ŌWHANGO-NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD
Te Poari-ā-Hapori o Ōwhango-National Park

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF ŌWHANGO-NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD AT BLUE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CENTRE, RAURIMU
ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023, AT 6:34PM

PUBLIC BUSINESS | KAUPAPA O WAHO

Present | Tuhinga

Chairperson	Anthony Gurr	
Board Members	Eddie Marsters	
	Murray Wilson	
	Peter Zimmer	
Councillor	Janelle Hinch	
By Zoom		
Mayor	Weston Kirton	7:09PM Item 9

In Attendance | I Tae Mai

Clive Manley	Chief Executive
Vini Dutra	Executive Manager Infrastructure
Pauline Welch	Executive Manager Community & Economic Development
Andrew Chambers	Emergency Manager
Anne-Marie Westcott	Environmental Manager
Rina Hepi	Manager Community & Recreational Facilities
Tasha Paladin	Governance Manager
Adrian Leineweber	AV and IT Technician

Absent | **Ngaro**

Deputy Chairperson	Simon O'Neill

1 Opening Karakia | Karakia Timatanga

Chief Executive Clive Manley

2 Apologies

The Chairperson invited notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Apologies from Member O'Neill be accepted.

3 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 Notification of Additional Items

There were no additional items not on the Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Meeting

The order of the meeting was confirmed.

6 Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders

The Community Board temporarily suspended Standing Orders to allow Members and the public to address the Board.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Receives the Report **Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders;** and

2 Pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, temporarily suspends the following Standing Orders to enable members of the Public to address Council, and members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner:
   (a) 21.2 Time limits on speakers | Te tepenga wā mā ngā kaikōrero
   (b) 21.5 Members may speak only once | Kotahi noa iho te wā e āhei ai te mema ki te korero; and
   (c) 21.6 Limits on number of speakers | Ngā tepenga mō te maha o ngā kaikōrero.

The Ōwhango-National Park Community Board received addresses as follows:

6.1 Janet Lankshear

Janet Lankshear provided an update to the Community Board on the activities of Owhango Residents & Ratepayers Incorporated Society (ORRIS). Ms. Lankshear confirmed stage 2 of the Owhango Memorial Park area will progress, however, the bike wash down pad is causing some challenges. Originally it was proposed for the water to be taken from the toby on the corner of the toilet block, however, Council officers have since advised that taking water from the toby would not be permitted by the water regulator, Taumata Arowai, and have suggested a tank and pump be installed as an alternative source of water for the bike wash down pad.

Ms. Lankshear asked Council to reconsider using the existing water supply to avoid the seemingly unnecessary expense to install the pump and tank. It was also noted that the regional property manager for KiwiRail has endorsed the location of the proposed soak hole. (see **Minute Attachment** for plan)

Officers responded that Council is currently following the processes required to obtain the correct permissions from Horizons Regional Council and KiwiRail, as well as meeting the regulations imposed by Taumata Arowai on the use of water.

Minute Attachment(s)

1 Owhango Residents & Ratepayers Incorporated Society (ORRIS) Update

6.2 Liz Brooker

Liz Brooker provided the Community Board with an update on the Geographic Board's decision to open consultation for the renaming of National Park Village and National Park Railway Station

The consultation opened today for a period of three months; the Geographic Board is running two consultations in parallel for the Village and the Railway Station. Ms. Brooker encouraged everyone to make a submission to let the regions' voice be heard; she also noted any objections must be substantiated to be considered valid by the Geographic Board.

Minute Attachment(s)

2 Proposals considered by the Board on 3 October 2023 for Waimarino (village), Waimarino Station.

6.3 Casey Taituma

Casey Taituma addressed the Community Board on behalf of National Park locals, Elders and Kaumātua on the Geographic Board's Consultation. She spoke to the uniqueness of National Park and the pain being caused by the potential name change. She called for unity and consideration of a dual name for the village.

Members thanked Ms. Taituma for her address and encouraged the submission to be made to the Geographic Board.

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Zimmer
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, reinstates Standing Orders in their entirety for consideration of the Agenda.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Community Board Meeting

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:
1 Confirms the Public Business Minutes of the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board meeting held Tuesday, 19 September 2023 as attached, a true and correct record

8 Community Halls Vested in or Administered by Council

Members received a high-level overview of the community halls within the District either vested in or administered by Council. Council's Executive Manager Community & Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

Members were advised that records were not as complete as Council would like as a lot of the community halls were gifted to Council with little associated information. This has the potential to cause issues when the ownership of the buildings or halls cannot be identified, for example when the building was built by the community.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:
1 Receives the Report **Community Halls Vested in or Administered by Council** for information.

9 Civil Defence Training

Note: Mayor Kirton joined the meeting at 7:09PM

Members were presented with a report providing an introduction to the Civil Defence training site Takatū for the purposes of the encouraging them to undertake the Civil Defence foundation course to help build Council's capacity in the case of a Civil Defence Emergency.

Council's Emergency Manager presented the Takatū website and answered Members' questions. Members wanting practical experience in the field were encouraged to join the Civil Defence Volunteer Response team as the Takatū training was focused on operating within the Emergency Operating Centre.

It was also noted the National Park Civil Defence facility was anticipated to be operational by the start of December 2023.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Zimmer

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:
1 Receives the Report **Civil Defence Training** for information.

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3 A Guide to the role of Councillors during an emergency

10 Capital Works and Members Request for Information

Members were provided with an update on planned Capital Works in the Ōwhango-National Park Ward in the 2023/24 Financial Year. Relevant officers spoke to this report and answered Members' questions.

Key Items Discussed:

10.1 **E3 Ōwhango Water Supply**: Officers have been scoping the project to upgrade the water treatment plant and liaising with suppliers to assess if the upgrades can be delivered within the required timeframes as set by Taumata Arowai. Council is working to December 2024 as the (to be confirmed) timeframe for the delivery of the new treatment plant.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hinch

Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Receives the Report **Capital Works and Members Request** for Information.

11 Elected Members' Annual Reports on Appointment to Community Organisation(s) (verbal)

Members appointed to community organisations at the commencement of the triennium each gave verbal updates on their appointment and activities of the community organisation(s) over the last year.

