

IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA



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Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2020
Venue: Audio Visual Meeting

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1 MEMBERS

Chairperson

His Worship the Mayor JB Mylchreest

Members

Councillors EM Stolwyk , AW Brown , ML Gower, SC O'Regan and GRP Webber.
Maniapoto Trust Board – Barney Manaia, Ngā Iwi Toopu o Waipa Chairperson – Gaylene Roberts, Kaumatua – Jim Keremeta, Wharepuhunga – Kataraina Hodge, Ngāti Haua – Chris Riki, Purekireki – Haupai Puke, Puniu – Harold Maniapoto, Kakepuku – Waitiahoaho Te Ruki, Kaniwhaniwha – Rangiuia Riki, Maungatautari – Josephine Taute, Ngāti Ngawaero – Kate Searancke, Ngāti Hikairo – Hano Ormsby, Ngāti Apakura (Apakura Runanga Trust Board) – Bill Harris.

Waikato Tainui Trust Board – representative to be advised and Raukawa Settlement Trust – representative to be advised,

2 APOLOGIES

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Members are reminded to declare and stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they may have.

4 LATE ITEMS

Items not on the agenda for the meeting require a resolution under section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 stating the reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why it cannot be dealt with at a subsequent



meeting on the basis of a full agenda item. It is important to note that late items can only be dealt with when special circumstances exist and not as a means of avoiding or frustrating the requirements in the Act relating to notice, agendas, agenda format and content.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

Recommendation

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

REPORTS

Reports will follow this agenda in sequential order.

Karakia Whakapuaki



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Governance
Subject: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the minutes of the Iwi Consultative Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2019.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the open and minutes of the Iwi Consultative Committee meeting held on 11 December 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3 ATTACHMENTS

- Iwi Consultative Committee Minutes – 11 December 2019
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IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



Time: 10:00am
Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2019
Venue: Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street,
Te Awamutu

1 PRESENT

Chairperson

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Stolwyk

Members

Councillors Andrew Brown , Marcus Gower, Susan O'Regan, Maniapoto Trust Board – Barney Manaia, Purekireki – Haupai Puke, Puniu – Harold Maniapoto, Kakepuku – Waitiahoaho Te Ruki, Ngāti Apakura (Apakura Runanga Trust Board) – Bill Harris.

Representative on behalf of Ngā Iwi Toopu o Waipa Chairperson – Hazel Wander,
Representative on behalf of Maungatautari – Poto Davies

Attendees

Jenny Charman (Ngāti Apakura), Louise Doyle (Kakepuku), Valerie Ingley (Puniu)

RESOLVED

7/19/30

That Deputy Mayor Stolwyk be nominated and elected to chair the meeting in the absence of Mayor Mylchreest.

Cr Gower / Cr O'Regan

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/19/31

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor Mylchreest, Councillor Webber, Kataraina Hodge, Rangiuia Riki, Chris Riki, Josephine Taute, Gaylene Roberts for non-attendance be received.

Cr Gower / Cr O'Regan

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3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no new disclosures.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The last meeting before the Triennial Election was held on 4 September 2019. The Chairperson and the Chief Executive are responsible for the correctness of the Minutes of the last meeting before a triennial election.

5 LATE ITEMS

- Rangiaowhia Commemorations 2021

6 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

RESOLVED

7/19/32

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

B Harris / Cr Gower

7 NGĀ IWI TOOPU O WAIPA – CHAIRPERSON REPORT

[Committee member H. Maniapoto arrived at 10.10am]

A verbal update from NITOW was provided at the meeting.

8 NAMING POLICY

Development of Council's policy on names for roads, reserves and Council facilities has continued.

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The main purposes of the Policy are to redress the balance of names toward te reo Māori, and to provide a clear, consistent process and criteria for the selection of names for roads, bridges, parks, reserves, open spaces, features and Council facilities. Instead of Council providing a list of names for applicants to choose from (the current process, but one which is usually bypassed), the Policy establishes criteria so that names are reflective of Waipā: its culture, heritage, history, topography and people. These criteria and the name selection process will apply to new names and re-naming.

Applicants will be advised to engage early with Mana whenua to identify suitable names; Council will seek evidence of this engagement, and will itself consult Mana whenua for clarification if necessary.

Development of the draft policy has twice been discussed with Ngā Iwi Tōpū o Waipā and with the Iwi Consultative Committee. The observations, suggestions and general comments received on the approach being taken have been extremely helpful.

The policy will be workshopped with the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee in December and an update of these discussions will be provided.

Discussion was held around a request from Mātakitaki marae to return the bridge in Pirongia named 'Mangapiko Bridge' back to its appropriate name – 'Mātakitaki Bridge'. This led to a discussion regarding the duplication of names within the district, namely more than one bridge named 'Mangapiko Bridge'.

It was noted that the street names in Pirongia are named after explorers of the north west passage and that another town in New Zealand has named its streets after the same explorers.

It was agreed that this item be set as an agenda item for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

7/19/33

That the information be received

B. Harris / B. Manaia

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9 CAMBRIDGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSENT

Waikato Regional Council have advised that the short term consent application will be fully notified with a timeframe for the notification period to close on 20th December. This means that the wider community views on the current consent will be understood before the Christmas break.

Hui are continuing with Iwi Authority staff on the development of an MOU as a pathway forward between Iwi & Council on how the long term approach will be handled. The following points are being discussed for inclusion in the MOU

- Background of site compliance and acknowledgement
- Outline best for river approach to water management and best practice to be applied to infrastructure as being developed through the 3 Waters Sub regional study
- Short-listed long term options
- Confirmation of financial and resource commitment to pursue a sub-regional waste water solution in earnest.
- Outline minimum water quality expectations for a solution beyond the short-term consent.
- Outline relationship principles to inform governance and decision making
- A Commitment to continue progressing a standalone treatment plant for Cambridge
- Outline key steps to progress the project forward.

Hui have been held with Waikato Tainui and Raukawa representatives to discuss the content further and confirm the impact an MOU could have on the opposed position currently held by Iwi on the Short Term consent. Waikato Tainui staff have noted they would need to have security and confirmation around the compliance limits that Council would be striving to achieve in the long term Cambridge waste water solution regardless of being a standalone plant or sub-regional.

