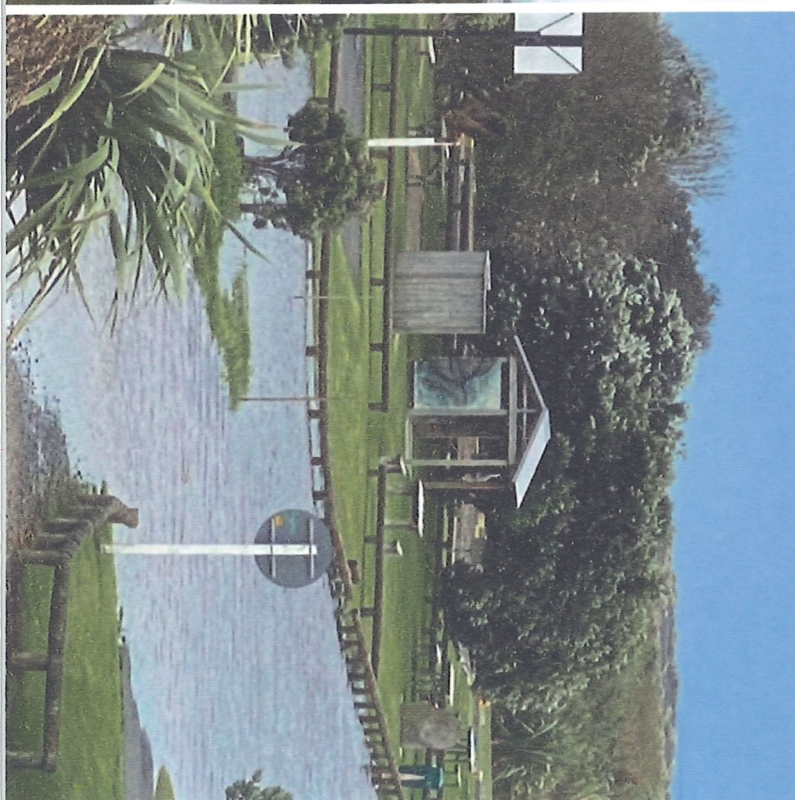
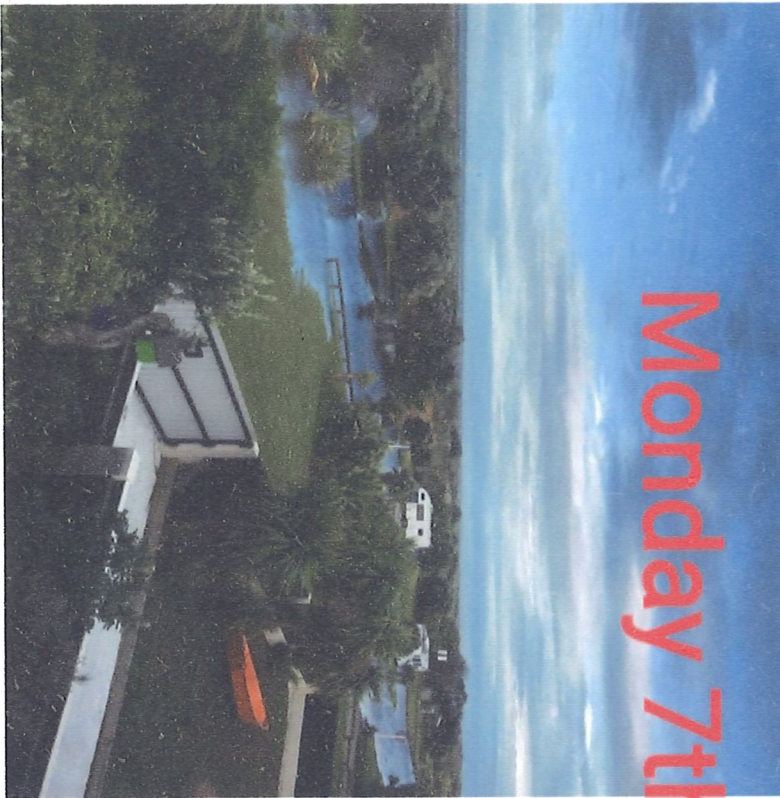




Monday 7th Feb 2022



We have been operating the Koitiata camp ground for 3 years and during this time we have watched the number of visitors grow and the buildings deteriorate. The equipment pumps etc are old and in constant need of repair. During peak holiday time the camp is full and the facilities are inadequate to cope. Having only one toilet for each sex there are often queues. This is before members of the public visiting the community and also using the facilities including the shower. Koitiata is on the Te Araroa trail and is the overnight stop over for walkers taking the beach option between Whanganui and Bulls. Therefore providing the only amenities on this leg.

The Koitiata community take pride in their region and put in many hours maintaining the beach access, attractive gardens and have a regenerative wetlands campaign underway. Recently members have come together to build and install a birdhide for visitors to observe the rare and endangered birds that live in and visit the wetlands.

On numerous occasions concerns have been expressed about the state of the public toilets.

Since taking over Graeme and myself have requested that an upgrade of the facilities be undertaken. At one point of time a start date was arranged only to have the plug pulled at the last minute. From information given us the only money spent has been to provide paint. The buildings are 30 plus years old. Considerable money has been spent to patch up old plant ie pumps. These are regularly in need of repair.

The photos provided show the condition of the buildings. Visitors often comment on the need to refurbish an otherwise beautiful spot.

The water from the showers flows under the wall to the drain in the store room. When the showers are used frequently the water level backs up causing flooding. Especially when both showers are in use at

the same time. At times the pump in the sewage sump becomes blocked. When this occurs the sewage backs up blocking the toilets and overflowing. Making them unusable. The sump becomes full and overflows onto the ground in front of the buildings. This happens a number of times a year. Usually at peak times.

The walls behind the toilet is made of chipboard and the paint is peeling. The wall is rotting due to moisture and continues to break away.

Black mould has formed in the shower areas and despite daily cleaning with chemicals, cannot be removed. It has now become a health issue.

We also would like to bring to your attention the frequent flooding that occurs.

There is an open drain that divides the non powered sites from the powered sites where the ablution block is. The access for campers to get to the ablution block is via a macrocarpa slab put there by previous custodian. Several campers have slipped crossing this obstacle especially at night as there is no lighting. The drain is about 1 metre deep and not fenced. We have a lot of young families now staying on the non powered side with toddler's. This drain needs to be addressed before there is a serious accident. The drain rises as the estuary rises and has no outlet. It is a major concern not only for us as camp wardens but all of the community. Also the drain water is a health issue as there is no flow so it attracts mosquitos etc. The issue has been raised with parks and reserves and the response we are told is there is no money to fix it.