

Road Calming Measures Survey Report and Analysis

The purpose of this Survey is pure and simple: to engage the Public to see whether they would like to see whether Road Calming Measures at various locations were needed. There were 117 respondents who partook in the survey which was published in an email and on Facebook. The Survey was submitted on the 1st of March and closed for analysis on March 13, 2024. A big thankyou must go out to Ratepayers, and Residents who participated.

Question 1

“When approaching Cooks Beach, speeds go from 100 Kph to 70Kph. The Speed Limit is 100kph at the Longreach turnoff onto Purangi Rd . Would you like to see a consistent speed from the turnoff on Purangi Rd to Longreach Rd of 60 Kph or 70Kph”



Majority of Respondents would like to see a uniform road split from Long Reach onto Purangi and entering Cooks continuing along the length of Purangi until Flaxmill. The Majority would like to see a consistent Road Speed of 60K along Purangi Rd until Flaxmill. This is a slender majority as the graph below eludes to.

“Would you like to see the road speed on Purangi Rd from Longreach Turnoff to Flaxmill Bay be reduced to 60 Kph”



Most Respondents ie 60% felt the pines were fit for purpose and should be retained. It must be noted that unhealthy pines will be cut down as a safety precaution and replaced by pohutukawas.

Question 2

When entering Flaxmill Bay along Purangi Rd the speed is 50Kph. However not all motorists heed the legal speed. Would you like to see speed deterrents that slow speed down



“It has been suggested that the speed be reduced at Ferry Landing to 30Kph due to traffic and pedestrian density.”



54% would like to see things remain as they are regarding to speed of traffic at Ferry Landing.

Question 4

“Presently there are road works on the Purangi Rd towards Front Beach. Would you like to see this section of road remain as a single lane acting as a road calming measure”

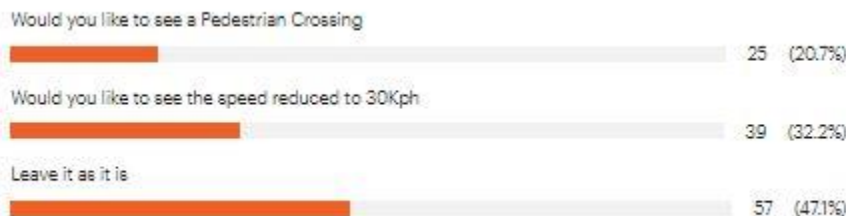


A definitive response to the question regarding whether the present road works be utilized as a permanent road calming feature. 86% would like to see it restored to two lanes.

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Question 5

The Longreach playground acts as the best playground destination at Cooks Beach. It presently has a speed limit of 50 Kph on a main thoroughfare linking Longreach Subdivision to the main arterial route to the rest of Cooks Beach. It has two little speed bumps on either side. People are concerned for Bike and Pedestrian safety.



This needs further investigation as the common need for change adds up to more than the leave it as it is category. 47% would like to see things stay as they are and 52% would see change. It must be noted that this route acts as an alternative entry point for Cooks Village.

Question 7

“Alongside the Purangi Estuary the mixture of Pedestrian Traffic, Bikers and Motorists as well as Boaties can make this area feel congested during holiday times.”



This also would need further inspection as 84% feel there needs to be a calming measure due to the density of traffic and as well as pedestrian.

Question 8

“Would you like to see the Village designated as a 30Kph area”



Over 60% would like to see the Village be designated at its present Road Safety Speed

Question 9

“Due to the lack of visibility to Captain Cooks road a yellow no parking strip on Captain Cooks Rd opposite the shops needs to be put in place ”



The majority would not like to see a yellow no parking strip running parallel to the shops

“Thank you for sending out the new survey. I was involved in implementing a lower speed limit in my community before coming to Cooks Beach. We tirelessly reported accidents and monitored speeds, recorded number plates etc. Unfortunately, those who overtook on corners and broke the speed limits, harassed other road users, speed past schools, continued to do so. In my opinion the majority of the permanent population in Cooks Beach adheres to the road rules and are considerate of children on the playground and slow down. They are also courteous to other road users, pedestrians, cyclists and the like. For those who visit at the busy times, well, after a few days they settle down. We are a quiet little town and we should keep it that way. I'm a no to adding new road signs and road markings and confusing new speed limits. It detracts from the charm of our beach settlement. :-)”

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"The Purangi road should be 50 Kph from Longreach through to Ferry Landing reduction to 30Kph. Would like to see the whole Cooks Beach area reduced to 30Kph with clear signage."

"The Longreach playground is in an unsafe spot, too close to the road and on a corner. I feel a better long term plan would be to move it to a safer area if one is available. Otherwise at least put a gated fence around it so the parents can relax and not constantly be having to watch their children's movements. "

"Slowing down road traffic in our community is a "no-brainer" before there is a fatality. Cyclists on the footpaths and walking trails is also dangerous, including around the Lake and Purangi Road. Electric scooters etc being ridden by children are are a real hazard especially as relatively quiet."

"30km p/hr all around central cooks seems a bit excessive when most of the year it is very quiet and hardly anyone around, potentially could be good idea just for the busy summer period only but you are forced to drive slow anyway around that time due to people walking on the road, kids on bikes everywhere and boats being towed and tourists driving slowly anyway. Definitely agree with decreasing the speed coming into cooks beach. "

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"Leave everything as it is, no changes need to be made to this area, especially not adding unnecessary pedestrian crossings and speed bumps!"