Comment was made that the Minister of Local Government Nanaia Mahuta has indicated that Central Government will assist with any collaborative options rather than keeping the status quo. Minister Mahuta had advised that the solution needs to be much more aspirational. With the potential to operate at a sub-regional level, this will create a positive outcome in this space.

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RESOLVED

7/19/34

That the information be received

W. Te Ruki / H. Wander

10 REPRESENTATION

The incoming Waipā District Council has adopted a recommendation to include a Māori representative on each of council's four key decision making Committees. These are the Strategic Planning and Policy, Finance and Corporate, Regulatory and Service Delivery Committees. A process for the selection of candidates is currently being discussed with Nga Iwi Tōpū o Waipā and other Trust Boards. It is hoped to have representatives in place on committees in early 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a job description/terms of reference for each position with a clear level of outcomes described in order to supply to potential candidates.

Manager Strategic Partnerships Gary Knighton advised that a report will be going to Council next Tuesday to recommend the re-appointment of Poto Davies as the iwi representative on the Strategic Planning & Policy Committee and the Regulatory Committee. This will be on an interim basis until the iwi representatives are officially appointed to the four core Council Committees next year.

Mr Knighton advised that an application process will be confirmed with Nga Iwi Tōpū o Waipā and other Trust Boards in relation to potential candidates.

Discussion was held around the definition of the term 'skills based' and comment was made that if the candidates are not mana whenua then they may not be deemed to have the required 'skills'.

Suggestion was made that interim iwi representatives be placed on the other two core Council Committees as well.

RESOLVED

7/19/35

That the information be received

H. Maniapoto / B. Manaia

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11 TE ARA WAI UPDATE

Key background documents have been completed over the past two years, the Concept Master Plan which builds on several other pieces of work; the Waipa Discovery Centre Concept, Waipa Social Space Concept and the Waipa Heritage Interpretation Review. The Concept Master Plan provides a description of the components needed to facilitate a visitor experience and the functions required to support this at the proposed Centre and through the Journeys product. The process of developing the document included a series of workshops with key stakeholders, council, Iwi representatives and historians.

A name for the new facility, Te Ara Wai was proposed and approved earlier in the year with the associated branding also being developed and approved for both the proposed new facility and the Te Ara Wai Journeys product.

A Draft Commercial and Operational Model, outlining visitor projections, target markets, and service delivery has been completed.

The Architectural contract has been awarded to Wellington based company Studio Pacific. Several meetings have been held with Council staff, including two attended by Shane Te Ruki and Henriata Nicholas specifically focusing on helping the Architects to embed the meaning of the name Te Ara Wai in the overarching kaupapa of what the facility will be about. They also discussed the intricate ceremonial parts of the Museum needs in terms of Iwi Taonga, the Iwi involvement in the process of taking taonga from the current Museum to the new facility and the Iwi processes involved in moving taonga around for display specifically in relation to Uenuku and other taonga associated with Uenuku.

Te Ara Wai Journeys

The Te Ara Wai Journeys project is being developed consecutively with the planning of the proposed new Te Ara Wai facility, the project interprets and links significant sites as a visitor product

During a series of workshops a cultural map of the region was developed, identifying the key locations from a geographical, natural, Māori, Waikato War, and post-war perspective.

This map is the basis for the construction of the detail for the Journeys project, where six key sites (Ngāroto, Kakepuku, Pirongia, Cambridge, Karapiro, Rangiaowhia/Ōrākau) have been developed with interpretation and framed as self-drive or guided journeys within the region.

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The Product is a combination of site introduction signage, brochures and a mobile website with really rich content, which includes, video clips of stories told by local heritage experts, graphic novels, audio and text. Development of the product is almost complete, with the official launch scheduled to be launched in early December.

RESOLVED

7/19/36

That the information be received

B. Harris / W. Te Ruki

12 NGĀ PAE WHENUA

Ngā Pae Whenua is the joint management body between the Ngāti Koroki Kahukura Trust(NKKT) and Waipa District council with responsibility for four reserves transferred to NKKT under the 2014 claims settlement. The four reserves are Taumatawīwī, Ngāti Koroki Kahukura ki Hinuera (formerly known as Horohoro Scenic Reserve), Waikaukau Reserve (Arapuni landing) and Te Reti Scenic reserve (Te Reti road).

Membership of the Committee is Johnson Raumati (chair), Linda Te Aho, Lee Ann Muntz, Sara Tairi (all NKKT), His Worship the Mayor Jim Mylchreest, Deputy Mayor Liz Stolwyk, and Councillors Susan O'Regan and Elwyn Andre-Wiltens.

Three formal meetings have been held to date. Matters discussed have mainly related to establishment and lease issues.

NKKT have expressed a desire to become administering authority for the reserves in their own right and have asked for council support to achieve this.

NKKT also wishes to transfer the Te Reti reserve to Parāwera Marae in recognition of the support they provided during the settlement process. This will require the formation of another joint management body.

RESOLVED

7/19/37

That the information be received

Cr Brown / Cr O'Regan

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[Cr O'Regan left the meeting at 12.06pm]

13 PARKS UPDATE

Since attending the Iwi Consultative Committee on 4 September 2019, the Parks Planning Team has progressed the plans that were outlined to members and initiated some additional work to address pressures on the reserves around Lake Karāpiro and Lake Arapuni and respond to the Hautapu Sport and Recreation Centre's request to undertake a feasibility study on a new facility. Input into structure plans and subdivision and landuse consent applications and the development of the Asset Management Plan and Long Term Plan budget cases to ensure the protection, enhancement and extension of our open space network has also been a significant focus for the Team. Details on progress on the key planning projects are outlined below:

The Team has had 2 changes in staff. Krissy Barnes has moved from the Reserves Planner to the Biodiversity Planner and Tofeeq Ahmed has joined the team as the Reserves Planner.

