




Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū
Banks Peninsula Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

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Venue: Akaroa Boardroom, 78 Rue Lavaud Akaroa

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Akaroa Aquaculture Future Potential and a Resilient Wharf



Introduction

- Ahi Mokopuna Partnership (Akaroa Salmon) are leading a scoping exercise to identify a suitable location, within the confines of Akaroa Harbour, to develop wharf infrastructure to allow aquaculture stakeholders to develop and provide economic benefit to the Banks Peninsula region.
- Akaroa Salmon currently operates out of Wainui wharf but operational constraints have prompted the consideration of alternative options.
- Improved wharf infrastructure will be critical to support future aquaculture aspirations in Akaroa Harbour.
- Ngāi Tahu have two aquaculture settlement areas in the harbour and are considering their options.
- Ōnuku Runanga are partnering with Kelp Blue to bring a restorative seaweed venture to the harbour.
- The preferred option is to redevelop the old Tikao Bay wharf including working with the Māori Trust landholders to realise value from their land.
- We are seeking engagement with the Banks Peninsula community on this proposal.



Akaroa Salmon

- Akaroa Salmon was set up by Duncan Bates' father Tom Bates in the 1980s with a driving philosophy to ensure premium quality.
- As Ahi Mokopuna Partnership its shareholders now include Ngati Porou Seafoods and Ōnuku Runanga.
- They operate two sea farms in Akaroa Harbour and a state-of-the-art processing facility and factory shop in Christchurch.
- The company employs 87 full and part time staff.
- Akaroa Salmon consistently win Outstanding Food Producer awards and recognition for their innovation and sustainability.
- Through Akaroa Salmon, Ōnuku have identified '*a foundation to construct a potential brand identity for Ōnuku in the salmon industry*' which '*emphasises authenticity, quality, people, and place in a way that is unique to Ōnuku*'.



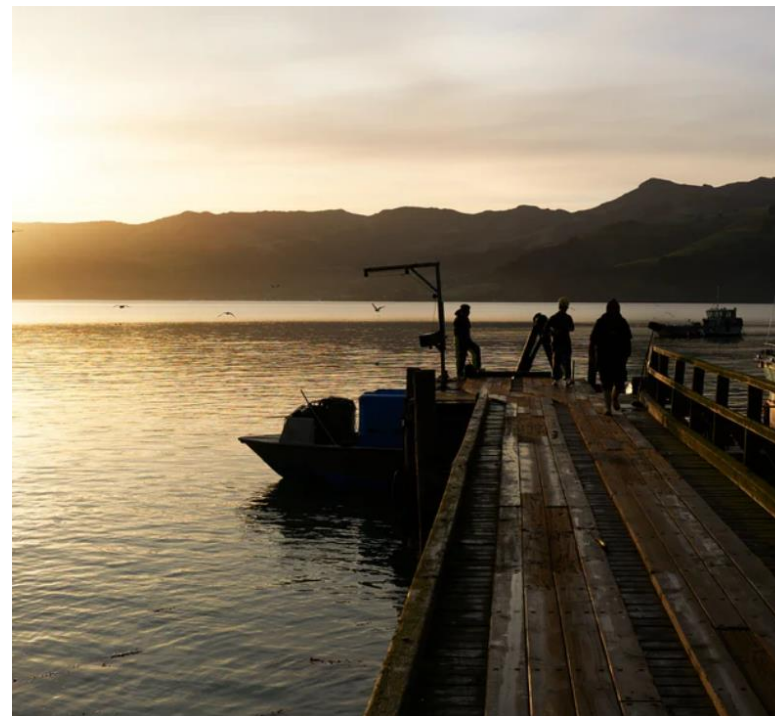
Future Aquaculture Potential

- Akaroa Salmon are increasing their productivity through developments in the breeding, more effective utilisation of water space, new feed innovations, and pen rotation within the two farming sites, simultaneously improving on annual benthic monitoring outcomes.
- Ngāi Tahu are currently considering ways to progress an application to develop marine farms within their two Aquaculture Settlement Areas (ASAs) at Red Rock.
- Kelp Blue is a global restorative seaweed aquaculture venture. They currently have two pilot farms in Akaroa Harbour and a partnership with Ōnuku to scale this operation.



