

Agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council to be held via Audio Visual Conference on **TUESDAY**, **19 MAY 2020** commencing at **9.30am**.

The open meeting will be livestreamed on the <u>Council's YouTube webpage</u>.

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Waikato District Council I Agenda: 19 May 2020

Chairperson: His Worship the Mayor

Deputy Chairperson: Deputy Mayor

Membership: The Mayor and all Councillors

Meeting frequency: Six weekly – or as required

Quorum: Half of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

1. To provide leadership to, and advocacy on behalf of, the people of the Waikato District.

2. To define and represent the total communities' interests, ensuring ongoing community and economic development, the effective stewardship of existing assets, sustainable management of the environment, and the prudent management of the communities' financial resources.

Terms of Reference

The Council's terms of reference include the following powers which cannot be delegated to committees, subcommittees, officers or any other subordinate decision-making body:

- 1. The power to make a rate.
- 2. The power to make a bylaw.
- 3. The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long-Term Plan.
- 4. The power to adopt a Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
- 5. The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
- 6. The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long-term Plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement, including the Council's Infrastructure Strategy.
- 7. The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
- 8. The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
- 9. The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members, and consider any recommendations made in relation to a complaint lodged under the Code.
- 10. The power to appoint and discharge:
 - a. members (including chairpersons) of Council committees and subordinate decision-making bodies, subject to the Mayor's powers under section 41A Local Government Act 2002; and
 - b. elected member representatives on external organisations.
- 11. The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body, and appoint elected members as representatives on such committees or bodies.
- 12. The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council not accept the Ombudsman's recommendation.
- 13. The power to approve or change the District Plan, or any part of that Plan, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.

14. The power to amend or replace the delegations in Council's Delegations Register (except where expressly permitted in the Delegations Register).

To exercise the following powers and responsibilities of Council, which the Council chooses to retain:

- 1. To approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2. To approve changes to boundaries of the District under the Resource Management Act 1991 or any other legislation.
- 3. In respect of District Plan decisions:
 - a. To appoint independent commissioners to a panel for hearings of a Proposed District Plan;
 - b. To approve the recommendation of hearings commissioners on a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change); and
 - c. To approve a proposed plan or a change to a district plan under Clause 17, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4. To adopt governance level strategies, plans and policies which advance Council's vision and strategic goals (e.g. Hamilton to Auckland rail), other than where expressly delegated to a committee.
- 5. To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members.
- 6. To approve the Triennial Agreement.
- 7. To approve resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of an electoral officer and reviewing representation arrangements.
- 8. To approve any changes to the nature and delegations of any Council committees or subordinatedecision making bodies.
- 9. To approve the Local Governance Statement.
- 10. To approve any funding decisions required for the Watercare Services contract.

To receive six-monthly reports from each Community Board on its activities and projects.



Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date 19 May 2020

Prepared by Lynette Wainwright

Committee Secretary

Chief Executive Approved Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Confirmation of Minutes

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the minutes of meetings held on Wednesday, 6 May 2020.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday, 6 May 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Council Open Minutes – 6 May 2020



Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held via an Audio-Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY**, 6 MAY 2020 commencing at 9.03 am.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)

Cr AD Bech

Cr JA Church

Cr CA Eyre

Cr JM Gibb

Cr SL Henderson

Cr SD Lynch

Cr RC McGuire

Cr EM Patterson

Cr NMD Smith

Cr LR Thomson

Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)

Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)

Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)

Mrs S O'Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)

Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)

Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)

Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)

Mr G King (Chief Information Officer)

Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)

Ms D Dalbeth (Business Improvement Analyst)

Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)

Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mayor Sanson/Cr Smith)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Sedgwick.

CARRIED WDC2005/01

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CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mayor Sanson/Cr Patterson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday, 6 May 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 8 which shall be considered with the public excluded.

CARRIED WDC2005/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

His Worship the Mayor Sanson and Cr Bech advised members that they respectively would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in Public Excluded Agenda item 4.1 [Appointment of Maangai Maaori to Council Committees].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mayor Sanson/Cr Smith)

THAT the minutes of:

- a. a meeting of Waikato District Council held on Monday, 24 February 2020; and
- b. an emergency meeting of Waikato District Council held on Monday, 24 March 2020,

be confirmed as a true and correct record of each respective meeting.

CARRIED WDC2005/03

RECEIPT OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agenda Item 5

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Bech)

THAT the minutes of the extraordinary Emergency Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 8 April 2020 be received.

CARRIED WDC2005/04

ACTION REGISTER

Agenda Item 6

The General Manager Community Growth would circulate an update to elected members to explain why the plan change could not be notified until Alert Level 2 (Covid-19).

ACTION: Staff to advise whether an interim letter can be circulated to affected

stakeholders as to the proposed course of action.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Lynch)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

CARRIED WDC2005/05

COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS

Policy and Regulatory Committee

Agenda Item 7

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Thomson)

2018/19 Annual Dog Control Report (P&R2003/06)

THAT Council approves that the 2018/19 Animal Control Report (as detailed in the attachment to Item 5.4 in the Policy & Regulatory Agenda) be released to Local Government NZ and the community.