Open Space Plan

As per the Iwi Consultative Committee's direction, management went to the Ngā Iwi Tōpū o Waipā to discuss the plan at its meeting on 21 October. Since then, management have undertaken initial consultation with council, internal stakeholders and the Waikato Regional Council, Sport Waikato and the Department of Conservation. Management are now focused on background research and drafting the plan. The intention is to take the draft plan back to NITOW in March 2020 and then to council prior to public engagement on the plan.

Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan

Management, together with Beca, have worked with the Ngāti Koroki Kahukura reference group to develop the draft plan. This is currently being finalised. Early in the new year, the plan will be presented to the Maungatautari Reserve Management Committee and council prior to public engagement on the plan.

Lake Te Koo Utu Concept Plan

The first hui with Poto Davies (Ngāti Koroki Kahukura) and Lisa Gardiner (Ngāti Hauā) occurred on the 17/9 and was attended by WDC staff and representatives from Boffa Miskell Ltd. The scope of the project and the timeline was explained and the engagement process and next steps were discussed. Our mana whenua partners

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decided to follow up with a design hui together with their kaumātua. This second hui occurred on 22 November following a site visit on the same day. The kaumātua present agreed for Boffa Miskell to initiate drafting the plan based on the information and feedback provided and to present that draft concept plan for Lake Te Koo Utu to them in the second half of January.

The intention is to take the draft concept plan to council in February and then undertake public engagement in March and April.

Memorial Park Concept Plan

Following the update provided by Anna McElrea, Senior Reserves Planner, at the Iwi Consultative Committee hui in September the Reserves Planning team received guidance from Gaylene Roberts and Hazel Wander on which iwi and hapū to engage with in relation to the concept plan for Memorial Park in Te Awamutu. Based the advice received, an invite for an initial hui on the 8 October was sent to the contacts provided. The hui was attended by representatives from Ngāti Apakura, Ngāti Ngawaero, Waikato Tainui, WDC staff and Boffa Miskell representatives and apologies were received from Maniapoto and Raukawa. The mana whenua attendees decided to form a Kaitiaki Group and to follow an inclusive approach for any other interested mana whenua partners to join.

This initial hui was followed by site visit and Kaitiaki Group Cultural Narrative Hui on the 5 November with the invite formally extended to Ngāti Hikairo as per advise from the group. The Kaitiaki group agreed during the Cultural Narrative hui for Boffa Miskell to initiate drafting the plan based on the information and feedback provided and to present that draft concept plan for Memorial Park to the Kaitiaki Group for feedback on 5 December. The invite to this hui has been formally extended to all representatives of NITOW following attendance of the project team at the NITOW hui on the 11 November. The intention is to take the draft concept plan to council in February 2020 and then undertake public engagement in March and April.

RESOLVED

7/19/38

That the information be received

B. Harris / B. Manaia

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14 LATE ITEM – RANGIAOWHIA COMMEMORATIONS 2020

Committee Member Harris updated the Committee on the plans for the 2020 Rangiaowhia Commemorations. Mr Harris advised that additional funding was required in order to achieve the anticipated plans for the event.

As a member of the District Promotions Committee, Deputy Mayor Stolwyk advised that there are currently funds available for application due to an event not requiring the entirety of the funds of which it was originally granted. Mr Harris was encouraged to submit an application to the District Promotion Committee for financial assistance with the Rangiaowhia Commemorations.

15 MEETING DATES FOR 2020

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council and its Committee's to set the dates of meetings, or a schedule of meetings, for a period of time. It is now appropriate to adopt a schedule of meetings for the Iwi Consultative Committee for the 2020 year.

It was proposed that the Iwi Consultative Committee continues to meet at 10am, on the first Wednesday of the month four times per year.

RESOLVED

7/19/39

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 19(6)(i), the Iwi Consultative Committee adopt the following schedule of meeting dates for 2020:

8 April, 3 June, 2 September, 2 December.

H. Wander / H. Maniapoto

Closing Karakia

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.29pm.



CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:

IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **NGĀ IWI TOOPU O WAIPA – CHAIRPERSON REPORT**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A verbal update from NITOW will be provided at the meeting.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **COVID-19 RECOVERY**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently considering how the organisation should best meet the needs of communities to assist the recovery from Covid-19. A report written by Infometrics detailing the economic impacts on Waipa as a District made the statement that “Covid-19 presents the greatest economic shock in living memory”. While Waipa is somewhat protected by our reliance on the primary sector, there is still expected to be an impact on our GDP and unemployment is expected to rise.

Māori will be disproportionately affected by this, with Māori unemployment within the region currently at 8% and expected to rise to 16% in the next 12 months. Social services within the District are already stretched and are predicting that the wave of redundancies has yet to come. There are some concerns amongst this sector about how they will manage, given the pressure on philanthropic funding sources and the potential increase in the need for their services due to financial stress with accompanying increases to stress, mental health and domestic violence that are typical within a stressed community.

Recovery is usually a Civil Defence led activity, however, central government have indicated from early on that this is not the typical civil defence event and will require a different approach. At this stage, recovery will be led through the standard ministerial offices with no clear direction yet on how this will be structured at a national level. At the regional level, the Mayoral Forum and Iwi leaders are considering who will lead the regional initiative and how this will be set up. There is agreement that the regional lead needs to provide a consistent and clear voice to advocate to central govt. on behalf of the Waikato and make sure that local Councils, social service agencies and central government welfare responses initiated locally are working together.

At all levels, there is a very clear expectation that Iwi need to be at the forefront of all initiatives. Staff have been meeting with Iwi leaders across the District to discuss how

we can work together on recovery. Waipa District Council has considered the information from the meetings held to date and the information about the impacts to inform a position on recovery initiatives.

We will continue to monitor information that is being released weekly by the Economic Development Agency, Te Waka and information from on the ground intelligence in our communities. An internal project team has been formed to drive actions across the organisation to ensure that our business as usual is geared up to prioritise the recovery of our District.

A Council workshop presented a range of initiatives for Councillors to consider. A key priority within this was the employment of two Community Development staff who can work collaboratively with Iwi and Community organisations to support recovery initiatives at a local level. Other initiatives included the development of a contestable fund to support recovery initiatives, with staff being tasked to work with other local philanthropic funders to progress this. The organisation's strategic priorities for recovery are:

- Partnering with iwi
- Build better: green infrastructure projects
- Supporting the visitor economy
- Supporting employment and training
- Supporting the capability of the social sector

These may be added to as the impacts of the pandemic are better understood in the months that are to come.

