

Agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to be held in the St John Hall, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2017** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Board in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Board.

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 2017

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5. SPEAKER

Mr A Khan (NZTA) and Mr I Fletcher (Downers) will be in attendance to provide an update to the Board regarding the Longswamp section of the Expressway.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Te Kauwhata Works & Issues August 2017

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6.2 Councillor's Report

Verbal

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6.5 Chairperson's Report

Verbal

7. PROJECTS UPDATE

7.1 Wetlands Walkway

Verbal

7.2 Dog Park

Verbal

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Open Meeting

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| To | Te Kauwhata Community Committee |
| From | Gavin Ion Chief Executive |
| Date | 16 June 2017 |
| Prepared by | Wanda Wright Committee Secretary |
| Chief Executive Approved | Y |
| Reference # | GOV0509 |
| Report Title | Confirmation of Minutes |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the minutes of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday 7 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3. ATTACHMENTS

TKCC Minutes

MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at the St John Ambulance Rooms, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2017** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Ms T Grace (Chairperson)
Cr JD Sedgwick
Mrs C Berney (Secretary)
Mr J Cunningham
Mr D Hardwick
Mr T Hinton [from 7.10pm]
Mr C Howells
Mr B Weaver

Attending:

Ms A Purdy (Asset Engineer)
Mr I Fletcher (Downers)
Miss S Hall (Youth Representative)
2 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Cunningham, Cr Sedgwick)

THAT an apology be received from and leave of absence granted to Mrs Raumati and Mr Dawson.

AND THAT an apology for lateness be received from Mr Hinton.

CARRIED on the voices

TKCCI706/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Cunningham, Cr Sedgwick)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday 7 June 2017 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the following item be discussed at an appropriate time during the course of the meeting;

- TK WalkCycleway
- Carp Competition

AND FURTHER THAT all youth members present be given speaking rights for the duration of this meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

TKCCI706/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on **Wednesday 3 May 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

TKCCI706/03

SPEAKER

Mr Fletcher from Downer's gave an update to the Board regarding the Longswamp section of the Expressway and answered questions of the Committee.

REPORTS

TK WalkCycleway
Add.Item

The report was received [TKCCI706/02 refers] and discussion was held.

Youth Report

Miss Hall presented a verbal report to the committee and answered questions of the Committee. It is noted that a disco being held for year's 1-8. 5.30 -9pm on 30th June 2017.

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Report: June 2017
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [TKCCI706/02 refers] and discussion was held.

Councillor's Report
Agenda Item 6.2

Cr Sedgwick gave a verbal report and answered questions of the Committee.

Discretionary Fund Report to 30 May 2017

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [TKCC/1706/02 refers] and discussion was held.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The chair gave a verbal report and answered questions of the committee.

PROJECTS UPDATEWetlands Walkway

Agenda Item 7.1

Mr Cunningham updated the committee on the progress of the walkway. Hoping for a June/July finish.

Dog Park

Agenda Item 7.2

Mr Hinton updated the committee on the progress of the project. Council reps. are coming next week to have a look.

Parks Amenities

Agenda Item 7.3

Mr Hinton updated the committee on the progress of the basketball court/hoop.

Carp Competition

Add.Item

Mrs Berney suggested that we run an Carp Competition as a way to engage youth and cull the numbers of carp in the lake.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.36.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2017.

T Grace

CHAIRPERSON

Minutes2017/TKCC/170607 TKCC Minutes

Open Meeting

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| To | Te Kauwhata Community Committee |
| From | Tony Whittaker General Manager Strategy & Support |
| Date | 21 July 2017 |
| Prepared by | Sharlene Jenkins PA to General Manager Strategy & Support |
| Chief Executive Approved | Y |
| DWS Document Set # | GOV0507 / 1772185 |
| Report Title | Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Report: August 2017 |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update the Committee on issues arising from the previous meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the **General Manager Strategy & Support** be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Report: August 2017

**TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
WORKS & ISSUES REGISTER – 2017**

| | Issue | Area | Comment | Action |
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| 1. | Dog exercise area | Service Delivery (Parks & Facilities) | The Community Committee would like some seating to be provided in the dog exercise area. The Community Committee is willing to put in some simple posts and plank seats x3 but would like to understand what Council's approved design for such. | Staff have met with Tim Hinton and Toni Grace and have come up with a list of agreed actions. An overall plan for the dog park area is requested from the Community Committee. |
| 2. | Sink and benchtop required outside of toilets at Te Kauwhata Domain | Service Delivery (Parks & Facilities) | The Community Committee would like a push tap (timer tap) to be installed with a stainless steel tub that drains into the toilet. | Installation has not yet been completed. Cushman & Wakefield are undertaking the works. |
| 3. | Basketball backboard and pole + concrete slab | Service Delivery (Parks & Facilities) | The Community Committee has requested specifications for this from Council. A basketball hoop and half court is an activity promoted by the Council's play strategy. However, there is no allocated budget in the upcoming financial year to fund the construction. It is recommended that either the committee fundraise to start the project or that a submission be made to the long-term plan (LTP). | Staff have been working with the Community Committee to find an appropriate location. Several actions were agreed and the location was agreed. Proximity to war memorial was a possible issue. The Community Committee are to keep Parks staff informed of any decisions made around the landscaping of the half court. However, the general location was agreed. |

| | Issue | Area | Comment | Action |
|----|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 4. | Picnic table at Waikare lookout on Waerenga Road, Te Kauwhata | Service Delivery (Parks & Facilities) | Barry Weaver noted that the table had not been replaced after he lodged a service request. | The table is included in this year's district-wide furniture replacement, and will be installed within the next few months. |
| 5. | Blue and yellow lights outside library not working | Service Delivery | Lights on the eastern side of the library have 1 blue light and no other colours, lights on the western side (i.e. the park side) have 3 out of 4 not working properly (blue) and no other colour lights showing. | Te Kauwhata Community Committee to lodge a service request. |
| 6. | Te Kauwhata Service Request Report | Service Delivery | | For information purposes. |

Open Meeting

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| To | Te Kauwhata Community Committee |
| From | Tony Whittaker General Manager Strategy & Support |
| Date | 20 July 2017 |
| Prepared by | Julienne Calambuhay Management Accountant |
| Chief Executive Approved | Y |
| Reference/Doc Set # | GOV0509 / 1770287 |
| Report Title | Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2017 |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update the Committee on the Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2017

TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND 2016/2017

GL 1.207.1704

Commitments from Committee Meeting Minutes & Other Information

2016/17 Annual Plan

11,139.00

Carry forward from 2015/16

64,087.00

Total Funding

75,226.00

Expenditure

| | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|
| 28-Apr-16 | Earthcare Systems - supply and install Rose Arbour | 3,800.00 |
| 28-Apr-16 | Earthcare Systems - labour - tree trimming | 50.00 |
| 30-Jun-16 | Rush Security - installation of security cameras | 2,310.00 |
| 06-Apr-16 | TK Community Events Inc. - for expenses towards catering for the 2016 ANZAC Parade | 750.00 |
| 10-Oct-16 | Gilbert Powley - Z gift card | 100.00 |
| 10-Nov-16 | Jo Clegg - reimbursement for Freeparking account for TK website 28/10/2016 - 28/10/2017 | 148.85 |
| 03-May-17 | Inform Landscapes Ltd - fix Village Green fence | 220.00 |
| 03-May-17 | Marion Handcock - sheep pellets for main street planter boxes | 31.99 |
| 3-May-17 | TK Community Events Inc. - for expenses towards catering for the 2017 ANZAC Parade | 750.00 |
| 03-May-17 | Railway Cottage Community Park - transfer to Whangamarino Walkway account | 10,000.00 |

Total Expenditure

18,160.84

Income

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| 02-Feb-17 | TKCC - community sign hire for ads | 40.00 |
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Total Income

40.00

Net Expenditure

18,120.84

Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)

57,105.16

Commitments

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| 06-May-09 | Further development of playground | | 5,000.00 |
| 07-Oct-15 | Commitment for security cameras | 9,436.00 | |
| | Less: Expenses | 2,310.00 | 7,126.00 |
| 03-Sep-14 | Commitment for Walkways | | 25,000.00 |
| 03-Sep-14 | Ken Knobbs memorial garden | 5,000.00 | |
| | Less: Expenses | 3,800.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 07-Oct-15 | TK Youth Action Group - basketball area project at Village Green | 7,500.00 | |
| | Less: Expenses | 220.00 | 7,280.00 |