Recommended 2019 Amendments to schedules attached to the Waikato District Council Speed Limit Bylaw 2011 (P&R2003/07)

THAT subject to any amendments from the Policy & Regulatory Committee, the Council adopt the 2019 proposed amendments to the schedules attached to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2011 (as detailed in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 to Item 5.5 in the Policy & Regulatory Agenda, and as tabled at the Committee meeting).

CARRIED WDC2005/06

REPORTS

<u>Updated Emergency Delegations for COVID-19</u> Agenda Item 8.1

The Chief Executive and Democracy Manager spoke to the report. The following matters were discussed:

- The purpose of the amended delegations was to enable a 'back up' option should a Council meeting not be able to be convened. The intention was to have a future-proofed solution should another extraordinary event occur beyond Covid-19 so any urgent decisions could still be made.
- The delegations to the Emergency Committee were permitted under the Local Government Act 2002; those matters which legislation stipulates only Council can decide were expressly excluded from the Committee's terms of reference.
- An alternative option would be to increase delegations to staff in place of the Emergency Committee should a Council meeting not be able to be convened.

It was suggested that Council advocate to central government for local authorities to be able to hold virtual public meetings, without the requirement for physical attendance to meet quorum requirements, beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Church)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the delegations granted at the emergency Council meeting on 24 March 2020 (ref WDC 2003/03) are altered as follows:

I. Delegation to the Emergency Committee

THAT the Council approves that, if upon at least 24 hours' notice, a Council meeting cannot be convened due to a lack of quorum, the Chief Executive (or their delegate), in consultation with the Mayor (or, in the absence or unavailability of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor), may call a meeting of the Emergency Committee to consider and decide on any of the matters that were to be presented to the Council (provided such matters fall within the Emergency Committee's Terms of Reference);

AND THAT the Council approves the amended Terms of Reference for the Emergency Committee, as attached to the staff report (Attachment I), subject to removing the following words in the first sentence:

as a result of any pandemic or state of emergency.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council notes that an Emergency Committee meeting called in accordance with this resolution is held in place of a Council meeting.

2. Contingency Delegation and Chief Executive Delegation

AND FURTHER THAT, for clarity, the Council confirms the Contingency Delegations and Chief Executive Delegations, as detailed in the Council resolution of 24 March 2020 (WDC 2003/03) continue, subject to the terms of the respective delegations, until they are revoked by the Council.

AND FURTHER THAT Council also notes that other than as set out in this report, the Chief Executive and officer delegations that are currently in place, and delegations that cannot be delegated by law, are unaffected by this resolution and will remain with the Chief Executive, officers or Council as applicable.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council approves that this resolution is to take immediate effect.

CARRIED WDC2005/07

2019-2020 Third Quarter Non-Financial Performance Report Agenda Item 8.2

The Business Improvement Analyst spoke to the report and, supported by the Chief Operating Officer, highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following matters:

- Breakdown of demographics was obtained on an annual basis; not for each quarter.
- Level of service for roading and an economic development survey were two issues not measured last year that would be included in the annual results.
- An LTP workshop would be held with elected members to explore the Council's communication and engagement strategy and reconfigure the Significance and Engagement Policy prior to the Long Term Plan. Consideration to be given on how the organisation engages with the District's communities going forward.
- Staff were looking at how to address dissatisfaction with requested work not being completed or the public not being advised work had been completed.
- Analysis to be done on serious dog attacks, including the cause and benchmarking against number of dogs in the District.

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Lynch)

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received.

CARRIED WDC2005/08

Financial performance summary for the period ending 31 March 2020 Agenda Item 8.3

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report and highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following matters:

- Purpose of report was to present a base case of the Council's financial position rather than provide detailed analysis due to the Covid-19 situation.
- Typographical correction in report (p81 Agenda Treasury compliance) debt levels forecast to increase by \$20 million, not \$30 million.
- Audit fees for current financial year had been receipted in Council's system and will be corrected in the statements.
- Increase in level of debtors compared to last year.
- Staff were exploring at ways to address carry-forwards from one financial year to the next, and how this would be reflected in the statements.
- Significant drop in capital expenditure connected to on-boarding Watercare. The Chief Executive provided an update on Watercare work on capex contracts, which was to be presented to the Waters Governance Board.
- Reduced income received in first two weeks of April; more financial reporting for April would be provided to elected members.
- Robust process was in place to track costs arising from the Covid-19 crisis, and the amount recoverable from third parties.
- Port Waikato Surf Club loan was to the ratepayers which affected the targeted rate.

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Church)

THAT the report from the Chief Financial Officer be received.