We have an opportunity to work collaboratively as local leaders to address this situation and build a more resilient community that can better withstand these sorts of challenges in the future. Examples of projects that have been raised by stakeholders to date include: increasing self-sustainability, with a focus on re-learning the old ways; the development of community gardens; improving financial literacy; using green projects to offer local employment opportunities and supporting papakāinga developments.

It is anticipated that the Council will work collaboratively with key stakeholders to progress initiatives such as these.

Funding for the proposed new roles that would support this work programme and the contestable fund will be subject to approval at a 9 June Strategic Planning & Policy Committee meeting.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further to the December meeting of the Committee a job description for the four Maori Representative positions on Council Committees has been prepared and has been reviewed by Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW). A review of remuneration has also been commenced by an independent consultancy.

Once these have been reviewed Council it is expected that applications will be called for. Unfortunately the Covid-19 lockdown has delayed the process.

In the interim Poto Davies has been appointed to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee and Regulatory Committee until the appointment process can be completed.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **NAMING POLICY UPDATE**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the workshop with councillors at the end of 2019, amendments were made to the policy to reflect the views of elected members. Following further discussions about the general process for name selection, and re-wording certain clauses, the draft Naming Policy was again discussed with Nga Iwi Toopu on 29 April (some of whose members had already contributed to the re-wording). Further amendments have been made arising from that meeting. These were principally for clarity and completeness. The general process was approved by NITOW

The proposed policy will be brought back to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee once the Annual Plan 2020/21 has been completed which will likely be the August or September meeting, subject to a final review by NITOW.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **DRAFT MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 5 May 2020, the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee approved the Draft Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan 2020 for public consultation. The consultation period has been extended to 10 weeks in recognition of the impacts of Covid-19. Submissions will be open from 25 May 2020 and close at **5pm Friday 31 July 2020**.

The Committee also approved the appointment of a hearings panel consisting of two independent commissioners; ideally with the following mix of skills between them: in Te Ao Maori, Maori tikanga, park management and conservation, to hear and recommend a decision on the Reserve Management Plan to Council, in accordance with section 41(6)(d) of the Reserves Act 1977 and delegated to the Group Manager Strategy and Community Services the responsibility of appointing the independent commissioners. These commissioners haven't been appointed yet.

The draft plan was endorsed by the Maungatautari Reserve Committee at its last meeting on 19 February 2020.

A presentation of the draft will be provided to the Committee.

Copies of the draft RMP and submission form will be able to be viewed at www.Waipadc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Manager Strategic Partnerships
Subject: **MĀORI ORTHOGRAPHIC WRITING CONVENTION**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is important for Waipā District Council to have a standard Māori orthographic writing convention. A Māori orthographic writing convention provides writing consistency, elevates professionalism, will remove the potential for ambiguity, misunderstanding, and is in itself recognition of the official language of Aotearoa, and a small contribution to Tiriti o Waitangi relationships.

The subject was raised in a paper provided by Strategic Partnerships department and discussed at a recent meeting of the Council. A request was made to the Iwi Relations Advisor to canvass the thoughts on the subject with iwi. To the degree possible under the pandemic Covid-19 lockdown this is almost complete.

Conversations have been held with mātanga reo, and the subject has been raised with iwi authority representatives with whom the responsibilities and interests of te reo reside. The subject was also an agenda item at a recent Ngā Iwi Tōpū o Waipā meeting.

It is very clear from all who have been canvassed thus far that there is unanimous support for Waipā District Council to adopt and implement a Māori orthographic writing convention. It is also unanimous amongst those canvassed that the Māori orthographic writing convention to be adopted and implemented is that which is provided by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo (Māori Language Commission).

Reo experts (Assoc. Prof. Tom Roa, Rāhui Papa, Paraone Gloyne, Doug Ruki, Rovina Maniapoto Anderson, Nigel Te Hiko) all recognised the need for and supported the adoption and implementation of Te Taura Whiri i te Reo (Māori Language Commission) Māori orthographic writing convention.

It is noted that under the shadow of pandemic Covid-19 the iwi authorities are focused on sustaining the wellbeing of tribal members and post Covid-19 recovery

plans. Nonetheless it is noted that those who hold the interests of te reo within the iwi authorities have voiced their support whilst they canvass to the degree possible formal from their organisations. There are more conversations to be had, however once completed these will be reported back to Council for determination.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Tony Quickfall - Manager District Plan and Growth
Subject: **District Plan work programme**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff have developed a programme for updating the Waipa District Plan. This report provides an update on the plan changes work programme:

The following appendix accompanies this report:

- Appendix 1 – Plan Changes workstream

2 RECOMMENDATION

*That the Iwi Consultative Committee **RECEIVE** the information contained in the report titled 'District Plan work programme' (document number 10393660) of Tony Quickfall, Manager District Plan and Growth.*

3 DISTRICT PLAN WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

Council staff have been collating various requests to update parts of the Waipa District Plan ('WDP'). The WDP is prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA') and sets out the policies and rules for managing land use in the Waipa District. The current version was reviewed and become operative in 2017.

Staff have been monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan, and have identified several parts of the WDP that are in need of updating. These updates broadly relate to:

- Technical improvements.
- Updates to align with current practice.

- Corrections to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the plan.

3.2 THE PLAN CHANGES

We have developed a programme of work - the Plan Changes Workstream (Appendix 1) - for undertaking a suite of plan changes.

Plan changes must follow a prescribed process under the RMA, which includes consultation with “Iwi Authorities”. An Iwi Authority is defined in the RMA as:

***iwi authority** means the authority which represents an iwi and which is recognised by that iwi as having authority to do so.*

The plan changes in the workstream fall under three categories:

- a) **Do Now plan changes:** These are changes that are needed to be undertaken now and include changes to assist with COVID 19 economic recovery. Government is encouraging and directing councils to prioritise COVID 19 recovery, and the “do now” plan changes reflect this.
- b) **Do Next plan changes:** The do next plan changes are those that are needed, but don’t have the same priority as “do now”. In addition, Council does not have the staff or budget to undertake all the plan changes, so the staging for “do now” and “do next” means we can work within available resources and allows the resources (staff and budget) to be spread.
- c) **Private Plan changes:** The third category are private plan changes. These are changes that are promoted by a developer or consultant, and are not led by the Council. The same statutory process must be followed, but Council has no control over the timing of private plan changes. We have one active private plan change.