Total Commitments

45,606.00

Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments) as of 30 June 2017

11,499.16

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| To | Te Kauwhata Community Committee |
| From | Tony Whittaker General Manager Strategy & Support |
| Date | 13 July 2017 |
| Prepared by | Shannon Kelly Youth Engagement Advisor |
| Chief Executive Approved | Y |
| Reference # | GOV0509 / 1772023 |
| Report Title | Youth Engagement Update August 2017 |

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Te Kauwhata Community Committee with the Youth Action Group's Quarterly Report (prepared by Sara Hall) and an update from Council's Youth Engagement Advisor, Shannon Kelly about the Govern Up project.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the **General Manager Strategy & Support** be received.

AND THAT if there are any issues identified in the **Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group's Quarterly Report** that the **Committee** wishes to progress, that these be added to the **Committee's Works and Issues** report so that progress on implementation can be monitored.

3. GOVERN UP – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Govern Up programme was successful in Te Kauwhata and has been the case in many other areas of the Waikato District.

The Te Kauwhata Youth Action group, facilitated by Sara Hall, ran a fantastic event on Friday, 30 June 2017. More than 20 young people volunteered as helpers for the event and over 100 young people attended. The event was strongly supported by Te Kauwhata Community Committee members Toni Grace (Chairperson) and Tim Hinton (Youth Mentor). The Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group will need to do a final evaluation of the project to see what worked well, what didn't and changes for future events.

The feedback will go on to inform the next round of youth engagement that takes place with the Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group and the Youth Engagement Advisor.

The Youth Engagement Advisor was also involved in the pre-opening of the renovated Te Kauwhata Skate Park. This pre-opening is a culmination of work / consultation undertaken by the former Youth Engagement Advisor, other key Council staff and the Te Kauwhata Community Committee. As beneficial relationships were formed in the Govern Up project, Council has approached Sara Hall and the Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group to assist and organise the Skate Park opening for the town.

Attached for your information is the three monthly Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group Quarterly report, written by youth leader Sara Hall, who will present the report. The reporting to the Ministry of Youth Development in July 2017 is also attached for your information.

A collection of photos and videos from the Te Kauwhata Extravaganza are appended to this report.

4. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: TKCC Youth Action Group report July 2017

Attachment 2: Report to the Ministry of Youth Development in July 2017 (via participant online survey)

Attachment 3: Selection of photos and videos of projects in Te Kauwhata between January - June 2017

Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group Quarterly Report

| | Identified Issue | Projects we should do/have completed | Background into Why | Progress/Outcome/ Thoughts |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 | Boredom among children. | We have recently hosted a community disco called the Te Kauwhata Youth Extravaganza | We believed keeping the younger children entertained would enable them to look up to what we did when they are older, and do something similar instead of causing trouble. | Generated a \$183.90 profit on the food we sold. Also 101 people attended plus 20 leaders were involved in helping/hosting the disco. |
| 2 | Cultural activity is not embraced as much as we would like to see in our community | | We have many races and religions in our town, and not all cultures are shown or expressed in our community. | Since our last meeting I have spoken with both the cultural group and kapa haka group regarding performances in our community. The next step I would like to take is to talk to our arts and drama department to see more dance and drama acts! |
| 3 | A community garden | We know this is underway, but we would like youth to be a part of this and help, as we believe we all will benefit from it | | We would like our profit of the disco to go into the garden funds (if our group all agree) to create fresh produce for all of Te Kauwhata to enjoy. |
| 4 | Not enough leadership opportunities for TK youth | We have recently hosted a community disco | | The disco recently hosted allowed 23 leaders to help with planning and hosting the event. The new skills they acquired from this were: leadership; friendships; respect; how to be a team member; how to voice your opinion. |

FACILITATED QUESTIONS:

What annoys you the most about your town?

- Litter
- Tagging/Vandalism

What are the biggest issues and concerns young people have here in town?

- People getting away with vandalism. We are concerned that if new things were to be made for or introduced into our town, they might just get destroyed. We want to know what steps we could take to prevent this. We would like to be a part of introducing these steps.

- The speed that cars take through town are a concern.
- The amount of police patrol we have in town is of concern also.

Why are these biggest issues for young people in your town?

- Boredom – we believe when people are bored they begin to cause trouble.

What do you think could be done about the things we have talked about?

- We could introduce new things to our community
- Current projects are entertaining, and should help discourage vandalism and tagging.