11.1 Member Wilson: Community Board representative to the National Park Village Progressive Association

Member Wilson provided an update on the National Park Village Progressive Association. He advised the programme prepared in 2009 as guideline to restore the hall to good condition. Work has progressed as time, and money allows, and considerable effort has been invested, although there is still a reasonable wish list of work to complete. It was noted that there is a wide-ranging use of the hall.

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4 Member Wilson's Report

11.2 Member Marsters: Community Board representative to the National Park Village Plan Steering Committee

Member Marsters provided an update on the National Park Village Plan Steering Committee. He advised, following extensive feedback, the Committee has agreed to submit its National Park Skate Park project to the Community Board for consideration as a project to be prioritised in the Long Term Plan. It is estimated the project will take approximately three years as it is only at the preliminary stage of forming a project team, however, it will be designed to be for all the community. Various locations are currently being explored, as are alternate options of funding so that the Skate Park is not solely reliant on Council.

Member Wilson expressed his concerns about the viability and lack of progress from the Steering Committee and the delayed implementation of the National Park Village Plan.

Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development responded that whilst progress may appear slower than some would like, there have been interruptions to the process. The Steering Committee is committed to the progress of delivering the National Park Village Plan, ensuring there is full community support behind any projects proposed, and working alongside Uenuku for all of the decisions.

11.3 Member Zimmer: Community Board liaison to the Owhango Residents and Ratepayers Incorporated Society (ORRIS).

Member Zimmer provided an update on the Owhango Residents and Ratepayers Incorporated Society (ORRIS). The hall is a focal point for the community with the market days being run over the last 10 years. ORRIS has been proactive in providing project ideas to Council's Long Term Planning for 2024-34 through the Ōwhango Village Plan.

Member Zimmer sought clarification on the process for progressing the Ōwhango Village Plan. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development advised that the Village Plan did not need to be adopted as a whole and it was the projects within the plan that need to be priortised. The Community and Economic Development team has been working with ORRIS to enable some of the larger projects to be captured in the Long Term Plan; it was noted that not all of the projects would need to go into the Long Term Plan or subsequent Annual Plans as other mechanisms of support existed, for example Pride of Place funding.

11.4 Member Zimmer: Community Board representative to the Kaitieke/Retaruke Domain and Hall Committee

Member Zimmer provided an update on the Kaitieke/Retaruke Domain and Hall Committee. He noted roading was a key topic for the Kaitieke and Retaruke communities.

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5 Member Zimmer Liaison Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Gurr
Seconded: Cr Hinch

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Receives the Report **Elected Members' Annual Reports on Appointment to Community Organisation(s) (verbal)** for information.

12 Ōwhango-National Park Community Board Action List FY2023/24

Members worked through the Action List for the Financial Year 2023/24 and noted there were no updates to be recorded.

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Gurr
Seconded: Member Marsters

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Receives the Report **Ōwhango-National Park Community Board Action List FY2023/24** for Information.

13 Chair, Deputy Chair, Chief Executive and Elected Members' Reports (Verbal)

Members each gave verbal updates on recent and upcoming events, and other matters of general and topical interest to the Community Board area.

Key topics raised were:

- **Events** coming up in the region include the two Christmas Parades; 2 December in Taumarunui and 9 December in Raetihi.
- **Events attended** by Members included the groundbreaking of Te Hangāruru Cycle Trail, Tokaanu Power Station Open Days, Sawdust and Tears talk on the history of sawmilling I the area, and the United Fire Brigade Conference.
- **National Park Railway Station** repairs and maintenance are due to be completed at the end of the month.
- **Chorus MEOW** is a Chorus led project. The company has two Mobile Exchanges On Wheels (MEOW) ready to be deployed if a significant event strikes one of its exchanges. Each MEOW can support up to 25,000 fibre connections, roughly equivalent to the size of its exchange in Gisborne.

14 Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Community Board Business

Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives the Community Board the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr Hinch
Seconded: Member Zimmer

That the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board:

1 Receives the **Report Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Community Board Business**;

2 Excludes the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting;

3 Notes the general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds for excluding the public, as specified under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of the Community Board Meeting 19 September 2023	For the reasons set out in the Public Business Minutes of the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board Meeting 19 September 2023.	
C2 Confidential Briefing by the Chief Executive on local tourism matters.	s7(2)(c) To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to: prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, where it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	s48(1)(a)(i) the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7.

The Public Business part of the meeting concluded at 8:25PM.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Community Board Meeting held this 13th day of February 2024.



Anthony Gurr
CHAIRPERSON

ŌWHANGO-NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD
Te Poari-ā-Hapori o Ōwhango-National Park

MINUTE ATTACHMENT(S)

THE MEETING OF ŌWHANGO-NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD
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Janet Lankshear

Firstly I would like to say that we are delighted to know that Council have confirmed that stage 2 of our project in the Owhango Memorial Park area will progress outside of the Owhango 10 Year Plan.

A very big thank you to Council for this. We really look forward to getting this underway.

But.....there is a little hiccup with the Bike Wash Down Pad that we would like to discuss.

We received a letter from Council saying -

Quote

"I have spoken with Stewart Watson re taking water from the toby. He has advised that this is drinking water and not a course of action we would be allowed to take under Taumata Arowai due to the pressure we would put on Owhango Villages water supply.

There has been an internal suggestion about a possible tank being placed there to collect rain water but that would require a pump and more investigation from staff".

Unquote.

I have replied to Council this afternoon -

Sorry I didnt get back to you last week. I wanted to discuss where we are at with this project at the ORRIS meeting last Thursday.

The water toby on the south west corner of the toilet block was installed there when the toilet block was built. It supplies water to flush the toilets and for hand washing. It was not placed there to be used solely for drinking water.

The Owhango town water supply is not used for drinking water alone.

It is used in a multitude of situations: washing houses, cars, bikes, watering gardens and lawns, supplying animal troughs, Blueberry farms and the list goes on.

One more family in the village would use a lot more water in a twelve month period than a bike wash down pad.

