

*R.R.R.A.*  
*RIVERHEAD RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.*

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**WALKING AND CYCLING MODEL COMMUNITIES - RIVERHEAD RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORT**

Dear Wayne

We would like to support the Rodney District Council in its application for the Walking and Cycling Model Communities.

Our RRRA group has been working alongside RDC for the past 3 years in both our Vision Strategy and our recently adopted Riverhead Structure Plan. One of the most common issues that arose from within both of these processes was the dissatisfaction with the lack of footpaths and walkable connections within our village. With no footpaths and cars parked on the sides of the road, children and 'mothers' with prams are forced to walk in the middle of the road. One of the current issues that we have is the lack of footpaths to our main community facility - the Riverhead War Memorial Park. This by default forces many parents with children to take their cars instead of walking or cycling to the Park.

In direct contrast, we are very proud of the fact that Riverhead School is one of the leading schools in New Zealand in the numbers using the walking school bus initiative, and our school has won the national "Walk to School" week competition for two consecutive years.

The upgrades proposed of Coatesville Riverhead Highway, Great North Road, Kaipara Portage Road, Newton Road and Cobblers Lane are essential to tackling a long overdue and desperately needed pedestrian network for the Riverhead community.

The RRRA is 100% in partnership with the Council in its endeavours to address the lack of footpath and cycling barriers to participation. Any assistance which we can offer through local knowledge contacts and neighbourhood liaison will be offered to the Council throughout the process.

We look forward to being awarded some progress towards a safer community to walk within.

Yours truly,



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