What do you want most in your town?

- To see young people happy and always busy in our community.

What do you want most from/ for your town?

- Incorporate youth into the development of our town. Give them some tasks for this.

What do you want most for your town?

- The safety of everyone
- Ensuring resources to maximise the safety and protection of our community are readily available to all.

Sara Hall
Te Kauwhata Youth Representative

Response to Ministry of Youth Development Participant report online survey

10 July 2017

Retrieved from Quarterly Youth Service Provider Report – 2016 / 2017

Introduction

As part of your contract with the Ministry of Youth Development you are required to complete and submit this report on a quarterly basis. This will allow us to:

- monitor the number of opportunities being offered and delivered to young people in your area,
- estimate the percentage of young people interacting with these services that are from a disadvantaged background,
- understand any changes being made to the services that you deliver, and
- obtain some examples of success stories through narrative reporting.
- monitor the extent to which your programmes and opportunities are improving the capability and resilience of young people,
- monitor how satisfied the young people are with the service that they are receiving, and
- gain some narrative reports from young people about their experiences.

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Which period are you reporting on?

1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017 (Quarter 4)

4. Please record the total number of unique individual young people that you have worked with during this quarter:

92 in the programme – 566 young people attended events run by young people

5. And now please record the total number of unique individual young people you have worked with since 1 July 2016:

120

8. Please provide an explanation of any differences (if any) between the volumes contracted and the volumes delivered:

We originally planned to have at least 60 young people from towns in our Waikato District to participate in the Govern Up project, but we had 92 young people join up, and approximately 566 young people engaged in the activities created by youth. This was because they were interested and engaged at a level that allowed them to fully participate. Once young people got comfortable planning their projects, a roll on effect occurred where the project teams told their friends and their friends and other interested young people wanted to join in. As a result we had approximately 92 young people involved in the planning and volunteering of eight events. At each event we had a total tally of approximately 566 young people from our district being involved, engaged or participating in the events.

9. Please provide details of 3 successes of your activities:

Project one: Onewhero Planting day:

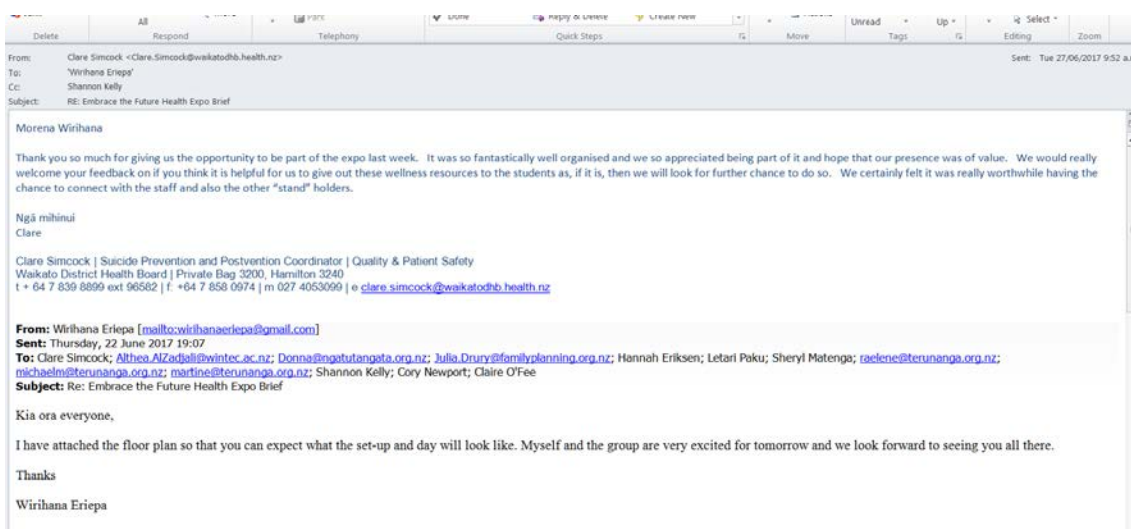
3 details of success:

- The Onewhero Youth Action group planned and coordinated every part of the project including the marketing, advertising and distribution of 50 trees;
- The reasoning for gifting trees was empowering; the Onewhero Youth Action group wanted young people in Onewhero to have access to fresh fruit in their community.