Wainui Wharf

- Akaroa Salmon has been operating from the Wainui Wharf since the operation commenced in 1986.
- Other users include recreational fishers, boaties and swimmers, with non-commercial use being higher during the summer months.
- It was not designed as a commercial structure, is often exposed to large swells and is becoming an operational constraint for aquaculture operators.
- The wharf suffered severe damage in the February 2023 storms and remedial work is currently underway.
- During this time Akaroa Salmon have been forced to use the Akaroa Main Wharf instead.
- However, the Akaroa Main Wharf is also undergoing reconstruction and there are no other alternatives in the Harbour.
- We need a long-term solution.



Tikao Bay

- Tikao Bay is the site of the now abandoned Navy ammunitions base. The ammunitions store building remains on site, but the old wharf has since been demolished.
- The adjacent land has been returned to Māori ownership and is held in trust.
- The breakwater still remains and is an ideal location for a replacement wharf.
- The adjacent land could be redeveloped to house land-side infrastructure for storage and maintenance and a seaweed hatchery.
- Re-develoment of the site would include removal of the asbestos hazard and an economic return for the Māori landowners.
- Access to the site would need to be enhanced.
- We are seeking engagement with the community on this proposal.



Next Steps

- We are applying for Ministry for Primary Industries Māori Agribusiness funding to progress a design and prepare a consent application.
- We welcome further engagement with the community.

**Visitor Information Desk Located on the Ground Floor of the Akaroa Service Centre
BP Community Board, 7 October 2024**

Establishing a volunteer *Visitor Information Desk* on the ground floor of the Akaroa Service Centre would assist in building community resilience and wellbeing. The success of the Volunteers of the Akaroa Library was a testament to bringing together members of the community who wanted to contribute in a meaningful way to the township; another example was the volunteers who greeted cruise passengers on the Akaroa Wharf.

Funding requirements would be minimal, all that is needed is a desk, second hand computer and racks for brochures. ADP and ChristchurchNZ could provide general guidance and assistance.

Hugh Waghorn drafted a background document regarding ADP's (attached for your reference) involvement with the establishment of an early iSite service. iSite and council staff worked side by side on the ground floor of the Akaroa Service Centre from around 2004 until the building shut due to the 2011 earthquakes. There was never an issue regarding security or the wellbeing of council staff. The office space also included NZ Post. Please note that the Halswell Service Centre is located under the same roof and in close association and proximity to the library, a commercial café, offices and a public swimming pool. Anyone walking through the door has access to the facility without barriers or security checks. If it is good enough for Halswell then it is good enough for Akaroa in my view.

Akaroa ratepayers and those living in the outer bays require **the same level of service as that prior to the February 2011 earthquake** which shut the Akaroa Service Centre.

The Little River Service Centre is open 9am - 5pm Monday through Friday yet it serves a much smaller population base and has far fewer visitors. It is also located in much closer proximity to Christchurch than Akaroa and the outer bays.

The council argued that due to Covid face to face contact was no longer required at the Akaroa Service Centre (email April 1, 2021 Sarah Numan, Head of Citizen and Customer Services CCC). The wider Canterbury region and New Zealand are well past Covid in October 2024.

The economy of Akaroa and the surrounding area, as an **isolated community of interest**, is largely based on tourism activities and the visitors who use them. Local businesses and individuals and families are supported through tourist based activities (inclusive of accommodation, cafes, harbour cruises, hiking, cycling etc) which contribute to the long term wellbeing of the broader community. Economically, visitors and the money they generate assist in supporting the school, volunteer fire brigade, Akaroa Health Hub to name a few organisations that benefit directly or indirectly by visitors who spend money in the area.

Money spent locally circulates through the community rather than being diverted to overseas interests and corporations.