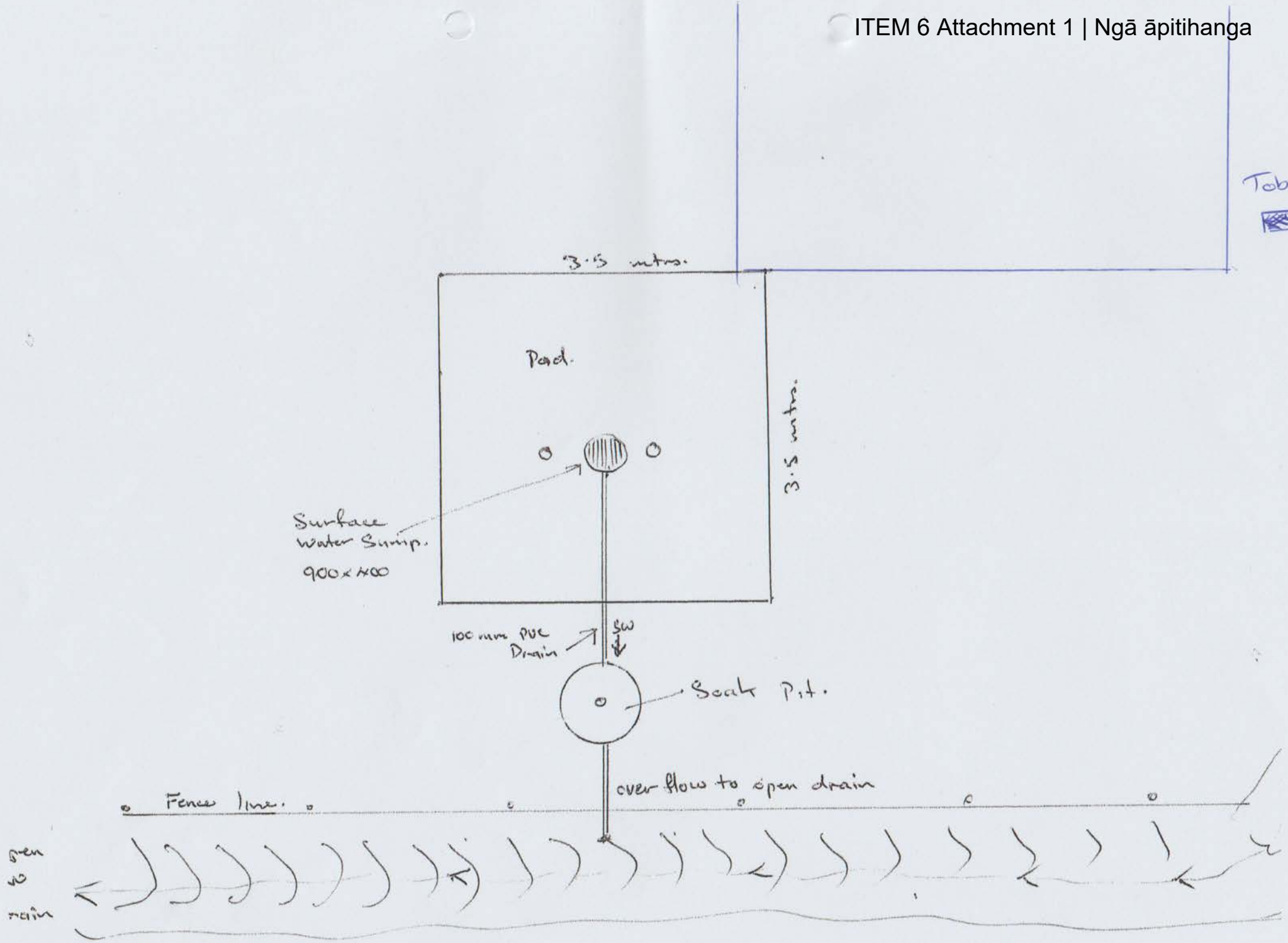
We see installing a tank and pump etc. as an unnecessary expense.

We would like Council to reconsider using the existing water supply to provide water to the Bike Wash Down Pad.

We really would like to see this up and running for this summer season.

Dennis LeRoux, Property Manager for Kiwi Rail in this area and based in Hamilton, asked that when you make contact with Kiwi Rail, Property, Wellington that they be made aware that he is happy to have the soak hole where it is shown on Brian Goodwin's plan.

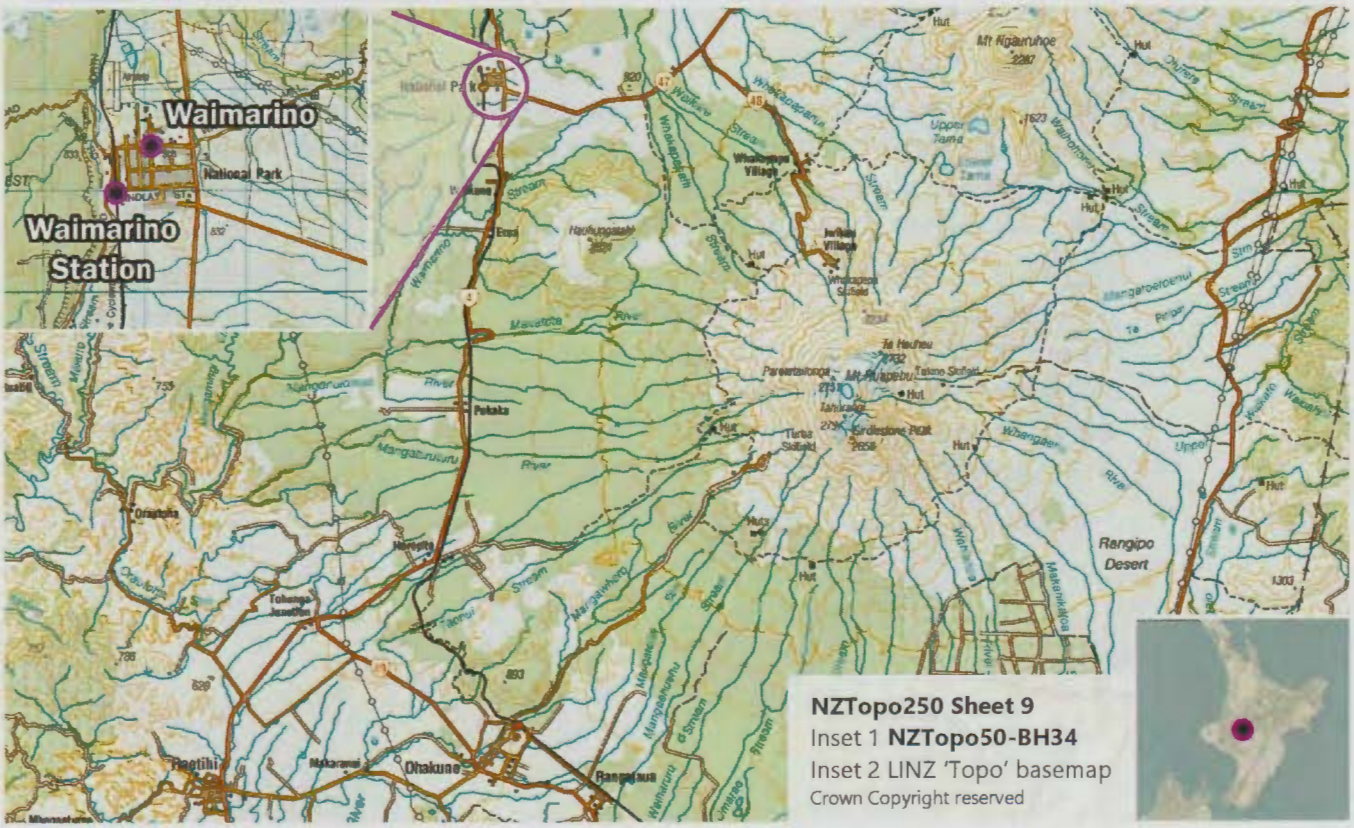
Dennis LeRoux took the time to meet with me in the garden area when we were discussing where to position the new picnic tables.