“Do Now” plan changes

There are seven “do now” plan changes. These are all Council plan changes:

- Plan Change 13 is a Council plan change which updates the process in the District Plan to uplift deferred zones. This is currently being prepared with notification proposed in September 2020.
- Plan Change 14 seeks to rezone part of the Cambridge “C10” growth cell from Rural Zone to Industrial Zone to meet expected demand for industrial land. It is anticipated notification will occur in 2020/21.
- Plan Change 15 seeks to clarify and update the urban rules around permeable surfaces. This is currently being prepared with notification proposed in September 2020.

- Plan Change 16 is a list of technical improvements that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan. It is anticipated notification will occur in 2020/21.
- Plan Change 17 seeks to update an existing structure plan in the Cambridge industrial growth cells C8 and C9 so that it aligns with the recently finalised infrastructure master plan. It is anticipated notification will occur in 2020/21.
- Plan Change 18 seeks to review and rationalise the plan rules for beekeeping in residential zones. It is anticipated notification will occur in 2020.
- Plan Change 19 will review industrial zones in the Cambridge areas of Carters Flat, Aotearoa Park, and Cook St. This picks up on previous scoping work that has been undertaken. It is anticipated notification will occur in 2021.

“Do Next” plan changes

There are three “do next” plan changes. These are either a lower priority, timing is unknown, or Council does not have staff or budget resourcing to progress these at the current time.

- A Council plan change will look to rationalise rules around infill subdivision and urban development. This is expected to implement Government’s National Policy Statement for Urban Development .
- A Council plan change will review iwi sites of significance and papakāinga. This will be of high interest to the ICC, and has not yet been scoped.
- A Council plan change will look to rationalise zoning of a land parcel at Te Awamutu’s Anchor Park, and on the periphery of the Te Awamutu T8 residential area (SH3 and Golf Road), where there are a number of Rural Zoned properties with residential characteristics.

Private Plan changes

There is one Private Plan Change underway. Private Plan Change 12 seeks to open up residential deferred zoning of the T2 growth cell and develop a structure plan to enable development in part of the growth cell. It is expected this Plan Change will be notified in 2020.

3.3 PLAN CHANGE PROCESS AND IWI ENGAGEMENT

Each plan change must follow the RMA statutory process including consultation with iwi authorities. In summary, the iwi consultation requirements are:

- a) Iwi Authorities must be consulted during preparation. We propose to use the ICC as the primary governance agency for this consultation, and anticipate meeting with Joint Management Agreement partners and with individual iwi of the Waipa District.

- b) The RMA also requires that “Relevant” Iwi Authorities are provided a draft of each plan change and given “appropriate time” to provide feedback. Staff will design a process that ensures this requirement is met for each Iwi Authority of the Waipa District.
- c) After public notification, any person, whether an individual or an Iwi Authority, has the right to submit on the proposed plan change. All submissions will be considered by a Hearing Panel who will hear submissions.
- d) If the Proposed Plan Change raises issues of tikanga or a topic of high iwi relevance, we can provide a commissioner who understands tikanga. We have a number of accredited hearings commissioners on Council’s pool of Commissioners who we can engage to sit on the hearings panel. Note that hearings commissioners must be accredited, and that Council has a pre-approved pool of commissioners to draw on.

3.4 NEXT STEPS

Staff will be rolling out the different plan changes as we scope them and prepare them for notification. We anticipate reporting to the ICC regularly as part of our updates to governors, and will seek feedback and decisions from the ICC as needed.



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APPENDIX 1: PLAN CHANGES WORKSTREAM

Note: notification timeframes are indicative only

PLAN CHANGES	STATUS	NOTIFICATION (INDICATIVE)
PPC 12 Structure plan and rezoning of growth cell T2	Do now, underway	2020
PC13 Uplifting Deferred Zones	Do now, underway	2020
PC14 Re-zoning C10 growth cell	Do now, not started	2020/21
PC15 Permeable surfaces	Do now, not started	2020/21
PC16 Technical improvements (incl. water for rural firefighting)	Do now, not started	2020/21
PC17 Structure plan Alignment in growth cells C8 & C9	Do now, not started	2020
PC18 Beekeeping in the Residential Zone	Do now, not started	2020
PC19 Industrial Zones (Carters Flat, Aotearoa Park, Cook St)	Do now, not started	2020/21
Infill subdivision	Do next	2021
Sites of Significance and papakāinga	Do next	2021
Anchor Park/T8 zone extension	Do next	2021



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Hayley Thomas – Project Planner & Julie Hansen – Policy Advisor
Subject: **DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES**
Meeting Date: 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Waipā District Plan ('the District Plan') was reviewed in 2011-2017, and became fully operative on 14 August 2017. Since being made operative, Council have identified a number of matters which require further amending or refinement within the District Plan. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the three proposed Plan Changes Council staff have commenced work on.

2 RECOMMENDATION

*That the Iwi Consultative Committee **RECEIVE** the information contained in the report titled 'District Plan Changes' (document number 10392370) prepared by Hayley Thomas, Project Planner and Julie Hansen, Policy Advisor.*

3 PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES

The Waipā District Plan ('the District Plan') was reviewed in 2011-2017, and became fully operative in 14 August 2017. Since being made operative, Council have identified a number of matters which require further amending or refinement within the Plan. A work programme is in place and Council staff are in the process of preparing the following Plan Changes:

- Plan Change 13 – Uplifting Deferred Zones;
- Plan Change 15 - Permeable Surfaces; and
- Plan Change 16 - Technical Improvements.

The following paragraphs explain the purpose of each Plan Change and the options identified by Council staff to date.

