

Agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to held in the St John Hall, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2023** commencing at **7.00pm**.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 2

5. PUBLIC FORUM

6. REPORTS

6.1 Discretionary Fund Report 11

6.2 Discretionary Fund Application 14

6.3 Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway 18

6.4 Costs and Proposed Funding Allocation for Projects Identified by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee 22

6.5 Consultation for the Connectivity Strategy 30

6.6 Mayor's Community Awards 54

6.7 Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report 57

6.8 Councillor's Report 79

6.9 Chairperson's Report *Verbal*

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Ngaa Muka Development Trust Update *Verbal*

Gj Ion
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	Thursday, 6 July 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee (TKCC) held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – TKCC Minutes – 7 June 2023

MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at St John's Ambulance Rooms, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Tim Hinton (Acting Chairperson)
Adele Theron
Estelle (Kahui) Jonathan
Ian Wrigley
Jeff Lyons
Jo Gurnell
Courtney Howells
Liz Tupuhi
Whitney Totorewa (arrived 7:05pm)
Cr M Raumati

Attending:

Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu – Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward Councillor
Vishal Ramduny – Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager, Waikato District Council
Pauline Giles – Waikato Roding Alliance
Dylan Herewini – Waikato Roding Alliance
Toby McIntyre - Policy Advisor, Waikato District Council
Kevin Scown – Community member

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Jo Gurnell / Liz Tupuhi)

THAT apologies from John Cunningham and Angela van de Munckhof be received.

CARRIED

**TKCC2306/
01**

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Adele Theron / Estelle Jonathan)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 be confirmed, and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

TKCC2306/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Resolved: (Liz Tupuhi / Ian Wrigley)

- Tim Hinton (as per disclosure of interest form)
- It was noted that Jo Gurnell is no longer a member of the Community House

CARRIED

TKCC2306/03

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Courtney Howells / Estelle Jonathan)

THAT the following amendments be made:

- Elizabeth Tupuhi's name should be changed to Kelvin Tupuhi at the start of the last bullet point on page 6.
- Estelle Jonathan's name should be added to the Community Identity Strategy project team.

THAT the minutes of the meeting for the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, held on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TKCC2306/04

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public indicated that they wish to speak. It was noted that Glen Tupuhi will speak about road names as part of the Ngaa Muka Development Trust item under Any Other Business.

ACTIONS

The actions were as per the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 May 2023 and reported on as part of the Works and Issues report.

REPORTS

Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report
Agenda Item 7.1

Resolved: (Adele Theron / Jo Gurnell)

THAT the Works and Issues report be received.

THAT John Cunningham, Cr Marlene Raumati, Tim Hinton and Vishal Ramduny to meet to take stock of all projects underway/planned for Te Kauwhata and their associated funding allocation (discretionary fund, North Waikato Development Fund, LTP etc) so that the Committee can a) have a consolidated understanding of committed funds and b) decide (at the 2 August 2023 Committee meeting) if any funding needs to be reallocated to support projects.

CARRIED

TKCC2606/05

Discussion:

- The report was taken as read.
- Vishal Ramduny indicated that not many written project updates were received apart from Adele Theron.
- Based on a suggestion from Cr Marlene Raumati, it was agreed that all project managers will in future need to have a recommendation as part of their project update.
- Liz Tupuhi, Jo Gurnell and Courtney Howells are to be added to the Community Identity Action Plan as team members.

- Adele Theron noted that all her assigned actions were completed.
 - Dog Park – work with a designer was done. Kennel club regulation communicated and mapped out.
 - Next step is for Tim Hinton to get this signed off by Council through Ed McVicar.
 - Funding of around \$7800 has been requested for the shade sails, concreting etc.
 - The Dog Park project has stalled temporarily due to concerns about funding allocation.
- Cr Marlene Raumati noted that some of the funding allocated for the projects have been decided upon, but we need to do a stock take as some projects will not be going ahead in the form originally intended (e.g., Blunt Road walkway).
- There was a discussion about the possibility of incorporating the Te Kauwhata Community Committee as a society for funding applications but it was also noted this presented administrative challenges.
- Tim Hinton noted that the Saleyard Road to Blunt Road Walkway Project is waiting on the final plans from Ed McVicar at Council which is focused on clearing what is there already.
- It was noted that there is \$160,000 allocated to the Saleyard Road walkway project and that if the project was not going ahead in its original intended form, then not all the funding is going to be used meaning that the Committee could free this up for other projects.
- Tim Hinton confirmed that a walk through which included members of the Committee and Ngaa Muka Development Trust took place on 28th May and that Council (Ed McVicar) will now come back with finalised proposal.
- There was some discussion whether the Committee should resolve re-allocating funding at this meeting but it was agreed that it was prudent to wait until Ed McVicar got back to Tim Hinton on the cost of the Saleyard Road to Blunt Road walkway clean up.
- Cr Marlene Raumati noted that budgets allocations are required to ensure projects are implemented.
- It was noted that the discretionary fund is also there to assist with community events e.g., Splash 'n Dash, ANZAC parade, and the Christmas parade.

- It was agreed that we need to take stock of all projects underway/planned for Te Kauwhata and their associated funding allocation (discretionary fund, North Waikato Development Fund, LTP etc.) so that the Committee can a) have a consolidated understanding of committed funds and b) decide (at the 2 August 2023 Committee meeting) if any funding needs to be reallocated to support projects.

Action	Responsibility
John Cunningham, Cr Marlene Raumati, Tim Hinton and Vishal Ramduny to get together to take stock of all projects underway/planned for Te Kauwhata and their associated funding allocation (discretionary fund, North Waikato Development Fund, LTP etc.) so that the Committee can a) have a consolidated understanding of committed funds and b) decide (at the 2 August 2023 Committee meeting) if any funding needs to be reallocated to support projects.	John Cunningham, Cr Marlene Raumati, Tim Hinton and Vishal Ramduny

Te Kauwhata Blueprint Update

Agenda Item 7.2

Discussion:

- Vishal Ramduny indicated that Council's Planning and Policy Manager, Jim Ebenhoh, sent a survey to John Cunningham seeking if the Committee would like to review its existing Blueprint projects. Feedback from the blueprints required to influence the LTP.

Resolved: (Ian Wrigley/Jo Gurnell)

- THAT the Blueprint update report be received.**
- THAT it be noted that Council's Planning and Policy Manager, Jim Ebenhoh, sent a survey to John Cunningham seeking if the Committee would like to review its existing Blueprint projects.**

CARRIED

TKCC2306/06

Update on the Northern Waikato Railway Station Indicative Business Case

Agenda Item 7.3

Discussion:

- Vishal Ramduny provided an update on the indicative business case indicating that it is on track to be completed at the end of June 2023.

- Vishal Ramduny also indicated that the preliminary results of the multi-criteria analysis is ranking Pokeno higher than Te Kauwhata or Tuakau for a potential station. However, this is still a work in progress.
- Bus connections to connect key communities to the railway station will be a consideration.
- Cr Marlene Raumati indicated that it is important that commuter connection for work purposes not only consider Auckland but Hamilton as well.
- The final report (indicative business case) will come to the Committee in August or September 2023.

Resolved: (Marlene Raumati/Liz Tupuhi)

The Te Kauwhata Community Committee receives the report Update on Upper Northern Waikato Railway Station Indicative Business Case.

CARRIED

TKCC2306/07

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 7.4

Discussion:

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Marlene Raumati / Estelle Jonathan)

That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

TKCC2306/8

Councillor's Report

Agenda Item 7.5

Discussion:

- Cr Marlene Raumati's report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Ian Wrigley / Estelle Jonathan)

That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receive the report.

CARRIED**TKCC2306/9**Chairperson's report (verbal)

Agenda 7.6

Discussion:

- Tim Hinton indicated that John Cunningham will provide this when he returns.

Resolved: (Marlene Raumati / Ian Wrigley)**That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receive the report.****CARRIED****TKCC2306/10****OTHER BUSINESS****Resolved: (Adele Theron / Courtney Howells)****THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receive the report.****THAT as part of Council's Road Naming Policy review a workshop with the Te Kauwhata Community Committee and the Ngaa Muka Development Trust will be held on Wednesday 5 July (from 7:00pm to 8:30pm).****CARRIED****TKCC2306/11**Ngaa Muka Development Trust Report (verbal)

Agenda Item 8.1

- Glen Tupuhi spoke about road names and the significance of having maaori names for these.
- Mr. Tupuhi indicated that we have a situation where the street names have all been given meaningful historical context of settlers and families but not of tangata whenua. This needs to change and it requires a sympathetic developer and community involvement.
- It was noted that in accordance with the existing road naming policy a list of road names needs to be recommended by the developer and that mana whenua involvement is a requirement. The list then needs to go to the Te Kauwhata Community Committee for approval prior to it going to Council's Infrastructure Committee and then to full Council.

- Mr. Tupuhi noted that Lakeside Development streets have been named in reference to developments and structures from historical context.
- It was noted that an exercise with kaumatua and historians as a part of the community identity action plan is underway.
- Tim Hinton indicated that when road names are being considered by developers they are sent by the developers to the Committee and Council. The Committee and Council help ensure that there are no double ups with neighbouring districts (especially with more common names).
- Council staff noted that the road naming policy review has commenced (led by Toby McIntyre, Policy Advisor). As part of this process workshops are being held with community boards and community committees.
- It was agreed that since there is no Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting in July that Wednesday 5 July (from 7:00pm to 8:30pm) should be set aside for a workshop facilitated by Toby McIntyre on the road naming policy review.
- Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu indicated that in some other communities an agreed list of names have been provided ahead of time to developers as a resource to draw from.
- Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu further indicated that equity considerations need to be key to road naming considerations.
- Estelle Jonathan indicated that the new floodgates to the lake have been installed.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:07 pm

Minutes confirmed this day of 2023.

TIM HINTON
ACTING CHAIRPERSON

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2023
Date:	02 August 2023
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz Chief Financial Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Kauwhata Community Committee on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 30 June 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Te Kauwhata Community receives the report for the Te Kauwhata Discretionary Fund and the North Waikato Development Funding report (showing as a separate attachment).

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 30 June 2023

Attachment 2 – North Waikato Development Fund report to 30 June 2023

TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2022/23 (July 2022 - June 2023)
--

As at Date: 30-Jun-2023

		GL	1,207,170.4
Commitments from Committee Meeting Minutes & Other Information			
2022/23 Annual Plan			4,198.00
Carry forward from 2021/22			30,612.00
Total Funding			34,810.00
Income			
Total Income			-
Expenditure			
			excl GST
10-Feb-23	Payment for playground equipment on the Village Green to Project TKCC1909/04		3,727.75
24-Feb-23	Payment of \$6,931.00 made to Frame Group invoice 11542 31/07/2022 for the design of the Blunt Rd Walkway TKCC2012/03		6,931.00
01-Feb-23	Payment to the Te Kauwhata Community House for \$886.60 (including GST) as a contribution to the Splash and Dash event payment to The Te Kauwhata Community House Inv-0107. TKCC2302/07		770.96
Total Expenditure			11,429.71
Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)			23,380.29
Commitments			
			excl GST
13-Feb-19	Further development of playgrounds, Re-allocate the \$5,000 which was initially allocated for the further development of playgrounds (as passed by resolution TKCC1902/04) for the development of the destination playground at the Te Kauwhata Domain TKCC1902/04 TKCC2303/05		5,000.00
05-Aug-20	Te Kauwhata Community Committee commit \$5,000.00 towards security cameras in Te Kauwhata. TKCC2008/04		5,000.00
02-Dec-20	Commitment of \$10,000.00 be made to Blunt Road Walkway walkway extending from Saleyard Road to Council Reserve at Blunt Road' TKCC2012/03	10,000.00	
24-Feb-23	Less Payment \$6,931.00 made to Frame Group invoice 11542 31/07/2022 TKCC2012/03	(6,931.00)	3,069.00
Total Commitments			13,069.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)			10,311.29

NORTH WAIKATO DEVELOPMENT FUND (NWDF) REPORT 2022/23 (July 2022 - June 2023)
Te Kauwhata Allocation
As at Date: 30-Jun-2023
GL I-999-8356
Resolutions from TKCC Committee Meeting Minutes & Other Information
2022/23 Annual Plan
Carry forward from 2021/22
404,516.60
Total Funding
404,516.60
Income

2022/23 Interest earned July - June 2023

(40,622.38)

Total Income
(40,622.38)
Expenditure
Total Expenditure

-

Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)
363,894.22
Commitments

Date	Description	Resolution no	Amount
	Te Kauwhata Committee supports the use of \$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund (NWDF) to assist in funding the construction of the Te Kauwhata Blunt Road Walkway ; (Note: The Committee may not use all the \$150,000 commitment for the Blunt Road walkway).	TKCC2102/03	150,000.00
	Te Kauwhata Committee supports the use of a further \$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund (NWDF) to assist in funding Te Kauwhata Domain lighting project and footpaths within the Domain .	TKCC2102/03	150,000.00
03-Nov-21	(Note: that the Committee subsequently (at one of the meetings) adjusted this commitment to \$100,000 as part of a discussion the Works and Issues report).		(50,000.00)
10-Aug-22	Te Kauwhata Community Committee allocated from the North Waikato Development Fund, \$25,000.00, towards the completion of the cricket nets	TKCC2208/03	25,000.00