Toby.
3.5 mtrs.
Pad.
3.5 mtr.
Surface
water Sump.
900x900
100 mm PVC
Drain
SW
Soak Pit.
over flow to open drain
Fence line.
open
to
main

Proposals considered by the Board on 3 October 2023 for:

Waimarino (village) [alter from National Park]

Waimarino Station [alter from National Park Station]



Summary

The proposals from Uenuku/Te Korowai o Wainuiārua[1] are to alter:

- National Park to Waimarino, for the small village at the intersection of State Highway 4 and State Highway 47, northwest of Mount Ruapehu and west of Tongariro National Park, and
- National Park Station to Waimarino Station, for the railway station on the North Island Main Trunk railway line at the village.

The proposers seek to restore the original Māori name which refers to the 'calm waters' pooling on the plains as they come down from the maunga. They consider their voice has yet to be heard in the last 100 years of debate on the name of the village and railway station. They state they continue to refer to National Park village as 'Waimarino Pā' or 'Waimarino Kāinga'.

The Board has considered the names several times previously, declining proposals to alter one or both names back to Waimarino in the 1950s and 1960s. This was based on established use of National Park, evidence of local opposition to the proposals and potential for confusion with other Waimarino names used for other areas. Similar considerations apply to the current proposals (see below). It was also despite support for these prior proposals from Waimarino County, the railway operators of the time, Tongariro National Park Board, and other interested parties.

The proposers have provided evidence of support for either or both proposals from:

[1] Te Korowai o Wainuiārua is a Large Natural Group (LNG) representing the descendants of three tupuna - Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki. Uenuku Charitable Trust is mandated to represent Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

- Ōwhango-National Park Community Board,
- Ruapehu District Council,
- Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand,
- Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board,
- KiwiRail,
- Visit Ruapehu,
- some locals.

The proposal material also includes evidence of opposition to the proposals from some local residents and the National Park Business Association. Noting the status of Uenuku as mana whenua, no evidence of consultation with other Māori groups that may have current or ancestral interests was provided.

There are administrative 'Waimarino' names for an addressable locality and a community board under Ruapehu District Council. These are legacies of Waimarino County which was located entirely south of the village from 1910 onwards. Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board is the latest inheritor of what are more or less the same boundaries and people will likely have strong associations of 'Waimarino' to this area to the south after 120+ years.

Secretariat recommendations

At its hui on 3 October 2023 the Board resolved these recommendations.

Accept the proposal to **alter** the existing unofficial recorded village name National Park to the official village name **Waimarino**, based on:

- the Board's function to encourage the use of original Māori names, and recognising the traditional narratives and cultural values associated with the name Waimarino and the area as it originally applied to,
- the existing name National Park not being suitable for a village and creating confusion, as there are many actual national parks,
- evidence of support from:
    - Ōwhango-National Park Community Board,
    - Ruapehu District Council (the relevant Local authority),
    - Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand,
    - Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board,
    - KiwiRail,
    - Visit Ruapehu.
- some evidence of local support (ie those living in the area), noting there is also evidence of local opposition,
- the Board's primary responsibility to name geographic features and its purpose to achieve a coordinated and standardised approach to official naming, noting evidence of longstanding confusion about the name of the village is partly as no name was made official through a statutory process,

Noting that the wider 'National Park' addressable locality in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset managed by Toitū Te Whenua LINZ, which the proposed Waimarino (village) and Waimarino Station sit within, would need to be changed to Waimarino; and an existing nearby addressable locality 'Waimarino' would need to be changed as well; so as to avoid confusion,

Noting the implications for associated Community Board names which are not in the Board's naming jurisdiction,

and notify as a proposal to alter for three months.

and

Decline the proposal to alter National Park Station to Waimarino Station,

and

Accept a new proposal from the Board to **alter** the existing unofficial recorded railway station name National Park Station to **Waimarino Railway Station**, based on:

- the Board's longstanding consideration that railway stations should typically be named for the populated places they service, for consistency and to prevent confusion for travellers and tourists,
- ensuring standard and consistent generic terminology for official railway station names, ie 'Railway Station' not 'Station',
- KiwiRail's agreement to the proposal, being the rail operator, which is a Board requirement for railway feature name proposals,
- support from Ōwhango-National Park Community Board and Ruapehu District Council, and likely support from the other institutions which specifically supported the proposed name of the village,

and notify as a proposal to alter for three months.