3.1 PLAN CHANGE 13 – UPLIFTING DEFERRED ZONES

During the District Plan Review process, submissions were received requesting a more streamlined approach to opening up Deferred Zones. The Deferred Zones are shown on the District Planning Maps and identify areas anticipated for future growth, in alignment with the Waipa 2050 District Growth Strategy ('the Growth Strategy'). The Deferred Zone signals the future use of the area however restricts development and subdivision from occurring prior to a Structure Plan being approved and the necessary infrastructure either being in place or other arrangements have been made with Council.

At the time of the District Plan Review, a submitter specifically requested the process of 'uplifting' the Deferred Zone should avoid the need to go through a plan change due to the identification in the Growth Strategy and District Plan. The result of the consideration of this submission is the provisions outlined in Section 14 – Deferred Zone of the District Plan. In essence Section 14 provides for Structure Plans to be approved via a resource consent process and the Deferred Zone to then be uplifted by way of a Council resolution.

As part of a general review of the District Plan, and in light of recent case law, Council staff commissioned legal opinions on the uplifting process. As a result, the District Plan needs to be updated to reflect best practice and the following options are being considered:

3.1.1 Option 1 – Status Quo

Section 14 of the District Plan currently provides for an alternative process from that of a Plan Change to uplift a Deferred Zone. This process is less time and cost consuming than the Plan Change process outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991. The current approach for uplifting a Deferred Zone involves the following steps:

- 1) Application is made for resource consent to the Council for a Structure Plan;
- 2) Consent is assessed and processed by Council Staff ensuring all necessary elements of the Structure Plan have been adequately addressed (i.e. servicing, staging, specialist reporting etc);
- 3) Structure Plan Consent is approved;
- 4) A recommendation is made by Council Staff to Council (elected members) seeking resolution to uplift the Deferred Zone. This recommendation is subject to compliance with the matters listed in Section 14 (i.e. no changes to objectives, policies or rules, and necessary infrastructure is in place or provided for);
- 5) If resolution is passed, District Plan is updated to include the Structure Plan in Appendix S and remove the 'Deferred' Zone from the Planning Maps.

3.1.2 Option 2 – Incorporation by Reference

Schedule 1 Part 3 of Resource Management Act 1991 provides an option for Council's to include documents by reference as an alternative to including standards,

requirements, recommended practices or technical matters within the text of a District Plan. Under this option, new provisions which specifically reference a schedule of approved structure plans would be added to the District Plan referencing the new schedule which would sit outside the District Plan. The new provisions would:

- Specify that any amendment to the schedule is deemed to be part of the District Plan and has legal effect; and
- Specify that deferred zones are deemed to be uplifted if there is an approved structure plan listed in the schedule.

The schedule would be added to, without a plan change, as structure plans are approved via the consent process. When a structure plan is approved and added to the schedule, the deferred zoning would automatically 'go live'. The District Planning Maps would not be amended through this process, therefore to confirm the current Zone of a Growth Cell Area, Plan Users would need to check the Schedule.

3.1.3 Option 3 – Remove Deferred Zones from District Plan

An option for consideration regarding the process currently provided in Section 14 of the District Plan, is to remove the Deferred Zone from the District Plan. The process then to enable development and/or subdivision within the Growth Cell areas would be the Schedule 1 – Plan Change process outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991.

Council are aware there are clear disadvantages with this as an option however many District Plans do not use Deferred Zones to show anticipated growth areas so it is an option worth considering.

3.1.4 Option 4 - Uplift pre-2035 Deferred Zones

Appendix S1 of the District Plan provides detail of the growth cells identified through the Waipa 2050 District Growth Strategy, and explains these areas have been identified using the Deferred Zone within the District Plan. Within the Growth Strategy the cells are separated into pre-2035 and post-2035 areas. An option to consider as part of this Plan Change is a partial removal of the Deferred Zones through essentially uplifting the pre-2035 growth areas, while leaving the post-2035 as Deferred Zones.

For those Growth Cells without a Structure Plan, the identification of the Growth Cell within the 'Structure Plan Area' Overlay could be used to require a Structure Plan prior to development proceeding and assessment regarding provision of infrastructure (i.e. this would be a Policy Overlay). For the Stage 2 Growth Areas, uplifting of the Deferred Zone could be undertaken via a Plan Change process.

In total this would result in the change of 9 Residential Growth Cells, 10 Large Lot Residential Growth Cells and two Industrial Zones. Of these Growth Cells only three (being C1, C2 and C3) have an approved Structure Plan, two have Council endorsed Structure Plans (being T6 and T11)¹, and one is currently being worked on by Council (C4).

¹ Endorsed at Council's Meeting on 28 April 2020.

With regard to a number of the proposed Large Lot Residential Zones, it is noted that these areas are not typically serviced by Council reticulation networks for water supply, stormwater and wastewater which are required using on-site mechanisms. The exception here is Karāpiro and Ōhaupō which both have reticulated water supply networks.

It could be considered that a 'Structure Plan' in the proposed Large Lot Zones which do not have reticulated services is not required as the necessary detail would still be captured through a subdivision consent process. In addition, these Growth Cells are typically owned by between 1 and 5 landowners making a joint consent application relatively easy. The removal of the requirement for a Structure Plan in these locations is considered to encourage development in these areas and should be a consideration as part of this option.

3.1.5 Option 5 - Annual 'Mop Up' Plan Change

Another alternative option is to implement a process that is similar to Option 1 – Status Quo however removes the Council resolution, and instead requires an annual plan change to occur to incorporate recently granted structure plans approved via the consent process. The key component that would be required for this option to work, is an annual commitment by Council to undertake a scheduled Plan Change to enable growth areas to be updated on a regular basis (i.e. 12 or 24 month period).

The 'Mop Up' Plan Change could also include other mapping updates, such as but not limited to, rezoning of vested reserves, updating of policy overlay boundaries where cadastral boundaries have been amended, etc.

3.1.6 Option 6 - Removal of Resource Consent Process for Structure Plans

Another alternative option is to remove the ability to gain resource consent for a structure plan. Within the current provisions of Section 14, there are two options for a developer to consider in order to uplift the Deferred Zone. Option 1 is seeking resource consent and Option 2 is undertaking a private plan change (i.e. Schedule 1 of the Act process).