CARRIED WDC2005/09

Local Government Funding Agency Standby Facility Agenda Item 8.4

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report. The purpose was to enable the Council to take up the offer by 30 June 2020, should the facility be required to address a significant fall in cashflow.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Bech)

THAT the report from the Chief Financial Officer be received;

AND THAT the Council enter into the LGFA Standby Facility Agreement (the key terms of which are set out in the attachment to the staff report);

AND FURTHER THAT the Council delegates the Chief Operating Officer authority to enter into all documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED WDC2005/10

Funding Source for Council's Contribution for the Sub-Regional Three Waters Study Agenda Item 8.5

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Smith)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT Council approves that the \$75,000 cost share contribution for phase two of the sub-regional three waters study being funded from the Strategic Investment Fund (budget code 1999-8322).

CARRIED WDC2005/11

The Chief Executive provided an update on the business case on the sub-regional wastewater facilities around Hamilton, for which Council would be requested to financially contribute. Further analysis was required on the benefits to the District relative to other partners.

Extension of Dog Registration Discount Period 2020 Agenda Item 8.6

The General Manager Customer Support spoke to her report and noted a change to the recommendation so that the discount period would expire on 18 September 2020, rather than 20 September 2020.

In response to questions, the General Manager confirmed that the reported financial impact was the 'worst case scenario', though it was not expected that all dog owners would pay registration fees during the discounted period.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Bech)

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support be received;

AND THAT the Council approves that the 2018-21 Fees and Charges Schedule be amended to extend the date that dog registration fee payments will be discounted for 2020, from 20 July 2020 to 18 September 2020.

CARRIED WDC2005/12

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 9

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Gibb)

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item I.I – Confirmation of Minutes 24 February 2020	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7 Local	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 2.1 – Receipt of Minutes (Emergency Committee) 8 April 2020	Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	
Item 3.1 – Infrastructure Committee Recommendations		
Item 4.1 - Appointment of Maangai Maaori to Council Committees		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item I.I		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason(s) in the Agenda for this meeting.
Item 2.I		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason(s) in the Agenda for this meeting.
Item 3.1	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
	7(2)(i)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
	7(2)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
Item 4.I	7(2)(a)	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
CARRIED		WDC2005/13

Resolutions WDC2005/14 — WDC2005/19 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

Having concluded the public excluded meeting the following item was released into open meeting:

REPORTS (continued)

Appointment of Maangai Maaori positions to Council Committees Agenda Item 4.1

It was resolved (WDC2005/18) during the public excluded section of the meeting that the following resolution be released into open meeting but the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public:

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Eyre)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the Council notes the appointment process undertaken by the Maangai Maaori Appointments Panel (detailed in section 3.1 of the staff report);

AND FURTHER THAT, in accordance with clause 31(3), Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2020, the Council appoints:

- a. Brendon Green as the Maangai Maaori on the Infrastructure Committee; and
- b. Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai as the Maangai Maaori on the Strategy & Finance Committee, and the Policy & Regulatory Committee,

noting that the two named appointees have the skills, attributes, and knowledge that will assist the work of the respective committees;

AND FURTHER THAT Council alters its resolution of 9 December 2019 (ref WDC1912/07) to approve a fixed annual contractual payment for each Maangai Maaori appointment as follows:

- a. Brendon Green \$15,000
- b. Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai \$22,500,

noting that the annual payment covers all services provided, including attendance at workshops, briefings or any other informal meetings and Council duties (where required), and will be paid on a quarterly basis;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chief Executive be delegated authority to enter into contractual arrangements with the appointed Maangai Maaori to give effect to this and previous resolutions, relating to the establishment of Maangai Maaori roles at Waikato District Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Maangai Maaori Appointments Panel be thanked for the time and the individual voluntary contributions to the appointment process;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be released into the open meeting but the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public.

A division was called:

For the Motion: Councillors Lynch, Eyre, Smith, Henderson, Thomson, McInally, Patterson,

Church, Woolerton and Gibb

Against the Motion: Councillor McGuire

CARRIED

Mr Geoff King, the recently-appointed Chief Information Officer, was introduced to the elected members.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.59 am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

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AM Sanson CHAIRPERSON



Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date II May 2020

Prepared by Lynette Wainwright

Committee Secretary

Chief Executive Approved Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Actions Register - Open

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update the Waikato District Council on actions arising from previous meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Actions Register - Open

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| 7 | Waikato District Council - Actions Register

Date	Action	Team Responsible	Status	
24 Feb 2020	Minor Variation to Proposed District Plan – Te Kowhai Airport Obstacle Limitation Surface	Community Growth	We can't notify this plan change until we get back to Alert Level 2.	
	Staff to circulate, to elected members, a copy of the notified letter sent to land owners.		So, while we can get the letter, public notice etc ready to go, we will not be able to notify it (or undertake the	
6 May 2020	Minor Variation to Proposed District Plan – Te Kowhai Airport Obstacle Limitation Surface	Community Growth	action arising from the CCL meeting) until at least 11 May.	
	Staff to advise whether an interim letter can be circulated to affected stakeholders as to the proposed course of action.		UPDATE: Email circulated by GM Community Growth to elected members on 6 May 2020. We are unable to notify a variation to the Proposed District Plan at the moment because we are unable to comply with Clause 5(5) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act which requires Council to make any proposed plan available in every public library in the district and any other place in the District Council considers appropriate. Public libraries are not to be open while we are at Alert Level 3. There is a Bill being considered presently which would change this RMA requirement, but this has no legal weight until it is passed into legislation. Council staff have prepared a notification letter for Variation 1 to the Proposed District Plan, and this will be circulated to affected residents as soon as the Alert Level is dropped to Level 2 or the Bill referred to above is enacted. Given the likelihood of either of these two events happening shortly, staff consider an interim letter may confuse landowners.	



Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From | Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date 8 May 2020

Prepared by Lynn Shirley

Zero Harm Manager

Chief Executive Approved | Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Zero Harm Update

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report and its attachment is to provide an update on current health and safety performance. Council recognises that compliance is essential but it aspires to achieve a sustainable zero harm culture, where everyone works safely and goes home safe every day.

Councils' zero harm culture shall be supported by a health and safety management system of policies, standards and procedures that eliminate or effectively manage risk and enable best practice.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

3. BACKGROUND

Safety Leadership in a Covid-19 Environment

The attached dashboard for March-April reflects the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on the results. Most of the metrics are showing lower results with less staff active in the last seven weeks.

Overspeeds in April were higher than expected and reflected staff returning to the field under Alert Level 3, Most of the reported events relate to one driver on one day. The driver will have the necessary safety conversation with their manager.

Specific Covid-19 activities included:

- Continuing to document our COVID-19 safe working plan.
- Continuing auditing contractor COVID-19 plans for Contractor work activities.
- Followed up with all equipment requests, for supporting at-home working.

- Completed toolbox talks with all workers who have been approved to undertake field work or return to sites at Level 3.
- Safety packs put together for staff going out into the field.
- Analysis of people leader feedback form to understand individuals needs to create a safe working environment completed.

A more detailed verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

The following is a quick snapshot of events:

- Only 2 first aid events were reported in March
- 12 near miss events were reported in March. Two of March's events were Serious Near Misses one involved a Smart Environmental Contactor being forced off the road by a logging truck and the other was a light pole falling on to the road in front of one of our vehicles after it was hit by another vehicle that lost control and ran off the road
- Only I property damage incident was reported in April
- There has been an increase in overspeed events 27 for March and 25 for April. 14 people recorded overspeed events in March compared to 4 people in April. One person in April had 10 events in one day.
- Customer delivery recorded 81 safety conversations in April. This is a record for them.

3.1 DISCUSSION

This report is to assist Councillors with their due diligence requirements as Officers. The report should start the conversation and provide opportunities for Councillors to raise questions and discuss progress.

3.2 OPTIONS

Council could choose to accept the report or not. Council could ask for additional information if needed.

4. Consideration

4.1 FINANCIAL

There are no direct financial requirements identified in this report.

4.2 LEGAL

This report is prepared as part of assisting Council to meet its duties in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and associated regulations.

4.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

Council has a Zero Harm Commitment (Policy) and Zero Harm Strategy which forms the basis of our health and safety philosophy and management system.

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4.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

Highest	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
levels of engagement	✓		✓		

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
			Internal
			Community Boards/Community Committees
			Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
			Households
			Business
			Other Please Specify

Council engages with our Community Boards and Community Committees to ensure they are clear on their obligations. Council also undertakes audits and safety engagement conversations in relation to our contractors.

5. CONCLUSION

This report provides an update on our Zero Harm Safety Management System and monthly health and safety performance.

6. ATTACHMENTS

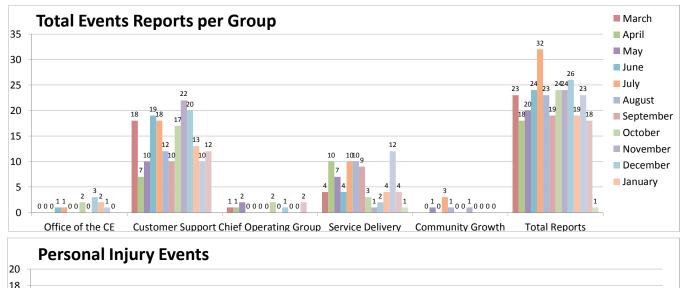
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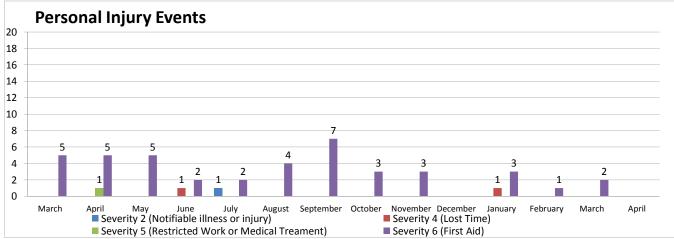
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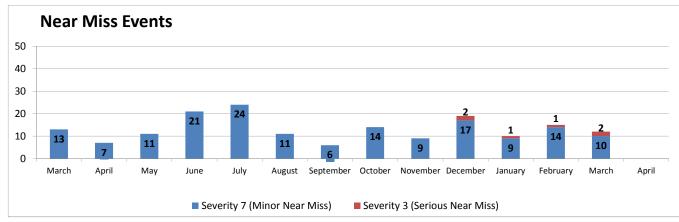
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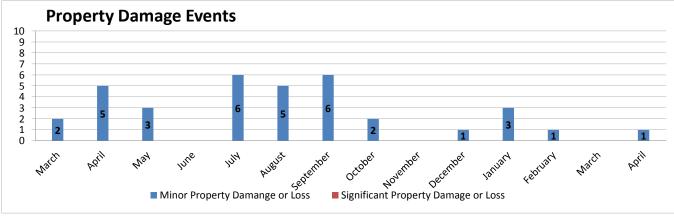
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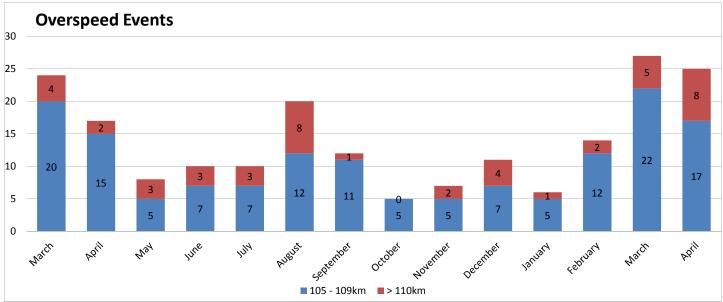