- The planning and promotion of the event was well received and the media picked up on their work (as advertised in online at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1705/S00662/waikato-district-youth-group-projects-celebrated.htm>)
- The team had a fantastic day and the event was a huge success with all 50 trees going to families in the Onewhero, Port Waikato, Tuakau areas. When the group started there was a line of people waiting to sign up and most of the trees were gifted before 9am in the morning.
- By gifting these trees, young people were able to contribute to food security and healthy eating options in the community.
- All of the youth action group were introduced to the workings of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board and now have a formal place as youth rep on the community board. They are invited on a monthly basis and receive a rewards voucher to attend the community board as the youth rep for their community.
- From this event, the youth group has identified another community need (the defunct BMX track) they would like to get involved in. The youth group is in talks with local organisers to determine what they would like to see at the BMX track and how to get involved.

Project Two: Ngaruawahia Embrace the Future Youth Health Expo

- The group planned every item and worked in collaboration with youth health providers from in and around Ngaruawahia to support local youth in the town
- More than 280 young people from Ngaruawahia High School participated in the Youth Health Expo (80 x senior students, 120 x year 10's and 120 x year 9 students per period)
- Each student had a list of things they needed to find out from the stalls and would go in the draw to win a bunch of prizes – as a result of them filling out the each of the students learnt about the various services available to them in their community and got to engage with a range of people who could support them in their health and wellbeing. The group also got to give away over \$500 in prizes.
- More than 15 stall holders attended the Youth Health Expo. Community groups came together to support the youth group and feedback was positive. We received many emails about the event, and have attached one below.



- One of the leaders of the Ngaruawahia Youth Action Group has been participating as the Youth rep on the Ngaruawahia Community Board for the year. He has been a valuable contribution to the community board and is mentored by the local ward Councillor and the Chairman of the Community Board.

Programme 3: Te Kauwhata Wacky Hair Disco

- Over 110 young people attended the TK Wacky Hair disco; of which more than 25 were youth volunteers. The event was designed for young people between 5-13 years of age.
- The event was planned and coordinated solely by the Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group, led by Te Kauwhata youth leader who is aged 16.
- The youth leader was on the radio to promote her event (Free FM) which led to her developing her confidence and public speaking skills
- The youth leader was then nominated as the youth rep for the Te Kauwhata community committee and regularly updates the community committee about the needs of the young people in the Te Kauwhata Community. She is strongly supported by the Chair and the Youth Mentor of the Community Committee.
- From her involvement in the Govern Up programme, the leader has put herself and the youth group forward to organise the local skate park opening which is coming up shortly, and has decided to go to tertiary education a year early to kick start her career and make a difference in her community.

Programme 4: CreativeCon event

- The CreativeCon event was the first event that most of the Huntly youth action group had ever run before. The event was designed to have a dance battle, poetry slam, creative workshops, battle of the bands and a graffiti competition.
- It was the first time that young people had an opportunity to MC an event, and they did a wonderful job
- The promotion was well received on Facebook and Event Finder – members of the public attended and were supportive of the groups accomplishments.
- Young people came out of their communities and participated - one young person overcame her shyness to create a spoken word and speak it on the day.
- Most of the young people involved in this project came from a disadvantaged background with low socio-economic status. Of the 25 young people who organised the event, approximately 20 of them were from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Programme 5: Raglan basketball and BBQ Youth Comp

- The Raglan youth group wanted to have resources that were accessible to the youth in Raglan. They highlighted that for many young people they were transient (i.e, they were always outdoors, at the beaches etc). They wanted to have a travelling BBQ that would allow them to set up and run activities anywhere in the Raglan area, and so purchased a movable Basketball hoop, balls, and a transportable BBQ.
- More than 40 young people were involved in the decision making process to purchase a BBQ and basketball gear for the community. We will send the video link to the MYD email address to accompany this.

Programme 6: The Tuakau Youth Action Group Great Tree Run

- The Tree Run had involved a huge number of volunteers who have registered with the school.
- Free fruit trees were advertised by the youth action group and interested parties were invited to ring the school and leave their names and details. The youth group coordinated the addresses and the volunteers and arranged for the volunteers to pick up trees from the school and take them out and plant at the homes of the interested parties.
- The youth mentor and local ward councillor have been involved in mentoring and guiding the group in many aspects of project management and event management.
- The event was organised solely by the Youth Action Group, with support of adults and community groups.