As per Option 3 outlined above, the process then to enable development and/or subdivision within the Growth Cell areas would be the Schedule 1 – Plan Change process outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991. This option has the advantage that through a Plan Change process, the Structure Plan can be considered, the Deferred Zone can be uplifted and any changes required to the objectives, policies and rules of the District Plan can be incorporated. The key disadvantage with this option is the added time and cost implications to enable development within identified Growth Areas.

3.1.7 Update of Planning Maps

In addition to the resolution of the process for uplifting the deferred zones, Plan Change 13 is also seeking to update the District Planning Maps for two areas which

have approved Structure Plans, however remain shown as Deferred Zones. These areas are as follows:

- Part of C3 Growth Cell

In December 2019, Council staff sought a resolution from Council to uplift the deferred zone over six properties on the southern side of Cambridge Road within the C3 Growth Cell. This provides for residential development of approximately 7.1 hectares of land and encouraged the landowners to proceed with development. As a result of the uplifting the activity status for development changed from non-complying to restricted discretionary (provided compliance with provisions in Section 15 are met) and recognised the process this land has been through under the necessary provisions of Section 14 of the Plan including adequately demonstrating to Council that the site can be developed. The resolution was passed on 17 December 2019, however the Planning Maps were not updated due to the legal advice received by Council.

- Te Miro 2

In January 2020, Council approved resource consent for a structure plan part of the Te Miro 2 Growth Cell (LU/0320/19). This provides for large lot residential development of approximately 1.4 hectares of land and encouraged the landowner to proceed with lodgement of a subdivision consent. Council staff prepared a Report seeking resolution to uplift the deferred zoned however this was pulled from the agenda due to the legal advice received by Council. Council have subsequently granted subdivision consent to enable the subdivision of the Growth Cell into five large lot residential lots (SP/0009/20).

3.2 PLAN CHANGE 15 - PERMEABLE SURFACES

The District Plan contains provisions in the Residential Zone and the Large Lot Residential Zone relating to site coverage, permeable and impermeable surfaces, and stormwater management. Council staff have identified that this suite of provisions is difficult to administer because several of the provisions are ineffective and ambiguous, specifically the definitions. Additionally, because most developments, particularly in the Cambridge North Structure Plan Area, do not meet the performance standards, a resource consent for a discretionary activity is required. In most cases, the resource consent is granted because the application adequately meets engineering standards required to mitigate the effects of stormwater.

The objective of this Plan Change is to improve the definitions and other provisions relating to site coverage, permeable and impermeable surfaces and stormwater management so that they are clear and unambiguous, and where possible, reduce costs to developers. The options being considered for this Plan Change are:

3.2.1 Option 1 – Status Quo

Retain the provisions as they are in the Plan. This option will require developers and home builders to continue to make resource consent applications, particularly in the Cambridge North area. The definitions will continue to be open to interpretation, and thus difficult for Plan users, including Council planners, to implement.

3.2.2 Option 2 - Amend Provisions through Sub-options

The alternative option for consideration is amendment of the provisions within the District Plan. Within this option are several alternative options which have been separated into Options 2A, 2B and 2C as follows. Note that a combination of these sub-options may be suitable, once further analysis and research has been completed.

Option 2A - Amend the definitions and other provisions to improve clarity and reduce ambiguity

Option 2A would amend the definitions of permeable surfaces and impermeable surfaces to improve clarity and reduce ambiguity. The definitions as they currently appear in the District Plan are ambiguous because they are not well aligned with each other e.g. some of the surfaces are included in one definition and excluded from the other but there are exceptions and cross-overs, and these cause the most difficulty with applying the definitions, i.e. deciding what is impermeable and what is not. For example, the definition of impermeable surfaces includes “roofs”, but the definition of permeable surfaces does not exclude “roofs”. So in some cases “roofs” are counted, and in others they are not. It makes the definitions difficult to interpret.

Option 2B - Change the threshold of 55% permeable surfaces for Cambridge North

The current rule for developments in the Cambridge North area of the Residential Zone requires each property to have 55% of the section in permeable surfaces i.e. grass, trees, shrubs and gardens. This is because of the difficulty in disposing of stormwater in the area due to the soil structure. This has been a difficult threshold to meet for most property owners and in almost all cases, has required the landowner to obtain resource consent to build a home on their property because it breaches the permeable surfaces rule. This option will require engineers to review the rationale behind the threshold, and determine whether it is still relevant given that major stormwater infrastructure has either been completed or is being built now in the Cambridge North area.

Option 2C - Change the activity status for consent from discretionary to restricted discretionary or controlled

Almost all home building developments in the Cambridge North Structure Plan Area are triggered into requiring a resource consent for a discretionary activity because they cannot meet the requirements in the permeable surfaces rule. In each case a stormwater drainage plan is required to prove stormwater can be managed adequately on the site. In almost all cases, resource consent is granted.

Given that almost all applications are granted because they can satisfactorily manage stormwater on the site, it is worth considering a change in consent category. This would have the effect of reducing the cost to the individual home builder. Provided sufficient information is supplied to Council with the application, and would enable scrutiny of the on-site stormwater management by Council engineers, it is possible that a different consent category is appropriate.

However, analysis by the Finance Team is required to determine whether the loss to the Council in income from resource consent applications, outweighs the benefits to the individual home builder through not paying a higher consent fee. This is particularly relevant post COVID-19 as the Council seeks to make development easier in order to stimulate the Waipa economy.

3.3 PLAN CHANGE 16 - TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS

Plan Change 16 – Technical Improvements contains a number of matters that the Consent planners have identified as being difficult to implement. Sometimes this is because the rule is difficult to implement physically, or is costly to the applicant. Some of the provisions included in this Plan Change relate to regional matters and should not be included in a District Plan. The matters to be investigated are:

- Facades and glazing in the Residential Zone;
- Water for firefighting purposes in the Rural Zone; and
- Dust, smoke and odour rules.

