

This is a **story about 'good things take time'**.

Started with Dr John before covid - He brought the community together to come up with ideas that could improve the health and wellbeing of the community. A Fitness trail was one of numerous ideas put forward.

Small group got together — research into fitness trails – local, regional and international and meetings with Council officers - Nadia Gower. Lots of ideas

Dr John and Sue visited Pukeiti Gardens in a visit to taranaki where they came across a trail of fitness stations dotted through the garden. **They fitted the criteria** we'd set for the Kāwhia FT - simple materials and structure that fitted into the landscape, nothing high. Timber and Stainless steel or galvanised iron if not near the jharbour. **John got busy with the camera of Sue** using the various stations. We were convinced we'd found an approach that would work for Kāwhia.

A call to the Taranaki Regional Council to find out who was the designer – Lars Binsbergen

In March 2023 we reported to you the Community Board on progress on the design of the trail and sought a financial contribution towards the cost of the design - - **thankyou for that** . Along with the Thursday exercise group and the Oto District Community Grant. That enabled us to get Lars Binsbergen to visit Kāwhia. A walk around Kāwhia to identify suitable locations. The Council Property Officer joined us and later involved Jared

Le Fleming - Parks and Reserves. Several other visits after that

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Today is important to get your support for the locations selected and the overall design. – all of which are on public land.

At this point:

- The plans have been through the Parks and Reserves and Roading at Council And earlier on the Property officer.
- We haven't yet undertaken consultation with property owners where stations are near by – Rosamond Terrance and Panier Street

Next step if we have your support the Council will lead consultation with the community (as the locations are on public land) supported by our project group.

Next to a Council meeting for formal approval, depending on the outcome of consultation

Then comes the fundraising.

Gaylene.