Total Commitments
275,000.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)
88,894.22

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Applications
Date:	Monday, 24 July 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm – Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa – Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to provide the Discretionary Funding application received for consideration by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$7,884.76 (no GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Te Kauwhata Community Events Committee,**
 - ii. for the 2023 Christmas Parade.**

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment A – Application for Funding (Te Kauwhata Community Events Committee)

Attachment B – Project Breakdown for the 2023 Christmas Parade

Select your Community Board or Committee	Te Kauwhata
Name of your organisation and contact person	Te Kauwhata Community Events Committee, Esther Pilbrow, Treasurer
What is your organisation's purpose/background	Our organisation organizes, funds and supports Community Events in Te Kauwhata, including the annual Christmas Parade.
Phone number	0274154222
Email	estherpilbrow@gmail.com
What is your event / project, including date and location?	The annual Christmas Parade will be run on Friday the 15th December in the main street in Te Kauwhata.
How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?	This event is always well supported by the community, by local businesses and by local groups and organisations. The parade is free to attend, it is free to enter a float in the parade, there are free sausages handed out by the local lions group, a business sponsor supports the childrens entertainment. Families can come along for little or no cost. Community organisations can raise awareness of their group. Main street businesses can benefit from the large crowds in the street that day.
Are you GST registered?	No (Include GST in your budget total request for funds)
GST Number	
What is the total cost of your project/event	\$7,884.76
Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.	\$1,300 from raffle money from last years parade. The raffle will run again this year to help raise money for next years show. Plus we have received \$1,000 from the community house to help us to pay for traffic control.
Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	Refer attachment B
Has/will funding been sought from other funders?	Yes

If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought	Kainga Ora / Lakeside Developments (business sponsor) Te Kauwhata District Information and Support donated \$1,000 to help with the cost of traffic control.
Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project	Te Kauwhata Lions are very involved in this event and they will ask the local supermarket to donate sausages and bread so that they can give away a free sausage to anyone who want one.

Budget for the 2023 Christmas Parade

Item	Quote	Estimate	Proposed method of payment	Funds applied for or Received	Notes
Chatter Advertising	\$563.50		WDC/Community Board	applied for	
Pipe Band	\$460.00		WDC/Community Board	applied for	
Iceblocks		\$342.76	sponsor		
Band and sound		\$1,000.00	sponsor or tavern TTCF		
Rides	\$2,518.50		Funding from Kainga Ora	applied for	\$500 deposit paid
Traffic Control	\$1,700.00		\$1,000 from the community House	Received	
Traffic Control			\$700 other funding (sponsor)		
Float Prizes		\$1,300.00	Raffle Money	Raised	
Totals	\$5,242.00	\$2,642.76	\$7884.76 funds required		

Open Agenda

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway
Date:	3 August 2023
Report Author:	Ed McVicar, Open Spaces Project Coordinator
Authorised by:	Anthony Averill, Deputy General Manager Service Delivery

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To inform the Te Kauwhata Community Committee of the proposed approach for the staged delivery of the Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway.

2. Report

Puurongo

The Te Kauwhata Recreation Reserve (domain) is located on the southern edge of Te Kauwhata and has frontages to both Mahi Road and Scott Road. The proposed walkway is to provide linkages to existing walking opportunities through the Te Kauwhata Recreation Reserve (domain) to improve off-road walking, cycling and fitness opportunities.

A concept plan was created in 2021 to share with the community. The concept plan (Version 2) has been through consultation with both the Te Kauwhata Community Committee and the Te Kauwhata Domain Committee resulting in the alignment of the walkway being approved.

In 2022 Waikato District Council (WDC) engaged GDC Consultants to further develop Version 2 of the Concept Plan to detailed design and to provide a construction cost estimate for the walkway.

This estimated cost is significantly higher than the original budgeted figure of \$278,500 as at the time of the original scoping no detailed analysis or design to current guidelines had been completed.

The surface type and the construction works (as identified by GDC consultants in accordance with current guidelines) required to complete the walkway link along the northern edge of the rugby fields, along with drainage and other identified issue in other parts of the domain have increased the estimated costs to \$1.2m.

The current budget would be insufficient to deliver the walkway in its entirety but by staging the project it could be delivered as separable portions as shown in the attachment to this report. Refer Attachment 1 (Staging Plan).

Stage 1 – connection from rugby club along northern edge of rugby fields

Stage 2 – Mahi St – Scott Street Connection to domain and northern edge of rugby fields

Stage 3 & 4 are not part of this approval and will require separate funding

As in the table below the cost of delivering Stage 1&2 can be met from current budgets and additional walkways budget allocated.

Domain Walkway Staging Cost	Amount
Stage 1	\$211,161.50
Stage 2	\$306,933.00
Total	\$518,094.50
Total Budget	\$518,603.62

For WDC to proceed with this project, the option to deliver the project as separable portions should be considered.

3. Recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee supports the Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway works to be undertaken as a staged project as follows:

- a. Stage 1 \$211,161.50; and
- b. Stage 2 \$306,933.00.

4. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

The attachments are contained within this report as follows:

Attachment 1 Stage 1 Proposed works

Attachment 2 Stage 2 Proposed works

Stage 1:





Open Agenda

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Costs and Proposed Funding Allocation for Projects Identified by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Meeting date:	2 August 2023
Report author & authoriser:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager

1. Purpose of the report Te Take moo te puurongo

For the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to receive the report on the costs and proposed funding allocation for projects identified by the Community Committee.

2. Report Puurongo

At the Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 7 June 2023, John Cunningham (Chairperson), Tim Hinton (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Marlene Raumati and Vishal Ramduny (Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager) were tasked with undertaking a stocktake of projects identified by the Community Committee and their respective costs and, based on these, to recommend any reallocation of existing funds.

The team met on 29 June 2023 to undertake this process. The outcome of these discussions is presented in **attachment 1** with associated recommendations for each project.

The team assessed each project based on previous discussions by the Committee and considered all available options including known costs and how to fund the project (including not funding the project, funding the project, sourcing external funds, or putting the project on hold).

3. Recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. allocates \$7,738.00 from the North Waikato Development Fund to get Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Dog Exercise Park project implemented; and
 - b. agrees on the following with regards to the Saleyard Road Walkway project:
 - i. that once the cost for the Saleyard Road walkway clean up and upgrade (accessibility, storyboards, beautification etc.) is known, the Committee consider funding the Saleyard Road Walkway project through the North Waikato Development Fund's remaining balance; and
 - ii. re-allocates the remaining funds from the Saleyard Road to Council Reserve Walkway project back to the North Waikato Development Fund; and
 - iii. notes that there may be funds available from other sources (Fish and Game, Department of Conservation) for wetland regeneration which should be explored; and
 - c. notes and/or agrees to the following with regards to the Community Identity Strategy project:
 - i. notes that there is potential seed funding from Council's Blueprint budget and that discussions are underway with Kainga Ora for additional funding which, when combined, is to be used to facilitate engagement, capturing themes and narratives that will feed into the strategy, and to work with internal and/or external designers to collate the narratives and develop the strategy; and
 - ii. agrees that the domain mural project be included in the Community Identity Strategy.
 - d. notes that a separate report on the Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway project will be presented at the Committee meeting with recommendations for the Committee to consider; and
 - e. agrees to place the Domain Outdoor Stage project on hold pending implementation of the other domain projects; and
 - f. notes and/or agrees with the following regarding the Security Cameras project:
 - i. notes that this project is funded through the Long-Term Plan; and
 - ii. agrees to *uncommit* the \$5,000 from the Discretionary Fund allocated for this project.
-

- g. receives the verbal update on the Rongoa Garden project from the project team; and**
- h. agrees with the following regarding the Domain Mural project:**
 - i. to engage with the wider community on the mural project and thereafter finalise the cost and the timing of the installation of the preferred mural panels; and**
 - ii. to determine the funding source for the implementation of the project; and**
 - iii. that this project be included in the Community Identity Strategy; and**
- i. notes that the development of a Domain Destination Playground is a long-term project which requires a costing for design, scope, and implementation by November 2023 for consultation with the wider community.**

4. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 - Costs and Proposed Funding Allocation for Projects Identified by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee

ATTACHMENT

Costs and Funding Allocation for Projects Identified by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee

11 July 2023

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Costs	Budget	Recommendation for Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 2 August 2023
Project 1: Dog exercise park	<u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8 x 125mm medium galvanised steel pipe poles with 4 x 3.5m long and 4 x 5m long fitted with caps ▪ Excavator and auger drill at \$115per hour ▪ Concrete 1.8m3 	No budget allocation	THAT the Committee allocates \$7,738.00 from the North Waikato Development Fund to get Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the project implemented.

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Costs	Budget	Recommendation for Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 2 August 2023
	<p>Anticipated timeframe = 1-2 working days Anticipated cost = Poles 2,484.80 + Auger drill \$276 + Concrete \$805 → \$3,565.80 incl. GST.</p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE 11</u></p> <p>Monotec 37015-year fabric warranty in Graphite Charcoal Shade</p> <p>Anticipated timeframe = 2 working weeks to make and install Anticipated cost = \$4,172.20 incl. GST – Price includes making and fitting the dog park shade.</p>		
<p>Project 2: Walkway extending from Saleyard Road to Council Reserve at Blunt Road Walkway</p>	<p>Cost to be provided by Ed McVicar for a tidy up of the existing walkway.</p>	<p>\$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund has been allocated to this project</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>\$10,000 commitment from TKCC Discretionary Fund</p> <p>Thus far total spend on the Saleyard Road walkway (inclusive</p>	<p>THAT once the cost from the Council is received for the Saleyard Road walkway clean up and upgrade (accessibility, storyboards, beautification etc.) that the Committee consider funding the project through the North Waikato Development Fund's remaining balance.</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Committee re-allocate the remaining funds from the Saleyard Road to Council Reserve Walkway project back to the North Waikato Development Fund.</p>

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Costs	Budget	Recommendation for Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 2 August 2023
		<p>of expected charges still pending) is \$50,833 out of the original budget of \$150,000. The remaining budget as of 11 July 2023 is \$99,167.00.</p> <p>The expected charges to come in are the final bill from Potentialis (\$6,300) for the investigation of consent requirements around the open drain and the project management cost from OCTA (circa \$3,000)</p>	<p>AND FURTHER THAT the Committee note that there may be funds available from other sources (Fish and Game, Department of Conservation) for wetland regeneration which should be explored.</p>
<p>Project 3: Community Identity Strategy</p>		<p>There is funding available from the Council's Blueprint budget to assist with strategy development. Discussions are underway with Kainga Ora for additional funding.</p> <p>It is important to note that this funding is not intended to fund individual projects that may fit within the strategy.</p>	<p>THAT the Committee note that there is potential seed funding from Council's Blueprint budget and that discussions are underway with Kainga Ora for additional funding which, when combined, is to be used to facilitate engagement, capturing themes and narratives that will feed into the strategy, and to work with internal and/or external designers to collate the narratives and develop the strategy.</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Committee agree that the domain mural project be included in the Community Identity Strategy.</p>

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Costs	Budget	Recommendation for Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 2 August 2023
Project 4: Te Kauwhata Domain - Walkway and Fitness Trail	\$1.2 m for the entire walkway Or Separable Portion 1 = \$211,161.50 Separable Portion 2 = \$306,933.00 Total cost (Separable portion 1 & 2) \$518,094.50	2021-2031 Long Term Plan/2022-2023 financial year = \$185,603.62 2021-2031 Long Term Plan = \$333,000.00 Total budget = \$518,603.62	THAT the Committee note that a report on the Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway will be presented at the Committee meeting with recommendations for the Committee to consider.
Project 5: Te Kauwhata Domain – Community Outdoor Stage	Unknown	No budget allocation	THAT the Committee put this project on hold pending implementation of the other domain projects.
Project 6: Te Kauwhata Domain – Security cameras	Cost as per Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council currently has an LTP 2021-2031 funding commitment for cameras at Te Kauwhata and Meremere. ▪ Funding commitment from the TKCC Discretionary Fund of \$5,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ THAT the Committee note that this project is funded through the Long Term Plan. ▪ AND FURTHER THAT the Committee uncommit the \$5,000 from the Discretionary Fund allocated for this project.
Project 7: Te Kauwhata Domain – Rongoa Garden	Unknown	\$3000 from the Council's Placemaking budget can be used for the irrigation.	THAT the Committee receive the verbal update from the project team responsible for this project.
Project 8:	PHASE 1: 6 Panels of Mural	No budget allocation	THAT:

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Costs	Budget	Recommendation for Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting of 2 August 2023
Te Kauwhata Domain – Mural (adjacent to squash club)	Costs as of 15 April 2023: Designing all 15 panels; \$1,200 Paint for 6 murals: \$1,220 17mm Marine quality ply: \$720 14 litres Primer: \$250 Paintbrushes: \$73 8 litres Anti-graffiti seal: \$362 (varnish and sun protector so the colour doesn't fade) Production of 6 panels at \$2000 per panel: \$12,000 = \$14,725 incl. GST Scaffolding: Through sponsorship Installation: Through volunteer work		a) That the Committee agree to engage with the wider community on the mural project and thereafter finalise the cost and the timing of the installation of the preferred mural panels. b) Determine the funding source for the implementation of the project. c) Agree that this project be included in the Community Identity Strategy.
Project 9: Domain Destination Playground	Unknown	\$5000 allocated by TKCC through Discretionary Fund commitment.	THAT the Committee note that this is a long term project which requires a cost for design, scope, and implementation by November 2023 for consultation with the wider community.