- Teams such as the Tuakau Rugby 1st 15 were involved in the tree planting and distribution, as well as students from Tuakau College.
- Tree planting took place in both Tuakau and Pokeno.
- All of the young people involved in this project whakapapa back to Tuakau/ Pokeno area.

Programme 7: Taupiri Youth Group Community Planting Day

- The Taupiri Youth Group decided to hold a community planting day to improve the tracks that had fallen into disrepair on Taupiri Mountain
- Over 40 young people from low socio-economic backgrounds came together to plan and organise a huge community planting day on the mountain for their community. All of the young people come from the area and are passionate about the wellbeing of the mountain.
- More than 150 member's people from the community signed up to attend.
- The Taupiri Youth Group sought support from a range of people including private land owners, Waikato District Council, Waikato Tainui, community groups, Taupiri Community Board and local businesses
- The leader of the group, Sharnay Cocup, is the Waikato District Councils youngest elected community board member, and a national youth award winner.

Programme 8: Tamahere Youth Council tree planting with Tamahere School

- One insightful young person had collaborated with ex school friends from Tamahere to deliver a tree planting programme at their old school, Tamahere Primary School, and plant a whole lot of fruit trees along the border of the school.
- The intention behind the tree planting was to allow young people who had been members of the school to give back to the community that had looked after them as young people.
- The youth council works with the local ward councillor, ex councillors and other community leaders to make the right connections, select and purchase trees and plan, discuss and decide on appropriate planting areas in the community.

Programme 9: Govern Up mentoring:

- This programme allowed me to meet with young people across the district and empower them to create wonderful projects for the community.
- I was able to collaborate and become a co-operative component for young people to become leaders.
- Young people and local councillors and community board members across the district proactively developed meaningful safe relationships with young people in their towns and young people have developed positively from these interactions and support.
- As a result of these young people stepping up into leadership and mentoring roles, other adults in the community have seen the great work youth are doing and have stepped up to support the work they are trying to achieve.
- Leaders in Meremere and Tamahere now want to participate as a youth rep on the community board or committee for their town as well.
- These activities have helped enhance the logistical and organisational capabilities of young people involved in Govern Up.
- The project allowed local governing bodies (i.e. community boards and community committees) to develop more engaging and meaningful relationships with local youth action groups.

10. Please provide details of 2 things that you would like to improve on:

- Increasing the length of the programme from 6 months to a year.

- Having more time to increase further collaboration between the local groups and other youth groups for extra support, networking and growth.
11. Please describe how the young people (or agencies) benefited from the services you were contracted to deliver and provide two examples of success stories (see guidance notes below):
- 50 families in the Onewhero community have fruit trees, and eventually free fruit for young people and families to eat.
 - 300 students in Ngaruawahia had a unique opportunity to develop networks and relationships with key youth health providers in their community.
 - 25 young people in Huntly had the opportunity to develop the first CreativeCon event, an event that will continue to be held with community support
 - Young people in Raglan now have the opportunity to use basketball and BBQ resources that are readily accessible for their active youth community
 - Three young people involved in Govern Up were selected for the Rewi Alley Scholarship and are travelling to China in July.
 - As a result of participating in the project one young person has decided to start tertiary education a year early and strive for her dreams to help her community.
 - Four of the youth leaders in separate Govern Up projects have been invited to sit on a range of governance committees, including a forum for the Waikato District Health Board, a local youth advisory panel, a community facilities advisory panel and a youth suicide advisory group.
 - Young people in the Govern Up project have now gone on to other leadership roles in other areas. Ngaruawahia, Huntly, Te Kauwhata, Tuakau and Onewhero all have a youth leader from Govern Up who is now on the Community Board or community Committee in their towns.
12. Please describe what trends, issues and/or impacts have been identified for the young people (or agencies) that influence the outcomes:
- Trends:**
- Project development, leadership development and mentoring opportunities were taken up by young people who were interested in developing themselves as leaders, but many were unable to participate from the beginning to the end of the project. For many students they started on the initial concepts and then were unable to come to other planning sessions. For many students, once the initial planning was done, other young people jumped on and participated where they could. We found it extremely important to allow young people to participate as they were able, rather than in a prescribed set format, which didn't work.
 - Many of our young people were impacted by many things, including time constraints due to school, work, family, or extra-curricular studies. Some of our students left school or the town, were expelled or had serious family issues that took precedence.
 - We found that young people worked better when highlighting the positive aspects of the work they had created rather than coming from a need to fix.
 - We found that making sure young people had food at the planning meetings allowed them to connect through food and networking, and was a regular incentive for young people to participate. This was highlighted as a benefit of coming to the planning sessions.
 - Things that impacted projects were: school holidays, exams, school assignments, other leadership opportunities.
 - Projects were influenced by the strength of the relationship that youth mentors and community board/ committee members were able to develop with the youth group and the young people. If a youth group had an unfamiliar relationship with a mentor or ward councillor, the project was powerfully influenced by this.