Secretariat assessment and advice

The proposal

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- National Park to Waimarino, for the small village at the intersection of State Highway 4 and State Highway 47, northwest of Mount Ruapehu and west of Tongariro National Park, and
- National Park Station to Waimarino Station, for the railway station serving the village.

They advise that Waimarino refers to the *'numerous tributaries that flowed down the flanks of the maungā tūpuna to pool on the vast plains below'*. They consider that restoring the name would *'celebrate the deep and intrinsic links of our hapu/whānau to their lands and history.'* They note that over what is nearly 100 years of debate (and confusion) about the name National Park nobody sought to hear their voice, although their narratives and associations of Waimarino have not changed. Some presenters to the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board's 1 August 2023 hui described how they grew up using the name Waimarino only to find out about the name National Park later.

The proposers have provided evidence of wide institutional support for their proposals and some evidence of local community views (both supporting and opposing). This is detailed under the 'Consultation with others' heading below.

In December 2022 the Secretariat provided the proposers with all scanned Board archives relating to its decisions on National Park and Waimarino. The proposer combined this with other research such as in the Waimarino County archives to produce the chronological narrative *'The Change of name to Waimarino Controversy'* in the supporting information.

Acknowledging the comprehensiveness of their supporting evidence there are a few points clarified in a separate document in Supporting information, eg around what 'official names' were under the NZGB Act 1946, legal appellations, etc. These do not materially affect the rationale for the proposals nor the Secretariat's supporting recommendations.

Names shown on plans and maps

Early maps and survey plans name Waimarino for the plains, the stream, and the land block. Some plans name a Waimarino village and pā approximately 3.8km south of the current National Park at Waikune. The pā name is correctly Ngātokoerua[2] and it's unclear if 'Waimarino' is colloquial, ie 'the village at Waimarino Plains'. The railway station opened in 1908 and the 'Town of Waimarino' was surveyed in 1910 and sections opened for sale on 26 February.[3]

After 1926 official maps show National Park consistently for the railway station. However, depiction of the village name is variable. Topographic and other map series' show an inconsistent transition from Waimarino to National Park. In 1985 the Secretary of the Board advised Lands and Survey staff that Waimarino should not be shown on topographic maps based on the Board's 1956, '58, and

[2] https://www.govt.nz/assets/Documents/OTS/Central-Whanganui/Te-Korowai-o-Wainuiarua-Settlement-Summary-29-Jul-2023.pdf - last accessed 5 September 2023

[3] *NZ Gazette* 1910 (4) p.242

'69, decisions which declined proposals for Waimarino, and based on the Board's desire to discontinue use of alternative names.[4]

Some apparent inconsistency is due to the different purposes of maps. Cadastral maps continued to use 'Waimarino' for the legal appellation (correctly). Legal descriptions do not change until they are surveyed again even if the inhabited place name is altered (whether by the Board or unofficially). Most legal property parcels in National Park (village) are still described as being in 'Town of Waimarino'.

A full table of maps and survey plans is in Supporting information.

Geographic feature type, generic term, location, extent

National Park is a small village approximately 19km south of Ōwhango and 26km north of Ohakune.

No generic term is proposed, which is normal for populated places[5]. No boundary extent is proposed, and the Secretariat does not recommend one be formally assigned.

National Park Station is a railway station at National Park (village) on the North Island Main Trunk railway line. The proposed name Waimarino Station does not include the full generic term 'Railway Station' which is needed for consistency. Nearly every official railway station name uses the full generic term.

Population

National Park (village) had a population of approximately 235[6] under the 2018 census. However, it is an established tourist destination with over 1,000 beds, as well as holiday homes and club facilities, and reportedly grows to 1400 people at a *'conservatively estimated peak'*.[7]

New Zealand Gazetteer and associated place names

National Park (village) and National Park Station are unofficial recorded names in the *Gazetteer*. The Honorary Geographic Board's eventual agreement to the railway station name as National Park in 1927 was not gazetted under Section 17 NZGB Act 1946 with other Honorary Board decisions. It's unclear why not.

Tongariro National Park (official name) is associated with the existing names, being their namesake.

Waimarino Stream (unofficial recorded) for a stream 4km south of the village, and Waimarino Scientific Reserve (official), for a Crown protected area on the edge of Erua Forest immediately west of the village, are associated names.

Waimarino Forest (unofficial recorded) is an associated name for a forest west of Raetihi, south-southwest of the proposal. 'Waimarino Forest' was used historically for the forest across the entire Waimarino Block. However, this name as shown on official maps is for a more recently established plantation forest.[8]

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[4] Board Archives File 22/2605/3 Vol. 13 f.326
[5] *New Zealand Standard 1.4*
[6] Based on the New Zealand 2018 Estimated Resident Population Statistical Grid 250 metre (prototype), 2022: https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/110655-new-zealand-2018-estimated-resident-population-statistical-grid-250-metre-prototype-2022/
[7] National Park Village Plan 2020-2030 (2021) National Park Village Progressive Association – accessed 5 September 2023
[8] http://ngaporowaimarino.maori.nz/history/ - last accessed 5 September 2023

Duplications	A second Waimarino Stream (unofficial recorded) is a small stream south of Waimarino Forest and approximately 46km southwest of the proposal. This may be an original Māori name and a duplication rather than associated with the proposed names. Waimarino River (unofficial recorded) is a 24km long river flowing into the south of Lake Taupō / Taupōmoana at Stump Bay northeast of Tūrangi, 47km northeast of the proposal. Waimarino River Recreation Reserve (official name) is at its mouth. Confusion with duplicated Waimarino names is unlikely due to the different feature types and their generic terms. National Park is duplicated in the generic terms of the official names of 12 national parks other than Tongariro National Park, the next closest being Whanganui National Park. The closest access to Whanganui National Park is 22km west of National Park (village).
Board archives and Secretariat Research	An original village and pā in the early 1900s and prior was approximately 4km to the south. Waimarino Station opened in 1908 and the 'Town of Waimarino' was established in 1910. In 1926 the Railways Department agreed to a local request to alter the railway station name to National Park despite some protest from the recently established Honorary Geographic Board. Depiction of National Park for the village followed on official maps and in local use, but inconsistently due to confusion whether the village/township name had also been altered. The Board declined proposals to alter National Park back to Waimarino three times in 1957/58, 1958, 1968/69. The decisions were based on a lack of local support, 'established' or long term use of National Park, and potential confusion for postal services as Waimarino County was based in Raetihi and Waimarino electorate in Taumarunui. The Board also considered both names to be confusing and suggested an alternative be put forward. In 1969 the Board declined a further proposal to alter 'Waimarino Township' to 'National Park Township'. This may have been due to confusion around legal appellations (unchanged as 'Town of Waimarino') but illustrate enduring confusion since the Board never gazetted either name. Confusion as to the village name is evident in the Board's archives, inconsistency on official maps, and in the proposal material. Refer to separate document in Supporting information for more details.
Consultation with iwi	The proposers are mana whenua and have not included any evidence of consultation with other iwi. Based on Te Puni Kōkiri's Te Kāhui Māngai, Ngāti Hāua and Whanganui iwi have interests in the area. The Secretariat wrote to these groups requesting any views on the proposal and wrote to Te Puni Kōkiri for advice as to whether there were other groups with ancestral interests in the area whose views should also be sought. To date no responses have been received.
Consultation with others	The proposers have provided wide evidence of support included in their proposal from:

- Ōwhango-National Park Community Board (for both names),
- Ruapehu District Council (for both names, minuted resolution),
- Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (for the village),
- Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board (for the village),
- KiwiRail (for the railway station),
- Visit Ruapehu (for the village),
- some locals (in deputations to the Community Board).

The proposal also includes evidence of some local opposition the proposal, including from the National Park Business Association. This may provide insight into what to expect should the proposals be accepted and notified.

Advice on orthography[9]

A Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator confirmed the orthography for Waimarino.

Key Criteria from the *Standard for NZ place names*

1.6 Altered names: a name may be altered when:

- the location of a feature or place is unclear,
- it is confusing or ambiguous,

Any alteration should balance the cultural and historical significance of the name against long-term use and the practical need for location identification.

1.3 Undesirable names and other considerations

(a) The names of populated places should be unique and unambiguous. Populated place names should support identification for emergency services and property addressing.

Secretariat comment: Either name is unique for the village. However, confusion in addressing and postal services has been a longstanding issue when considering proposals for either name. For Waimarino, Waimarino County and Waimarino electorate (which no longer exist) were based elsewhere nearby, and mail intended for national park authorities for all national parks all across the country was received at National Park village. Similar issues for potential confusion with other Waimarino names could arise with the new Community Board and due to an addressing 'locality' to the south, unless they are changed.

The proposers contend (as have earlier proposals) that National Park is an ambiguous name due to the many national parks (Crown protected areas) across New Zealand. However, the proposal does not include any evidence of recent confusion for postal services or issues of identification to emergency services.

Having no gazetted decisions on the names has itself been a longstanding source of confusion. This potentially led to inconsistent naming on official documents. In 1968 and 1969 the Board received back to back proposals, the first seeking to alter National Park to Waimarino, the second vice versa, demonstrating confusion as to which was the 'existing' or 'official' name. Due to the issues with both names, the Board has also previously suggested that a different, entirely unique name should be put forward instead for the railway station and village.

[9] The conventions and rules of how to write a language

(d) Long-term existing names or names that are in common local use may take precedence over new names if they conform to this standard.

Secretariat comment: The railway station was named Waimarino for 16 [note: 18] years and has been National Park Station since 1926 (97 years). National Park is in long term use for the village in local use and on official maps, which followed the change to the railway station name over time. However, Waimarino for the village remained in use on some official maps until 1973 (50 years ago). The proposers advise they continue to refer to the village as Waimarino.

Addressing implications and concerns or issues for emergency services	National Park (village) is within a 'National Park' locality in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset. This covers a much greater area (~94.5km^2) than the small village. This dataset is used to add 'locality' and 'suburb' names to official property addresses and is used for emergency response. These areas are not necessarily the same as the Suburbs and Localities within the Board's jurisdiction as defined by the NZGB Act 2008. But they can be. The names and extents in the dataset are consistent with official Board decisions for place names as far as they can be. Should National Park be altered to Waimarino for the village, the Secretariat would request Toitū Te Whenua LINZ to update the dataset for the wider locality name. However, 'Waimarino' is already a name in the dataset for a nearby area 33km to the south. This name is a legacy of the former area of Waimarino County whose former headquarters were in nearby Raetihi. The 'Waimarino' addressable locality covers approximately 250km^2 and is sparsely populated with 85 residents in the 2018 census.[10] A map of the areas is in Supporting information. The Secretariat would also make a recommendation to Toitū Te Whenua LINZ to update the dataset to use another name for the southern Waimarino addressable locality. Not changing the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset would be confusing and undermine the statutory process, should the name be altered.
Other uses of the name	As a result of various former electorate and local government boundaries, an area identified as Waimarino has been in long term use for 120+ years for generally the same area, and entirely south of National Park. People likely have strong associations of the name Waimarino to this area. The latest iteration is Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board under Ruapehu District Council, established in 2022. Conversely, the proposed Waimarino is located in Ōwhango-National Park Community Board, so the proposal also has implications for this name. These names are not under the Board's naming jurisdiction. See more details in Supporting information.

Cost implications	The Board considers that updating physical products such as signs, promotional material, maps, charts, should be completed over time and in the

[10] Based on the New Zealand 2018 Estimated Resident Population Statistical Grid 250 metre (prototype), 2022: https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/110655-new-zealand-2018-estimated-resident-population-statistical-grid-250-metre-prototype-2022/

course of usual maintenance programmes. Costs for updating electronic documents such as databases are negligible.

However, there may be wider financial impacts due to the associated names described above. KiwiRail also erected new signs at National Park Railway Station in August 2023, reading 'Waimarino National Park'. The proposers advise that this new signage came as a surprise and they *'agree with kōrero that "Waimarino National Park" Station will potentially cause more confusion than a reversion to "Waimarino" Station.'*

Should Waimarino Railway Station become the official name then KiwiRail will need to replace the signs for compliance, also noting concerns they are confusing for travellers and tourists. This would incur a cost to them.