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Consultation for the Connectivity Strategy
Date:	2 August 2023
Report Author:	Matt Horsfield, Reserve Planner
Authorised by:	Anthony Averill, Deputy General Manager Service Delivery

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To inform the Te Kauwhata Community Committee of the Connectivity Strategy review and invite the Community Committee to provide feedback on the Strategy.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

The current Trails Strategy was first adopted in 2016 and set objectives and policies regarding trails for walking, cycling and horse riding in the Waikato District. The draft Connectivity Strategy is proposed to replace the Trails Strategy and will include three core aspects, the strategy document, prioritisation criteria matrix and spatial data.

The Trails Strategy was identified for review to address new technologies, include new section referencing Council's commitment to Mana Whenua and wellbeing and enable a review and transfer of identified potential trail data onto an online platform.

The Connectivity Strategy outlines the benefits of connections in our district and outlines how they fit in to a national, regional, and local context. The strategy will provide a clear definition of connectivity via trails and identifies the benefits this infrastructure has for our community and the objectives in developing the network. The document categorises trails, defines the level of service and provides a priority ranking utilising the prioritisation criteria matrix.

The document will be supported by a live spatial dataset map. The dataset outlines all current, proposed, and aspirational connections identified throughout the Waikato District. The information in the dataset was provided through existing information that Council holds and will include the proposals received during community consultation and engagement. The spatial dataset will remain live, allowing community groups and interested stakeholders to submit ideas for potential trails at any time, rather than relying on static maps.

The live spatial maps will be supported by the prioritisation table which categorises high, medium, and low priority trail. The live spatial map will also outline which connections are existing, and the priority level of each potential trail.

Staff are seeking feedback from the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to help shape the strategy and the development of trails going forward. Consultation opened on Monday, 17 July and closes on Sunday, 13 August 2023.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. **receives the Consultation for the Connectivity Strategy Review report; and**
- b. **notes that the consultation period for the Connectivity Strategy closes on 13 August 2023.**

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

The current Trails Strategy was adopted in July 2016. A review of the Open Spaces policy portfolio was undertaken, recommending that the Trails Strategy be reviewed and replaced, as several aspects of the strategy were outdated.

The current Trails Strategy does not reference Council's partnership with Mana Whenua or the benefits of active recreation to mental health and wellbeing. Additionally, new technologies available provided an opportunity to transfer identified potential trails onto an online spatial platform. This would provide a more user-friendly platform for the public to identify potential trails and can remain live and editable after the strategies adoption.

Staff undertook stakeholder engagement from March-June 2023, holding workshops and individuals meeting with stakeholders and iwi/hapuu to identify potential trails to include on the online spatial platform.

Staff were granted approval from Council to go out for consultation on the Connectivity Strategy.

5. Discussion Matapaki

During initial scoping of the new strategy, staff contacted several groups who were identified as key stakeholders. These stakeholders were points of contact for the development of the strategy document as well as the development of the spatial data and several workshops and meetings were held with stakeholders to receive spatial data and feedback on the document. Pre-engagement was undertaken from March to June 2023.

The Infrastructure Committee approved consultation and appointed a hearings panel for the draft Connectivity Strategy on Wednesday, 5 July 2023. Staff are now seeking submissions from the public regarding the draft strategy. Feedback can be provided using Council's online engagement portal, Shape Waikato using this link: <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/connectivity-strategy>

Submissions for the consultation period will close on Sunday, 13 August 2023.

Additionally, the Committee and interested stakeholder groups can contact the Reserve Planning team if there is interest to identify a potential trail within the live spatial data set going forward.

6. Next steps

Ahu whakamua

Once the submissions period has closed, staff will review submissions and organise dates to hear verbal submissions. After the hearings, the panel will deliberate on the submissions received and recommendations will be put forward by the hearings panel to update the Connectivity Strategy for adoption.

7. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Draft Connectivity Strategy

Waikato District Council

Draft Connectivity Strategy 2023

Walkways, Cycleways & Bridle Trails



Contents

1. Introduction
 - 1.1 Purpose
 - 1.2 Vision
 - 1.3 Structure
 2. Tangata Whenua
 3. Planning and policy – setting the context of the connectivity strategy
 - 3.1 Long Term Plan
 4. Benefits of walking, cycling mountain biking and horse riding
 5. What are the key issues we face?
 6. Strategy objectives and policies
 7. Types of users / categories
 8. How will this strategy be implemented?
 9. Prioritisation of future connectivity projects
 - 9.1 Stage 1
 - 9.2 Stage 2
 - 9.3 Other considerations
 10. Monitoring and review
 11. Amendments and updates
- Appendix 1 – Strategic Actions
- Appendix 2 – Stakeholder List

I. Introduction

Walking, cycling, mountain biking and bridle trails serve an important recreational, commuter and micro-mobility purpose as well as providing access to nature and open spaces. Tracks and trails provide many benefits for our communities, particularly for their health and wellbeing. They are popular facilities that are sought after by communities because of the offroad and commuter connections that they provide. They link greenspaces and encourage increased park usage. The provision of connectivity also contributes to alternative modes of transport, a healthy community and to reduce traffic congestion on roads.

The Waikato District has made a commitment to improving connectivity in the district through the development of this Strategy. The Strategy provides an overview of the existing network and with community engagement, future opportunities and priorities have been identified and potential future linkages have been spatially mapped via a live database.

The Strategy acknowledges it is not financially viable for all improvements and track expansions to be undertaken by Council. As a result, it also provides guidance to assist communities in situations where there is local desire for new, improved and/or expanded connectivity networks.

Adoption of this connectivity strategy will provide for a range of opportunities for local communities, and the wider district.

I.1 Purpose

The Connectivity Strategy aims to promote recreational connectivity through all active modes of transport – walking, cycling, riding. This strategy focuses on the district's off and on road linkages (trails and footpaths). It guides decision-making about the provision, development and management of trails and connections, to ensure we have suitable and well used trails and connections, in the right locations, managed in the right way, to meet the needs of our communities.

This strategy review incorporates the original Trails Strategy 2016, Te Kauwhata Cycling and Walking Assessment 2016, Tamahere Cycle Strategy 2016, and identified projects through our Blueprints process. Although some of the trails are aspirational, they will form the basis of funding applications. It has linkages with Taiao in the Waikato (Conservation Strategy) to promote access and provide linkages through reserves, esplanades, Significant Natural Areas, and gullies where feasible.

Ultimately, this Strategy will provide positive guidance to Council, and the community, on how best to promote, manage, plan, and provide for trails and connections in the Waikato District.

I.2 Vision

The vision of this strategy is:

***A safe, sustainable and well planned trail network
provided in partnership with our community that connects
places and people together.***

To realise this vision, the Strategy has several objectives and policies.

1.3 Structure of the Strategy

Connectivity Strategy

- This document discusses the benefits of connections in our district and outlines how they fit in to national, regional and local context. It provides a clear definition of connectivity via trails and identifies the benefit this infrastructure has for our community and the objectives in developing the network. This document categorises trails, defines the level of service and provides a prioritisation matrix for proposed trails.

Spatial Mapping

- Supporting this document is a live spatial dataset. This dataset maps all the current, proposed, and aspirational connections identified throughout the Waikato District. The information in the dataset was provided through existing tools and information Council holds, and community consultation and engagement.
- The live spatial maps are supported by a prioritisation table which categorises what connections are existing, what are proposed to be completed in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and other connections yet to be included in the LTP and completed.

2. Mana Whenua

As Treaty Partners, Council will work in partnership with Mana Whenua to implement the principles of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of reserves and recognise Mana Whenua's connection to the land. Council will work with Mana Whenua to understand their aspirations and priorities on how our connections and trails are planned, developed, and managed. The values held by Kaitiaki (guardians or protectors) include their environmental and spiritual ties to ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu (sacred areas) and other taonga (treasures), and the wellbeing of the community. Kaitiakitanga invites people to form and maintain relationships with the environment in which they live. These values will be incorporated into trail development projects.

By nature of these principles, we will work together to address access to sites and resources to support cultural practices and incorporate sites and of significance to Mana Whenua.

3. Planning and Policy - Setting the context of the Connectivity Strategy

The Connectivity Strategy needs to be aligned with other national and regional connectivity strategies, policies, and frameworks, to clearly align with council's broader priorities. This section outlines the setting of the Connectivity Strategy within these documents.

The main pieces of legislation affecting the provision and/or management of trails and connections include:

- Reserves Act 1977
- Local Government Act 2002
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Conservation Act 1987
- Government Policy Statement on Land Transport

National Context:

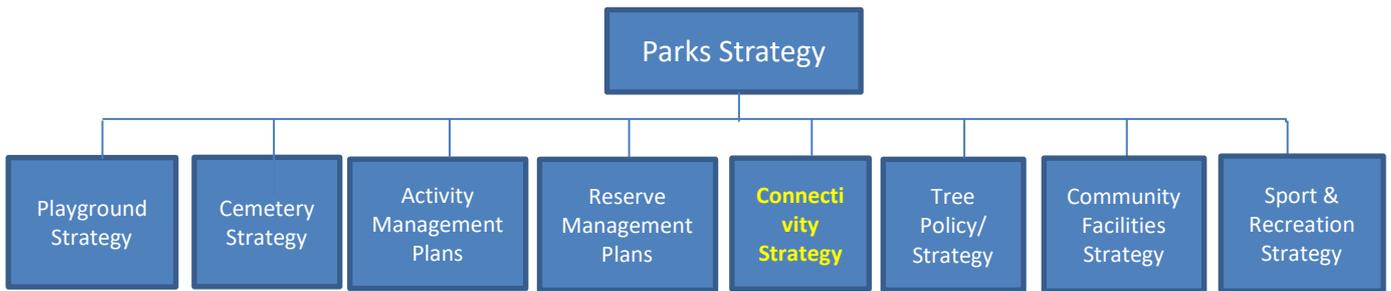
- Transport Strategy
- Planning Standards
- New Zealand Cycle Trail
- Conservation Policy
- National Walking and Cycling Strategy 2005: Getting there – on foot, by cycle
- Connecting New Zealand 2011
- New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026
- New Zealand Walking Access Commission National Strategy 2010–2035
- Sport New Zealand Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2009-2015
- Ministry of Tourism New Zealand Cycleway Market Research 2009

Regional Context:

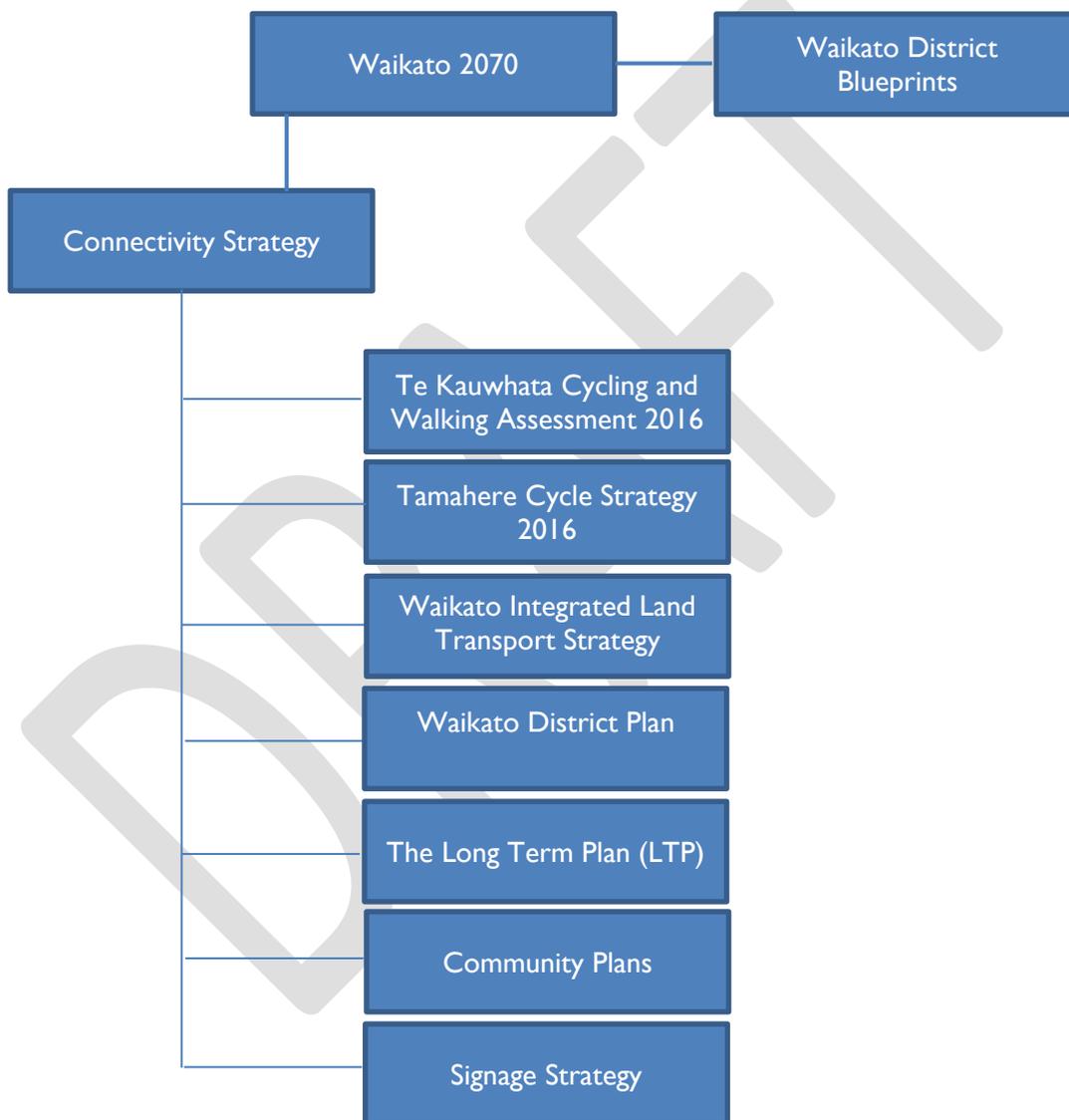
- Waikato Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy 2009-2015
- Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045
- Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (3rd Edition)
- Waikato Regional Policy Statement (updated December 2018)
- The Future Proof Strategy and Implementation Plan (Draft updated strategy released October 2021)
- Walking Access New Zealand - Franklin North Waikato Tracks and Trails Strategy (May 2020)

Local Context:

The following table lists the key strategic documents which will form a foundation for the Parks and Facilities activity in terms of forward planning and direction. It shows how the Connectivity Strategy fits into the Parks Strategic Work Programme. All strategies and specific management plans fall under the Parks Strategy which is our guiding document in terms of park provision.



Supporting documentation:



3.1 Long Term Plan

The Connectivity Strategy does not allocate funding towards specific projects or programmes – this is done through the Long-Term Plan (LTP). The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to develop an LTP. An LTP outlines the main things Council plans to do over the next ten years, when it plans to do them and how those activities will be funded. Additionally, when projects or programmes are to occur and how they will be funded influences rates.

4. Benefits of walking, cycling, mountain biking and horse riding

There are many and varied reasons for promoting more walking and cycling both locally and nationally. Key benefits of increased walking and cycling in Waikato District can include (in no particular order):

- Promotes healthy living improved fitness and wellbeing, which can in turn contributes to overall increases in productivity.
- Reduces the pressure on road space.
- Improves the environmental sustainability of the transport system – micro-mobility has a limited carbon footprint, with no harmful emissions, less space per person used by vehicles, and modest infrastructure requirements.
- Increases social interaction through creating vibrant streets which are socially safe – promotes social inclusion and community life as they are available to nearly everybody, regardless of their age, gender, education, or income.
- Safety from road crashes (more so for walking than cycling)
- Increases access to and appreciation of our surrounding environments.
- Promotes tourism and a range of leisure and outdoor experiences.

5. What are the key issues we face?

For this strategy to reach its full potential, we need to address some key issues. There are a variety of existing issues and challenges listed below which need to be considered as part of the Connectivity strategy development.

Meeting Community Needs

- Respecting property rights of private landowners whilst encouraging access agreements.
- Encouraging and providing support for community led projects.
- Balancing the needs of different user groups, a variety of fitness levels, mobility impaired and age groups.
- National trends and publicity - i.e. increasingly other districts and regions are developing great trails which can raise the interest of our rate payers for linkages, commuter paths, off road routes, etc.

Strategic Planning

- Maintaining awareness of national and regional efforts to promote and map walking, cycling, mountain biking and horse riding, including how these efforts can link to local goals.
- Accurately mapping both existing trails and connections and future opportunities.
- Identifying strategic opportunities for connectivity, land acquisitions, esplanade reserves, opportunities to utilise paper roads.
- Alignment with national and regional walking and cycling access.
- Multimodal connectivity supports climate change initiatives to reduce vehicle kilometres travelled.
- Cross boundary linkages.

Health and Safety

- Terrain
- Ensuring maintenance of connections and user safety are priorities.
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and general safety concerns.
- Providing adequate connectivity information, particularly through the use of signage.
- Crossing points of major arterial roads, e.g. Waikato Expressway.

Financial

- Producing a framework to prioritise future trails, extensions, and connections to ensure maximum value for money.
- Funding for connection development is generally easier to attract than funding for ongoing maintenance. As the connectivity throughout the district expands, the available funds for maintaining a strong also needs to increase. Identifying opportunities to include more community driven and externally funded projects.

6. Strategy Objectives and Policies

Objective One: Our trail network will be safe and promote the mental and physical health benefits of connecting people and places together.

Exercise and a connection with nature has been proven to increase mental and physical wellbeing. To sustainably achieve access to both recreation and a connection to nature, balanced consideration of the whole trail network needs to take place. Ensuring that the trails provide amenity as well as connection opportunities, through facilitated targeted investment, betterment in the mental and physical wellbeing of communities can be achieved.

Policies:

1. Council will encourage walking, cycling and horse riding by providing and promoting trails connections in the district where suitable for mental and physical well-being.
2. Our trail network will endeavour to cater for all fitness levels and for mobility impaired users where practicable.
3. Build and maintain trails and connections to ensure the surface is appropriate and New Zealand standards have been met to ensure safety and usability for intended users.
4. Promote education initiatives that increase physical safety for trail users.
5. Invest in supporting infrastructure appropriate to intended trail use.

Objective Two: Strengthen partnerships to enable growth of the district's connectivity network.

Partnerships contribute to the success of the trail network for our communities. Collaborating and empowering communities contributes to the vision either financially or by incorporating their values, ensures we strengthen a connected network that caters to all user groups.

Policies:

1. Encourage and enable community involvement in trail design, construction, and helping maintain the trail.
2. Partner with mana whenua and communities about the location, history, and purpose of the trail. Where appropriate, acknowledge and encourage connections to cultural and natural areas, significant areas or landmarks along the trail to ensure access, protection and maintenance.
3. Advocate and liaise with private landowners in order to establish trails.
4. Actively seek user groups input to identify and overcome trail utilisation issues.

Objective Three: Environmentally sustainable design is at the heart our connected network.

Well planned trails can help connect people to public transport and community hubs, reducing the need to use private cars for short journeys such as getting to work, school or services. Rural trails also have the potential to reduce emissions. Trails that connect towns to recreation areas or provide an easily accessible recreation option can reduce the need to drive locally.

Policies:

1. Prioritising connecting trails that allow for commuting options to community and transportation hubs.
2. Ensure transport and land use planning result in facilitating trails being well integrated into the transport network.
3. Ensure trails are appealing to use through a maintenance agreement. Ensure that trails are well maintained for the enjoyment and accessibility of the community
4. Reduce carbon emissions in communities through responsive trail planning.
5. Maximise environmentally sustainable materials and construction design.

Objective Four: Continue to evolve a well planned network to meet our community needs

The Waikato district is experiencing significant growth in many townships, which changes how our communities move around their town and access open spaces. The current and future trails network must plan for growth to ensure opportunities are realised in an efficient and timely manner for our existing and growing communities.

Policies:

1. Adopt a forward-thinking approach to trail design and proposed network linkages, that considers urban growth and intensification.
2. A staged approach is considered for trail designs (such as poled routes) that encourage the creation of trails that can be upgraded later.
3. Maintain and continuously review this strategy to remain relevant to the community's needs, new technology and best practice.
4. Require residential development to meet the strategy's vision.
5. Consider all proposed trails prioritised for the community's benefit, health and wellbeing.

7. Types of users/ Categories

Tracks and pathways enable people to access and enjoy reserves. Reserves can also form part of the districtwide walking and cycling network linkages and are destination points within the network. Different grades of track or pathway can facilitate enjoyment of reserves for people with different levels of mobility and can provide a range of opportunities and challenges from wide open paths through to cycle paths, mountain biking opportunities, and bush walks, for example.

Some benefits of accommodating for different user groups include, improving adverse environmental effects, facilitates positive health outcomes, increases connectivity for communities; and connect communities without the need for a car. Improved access to and within reserves has the potential to increase their use by people of all abilities, noting that different degrees of accessibility will be achievable at different reserves.

For the purpose of this strategy, different types of connections include pathways and trails, cycleways, shared paths, mountain biking trails and bridle paths. The classifications for each of these can be found in appendix I.

Paths (Walking)	
A path should be well defined so that it is easy to follow in either direction in all weather and low light conditions. Markers will not usually be required. Can include suitable access for disability if suitable to the location.	
User access to pathways	<p>Steps, stiles, turnstiles and/or kissing gates will be included on paths where the location is unsuitable for mobility access. Pathways can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the path meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>Paths will be clearly labelled at entry points by use of appropriate signage outlining the suitability of the path for different users.</p>
Trail Width and Gradient	The minimum trail width and maximum gradient may be reduced for environmental or aesthetic reasons for short sections provided there is a low risk to user safety.
Surface	<p>Well-formed and even. Made of durable material, such as concrete, chip seal or asphalt, or compacted gravel.</p> <p>The track surface shall be such that it can be walked on comfortably in both dry and wet weather. The surface shall allow users to walk without having to constantly look down at where they place their feet.</p>
Structures	<p>Boardwalks shall be used over wet, swampy, sandy or muddy sections to achieve a stable dry surface for visitor comfort and/or to protect the environment.</p> <p>All major or minor watercourses shall be bridged.</p> <p>Where a significant hazard exists, a barrier or guardrail shall be provided. Barriers and guardrails shall extend for the full length of path along which the significant hazard exists.</p>
Vegetation	<p>Vegetation shall be maintained as part of the council's routine maintenance schedule.</p> <p>All cut vegetation shall be removed from the path surface and disposed of out of sight of path users.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for community groups to plant and maintain areas of native habitats, this provides increased biodiversity and more enjoyable travel.</p>

Off-road trails	
These trails shall be well defined to allow inexperienced users to easily find their way in either direction in all weather conditions. Markers will not usually be required.	
User access to trails	<p>Steps, stiles, turnstiles and/or kissing gates will be included on paths where the location is unsuitable for mobility access. Pathways can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the path meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>Trails can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the trail meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>If applicable, the trail shall be clearly labelled as one suitable for people with mobility difficulties by use of appropriate symbols and words at track entrances and at junctions with other tracks.</p>
Trail Width	The minimum width may be reduced for environmental or aesthetic reasons provided there is minimal risk to visitor safety
Surface	The trail surface shall be well formed and even (wet areas drained) and suitable for walking shoes and provide reasonably firm footing in wet weather conditions.
Structures	<p>Boardwalks may be used over wet, swampy, sandy or muddy sections of the track to achieve a mainly dry surface and/or protect the environment. Alternatives to boardwalks, such as drainage of wet areas or raised, hardened sections of track, may also be use.</p> <p>All major or minor watercourses shall be bridged.</p> <p>Guardrails or barriers shall be constructed where a significant hazard to in experienced visitors (including children) exists.</p>
Vegetation	<p>Vegetation shall be maintained as part of council's routine maintenance schedule. Significant tree limbs and trunks may intrude into or above the track provided these do not obstruct users or place them at risk.</p> <p>All cut vegetation shall be removed from the track surface and where practicable, out of view of the track.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for community groups to plant and maintain areas of native habitats, this provides increased biodiversity and more enjoyable travel.</p>