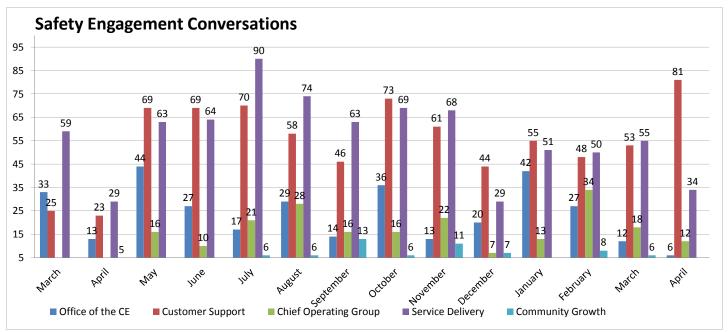


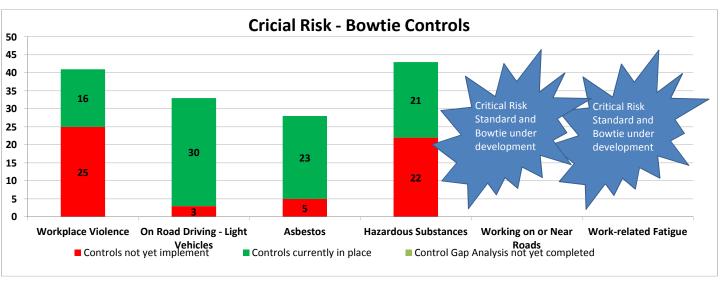














Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From | Clive Morgan

General Manager Community Growth

Date 4 May 2020

Prepared by | James Fuller

Senior Environmental Planner

Chief Executive Approved | Y

Reference # | GOV1301 / 259656

Report Title | Waikato 2070 - Waikato District Council Growth

and Economic Development Strategy

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to adopt the Waikato District Council Growth and Economic Development Strategy (Waikato 2070).

The purpose of Waikato 2070 (Attachment) is to guide the growth and economic development in the district over the next 50 years. It is a high-level document that will help integrate land-use development with infrastructure provision to achieve more cost-effective development.

In November 2019, Waikato 2070 was notified for public submissions under the Special Consultative Procedure of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and hearings were held in February 2020. If adopted, Waikato 2070 combines and replaces the existing District Development Strategy and the existing Economic Development Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Council adopts the Waikato District Council Growth and Economic Development Strategy (Waikato 2070), attached to the report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council notes Waikato 2070 replaces the existing District Development Strategy and Economic Development Strategy.

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3. BACKGROUND

Council currently has a District Development Strategy (2015) and a District Economic Development Strategy (2015). In commencing a review of both documents, Council decided to combine the two strategies into a new Growth and Economic Development Strategy, called Waikato 2070. The purpose of combining the two strategies was to align land-use, employment and infrastructure investment decisions across our organisation, including key stakeholders, to deliver an improved response to growth-related pressures and enhanced community outcomes.

Consultation on the draft Waikato 2070 strategy was undertaken following the principles in Section 82 and the Special Consultative Procedure in Section 83 of the LGA 2002. A Statement of Proposal was adopted and the consultation period was initially set as between 13 November 2019 and 10 January 2020, with a subsequent extension to 24 January 2020. The Council received 92 submissions on the draft Waikato 2070 strategy and offered an opportunity for all submitters to present their submissions during hearings on 11 and 12 February 2020².