Media

Media coverage is likely should the Board accept the proposals, noting they are for outright changes to existing names for a tourist destination. *Newstalk ZB* and *Ruapehu Bulletin* have reported on the proposals already, eg:

- Name change for National Park Village gains support, *Ruapehu Bulletin*, 9 August 2023
- Unanimous RDC support for Waimarino name change, *Ruapehu Bulletin*, 13 September 2023

Supporting information

1. Proposal for Waimarino – 2023-08-08
2. Proposal for Waimarino Station – 2023-08-21
3. Supporting document - Previous considerations by the Board and other commentary
4. Supporting document - Secretariat research for Waimarino proposals.
5. Map of NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset from National Park to Waimarino (the southern one)
6. Media articles

Note: There are two consultations being held by the Geographic Board

One is for the the ingoa of the Village:
https://www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/waimarino

The second is for the ingoa Railway Station:
https://www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/waimarino-railway-station

Submissions need to be made by Thursday, 8 Feb 2024 5:30pm

Land Notices

Notice of Proposals to Alter Geographic Names

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Proposals to assign/alter/discontinue geographic names

New Zealand Geographic Board

Land Information New Zealand

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Dated at Wellington this 7th day of November 2023.

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CIVIL DEFENCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

A guide to the role of Councillors during an emergency



MANAWATU-WANGANUI
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

GET READY
GET THRU

The purpose of this flyer is to provide elected members with a brief summary of how 'major incidents' are managed and to give some guidance as to how they can assist.

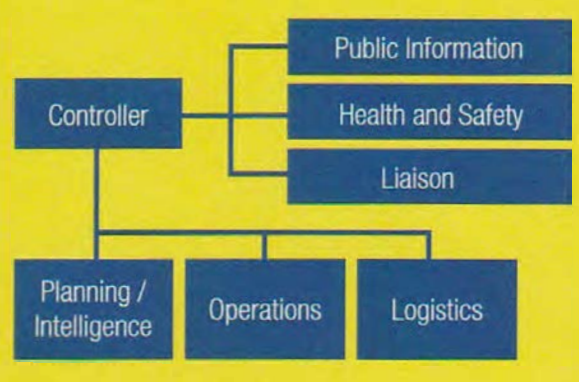
AN OVERVIEW

The role of Councillors, especially the Mayors and the Chairperson, in showing leadership and involvement with the community in times of crisis is an important one.

In any emergency the community will look to its leaders for guidance, therefore it is essential that all Councillors understand the role of the Manawatu - Wanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

STRUCTURE

The Group operational structure is based on the concept of the New Zealand Coordinated Incident Management System [CIMS] which is a national inter-agency incident management system. CIMS promotes an organisational structure for emergency management, incorporating four major components:



GROUP FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Civil Defence and emergency management (CDEM) groups are responsible for the implementation of local CDEM in an efficient and effective manner. Under the CDEM Act (s17 and 18) each CDEM Group should, in summary:

- Identify, assess and manage the relevant hazards and **risks** and communicate about risks;
- Maintain a Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan **(CDEM** Group Plan);
- Maintain and provide suitably trained personnel, including volunteers;
- Maintain and provide resources for effective civil defence emergency management in its area;
- Respond to emergencies;
- Carry out recovery activities;
- Promote and raise public awareness and compliance with the legislation within its area.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Civil Defence Emergency Management Group function and powers
- Notification and role of Councillors

The Group/ Local Controller **will** assume responsibility for informing and updating the Chief Executive, **Mayor** and Councillors of any significant event which will have an impact on their area of responsibility.

The Mayors or Chairperson as members of the Manawatu - Wanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group are primarily responsible for declaring a state of local emergency. In the absence of CDEM Group representatives, this responsibility lies with elected representatives nominated in the CDEM Group Plan.

Once a state of local emergency is declared the CDEM Group's elected officials leave emergency management in the hands of the Group or Local Controller but retain an oversight responsibility and support.



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THE MAYORS / CHAIRPERSON'S ROLE **IN AN EMERGENCY**

- Declare a State of Local Emergency (if required)
- Attend appropriate Group and Local Controllers briefings
- Brief local Councillors, at least daily
- Inform the Controller of any issues raised by Councillors
- Assist the Group/Local Controllers in liaising with local or national politicians as appropriate
- In consultation with the Controllers, identify the matters that should be tasked to the remaining Councillors
- Promote donation to Disaster Relief Fund Trust

ROLE OF **ELECTED MEMBERS**

During the response and recovery phase of a disaster a numbers of tasks will arise where Councillors can assist their communities. The Mayors and Chairman, in consultation with the Group/Local Controller, will identify these tasks and brief Councillors as required of their roles /functions.
These can perhaps be summarised in three categories, which are expanded upon below:

- General guidance
- Roles for Councillors in whose area the incident occurs
- Pitfalls to be avoided

GENERAL GUIDANCE

- Need to be aware of emergency planning arrangements from the outset i.e. plans and Inter-agency procedures.
- Would benefit from appropriate training beforehand (especially in areas such as public relations and media management)
- Need to be guided by council officers, not act alone
- Major incidents are usually followed by a period of confusion. Be patient while council officers clarify the position



- Operational staff need to assess areas of need and direct Councillors, if they are willing, to appropriate tasks
- On request, act as additional staff resource
- Seek briefing before involvement – note there will be initial confusion
- Keep a record of involvement in case questions are raised later on
- Keep the public off council officers' backs
- Support council in normal day-to-day activities, which may be reduced
- Communicate between council officers and members
- Feed info back to council officers at the start of the incident
- Act as voluntary helpers (depending on individual skills)
- Attend and support public meetings, debriefing and review groups
- Local MPs also have a role to play and need to be included

ROLES FOR COUNCILLORS IN WHOSE AREA THE INCIDENT OCCURS

- Identifying vulnerable people
- Channel of communication to/from public
- Exercise 'community leadership'
- Community engagement – how people can help themselves
- Helping in welfare centres
- Attending & supporting public meetings
- As incident winds down can be a point of contact for public
- Assisting in recovery, perhaps in Disaster Relief Fund or memorial services

PITFALLS TO BE AVOIDED

- Getting in the way of operational procedures
- Taking on tasks for which not trained and could be harmful (e.g. handling stressed people, media management etc.)
- Mixed messages/wrong information
- Adopting role of council officers
- Issuing individual/personal press statements
- Jumping to conclusions
- Never make statements which imply failure or blame on the part of a local authority or any of the other organisations involved, since litigation is all too common after the event
- Different approaches by different councils
- Jumping in without speaking to council officers first
- Cutting across communication channels

PUBLIC **INFORMATION**

DURING AN EMERGENCY

It will be appropriate for the Mayors and Chairperson to make media releases relating to the disaster. Factors that may need to be addressed are (but not limited to):

- Sympathy messages for bereavements, injured, homeless, welfare support;
- Support messages to civil defence staff and the general public;
- Other messages that would be supportive to the community.