Multi-use tracks	
<p>Tracks and paths can provide recreation opportunities for a variety of different users. Multiple use of tracks and paths can be cost-effective as one track or path can potentially fulfil the needs of a variety of users. Some uses are however more compatible than others. In some cases, shared paths can lead to conflict or safety issues. Walkers and cyclists can often share the same track provided it is wide enough and has good sightlines. Walkers can sometimes share mountain bike tracks but not always. If the mountain bike track is relatively flat, wide enough and has good sightlines it may be suitable for sharing but if it is steep, narrow and has many corners it may not at all be suitable for shared use. Horses also tend to require dedicated trails although sharing with walkers can sometimes be practicable (such as the use of former forestry roads or routes through open pasture). It is important that track/path use is regulated to minimise potential conflicts and promote public safety and enjoyment.</p>	
User access to trail	<p>Multiple access points (i.e. commuter trail)</p> <p>Steps, stiles, turnstiles and/or kissing gates will be included on paths where the location is unsuitable for mobility access but suitable for more than one use. Pathways can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the path meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>Trails can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the trail meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>If applicable, the trail shall be clearly labelled as one suitable for people with mobility difficulties by use of appropriate symbols and words at track entrances and at junctions with other tracks.</p>
Trail Width	<p>The minimum width may be reduced for environmental or aesthetic reasons provided there is minimal risk to visitor safety.</p>
Surface	<p>The track surface shall be well compacted to reduce degrading of the surface.</p>
Structures	<p>Boardwalks may be used over wet, swampy, sandy or muddy sections of the track to achieve a mainly dry surface and/or protect the environment. Alternatives to boardwalks, such as drainage of wet areas or raised, hardened sections of track, may also be use.</p> <p>Structures designed primarily for pedestrians and bicycles are not strong enough for horses and mules, because the decking cannot withstand the force of horseshoes or the point load per hoof. If trail use includes horses, bridges must be engineered to withstand the vibration caused by single or multiple animals.</p> <p>All major or minor watercourses shall be bridged.</p> <p>Guardrails or barriers shall be constructed where a significant hazard to in experienced visitors (including children) exists.</p>

Vegetation	<p>Vegetation clearance, especially on corners, shall be sufficient to allow good visibility for all users. Vegetation shall be maintained as part of council's routine maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for community groups to plant and maintain areas of native habitats, this provides increased biodiversity and more enjoyable travel.</p>
-------------------	---

Cycle and Mountain Biking Trails	
<p>Cycling has the potential to make a significant contribution to an integrated and sustainable transport system. Cycling has little impact on the built and natural environment, particularly in relation to pollution, making it an environmentally friendly form of transport. It is also a healthy form of transport providing an alternative to the car for travel to and from work or school and is also a popular activity for families and sports enthusiasts.</p> <p>Mountain bike trails nationwide are graded to help people chose the right ride of their fitness and ability. Grades start from Grade 1 (easiest) and move through to grade 6 (extreme).</p>	
User access to trail	<p>Multiple access points (i.e. commuter trail)</p> <p>Pathways can be developed for people with mobility difficulties if the path meets the disability access requirements.</p> <p>If applicable, the trail shall be clearly labelled as one suitable for people with mobility difficulties by use of appropriate symbols and words at track entrances and at junctions with other tracks.</p>
Trail width	<p>The minimum width may be reduced for environmental or aesthetic reasons provided there is minimal risk to visitor safety.</p>
Surface	<p>The track surface shall be well compacted to reduce degrading of the surface.</p>
Structures	<p>Boardwalks may be used over wet, swampy, sandy or muddy sections of the track to achieve a mainly dry surface and/or protect the environment. Alternatives to boardwalks, such as drainage of wet areas or raised, hardened sections of track, may also be use.</p> <p>All major or minor watercourses shall be bridged.</p> <p>Guardrails or barriers shall be constructed where a significant hazard to in experienced visitors (including children) exists.</p>
Vegetation	<p>Vegetation clearance, especially on corners, shall be sufficient to allow good visibility for all users. Vegetation shall be maintained as part of council's routine maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for community groups to plant and maintain areas of native habitats, this provides increased biodiversity and more enjoyable travel.</p>

Bridle/ Horse Riding Trails	
<p>In addition to these standards, the likelihood of the trail contributing to startling the horse needs to be considered. Some instances when a horse may be startled include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing the trail with cyclists • Loud or unexpected noises (such as planes or machinery) • High contrast or reflective surfaces • Unfamiliar situations (golf driving range or train) • Unfamiliar domestic animals such as llamas or pigs • Unexpected trail obstacles (rubbish, fallen trees or boulders) 	
User access to trails	<p>Parking be available with space for a horse float to be manoeuvred.</p> <p>Access needs to be made available without impediments such as stiles, turnstiles, and kissing gates. Horse stiles can be installed that prevent motorbikes from accessing bridle trails.</p> <p>Access to bridle trails may be via locked gates where users can hire a key for access.</p> <p>If applicable, trails shall be clearly labelled as one suitable for horse riding, with signage installed at track entrances and junctions with other tracks.</p>
Surfaces	<p>Material with good grip is recommended such as crushed rock fines</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2 m wide grass strip</p>
Structures	<p>Structures designed primarily for pedestrians and bicycles are not strong enough for horses and mules, because the decking cannot withstand the force of horseshoes or the point load per hoof. In addition, bridges must be engineered to withstand the vibration caused by single or multiple animals.</p> <p>Bridges identified along bridle paths that cannot support the weight of a horse and rider shall be identified.</p>
Vegetation	<p>Low maintenance, however maintained to a standard that allow horse and rider to travel through.</p>

8. How will this strategy be implemented?

The implementation of the Connectivity Strategy requires co-ordination and collaboration across Council infrastructure activities (roading and open spaces), planning (District Plan and other development plans), key funding agencies, developers and the community.

This strategy identifies a strategic approach for prioritising future track upgrades, expansions, and connections. A **live spatial dataset** is used to identify future priorities. These priority projects will be driven by Council as funding allows. In some cases, they may also be considered high priority to members of the community, and individuals or groups may play a role in bringing projects forward through taking a lead role in connectivity planning and obtaining funding.

Priority projects are identified and prioritised using an assessment criteria (found in this document) and the live spatial dataset.

Non-priority projects are those that are not identified as 'high priority' in the live spatial dataset. These projects are likely to be locally driven by individuals or community groups and will still be beneficial to the advancement of the Waikato District connectivity network. In these scenarios due to financial constraints and the desire to strategically prioritise projects, the local community will need to play a leading role in achieving their local aspirations. However, Council will endeavour to offer advice and support.

Council's primary funding mechanism is the LTP. The LTP provides long-term direction and priorities for Council funding and identifies key projects. Funding from Council is critical in the delivery of connectivity infrastructure, as well as in supporting programmes to promote uptake of walking, cycling, mountain biking and horse riding.

The Strategy also acknowledges the potential for unprompted projects to be proposed or connection opportunities raised through residential development. These are most likely to be raised by individuals or community groups and related to local opportunities and desires. They can be added to the dataset at time of review and be allocated a project priority. The roles of Council and the community will vary depending on whether a project has been strategically identified as a priority and Council has the budget to drive it. Working collaboratively with developers provides the opportunity to complete segments of the connectivity infrastructure; and will enable Council to connect segments within a reasonable timeframe.

Generally, Council will be responsible for the planning, physical works and ongoing maintenance of priority projects. However, it is not imperative that this process is Council driven. Where priority projects align with the visions of individuals or Trusts the opportunity exists for these projects to be led outside of Council. Where the likes of Trusts are able to obtain outside funding and undertake project management this will be encouraged (with Council input) to allow Council's budget to go further in advancing the connectivity network. If appropriate, Council will consult with the community and other organisations at a level considered suitable for each specific project. The community will have the ability to input proposed trail that can overlap with the strategy's assessment criteria.

9. Prioritisation of Future Connectivity Projects

The following is the method for prioritising connections. It is based on the 2016 criteria as well as district council trail strategies from around Aotearoa. Each assessment criteria is weighted according to its importance for overall trail feasibility and alignment with WDC's values.

9.1 Prioritisation Assessment Criteria: Stage 1

Assessment Criteria	Weighting	Assessment Criteria and Weighting Analysis
Land ownership/accessibility	0.08	<p>Who owns the land? If no easements or access way are required for the construction of the connection, it can decrease the cost, time and effort involved.</p> <p>POINTS: 3 – Ownership or legal accessibility established 2 – Partial ownership or legal accessibility 1 – No accessibility/private owned</p> <p>WEIGHTING: If the connection is supported by the community and landowners, easements might not be a barrier. Alternative routes could also be sought. Adversely, in this situation one landowner could prevent the whole connection.</p>
Connectivity	0.15	<p>Does the trail connect communities and other trails (DOC, Te Araroa, Te Awa) within the Waikato and other districts? The more connected a trail is the more potential there is for use of the trail and associated benefits.</p> <p>POINTS: 3 = connects to existing trails (including sidewalks and community hubs) 2 = connects to proposed trails 1 = connects to no other trails</p> <p>In town/ commuter/ sidewalks end up being ranked higher than possibly scenic recreation trails</p> <p>WEIGHTING: The more the trail connects to other trails the more utilised it becomes.</p>
Modes of transport	0.04	<p>What type of user can the trail accommodate for? Can it be shared with other users?</p> <p>POINTS: 2 – Multi-use 1 – Single use</p>

		<p>WEIGHTING: There are already a number of walking and cycling trails in the district, preference is given to other modes or joint modes.</p> <p>There are few trails dedicated to mountain biking in the Waikato District. Mountain Biking activity is increasing in popularity. Mountain bike trails are not easily shared with other modes. This needs to be noted in any plans to develop mountain biking trails. nationwide.</p> <p>There are few trails dedicated to horse riding in the Waikato District. When horse trekking areas are identified, Council can assess whether these trails are suitable for walkers as well.</p>
<p>Presence/absence in Council and community documents</p> <p>e.g. Blueprints, Reserve Management Plans, community group documents, iwi, hapu and Maori management and environmental plans etc</p>	0.12	<p>Active community interest in developing their townships means there is a drive to complete the trail, possibly providing volunteers and fundraising for the construction.</p> <p>POINTS: 3 = supports a Blueprint/Structure Plan initiative 2 = supports a community lead document 1 = not currently detailed anywhere</p> <p>WEIGHTING: If the community is willing to take on responsibility of some trail construction and/ or helping with funding it can make the trail much more feasible.</p> <p>Delivering on community initiatives such as Blueprint projects and community lead documents is a priority Council is committed to.</p>
<p>Benefits of the Connection</p>	0.13	<p>What benefits does the trail bring to the local community?</p> <p>POINTS: 3 = connection direct link to a park / open space or township centre 2 = connection through space that allows people to be within nature or for recreational activity 1 = connection that is an additional supporting route</p> <p>WEIGHTING: Trails have the potential to improve health, safety, recreation and provide economic opportunity for a community. The importance of these contributions is reflected in the weighting.</p>
<p>Significance</p>	0.07	<p>Does the trail provide amenity value and who is likely to use it?</p> <p>POINTS: +1 point for each of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail follows natural feature (waterway/ forest/ coast) for most of the way.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail follows or passes cultural sites of significance • Trail is Nationally significant (part of or connects to Te Araroa or a Great Ride, likely to get international visitors) • Trail is Regionally significant (part of or connects to well established and popular trails in the greater Waikato and Auckland Regions, likely to get visitors from around the region) • Trail is Locally significant (provides community connections and commuting possibilities, unlikely to get non-local visitors) <p>WEIGHTING: The potential significance of a trail can make it more likely to attract the target users. (maximum – 5 points)</p>
--	--	--

9.2 Stage 2 – Scoping Assessment

The following is a list of other criteria that can be considered in relation to each connection *after* the initial prioritisation using the weighted assessment criteria. By considering these criteria after the initial prioritisation it allows the high priority trails to be more accurately considered.

9.3 Other Considerations

Topography and detailed design	<p>Does the physical terrain impact trail construction negatively? Is it physically possible to have a trail along this route? Is extensive detailed design required?</p> <p>(Ideally this assessment would have been done when the trail was first submitted)</p>
Part of another project	<p>Can the construction of the trail easily be added to another project that is happening in the area? This might include riparian planting, esplanade and gully rehabilitation.</p>
Known Obstacles (excluding easements)	<p>Are there significant obstacles that would stop trail construction? I.e., the trail is proposed to go over a culturally significant site/near wetlands. Discuss with iwi, hapu and Maori at the outset of new trail considerations.</p>
Trail is easily completed	<p>Is the trail or parts of the trail already underway?</p>
Pivotal linkage	<p>Will the construction of the trail directly contribute to a level of service increase in an area or remove a blockage to non-motorised transport? I.e., significant crossings of railway or highway.</p>

Funding availability	Co-funded projects often have associated timeframes. Where additional funding can be sought for a particular project, that project maybe prioritised to meet funding deadlines.
----------------------	---

10. Monitoring and review

This strategy will guide staff with day-to-day decisions relating to connectivity planning, maintenance and development, as well as offering guidance to the community. Council will review the strategy from time to time, in response to changing circumstances or better information, to ensure it remains up to date and relevant. Council intends to review it five years from when it was adopted, unless circumstances warrant an earlier review.

The following specific actions will support the objectives and policies in this strategy and feed into future reviews of the document:

- Identifying external connection development funding sources.
- Undertaking assessments of all our tracks (in accordance with SNZ HB8630:2004 standards) and preparing an improvement schedule.
- Identifying costs of implementing the high priority connectivity projects and using this information to guide a works schedule.
- Keeping a record of any connectivity issues as they arise that can be addressed in future updates.

11. Amendments and Updates

Updates and corrections that do not change the intent of the plan e.g., name changes to organisations or other documents mentioned in the text may be made without public consultation as they do not change the intent or meaning of the document. Major amendments to the document should be approved by Council and be subject to public consultation if the matter is significant.