All submissions were considered and supporting documentation reviewed by the Strategy and Finance Committee. The Committee completed its deliberations and then made its decisions at the 10 March 2020 meeting³. The Committee's Minutes, including the following resolutions, were confirmed at the Committee's 18 March 2020 meeting:

Resolved: (Cr Thomson /His Worship the Mayor) [refer S&F2002/80]

- THAT the Committee approves the Waikato 2070 Summary of Submissions & Deliberation Notes (Draft), to include the decisions recorded and decided by the Committee at this meeting (as attached in Appendix 2 to these Minutes);
- AND THAT a subcommittee comprising Councillors Bech, Church, Lynch, and His Worship the Mayor work with staff on amended wording for the Growth Strategy to align with the decisions of this meeting, to be submitted to the council.

The Strategy document, attached to this report, has now been revised by staff to reflect the decisions by the Strategy and Finance Committee, and the revisions have been considered by the above-referenced subcommittee.

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4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

Waikato 2070 helps to inform our communities about the likely settlement pattern within our district for the next 50 years and outlines the steps Council will take to manage growth. It prioritises job creation in sectors aligned to the district's strengths and outlines a growth pattern that will help preserve the natural environment and resources while guiding agencies and infrastructure providers in their planning by identifying suitable and cost-effective landuse areas for future growth.

Waikato 2070 recognises, protects and enhances the features that make the Waikato district a special place while accommodating future residential and business growth. By promoting good economic, community and planning outcomes, it will help the Council achieve its vision of Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities.

Waikato 2070 has a key role to play for the Council by:

- Setting a clear vision for the district given the new growth environment;
- Supporting and informing the Proposed Waikato District Plan;
- Helping to inform the Long Term Plan;
- Helping to inform the 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy;
- Adopting elements of regional and sub-regional strategies and priorities into the district's strategy; and
- Assisting in linking Blueprint priorities into the Council's long-term vision.

While Waikato 2070 has a focus on growth, it also promotes economic and community development activities that have long-term impacts on quality of life, social amenity, economic prosperity and well-being. As such, it supports the building of community resilience, which is more critical than ever given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.2 OPTIONS

Alternative option

The alternative option is to leave Waikato 2070 as a draft and not approve it at this time.

Benefit: The document could be revisited at a time when future economic circumstances are better known.

Cost: If Waikato 2070 is not approved now, there will be uncertainty for the district's communities, developers and other stakeholders in terms of the future growth of the Waikato District. The strategy can be reviewed in the future, but not adopting it now would mean that Council would be guided by out-of-date strategies. Hearings for the Proposed District Plan, particularly various proposed rezoning requests, would not be able to give any regard to the new strategic direction.

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5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

The development of Waikato 2070 has been covered by existing operational budgets. Where possible, technical reporting and modelling to support the strategy has been shared across this project and the Proposed District Plan project to reduce costs.

5.2 LEGAL

Council is not required by legislation to produce a strategy to manage either growth or economic development. However, Waikato 2070 can be afforded weight under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). In terms of the Council's Proposed District Plan, it is up to the Hearing Commissioners how much weight they give to Waikato 2070 in their decision-making process.

As Waikato 2070 is not required by legislation, there were no requirements to undertake public consultation on the document; however, the Council undertook the Special Consultative Procedure under section 83 of the LGA 2002, in recognition that Waikato 2070 is likely to be given greater weight under other legislation (e.g. the RMA) if it has been through such a process.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

Waikato 2070 will replace the existing District Development Strategy and Economic Development Strategy, within the 'district guiding strategies' level of Council's Strategic Planning Framework.

Waikato 2070 will have a strong influence on planning activities by guiding land use and infrastructure-related planning within the district for the next 50 years. It will inform the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031, activity and asset management plans, the 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy, the Hamilton to Auckland spatial planning projects and the Future Proof update.

5.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

Under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (excerpt below), Waikato 2070 was assessed as having a high level of significance. Accordingly, the Special Consultative Procedure was undertaken.

- 3. The council will take into account the following matters when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions, and the appropriate level of engagement:
 - Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community
 - The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maaori culture values and their relationship to land and water

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The following external stakeholders were engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete		
		Yes	Internal	
		Yes	Community Boards / Community Committees	
		Yes	Waikato-Tainui / Local iwi	
		Yes	Households	
		Yes	Business	
		Yes	Other	
			 Future Proof Partners (Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, Taangata Whenua) Ministry of Housing and Urban Development 	

The intention is to review Waikato 2070 every three years once adopted, to inform future Long Term Plans and future District Plan changes/variations, to keep up with development. It may be necessary to review Waikato 2070 more frequently on occasion, depending on changes in the national and regional strategic planning framework.

6. CONCLUSION

Waikato 2070 has been developed to combine and replace the out-of-date District Development Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy.

Waikato 2070 will provide guidance for land use and infrastructure-related planning within the district for the next 50 years as well as inform the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031, activity and asset management plans, the 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy, the Hamilton to Auckland spatial planning projects and the Future Proof update.

Waikato 2070 has been subject to a robust process of consultation, submissions, hearings, deliberations and revisions; it is ready to be adopted by Council.

