

## **Letter from Wayne Chisnall to MDCA, February 2024**

### **Opportunity for TDC to contribute to the completion of the Mapua Inlet pathway**

The last discussion we had about this pathway was via email on 20.11.19. We discussed what the impediments were to completing the pathway from the Mapua Wharf across Toru Street, through Moreland Reserve, along the new Mapua Inlets pathway, across “Bones Driveway”, along the Seaton Valley Stream council owned land and across the private driveway to the Old Mill Pathway. These included: the attitude of the owner of 31 Toru Street to a path beside his property; the completion of vestment of Stage 3 Mapua Inlet subdivision land to the TDC; the attitude of the owner of 126 Aranui Road to the pathway crossing the “Bones Driveway”; and the attitude of one owner using the private lane alongside the Old Mill Pathway to the pathway crossing that lane.

The properties at 31 Toru Street, 126 Aranui Road and 128 Aranui Road are currently on the market so this should be an opportunity for the TDC to place “caveats/disclosures” on these properties to enable access for the extension of the proposed pathway. It is assumed that access across the private driveways would require controlled “kissing gate” arrangements. The pathway alongside 31 Toru Street would probably require a board walk on TDC land.

The owner of 126 Aranui Road has put a wire netting fence up to block people cutting across the driveway from the Mapua Inlet pathway. The irony is that the advert for the sale of 126 waxes lyrical about access to this pathway!

The agents for the sale of these properties are:

- 31 Toru Street – Eric Keepa of Summit Real Estate
- 126 Aranui Road – Ian McFadyen, Tall Poppy Real Estate
- 128 Aranui Road – Baileys Real Estate

The completion of this pathway was planned years ago and all but one of the impediments might now be overcome with appropriate management by council. Discussions might then be set up with the users of the lane beside the Old Mill Pathway to resolve this issue.