Appendix 1 Strategic Actions

- Develop and maintain additional spatial data that assists in prioritisation of trails
- Create a list of standardised assets to support trail usage (bike stands etc)
- Signage and wayfinding internal policy
- Align development planning through the District Plan, using best practice methods
- Promotion of walking and cycling to increase participation
- Identify and put forward projects that meet criteria for funding (specifically NZTA funding)
- Support initiatives to educate children about safe walking practices
- Support councils and relevant authorities and organisations in maintaining and making improvements in walking, cycling and bridle infrastructure
- Encourage and support partnerships with local communities, clubs and groups for trail management and maintenance

Appendix 2 Stakeholders

In formulating this strategy Council has sought input from the following stakeholders:

- Community Boards and Committees
- Bike Waikato
- Bikes in Schools
- Department of Conservation
- Hamilton City Council
- Iwi and Hapu, with ongoing partnership which will be undertaken at specific locations.
- Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa (Outdoor Access Commission)
- HAAWI (Horse Access Advocates Waikato Incorporated)
- Raglan Mountain Biking Club
- Sport Waikato
- Raglan Ramblers
- Waikato Regional Council
- Waikato River Authority (WRA)
- FAWN (Franklin Access Walking Network)
- Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust
- Known local developers and project groups
- Waikato District Council internal teams
 - Council's Roding Team has been consulted as the likes of footpaths may provide strategic linkages. Where applicable, integrating walkway development into existing roading and utility works programmes will be cost-effective.
 - Open spaces team – implementing the document.
 - Strategic planning team

The feedback that has been received from stakeholders has contributed to the final makeup of this strategy.

Appendix 3: Proposed Trails Spatial Map

****Editors Note:** A link will be made available for the online spatial maps within the final Connectivity Strategy. The live spatial data map will identify potential trails and contain information relating to their priority and background details.

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Mayor's Community Awards
Date:	Tuesday, 1 August 2023
Report Author:	Ashleigh Fairhead, Executive Assistant
Authorised by:	Tony Whittaker, Chief Operating Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide Her Worship the Mayor with a nomination for the Mayor's Community Awards.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Councillors, community boards and committees are being asked to nominate one recipient each for a Mayoral Community Award. The key purpose of the awards are to recognise volunteer community service. The nominees must:

- a. be a resident of the Waikato District; and
- b. be nominated by a ward councillor, community board or community committee member. Those nominations from community boards and committees must come via a formal resolution from that Committee or Board; and
- c. have contributed and continue to provide an ongoing voluntary service to the community.

Following the closing of nominations the Mayor will consider the nominees and select the final recipients based on the above criteria. The award recipients will be invited to an awards ceremony to be held in September.

The purpose of this report is to provide a nomination for these awards no later than 11 August 2023. The nomination should include details such as name, address, contact numbers and an explanation of why they should be considered for the award. A template is attached for you to complete and return to her Worship the Mayor for this purpose.

3. Recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Te Kauwhata Community Committee nominates _____ for the Mayoral Community Awards.

4. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Nominee application form

Mayor's Community Awards 2023 Nominations (one per page)

Nominated by	
Ward	
Nominee	
Reason why nominated (no more than 100 words)	
Contact details	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report
Meeting date:	2 August 2023
Report author and authoriser:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To update the Committee on projects contained in the Works and Issues report.

2. Report

Puurongo

The updates contained in the attachment relate to the following projects identified by the Community Committee:

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Project Manager
Project1: Dog exercise area	Adele Theron
Project 2: Walkway extending from Saleyard Road to Council Reserve at Blunt Road Walkway	John Cunningham
Project 3: Community Identity Strategy	Jason Marconi (WDC Economic Development Advisor) and Tofeeq Ahmed
Project 4: Te Kauwhata Domain - Walkway and Fitness Trail	Tim Hinton
Project 5: Te Kauwhata Domain – Community Outdoor Stage	Jo Gurnell
Project 6: Te Kauwhata Domain – Security cameras	Megan May (WDC Acting General Manager – Service Delivery)
Project 7: Te Kauwhata Domain – Rongoa Garden	Whitney Totorewa
Project 8: Te Kauwhata Domain – Mural (adjacent to squash club)	Adele Theron
Project 9: Domain Destination Playground	Tim Hinton

3. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

That the Te Kauwhata Works, Actions & Issues report for August 2023 be received.

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – For TKCC of 2 August 2023

ATTACHMENT

Te Kauwhata Community Committee Works and Issues Report

For Committee Meeting of 2 August 2023

Key:

Traffic Light	Definition
	Project on track to succeed.
	Project planning has commenced OR the project is on hold, but action is being taken to resolve this OR a problem has been identified but no action may be taken at this time, and it is being monitored.
	The project has not yet started OR it requires remedial action.

I. Project Name: Development of the dog park exercise area

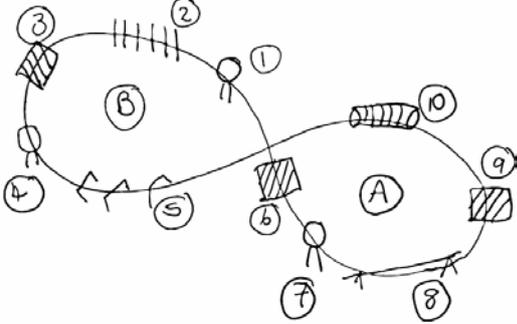
Project Goal:	Development of the Te Kauwhata dog park to make it an enjoyable space for both dogs and people.
Project Manager:	Adele Theron
Project Members:	Tim Hinton, Jeff Lyons and Ian Wrigley
Council Staff Advisor:	Stephanie Loughnan (Parks and Reserves Technical Support Officer)
Status:	<p>A (Changed from green)</p> <p>Funding is unclear and funding applications are seen as unfeasible given time/effort involved vs. time waiting to receive a decision.</p> <p>This project consequently lies dormant until the priority of this project vs. other projects has been decided upon.</p>
Funding:	The Committee to consider a funding recommendation on this which is contained in a separate report at its meeting of 2 August 2023.
Likely Completion	TBC pending funding

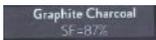
Project Summary

The TK dog park will be revamped to include a dog agility course and a fenced-off area for the more timid small dogs to play and exercise without fear of being encroached upon by larger dogs. Additionally, the dog park will also benefit from the development of two shaded picnic areas with picnic tables in them so members of the community can enjoy the area more with their families.

Please note that parking for overflow of the rugby club events has been fully considered.



Status update of actions from last 3 months	Support needed	Next steps	By When?
<p>PHASE 1: Dog Agility Area</p> <p>Dog agility equipment were cleaned in a working bee on Saturday 29th April 2023 as planned.</p> <p>Dog Agility course proposed to be located between points ② and ③ of the dog park shown in the diagram above to minimise parking impact due to TK Domain event overflow.</p> <p>Meeting was had with Dog Agility course designer Denise Ireland on Wednesday 8 May 2023 and the course has been designed in two parts within a figure of 8 formation as shown in the dog park diagram on the previous page. Proposed course layout is shown below:</p>  <p>①④⑦ Dog Tyre Hoops ⑩ Dog Tunnel ② Dog Weaving Posts ⑤ Dog Hurdles ③⑥⑨ Dog Jump Platforms ⑧ Dog Seesaw</p> <p>According to Kennel Club H Regulation H(1)(B)1a.(3) – Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course should require a dog to traverse 10 obstacles, but not more than 20 and all jump obstacles should be the same height All agility obstacles will be laid out 4-5 metres apart between centres of consecutive obstacles using the straight line centre-to-centre method to ensure dog jump safety The height of all obstacles will be knee height catering for midi dogs <p>There are two courses, A and B. Similar to a golf course with a 9 hole vs. 18 hole golf course, advanced dogs can do both courses A and B together, whereas beginner dogs can just work on one of the courses without interfering with another dog on the other course.</p>	<p>Tim Hinton needs to agree this plan with Waikato District Council.</p> <p>Then funding needs to be obtained to hire equipment to place this equipment on the course. Funding has been explored (see note on Phase 2 of project below).</p> <p>Community events across 2 further phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Working bee to install the equipment TBC 2023 as per course design Working bee to paint and finish the equipment in TBC 2023 	<p>Working bees.</p> <p>Once we confirm the dates, Adele will send out community support requests on TK community page, Dog park community page and TKCC members</p>	<p>Depends on when we get the go ahead from the TKCC</p>

<p>PHASE 2: Picnic areas 1 and 2</p> <p>Location of the picnic and shaded areas as well as small dog park area confirmed in the diagram above.</p> <p><u>Specifications as follows:</u></p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE I</u></p> <p>To kick off the project, we need to install the steel poles as follows. We will source 4 galvanised steel poles per shade sail (2 poles will be lower and 2 higher) The height of the lower poles will be 2.5m above ground with 1m in the ground and the higher poles will be 3.5m above ground with 1.5m in the ground). We need to decide if we want to do a working bee to install the poles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x 125mm medium galvanised steel pipe poles with 4 x 3.5m long and 4 x 5m long fitted with caps • Excavator and auger drill at \$115per hour • Concrete 1.8m3 <p>Anticipated timeframe = 1-2 working days Anticipated cost = Poles 2,484.80 + Auger drill \$276 + Concrete \$805 → \$3,565.80 incl. GST</p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the poles are in the ground, Peter Fletcher will come to measure the shadesail measurements exactly although it's anticipated that the final shadesail sizing will be approximately 6.5x6.5 = 42.25m2 for each area. • He is ordering the Monotec 37015-year fabric warranty in Graphite Charcoal Shade  • He will then make the shadesails with no joins, including stainless steel hardware, d-shackles and chain links. =. A deposit for making the material is not required as we are known to the maker. Takes 2 weeks to make and install once the 8 Poles are in the ground and ready. 	<p>Items for the TKCC meeting:</p> <p>TKCC discussion on costs for the shade sail and how this will be funded.</p> <p>Contacted Dominic Thurlow and confirmed that we can apply to the Waikato District Fund, WEL Energy Trust and NZCT. We need to wait for the next funding rounds (first Friday in July for Waikato District Fund, 30th June for WEL energy fund and 30th June for NZCT).</p> <p>She is continuing to look into other options but based on my experience of completing funding applications, they take 1-2 working days to complete and will take 2-6 months to come through with no guarantees of any one fund funding anything.</p> <p>As the amount asked for is so small, we need to weigh up the effort and time involved in filling in funding applications vs. checking the prioritisation of projects overall. We have discretionary funds for a reason and tying up all funds in 1-2 projects needs to be scrutinised as to whether this is in the best interests of the community as a whole.</p>	<p>See what happens in the meeting</p>	<p>May/ June 2023</p>
--	--	--	-----------------------

<p>Anticipated timeframe = 2 working weeks to make and install Anticipated cost = \$4,172.20 incl. GST - Price includes making and fitting the dog park shade</p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE III</u></p> <p>Tim will source some mulch for the areas under the trees and Jeff will source half rounds to keep mulch/metal all in the area – effort and cost TBD</p> <p>Picnic tables have been sourced but need to be sanded and completed – effort TBD</p>	<p>I would propose we ask the community which projects are deemed a priority for the community as a whole.</p> <p>Whilst we await funding application decisions, this project will lie dormant as available funds are committed to other endeavours at this time.</p>		
<p>PHASE 3: Small dog fenced-off area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We mapped out a small dog area in position J above measuring about 40 x 10m² • We will look into fencing options for this area with a gate so mowing the lawn is still straightforward • We need to feed back once we have explored fencing with Barakat Fencing 	<p>Fencing companies willing to assist</p>	<p>Tim and Adele exploring fencing options</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>PHASE 4: Picnic area 3 explored</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkway installed • Gate to dog park to link to walking track installed • Clearing of drain • Removal of trees on the bank so the mural can be viewed • Planting of trees at the far end by the squash court, so mural not obscured 	<p>TBD</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>TBD</p>

2. Project Name: Saleyard Road to Blunt Road walkway

Project Goal:	Development of a walkway extending from Saleyard Road to Waikato District Council Reserve section of the former Blunt Road walkway
Project Manager:	John Cunningham
Project Members:	Marlene Raumati, Estelle Jonathan, Tim Hinton, and Whitney Totorewa
Council Staff Advisor:	Ed McVicar (Open Spaces Project Coordinator)
Status:	 (No change from previous meeting)
Funding	<p>\$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund has been allocated to this project with other funding sources being looked at by the Committee plus \$10,000 commitment from TKCC Discretionary Fund</p> <p>Thus far total spend on the Saleyard Road walkway (inclusive of expected charges still pending) is \$50,833 out of the original budget of \$150,000. The remaining budget as of 11 July 2023 is \$99,167.00.</p> <p>The expected charges to come in are the final bill from Potentialis (\$6,300) for the investigation of consent requirements around the open drain and the project management cost from OCTA (circa \$3,000)</p> <p>The Committee to consider a separate recommendation on this which is part of a separate report at its meeting on 2 August 2023.</p>
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 2 August 2023	Next step	By when
Council to confirm the open drain consenting and the final consultant cost before proceeding with recommended alternative analysis.		Tidy up of what is existing around the open drain and then discussion on alternatives.	June 2023
Once the cost from the Council is received for the Saleyard Road walkway clean up and upgrade (accessibility, storyboards, beautification etc.) that the Committee consider funding the project through the North Waikato Development Fund's remaining balance.	Awaiting cost of walkway clean up from Citycare.	Clean up and upgrade (accessibility, storyboards, beautification etc.) once cost obtained and works programmed.	TBA.