- From this project we could see that the stronger a relationship the young people had with their adult support structures, the better the project turned out. I.e in Te Kauwhata the Disco had over 100 young people attend, and the Chairperson and youth mentor were both heavily involved in supporting the youth leader in this project. We can directly correlate the amount of support given to each group with the number and level of attendance in youth.
- In most instances, concerns or problems were resolved by positive emphasis and encouragement. For example, at one stage, the Ngaruawahia Group wanted to pull out. By strongly encouraging them and telling them that they were doing a wonderful job and giving them a reality check of positive things that they had accomplished allowed them to get back on track and keep going. As a result over 300 young people attended and the event left a lasting impression on services and young people across the town.
- Adults changed their perceptions positively about young people in their towns, and young people became empowered as a result of running fantastic programmes.

Selection of photos and videos of projects in Te Kauwhata between January – June 2017



Te Kauwhata Community Committee members and Council staff at the pre-opening of the Te Kauwhata Skatepark Sunday, 04 June 2017. From left to right, Toni Grace, Tim Hinton, Councillor Jan Sedgewick, John Cunningham and Youth Engagement Advisor Shannon Kelly.



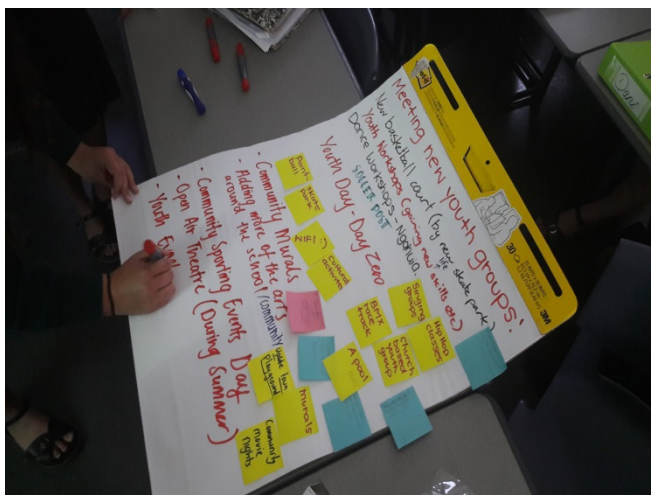
Tim and Toni go back to High School: Introduction of the Govern Up project at Te Kauwhata College 17 March 2017



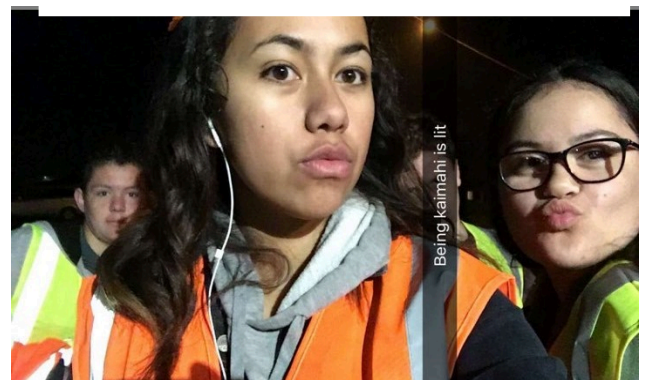
Shannon Kelly and the Te Kauwhata Youth Action Group after planning session on 6 June 2017



Sara Hall, leader of TK Youth Action Group with resources, prizes and food for TK Extravaganza in June 2017



Above: TK Youth Action Group brainstorming their ideas for their community in the first youth action group meeting in March 2017



Right: youth volunteers posing for photos as they guard the gates of entry to the TK Extravaganza