7. ATTACHMENT

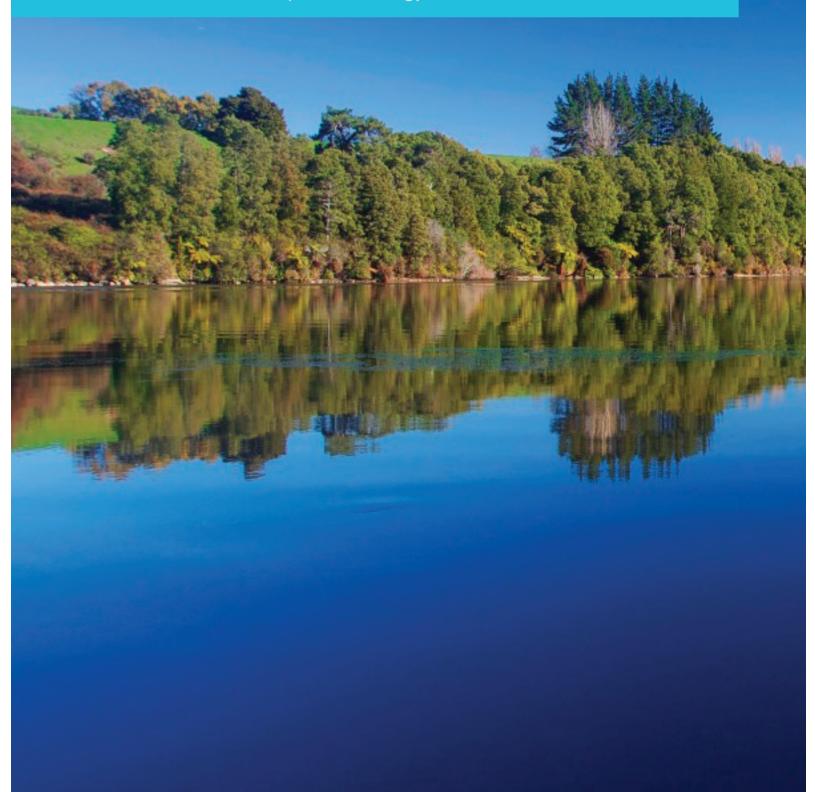
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WAIKATO 2070
WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
Growth & Economic Development Strategy



WELCOME TO THE WAIKATO DISTRICT

The Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy (Waikato 2070) has been developed to provide guidance on appropriate growth and economic development that will support the wellbeing of the district.

This document has been prepared using the Special Consultative Procedure, Section 83, of the Local Government Act (2002).

WHAT IS THE GROWTH STRATEGY?

A guiding document that the Waikato District Council uses to inform how, where and when growth occurs in the district over the next 50-years. The growth indicated in Waikato 2070 has been informed by in-depth analysis and combines economic, community and environmental objectives to create liveable, thriving and connected communities. The growth direction within Waikato 2070 will ultimately inform long-term planning and therefore affect social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

The strategy takes a broad and inclusive approach to growth over the long term, taking into account its economic, social, environmental, cultural and physical dimensions. Waikato 2070 is concerned with the growth and development of communities throughout the district, including rural and urban environments.

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INTRODUCTION.

01.1 ABOUT THIS STRATEGY

The Waikato District Council Growth and Economic Development Strategy, Waikato 2070, provides a long-term plan to achieve the Council's vision of creating liveable, thriving and connected communities. Waikato 2070 is based around four key themes which are our Focus Areas:

- Grow Our Communities
- **Build Our Businesses**
- Embrace Our Identity
- **Empower Our People**

Waikato 2070 is unique, it takes an integrated approach to future growth in the Waikato district, combining economic and community development with future land use and infrastructure planning. This document will inform rural and urban communities, businesses, investors, iwi, governments, neighbouring local authorities and the Council itself, to help deliver and achieve the communities' vision. Whilst enabling growth, Waikato 2070 aims to do this in a way that protects the environment which is essential for the health and wellbeing of the people.

The planning, design and management of our urban and rural areas, and the need to support economic and community development activities, will have long-term impacts particularly on the quality of life, social amenity, economic prosperity and wellbeing of our communities. The overall wellbeing of individuals is strongly influenced by the quality of the environments, including natural, rural and urban, where we live, work, learn and play.

o1.2 HOW IT FITS

Waikato 2070 draws on the initiatives and ambitions that are identified in the Waikato District Blueprint to inform future planning, investment and decision-making by the Council for the district. Waikato 2070 is a broader longer view of growth within the district for future planning and investment. The Blueprints have helped to inform the Waikato 2070 process by identifying what is important to you as a community and what you want to have happen.

This strategy provides the indicative extent and timing for future growth cells (subject to further investigation and feasibility) identified on each of the development plans.

At a sub-regional level, this strategy helps deliver on the Future Proof Strategy (Phase 1 Review) and some of the emerging thinking in the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative spatial plans*. The intention is to update Waikato 2070 after these spatial plans are adopted by the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative partners and a Future Development Strategy (Phase 2 Review of Future Proof) is developed.