The objective of Plan Change 16 is to improve the usability of some of the rules, particularly those in relation to facades and glazing, and outdoor living areas. It will also remove the provisions relating to dust, smoke and odour so that the District Plan is correctly aligned with the Resource Management Act 1991.

The rule requiring a supply of water for firefighting in the Rural Zone was introduced during the District Plan Review. The New Zealand Fire Service requested it be included so that every property had an adequate supply of water, in addition to the potable water required, should there be a fire on the property. One means of compliance is to adhere to the recommendations in the New Zealand Standard PAS 4509:2008 New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice. However, in practice the rule is not well implemented and is financially onerous on landowners.

Work on the technical aspects of Plan Change 16 is progressing and further information can be supplied to this Committee as the Plan Change progresses.

4 NEXT STEPS

For the abovementioned Plan Changes, Council staff will be commencing the engagement process with iwi regarding the proposed options. For Plan Change 13, a letter outlining the proposed Plan Change is being prepared and will be circulated to iwi and key stakeholders within the next couple of weeks.

Council staff will then collate feedback regarding the proposed options, with the aim of finalising the Section 32 Reports and publicly notification of the Plan Changes in September 2020.



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IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Iwi Consultative Committee
From: Group Manager District Growth and Regulatory Services
Subject: **Civil defence COVID-19 Western Waikato emergency response**
Meeting Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2020

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Waipā, Ōtorohanga and Waitomo district councils operate under a Shared Service Agreement for civil defence activities to provide a common platform, shared training and integrated response capability.

A national State of Emergency was declared on 25 March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency event to support the activities of the health sector. In response a Western Waikato emergency operations centre (WW EOC) was established at Waipā District Council's Te Awamutu Council Chambers. The WW EOC consisted of staff from all three Councils to ensure local knowledge was utilised.

The EOC's primary purpose was to provide the non-health needs of the communities within the Waipā, Ōtorohanga and Waitomo districts and to support the health activities of the Waikato District Health Board.

This report focuses on the community support provided by the EOC until it's dis-establishment on 14 May 2020.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the 'Civil defence COVID-19 emergency response' report (document number 10394093) of Wayne Allan, Group Manager District Growth and Regulatory Services be received.

3 OPTIONS AND ASSESSMENT

Western Waikato Emergency Operations Centre (WW EOC)

The Western Waikato Emergency Operating Centre (WWEOC) was established on 25 March 2020 in response to the National Emergency declared by the Government to COVID-19.

The priorities of the WW EOC centred on six main activity areas. These were:

- Welfare (identifying and supporting vulnerable groups).
- Support groups (coordinating and supporting existing community groups such as foodbanks).
- Fast moving consumable goods (ensuring supply lines were maintained and planning for a disruption/s to the supply).
- Lifeline utilities (maintaining contact and planning for disruption/s to essential services, vulnerable groups and the general public).
- Public information management (ensure local messages were provided to our communities that are also consistent with national and regional messaging).
- Intelligence gathering (maintaining a picture of public activities and potential breaches of restrictions such as travel restrictions, social distancing and poor hygiene of essential sites such as supermarkets).

The WW EOC was also monitoring mental health which remained a strong focus as the Covid-19 situation and restrictions continued to effect people, including financial pressures, and family tensions potentially resulting in an increase in domestic violence.

Vulnerable groups

An important part of the local response has been supporting the welfare of our most vulnerable people in our communities. Representatives from several Iwi groups within the three districts were instrumental in reaching out and co-ordinating a assistance for the people that needed our support the most. These representatives were:

- Gannin Ormsby – Maniapoto Marae Trust Board
- Donna Flavell – Waikato-Tainui
- Lisa Gardiner – Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust
- Laise Harris – Raukawa Charitable Trust

Issues of concern raised included support for Māori who had recently moved into the area with no current contact with the local Iwi. Food, firewood and tangihanga were also causes of concern.

Foodbanks

Staff within the WW EOC maintained a close relationship with established local foodbanks which continued to see a high demand. Foodbanks were concerned business closures and job losses would place a strain on volunteer resources. The EOC provided daily reports to the Waikato Region emergency coordination centre of foodbank demand as the event evolved.

Throughout the Alert Level 3 and 4 phases more than 2,000 food parcels were provided to over 200 members of our communities who were in need by the following organisations:

- Cambridge Salvation Army
- Te Awamutu combined churches and community food bank
- Ōtorohanga community food bank
- Kawhia Moana Collective
- Te Kuiti food bank
- Maniapoto Marae Trust Board
- Raukawa Charitable Trust.

The Kawhia Moana Collective included: Marokopa, Aruka and Te Kooraha (Taharoa), Rakaunui (Hauturu), Maketu (Kawhia), Waipapa (Kawhia) Okapu and Mokai Kainga (Aotea).

Additionally, the WW EOC provided logistical support and security personnel to the Waikato-Tainui food distribution centres in Cambridge and Kihikihi. The two distribution centres provided over 200 food parcels to tribal members in need.

Volunteer pool

The WW EOC maintained a pool of 136 volunteers available to provide a variety of tasks including foodbank work, buying groceries/prescriptions etc and operating the community health shuttles. These tasks were carried out by 70 of the volunteers either on a one-off or ongoing basis.

Three health shuttle services were located in Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Te Kuiti to cover the Western Waikato area to get vulnerable people to hospital appointments.

The WW EOC also tasked members of the local Welfare Committees to arrange a pool of volunteers to assist with the delivery of Meals on Wheels. A majority of the regular drivers needed to be in isolation due to health concerns.

Summary

The collaboration between the WW EOC, Iwi representatives, local Iwi groups, community organisations and volunteers collectively supported vulnerable

community members in Waipā, Ōtorohanga and Waitomo. Strong relationships, local knowledge and the coordination of the EOC were recognised across the Waikato Region as being critical to the success of our emergency response to COVID-19.

In accordance with the de-escalation from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2, the Western Waikato emergency operations centre combined with the South Waikato/Taupō centre to form the Southern EOC, effective from 13 May 2020. Welfare, public information and logistical support continue to be provided to the three Western Waikato districts.

The WW EOC was dis-established at 9am on 14 May but can be reactivated immediately if required by the Waikato Region emergency coordination centre.



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