2. Project Name: Community Identity Strategy

Project Goal:	A Plan to give the residents of Te Kauwhata (including the Lakeside development) a greater sense of identity and belonging.
Project Manager:	Jason Marconi (Economic Development Advisor)
Project Members:	Tofeeq Ahmed, Estelle Jonathan, Adele Theron, Liz Tupuhi, Jo Gurnell and Courtney Howells
Council Staff Advisor:	Jason Marconi (Economic Development Advisor)
Status:	 (No change)
Funding:	<p>There is funding available from the Council's Blueprint budget to assist with strategy development. Discussions are underway with Kainga Ora for additional funding.</p> <p>It is important to note that this funding is not intended to fund individual projects that may fit within the strategy.</p>
Likely Completion	By June 2024 but as this is community led, it will depend on the commitment/ activity of the community.

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 7 June 2023	Next step	By when
Strategy development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Te Kauwhata Community Committee subcommittee attended the first identity strategy meeting in June and were asked to provide feedback on the proposed structure for the project. •The second meeting, to be held mid-July, will assess any feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •After the July meeting the team will establish the area is to be included in the strategy. •Once the area is agreed upon, we will begin stakeholder mapping to establish who needs to be included in initial conversations. •Facilitate engagement capturing various themes, narratives that will feed into this strategy. • Work with internal and/or external designers to collate the narratives and develop the strategy. 	<p>July/August 2023</p> <p>August to December 2023</p>

3. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain - Walkway and Fitness Trail

Project Goal:	A walkway and fitness trail which will help enhance the health and wellbeing of residents of Te Kauwhata.
Project Manager:	Tim Hinton
Project Members:	John Cunningham
Council Staff Advisor:	Ed McVicar (Open Spaces Project Coordinator)
Status:	 (no change)
Funding:	<p>2021-2031 Long Term Plan/2022-2023 financial year = \$185,603.62</p> <p>2021-2031 Long Term Plan = \$333,000.00</p> <p>Total budget = \$518,603.62</p> <p>Note separate report on this matter.</p>
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 7 June 2023	Next step	By when
A report on the Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway will be presented at the Committee meeting with recommendations for the Committee to consider.		For the Committee to consider the recommendations in the report.	

4. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Community Outdoor Stage

Project Goal:	An outdoor stage which would enable the community to display their artistic talents
Project Manager:	Jo Gurnell
Project Members:	Liz Tupuhi
Council Staff Advisor:	Jason Marconi (Economic Development Advisor)
Status:	 (no change)
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost estimates needed before applications for external funding can be made.
Likely Completion	TBC (See recommendation in separate report)

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 2 August 2023	Next step	By when
Project yet to be started.	See recommendation in separate report.	See recommendation in separate report.	

5. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Security cameras

Project Goal:	Security cameras covering the car park, the freedom camping area, scout den and the destination playground thus providing a safe environment for users.
Project Manager:	Megan May (Acting General Manager – Service Delivery)
Project Members:	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Council Staff Advisor:	n/a
Status:	 (no change from previous meeting)
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council currently has an LTP 2021-2031 funding commitment for cameras at Te Kauwhata and Meremere. ▪ Funding commitment from the TKCC Discretionary Fund for \$5,000.00 <p>See recommendation in separate report.</p>
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 2 August 2023	Next step	By when
Te Kauwhata and Meremere will be the first communities to benefit from the camera roll out rather than waiting for a district-wide rollout. This was because there is already an LTP funding commitment for this project for Te Kauwhata and Meremere.	See recommendation in separate report.	See recommendation in separate report.	TBA

6. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Rongoa Garden

Project Goal:	A Rongoa garden promoting wellbeing, the wellbeing of the person, the whenua, the soil, and the water flowing through the whenua.
Project Manager:	Whitney Totorewa
Project Members:	Estelle Jonathan, Jo Gurnell and Tim Hinton.
Council Staff Advisor:	n/a
Status:	 (no change from previous meeting)
Funding:	\$3000 from Council's Placemaking Budget can be used for the irrigation.
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 2 August 2023	Next step	By when
Finalise list of appropriate plant species	TKC Reorua Classes will research what plants will be appropriate for the Rongoa Garden during Term 2, (Example Kawakawa plant-grows in part-shade, needs protection from frost as a young plant	Whitney to take photos of the garden area space for students to help with research. Create a list of appropriate plant species-identifying what each plant will need to grow successfully. Create a plan to identify suitable placements of plants in the garden area.	3 June 2023
Connect with Toi Ako source plants.	Have not yet connected with Toi Ako		

7. Project Name: Development of the TK Domain Squash Club Mural

Project Goal:	A mural showcasing Te Kauwhata's environmental, cultural, and sporting ethos
Project Manager:	Adele Theron
Project Members:	Estelle Jonathan, Jeff Lyons and Tim Hinton
Council Staff Advisor:	Not Applicable
Status:	 (changed from yellow from previous meeting) Funding is unclear. This project consequently lies dormant until the priority of this project vs. other projects has been decided upon. See recommendation in separate report.
Funding:	TBD
Likely Completion	TBD

Project Summary

The mural project is designed to be erected on the Te Kauwhata Squash Court. It will be focused on capturing the essence of the TK Domain which has a history as a war memorial but is primarily used as a sports club and community meeting place for events and leisure. The mural will be visible from anyone driving down Mahi Road or walking their dogs at the Te Kauwhata dog park. The Te Kauwhata Squash club currently has 2 courts but the vision in the future is to extend the club to have another 3 courts, making it a 5-court establishment. We would love to create a mural which really captures all the amazing images summarising the TK Domain up as a whole. If we can interlace some TK cultural, community and sporting history into this, it would be wonderful too. The TK Squash club engaged with Graham Hoete (who did the Ngāruawāhia Squash Club mural) and Claire Dubosky (a renowned artist who has completed many murals across north Waikato) to see about designing a mural. Graham has not responded whilst Claire has been actively involved and gone ahead and designed a series of 6 murals already.

How the elements of the mural were decided upon

Extensive study was done into the history of Te Kauwhata (see addendum) including reading all the historical artifacts, reviewing images of the Settlers Museum and consulting widely with the Te Kauwhata historical society (Wayne Beaver and Stuart Mendals), Nga Muka Development Trust (Nga Muka), key members of the Domain project, Morris West, Frank Green as well as the committee of the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club and Te Kauwhata Squash club, the overall imagery was agreed upon.

An active discussion was had about the reference to the Domain being the site for the old war memorial. Everyone agreed that the Te Kauwhata Domain shall be called the Te Kauwhata Domain. All references to the history of the Domain being a war memorial was not considered pertinent to the future of the Domain or Te Kauwhata as a town in general. It was felt that the mural should include elements of this history (the poppy and the war memorial stone) as a reverent nod to an important historical moment BUT it was considered important that the Domain is a positive and enlivening place which brings the community together and the mural is to be uplifting and inspirational representing the best elements of Te Kauwhata's past and future.

Historical images and elements to be represented within the mural:

HISTORY OF TK (part of phase 1 and or phase 2)	FAUNA AND FLORA of TK (part of phase 1 and or phase 2)	CURRENT DOMAIN ELEMENTS (phase 1 elements)	PROPOSED DOMAIN ELEMENTS (phase 2 elements)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Memorial – represented with the Anzac Day poppy as well as the war memorial rock outside the TK dog park • Māori caves – <i>these are located within the Whangamarino wetlands but due to the accumulation of silt, the caves are not visible right now. Mothers and children would hide here during the war</i> • Singing with guitars, Taonga pūoro flutes and Purerehua musical instruments. For the Purerehua, the timber it is made of is native totara, and the carving is a symbol of the wind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winelands – capturing some vine leaves and perhaps some wines? • Orchards • The wetlands • Agricultural and farming of kai • Mānuka and wire rush • Wattle • Flax/ harakeke • Moss and lichen species • Threatened plants include water milfoil, the swamp helmet orchid and clubmoss • Sheep • Tuna from lake Waikare • Eels • Grey teal • Spotless crake • North Island fernbird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby • Cricket • Squash • Scouts • Dog Park • • Young and old of all cultures and parts of the community coming together as whānau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long jump • Netball • Tennis • Playground • Fitness track • Running track • Concert/ stage • Athletics club • Hockey

The Te Kauwhata Squash club currently has two courts and feasibility studies are underway to commission the building of 3 further courts given the growth in the club and community over the past 3 years. There will be 15 panels to design and the first 6 need to be standalone as the next 9 panels will be years away. The first 6 panels for the existing courts (which should represent things already existing within the TK Domain) and 9 future panels which incorporate proposed changes we

are working on for the TK Domain. The current courts vs. future courts cuts this project into 2 phases.

Phase 1 needs to be standalone as it will be some years before phase 2 takes effect.

The phases and panels are shown below:

PHASE 1						PHASE 2								
COURT 1 (exists)			COURT 2 (exists)			COURT 3 (proposed)			COURT 4 (proposed)			COURT 5 (proposed)		
Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Panel 7	Panel 8	Panel 9	Panel 10	Panel 11	Panel 12	Panel 13	Panel 14	Panel 15

Discussions were had to design the panels as follows (all above imagery will be included somewhere in one of the panels):

No1	Squash	No9	Wattle, Wetlands River and eels
No2	Cricket	No10	Vineyards
No3	Rugby	No11	Playground
No4	Musicians and traditional Maori musical instruments from historical times when Domain used to be gathering of musicians	No12	Long jump ,Fitness track
No5	Waka and Store house and caves	No13	Tennis
No6	War memorial poppy and stone, Scouts, campers and tourists	No14	Hockey
No7	Dog Park	No15	Netball
No8	Orchards		

Designs for panels 1,2,3,4,5,6 (cricket cap colour will change to Waikere cricket club and rugby shirt logo will change):



Status update of actions from last 3 months	Support needed	Next steps	By When?
<p>PHASE 1: 6 Panels of Mural</p> <p>Costs as of 15 April 2023:</p> <p>Designing all 15 panels; \$1,200 Paint for 6 murals: \$1,220 17mm Marine quality ply: \$720 14 litres Primer: \$250 Paintbrushes: \$73 8 litres Anti-graphiti seal: \$362 (varnish and sun protector so the colour doesn't fade) Production of 6 panels at \$2000 per panel: \$12,000</p> <p>~ \$14,725 incl. GST</p> <p>Scaffolding: See if we can get this sponsored Installation: See if we can find someone to do this</p>	<p>Contacted Dominic Thurlow and confirmed that we can check the overall Blueprint to see if that would fund this project or there are the usual funding options including the Creative Community fund, Waikato District Fund, WEL Energy Trust and NZCT. We need to wait for the next funding rounds (first Friday in July for Waikato District Fund, 30th June for WEL energy fund and 30th June for NZCT).</p> <p>She is continuing to look into other options but based on experience of completing funding applications, they take 1-2 working days to complete and will take 2-6 months to come through with no guarantees of any one fund funding anything.</p> <p>As the amount asked for is so small, we need to weigh up the effort and time involved in filling in funding applications vs. checking the prioritisation of projects overall.</p>	<p>Discussion and outcome</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>

	<p>We have discretionary funds for a reason and tying up all funds in 1-2 projects needs to be scrutinised as to whether this is in the best interests of the community as a whole.</p> <p>I would propose we ask the community which projects are deemed a priority for the community as a whole.</p> <p>Whilst we await funding application decisions, this project will lie dormant as available funds are committed to other endeavours at this time.</p>		

Once we know where we stand with this project, next steps and phases will be considered.

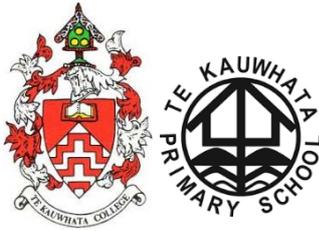
Addendum: Te Kauwhata History

Te Kauwhata refers to an ancient settlement on an island (Punikanae Island) in the middle of a lake in the area, Lake Waikare. Punikanae island has a silica sinter-depositing spring located on it. This is the only sinter depositing spring known outside the Taupo Volcanic Zone. Te Kauwhata (originally named Tā Kauwhata meaning empty storehouses back in the day) refers to the empty store houses (pātaka kai) that stood on this settlement, protecting food from pests on the mainland.

The story goes that during the war, Māori would harvest kai (vegetables like kumura and potatoes) and bundle it up onto waka (boats) which would then get ferried across to Punikanae island to keep safe till winter. The little storehouses were on stilts and as the pests couldn't swim across the lake, pests could not destroy this valuable kai.