DONATIONS

Mayors/Chairperson/Councillors should not solicit donations of clothing, food or other items after a disaster. Those wanting to donate should be encouraged to make cash donations to the Group's Disaster Relief Fund Trust or other appropriate funds set up for the emergency. The arrival of unsolicited goods can create a problem for agencies and organisations who then have to set aside valuable staff, transport, storage and distribution resources to handle these goods.

SUMMARY

These notes are intended for guidance. Every incident will be different and elected members can fulfil useful roles in the response and the recovery. The key is to seek guidance from those council officers most closely involved and to be flexible and supportive



IMPORTANT **DOCUMENTS**

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002
The 2002 Act:
Promotes sustainable management of hazards, encourages and enables communities to achieve acceptable levels of risk, provides for planning and preparation for emergencies, and for response and recovery, requires local authorities to coordinate planning and activities, provides a basis for the integration of national and local civil defence emergency management, encourages coordination across a wide range of agencies, recognising that emergencies are multi-agency events.

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan
The CDEM Group Plan provides the context and strategic direction for civil defence emergency management in the Manawatu – Wanganui Region. It focuses on issues that the CDEM Group considers will benefit from a collective approach.

National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2005 and the Guide to the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan
The purpose of the guide is to assist and support New Zealand agencies to achieve the purpose of the National CDEM Plan. The Guide incorporates the wording of the National CDEM Plan, which states the principles, arrangements and frameworks that apply to the management of emergencies and supports these with further detail, diagrams and operational information.

OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- Accident Insurance Act 1998
- Health Act 1956
- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Broadcasting Act 1989
- Building Act 1991
- Customs and Excise Act 1996
- Defence Act 1990
- Earthquake Commission Act 1993
- Energy Companies Act 1992
- Fire Service Act 1975
- Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977
- Gas Act 1992
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Health Act 1956
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Hospitals Act 1957
- Local Government Act 2002
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- Maritime Transport Act 1994
- New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000
- Port Companies Act 1998
- Public Works Act 1981
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Telecommunications Act 1987

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National Park Village Community Hall

Report to Owhango National Park Community Board - 7 November 2023

After an inspection by our architect, Terrence Paterson, in 2008 he advised the building structure was sound and recommended a programme of repairs and maintenance be undertaken. This programme was prepared in April 2009 as a guideline to restore the hall to good condition.

This started with repiling the original part of the building in 2010.

Work has progressed as time and money and effort has allowed:

- Windows replaced on east side with larger ones.
- Painting hall interior
- Repairing rotten flooring in the two toilets, fixing walls, fixing doors, painting, and installing new toilets and handbasins.
- Painting rear lobby, kitchen, storeroom and meeting room.
- Installation of vinyl flooring – Toilets, rear lobby & kitchen
- Water blasting of black mould from the front concrete deck, steps and balustrades.
- Undergrounding of the hall power supply
- Installation of a new roof
- Installation of guttering and down pipe system
- Removal of old canopy roof and painting of canopy structure and balustrades
- Installation of new front entry door and new digital door lock

Work still to be done:

- New kitchen bench, appliances, and storage shelving. Stainless steel.
- New infrared heating system in main hall
- Partitions to screen off the gym section
- New bull nose roof for the canopy
- Paint exterior of the building
- Paint hall interior
- Lay carpet in meeting room
- Restore missing gym equipment

Hall Use in the last 12 months:

- Gym members - 28
- Caledonian Dance Academy
- A candidate's meeting
- Two private functions
- NPVPA monthly meetings, two open days, and one hall consultation day
- RDC – Steering group meetings and a community consultation day
- RDC base for community wifi system

Future use

As work progresses the hall will become available for wider community use.





Murray Wilson

Member

Owhango National Park Community Board

7 November 2023



Owhango, 06/11/2023

Re: Liaison Report Summary for Kaitieke / Retaruke / Whakahoro and Owhango Communities for 11 November 2023 ONPCB Meeting

1. Attended ORRIS committee meeting on 02 November 2023

Topics discussed in random order:

- Gate on the side of the hall.
- Five new stallholders for November and December market days.
- French doors and deck to improve the amenity value at of the hall. Applied to RDC "better off funding".
- A local artist is offering a mosaic for the village. One option is the north side of the public toilets.
- The idea of a museum for Owhango was discussed.
- Received a quote for $ 1500 for lights at the pavilion.
- The tennis courts are being vehicle vandalised. Consideration for bollard and chain to protect the tennis courts.
- Planting at the community Memorial Gardens happened recently. Community effort to dig the holes.
- Project lead has collated and collected feedback for an Owhango village plan to be submitted to RDC. Council staff to contribute the big-ticket items like wastewater and drainage etc... to the planning document.
- The bike wash station at the toilet block has encountered a hurdle with a concern about using water from the Owhango Village water supply for the bike wash. The alternative suggested is a storage tank with its own water supply.
- In January ORRIS will hold a community BBQ for input into the village plan.

2. I had no opportunity to engage or interact with either Kaitieke or Retaruke Hall committees since the last ONPCB meeting.
3. I had no update on the progress of the slip repair in the Ohinetonga Reserve.

Any questions related to this liaison report, please ask me at the upcoming ONPCB meeting.

Best regards

Peter Zimmer Owhango National Park Community Board Elected Member

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Note:

- If there are any follow ups required, I suggest that RDC does this directly with affected parties or organisations.
- For any dedicated responses to ORRIS, can RDC please reply directly to ORRIS at owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz and copy myself at peter.zimmer@onpcb.ruapehu.govt.nz and peteoutdoors@gmail.com