- Therefore Akaroa requires a visitor information desk as a means of greeting and welcoming visitors to the area as well as answering questions and providing assistance.
- The logical location is the Akaroa Service Centre, the building that originally housed council services and the first Akaroa iSite. Personal comments: Victoria Andrews

History of Akaroa District Promotions (ADP)

I, Hugh Waghorn, joined in 2004, so my knowledge only dates back to that time. Prior to 2004, the main focus of ADP was to run the Akaroa Information Centre, under the leadership of Sandra Innis. The information centre also ran Akaroa Postal Services and New Zealand Road Transport Authority services. Akaroa postal service and the transport services paid for 1.5 full time employees. ADP paid the wages of a further 1.5 employees from the commission sales of products. This was the height of ADP, with over 110 paid up members. The only other assets ADP had were akaroa.com website, Akaroa and The Bays brochure and a map pad. During busy times members would go and help at the iSite voluntarily. In about 2015, after the amalgamation of Banks Peninsula District Council and Christchurch City Council, Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism purchased the information centre. They also took over the management of the Akaroa and The Bays brochure. They ran it for 3 years with an annual loss of close to \$100,000 per year. Prior to the amalgamation, Banks Peninsula District Council employed a Marketing Manager by the name of Frank Ash, and allocated an annual marketing budget of \$70,000, plus his wage. This role disappeared in to CCT, after the amalgamation. Shortly after amalgamation, ADP employed it's first full time Marketing Manager with the help of a \$100,000 grant from the Ministry of Social Development, MSD. The purpose to build shoulder seasons so that people employed in the tourism industry could become permanent, rather than go on a benefit in the off season. After the 3 years of MSD funding ran out, and because having a Marketing Manager was so effective, ADP took the steps to employ a second Marketing Manager by the name of Holly Hollinder. ADP went through a period of strength. We upgraded akaroa.com website at the cost of \$35,000 and membership was strong. Akaroa.com acts as a notice board for the wider community. CCT also funded an information kiosk and a hop-on hop-off bus during cruise ship days. They also contributed towards our Marketing Manager's salary, of about \$15,000 per annum, with KPIs put in place. Since Covid arrived, ADP membership has slumped to about 50 members and Christchurch NZ has ceased all funding. ADP can no longer employ a Marketing Manager and has become a very ineffective organisation.

Stanley park

Report to BP Community Board 07/10/2024

Stanley Park Triennial Plan & Reserve Schedule.

The following has been prepared by Liz Haylock and Charles de Lambert

On the 31st of August 2005 after sustained community input to preserve what we think is the jewel in the crown in the heart of Akaroa, the approx. 6ha that we know as Stanley Park was officially declared to be a recreation reserve and formally gazetted, preserving it for the community by Banks Peninsula District Council

The inaugural meeting of the Stanley Park Reserve Committee was in September 2005. Since that time the members of this committee have been passionate advocates working with the council and more recently a dedicated Parks team to help achieve the vision we first had.

That was to have a balance of open space with a farm like setting, occasionally grazed by sheep and surrounded by bush with tracks that are in keeping with its rural setting but are safe and regularly used by the public, also open space to picnic, play games and enjoy the views. Bush that can children build huts and play games. We had a report on planting in the bush done by Hugh Wilson and some new plantings have been carried out. Access to the park is by one of 4 entrances and many people walk and use the park every day doing what we envisioned.

Members of the committee walk in the park on a regular basis, some having trap stations they maintain, some grub gorse and thistles, and all look out for what needs doing, and know we can contact our regular parks team who will action this.

We are pleased that new capital works on track repair and changes have been approved and appreciate the support from the council and Kerri Bowen on this project. This improved track is from the main entrance above the fire station, and involves cutting and forming a new track, replacement of steps, cutting back and resurfacing the existing track and improving drainage. The new track will provide a better gradient and remove a steep and often washed out section, we envisage that more people will use this route to access the south end of town and provide a loop walking track option. We have seen this as a long overdue enhancement and hope to see the track down from Watson St to Penlington St and leading around the top of French Village also finished to a similar standard as currently it is slippery and wet in winter months meaning it is not a popular choice. Additional native plantings to complement the bush but to maintain the unrivalled views will also enhance the park.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

On a personal note I can confirm that the committee has recently been boosted by Dave Janett and myself joining the committee to fill 2 recent vacancies.“