In the winter, the Māori would row the wakas across the lake to fetch the kai again and returned to the maraes to feed the people. This kai sustained people during the war and were a lifeblood to the locals. Despite the battle of Rangiriri, Māori even fed the British this way during the war, so were the kind ways of the people.

If you look at the TK primary school and college emblems, you will see image of the storehouse.



The population is 2760 people as of June 2022. The township is surrounded by dairy farms, drystock holdings and horticulture. Its newest building is its Waikato District Council library. Originally known as Wairangi, Te Kauwhata grew around a railway station built in the late 1870s.

The first home of the New Zealand wine industry, the Viticultural Research Station was the site of an experimental farm, growing Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling grapes. International viticulturalist Romeo Bragato took over the running of this station in 1901 and five wines produced here won gold medals.

Just south of Te Kauwhata, is the site of one of the fiercest battles of the New Zealand land wars, fought at Rangiriri on 20 November 1863. Māori built an exceptionally strong paa there, and when the British forces attacked many men lost their lives. Part of the paa site is now a historic reserve. Te Kauwhata's natural features include Lake Waikare and the Whangamarino wetlands, a significant environmental feature in the north Waikato. Located just north of the township, the Whangamarino wetlands area is the second largest peat bog and swamp complex in the North Island. The Whangamarino Wetland encompasses peat bog, swampland and river systems. The dominant vegetation is mānuka and wire rush, with moss and lichen species. Threatened plants include water milfoil, the swamp helmet orchid (*Anzybas carsei*), and clubmoss.

Threatened bird species, including the grey teal, the spotless crane, the North Island fernbird and around 25% of New Zealand's population of Australasian bitterns live in the wetland. Eighteen species of fish include the black mudfish.

In 1961 the lower Waikato–Waipā flood protection scheme caused water levels to drop by more than 1.5 metres. As part of wetland restoration, a weir was constructed on the Whangamarino River in 1989 to maintain minimum water levels. The Department of Conservation controls animal and plant pests, which include the highly invasive alligator weed. Established as a Ramsar site in 1989, this wetlands area has been developed further since the late 1990s. It is managed by the Department of Conservation it is the site of the first National Wetland Trail established in New Zealand. Te Kauwhata, a village of over 1,500 residents (1,617 – Census 2018). The township is surrounded by dairy farms, drystock holdings and horticulture. Its newest building is its Waikato District Council library. Originally known as Wairangi, Te Kauwhata grew around a railway station built in the late 1870s.

The first home of the New Zealand wine industry, the Viticultural Research Station was the site of an experimental farm, growing Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling grapes. International viticulturalist Romeo Bragato took over the running of this station in 1901 and five wines produced here won gold medals.

Just south of Te Kauwhata, is the site of one of the fiercest battles of the New Zealand land wars, fought at Rangiriri on 20 November 1863. Māori built an exceptionally strong paa there, and when the British forces attacked many men lost their lives. Part of the paa site is now a historic reserve.

Te Kauwhata's natural features include Lake Waikare and the Whangamarino wetlands, a significant environmental feature in the north Waikato. Located just north of the township, the Whangamarino wetlands area is the second largest peat bog and swamp complex in the North Island. Established as a Ramsar site in 1989, this wetlands area has been developed further since the late 1990s. It is managed by the Department of Conservation it is the site of the first National Wetland Trail established in New Zealand.

The TK Domain

A site where we have young and old across the community coming together to have picnics, attend events, play sports, play with their kids and walk their dogs. It's a community meeting spot where people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds come together as friends and whānau.

In the past, the TK Domain was the site for the original War Memorial and people used to come together to sing/ dance and attend concerts, raffles and games evenings. Rugby was originally a source of recreation in Te Kauwhata since 1907 and was played at the TK Domain from 1947 onwards. Back in those days, sheep would graze the Domain fields and keep them short.

Today the Domain plays host to a dog park, a rugby club, squash club, scouts hall, as well as a cricket pitch and training nets. In the future, the Domain will play host to Long jump and athletics club, multi-court facilities including a hockey pitch as well as netball and tennis courts, a kids playground, fitness track connecting Te Kauwhata and Lakeside, a running track and even a concert/ stage for cultural events and music festivals.

Open – Information only

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Councillor’s Report
Date:	Wednesday, 2 August 2023
Report Author:	Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward

Purpose of the Report - Te Take moo te Puurongo

To provide an update on the activities of Councillor Raumati since the Te Kauwhata Community Committee 7 June 2023 meeting.

Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receives the report from Cr Raumati for the June - July 2023 period.

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopotanga Matua

Adoption of Annual Plan 2023/24

Council has officially adopted our 2023/24 Annual Plan, which outlines our initiatives, and how they will be funded over the coming year. The plan is demonstrative of our commitment to enhance community well-being and build a stronger, more resilient future together.

The Annual Plan focuses on an exciting vision of creating vibrant and inclusive communities and concentrates on providing core services and infrastructure. It highlights key projects such as infrastructure improvements, reliable water supply, and efficient waste management.

As earlier advised, the general rate increase has also been implemented. The increase will allow us to keep up with rising costs and ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services. It will also boost our depleted disaster recovery fund, thus providing the much-needed financial reinforcements that will enable our readiness to respond to future events and ensuring the well-being and safety of our community.

Cemeteries Bylaw 2023

The Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 was reviewed in 2022. Following a recommendation by the Policy and Regulatory Committee, the bylaw has now been adopted by Council.

Open – Information only

Freedom Camping – Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation

Although there is a two-year transitional period, the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act is now law. Key changes include, where one can camp, certifying self-contained vehicles, and infringement fees and fines. These infringements will apply to, the inappropriate disposing of waste, interfering with, or damaging, the environment, and not leaving a local authority area when required to do so by an enforcement officer.

However, these infringements cannot be applied to people experiencing homelessness. Though local authorities cannot “blanket ban” freedom camping, we can however, prohibit or restrict freedom camping to protect areas that are culturally or environmentally sensitive, protect public health and safety, and protect access where there is a high risk to infrastructure damage. Further information can be found at mbie.govt.nz

Community Investment Programme

Council administers a Community Investment Programme. The programme aims to reduce investment inequalities across our communities, particularly in our rural areas where investment is low or non-existent. The programme also seeks to encourage community led projects, such as Blueprint projects, and the programme aligns discretionary funding to Community Boards and Community Committees.

Current Community Investment Programmes administered by Council are, Community Boards and Community Committee Funding, the Rural Ward Investment Programme, an annual ANZAC Budget, a modest Mayoral Fund, Community Aspirations and Blueprint Budget, the Momentum Wellbeing Investment, the Multi-Year Museum and Heritage Fund, and Creative Communities which is funded by Creative NZ.

Each investment programme has an investment or funding purpose. The purpose of the Community Aspirations and Blueprint Budget for example, is to support and or complete, community led projects, that have been identified as part of the wider community aspirations, and to empower Community Boards and Community Committees to support local projects.

Council Meetings

Performance and Strategy	20 June
Sustainability and Wellbeing	28 June
Council	28 June
Infrastructure	05 July

Open – Information only

Hearings and Deliberations

Annual Plan Hearings	08 June
Annual Plan Deliberations	13 June

Workshops and Other Meetings

Connectivity Strategy Workshop	13 June
Community Facilities Strategy	13 June
Discretionary Funding	15 June
Three Waters Entity	15 June
Development Contributions Workshop	20 June
Toituu Framework Workshop	20 June
Port Waikato Erosion Workshop	21 June
Maintenance Contract Workshop	21 June
Stormwater 101 Workshop	26 June
Te Tiriti o Waitangi Risk Workshop	05 July

Community and Constituency Engagements

Orini Constituent	01 June
Tauhei Constituent	10 June
Te Kauwhata Constituent	15 June
Te Kauwhata Community Response	19 June
Rangiriri Constituent	08 July
Meremere Constituent	11 July
Meremere CC Meeting	20 July

Attachments

Attachment 1 – 1 June Newsletter 2023



AD

MARLENE RAUMATI

WAIKATO

Waerenga-Whitikahu

JUNE NEWSLETTER

TAUHEI FARMERS MANUEL ROAD

The Waerenga-Whitikahu ward extends from Meremere in the north, to Tauhei-Whitikahu in the south. Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of meeting generational farmers, Mr John Fransen, Mr Bruce Downing, and Mr Brian Pepper.

Located in the most southern end of our ward, Tauhei is a rural community, and home of Manuel Rd. Like many of our rural roads, Manuel Rd is unsealed.

Due to severe weather conditions and a lack of maintenance, the road had deteriorated to an incredibly poor state. By invitation, I ventured out, to gain my own understanding and appreciation of the issue at hand.

I have since been advised, that Manuel Rd, has now been graded and is in a much more healthier state and condition.



WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2023/24

The 2023/24 Annual Plan, has officially been adopted. It outlines our initiatives, and how they will be funded over the coming year. The plan illustrates our commitment to enhance community well-being and build a stronger, more resilient future together.

The plan focuses on creating vibrant and inclusive communities and concentrates on providing core services and infrastructure. It highlights key projects such as infrastructure improvements, reliable water supply, and efficient waste management.

The general rate increase has also been implemented, allowing us to keep up with rising costs and ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services. It will also boost our depleted disaster recovery fund, thus providing the much-needed financial reinforcements that will enable our readiness to respond to future events and ensuring the well-being and safety of our community.

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz



COUNCILLOR

MARLENE RAUMATI

marlene.raumati@waikdc.govt.nz
020 - 40012548



Councillor's July⁸³ Calendar

- **Wastewater Treatment Plants Northern Tour** - Monday 3 July, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **LGNZ Remits/Candidates Workshop** - Tuesday 4 July, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- **Infrastructure Committee** - Wednesday 5 July, 9:30am - 12:30pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **LTP Workshop** - Monday 10 July, 9:30am - 4:00pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Policy and Regulatory, Events Strategy Workshop, Climate Response and Resilience Strategy**, Tuesday 11 July, 9:30am - 3:30pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Council Meeting and LTP Transport Workshop** - Monday 17 July, 9:30am - 4:45pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **ELT/Elected Members Workshop** - Tuesday 18 July, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Growth Projections Workshop, Franklin Local Board, Upper North Waikato Indicative Business Case Workshop** - Wednesday 19 July, 9:30am - 3:00pm, Council Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Meremere Community Committee Meeting** - Thursday 20 July, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Meremere



Te Kauwhata Community GARDEN

Officially opened in November 2022, a community led initiative, supported by Waikato District Council, the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, Te Kauwhata and Districts Lions, the Te Kauwhata Community House, along with a number of community sponsors and hardworking team of volunteers, the Community Garden has and continues to yield produce, as featured, ranging from cabbages, broccoli, parsley, radishes, silver beet, and kumara - free to the community. A **HUGE thank you** to our volunteers, who tend to the garden every week unflinchingly.

Photo Credit: Te Kauwhata Community Garden FB Page

ROAD SAFETY ROAD TO ZERO STRATEGY

As part of the "Road to Zero-Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030", a new Land Transport rule, which came into effect in May 2022, has significantly changed the way speed limits are set.

Council must now, set out objectives through the development of a Speed Management Plan (SMP). The SMP's must align with the Road to Zero strategy and must contain a "whole network" approach alongside, infrastructure improvements, safety cameras, and enforcement.

Photo produced and supplied with consent



With the wet winter months now upon us, I trust that you are all keeping as warm and as dry as possible. For those in our community who may need a little support, please reach out to the amazing team at the Te Kauwhata Community House or go online to the website of the Ministry of Social Development www.msd.govt.nz - as you may qualify for assistance.

Our districts communities are being supported to develop community response plans to ensure pragmatic reinforcement capabilities and capacity. Community stakeholders, on a voluntary basis, from Meremere, Te Kauwhata, Rangiriri and Waerenga have responded to Council's invitation, thus bringing our local community safety and resilience strategy into alignment with Council's over-arching community well-being strategy.

You might be aware of the forthcoming Te Kauwhata Licencing Trust by-election, to be held on Tuesday 1 August 2023. The by-election will be using the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. Two candidates have been nominated for the vacancy, details of which can be found online at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz.

Led by Chair John Cunningham, the Te Kauwhata Community Committee ensures that they are cognisant of the social, cultural, economic, and environmental needs of the community. With several community projects underway, that align to the four pillars of Councils sustainability and well-being strategy, the committee strives towards creating opportunities for greater environmental connectivity, and accessibility, taking into account, cultural imperatives, while striving to deliver on community enhancements, such as the domain project, upgrading the dog park, planting, developing walkways and improved community safety measures - this is an exciting time, and as with the adage, good things take time.

A **HUGE thank you** those who got stuck in and planted over 2500 daffodil bulbs at our Community Garden, especially our Te Kauwhata Primary students who also provided some much-needed sweat equity and good old fashion community collaboration.

Finally, I continue to receive lots of messages with regards to lodging service requests. This can be done by simply visiting www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/request-a-service - for all other enquiries call **0800 492 452**

MAANAWATIA A MATARIKI - CELEBRATE MATARIKI
UNTIL NEXT MONTH - TAKE CARE, KEEP SAFE and KEEP WARM