Regionally, this strategy is informed by documents such as the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

At a national level, this strategy sits under the Local Government Act (2002) and is in accordance with the Resource Management Act (1991) and relevant national policy statements.

* River Communities Spatial Plan and the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Area Spatial Plan which (at the time of Council adopting Waikato 2070) were both under development.

WHERE THE DISTRICT IS SITUATED



o1.3 COMMUNITY WELLBEING

We recognise that the wellbeing of our people, the health of our economy and the shape and function of our communities are intrinsically linked. In order to achieve the best outcomes from growth we must nurture the four pillars of a strong and resilient society: Our Communities, Our Identity, Our People and Our Businesses (Waikato District's four Focus Areas). Through evidence-based land use and infrastructure planning, and the active support of the community and business-led initiatives, we can shape our communities of the future.

Economic development means working with others to leverage effort and ensure that the right conditions exist for all businesses to grow and benefit from the many competitive and comparative advantages offered across the district.

Community-led development is about working in partnership with our people and local, regional and national agencies, to support and develop initiatives that achieve the aspirations of our communities. The intention is that this community-led development is included in this strategy over time as the initiatives are completed.



OUR VISION

LIVEABLE, THRIVING, AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

LIVEABLE

Liveable communities are wellplanned and people-friendly, providing for a range of quality residential options, social infrastructure and amenity. They reflect what's important to people and support a shared sense of belonging both in the local community and the wider district.

THRIVING

Thriving communities participate in council decision making and community-led projects, having the capacity and capability to provide input into the management of their local assets and sustain the local business sectors providing local employment.

CONNECTED

Connected communities have fit-for-purpose physical and social infrastructure to create liveable, thriving communities. Connectivity through roads, public transport, commuter trails, walkways and cycleways, and digital capabilities enable rapid information sharing and engagement in activities together. These various connections will shape the future pattern of the district and enable communities to access services and amenities that meet their social, health, education, employment and wellbeing needs.

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OUR DISTRICT

The Waikato district covers 418,893ha, a strategically-significant land area between two of the fastest-growing metropolitan centres in New Zealand - Hamilton and Auckland. It is also located in the heart of the 'golden triangle', the economic zone encompassing Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga, which generates over 50% of New Zealand gross domestic product (GDP) and is home to over 50% of NZ's population. The Waikato River (NZ's longest river) flows through the district and is a critical water body contributing to the biodiversity of the region, provides potable water for the area and neighbouring population centres and has significant cultural value to iwi and hapuu. The Waikato district boundary extends along the western coast of New Zealand, from Aotea Harbour to Port Waikato, and touches the eastern coastline at the settlement of Miranda on the Hauraki Gulf. The district is also home to large areas of significant indigenous vegetation.

The Waikato district contains some of the country's most highly-productive soils, which are key contributors to the country's agricultural and horticultural sectors. The district, therefore, makes a vital contribution to the country's economy in terms of contribution to revenue generation and GDP. Environment is about maintaining and enhancing the natural environment while achieving the best community and economic outcomes. Emphasis should be placed on enhancing indigenous biodiversity and quality soils.

The varied nature of the district's environment supports a diverse range of communities, each with unique identities. The district has a median age of 35.3 years, with a disproportionately high number of people aged under 15 (25.5%), yet only 10% over 65 (however this is expected to change over time). The make-up of the district is 69% European, 25.9% Maaori, 2.8% Asian, and 2.4% Pasifika. The district's urban wards have much higher percentages of Maaori than its rural wards.

OUR GROWTH

The Waikato district has been experiencing 3% population growth year-on-year over the past decade. This is higher than both the Auckland and national average growth rates. This is significant in the context of the district, as historically the Waikato district has experienced static, and in some cases declining growth. To support future growth, this strategy sets a development pattern for the district, including identifying specific growth areas and timings (subject to further investigation and feasibility).

Following the restructuring of local government in Auckland, the Waikato district boundary shifted north to encompass the towns of Tuakau and Pokeno. The expansion of the jurisdictional area has presented new challenges for the district. The challenges are compounded by the rural-urban nature of the district, diverse natural and rural environments, mixed socio-economic and population demographics, geographic scale, and its proximity to Auckland and Hamilton metropolitan areas. Waikato 2070 acknowledges that protecting the environmental wellbeing of the district is critical.

OUR HISTORY

THE WAIKATO DISTRICT AND ITS COMMUNITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED A NUMBER OF DEFINING STAGES IN THEIR EVOLUTION. THESE PATTERNS OF FLOWS OF PEOPLE, GOODS AND WEALTH HAVE CONTINUED AND WILL CONTINUE TO SHAPE ITS FUTURE.



Pre - 1840 MAAORI SETTLEMENT

Waikato-Tainui has a long lineage back to the Tainui Waka and beyond. The Waikato Region was a thriving area of highly productive lands, with the Waikato River as a source of food and resources for the early Polynesian settlers and was recognised as an area of prime real estate. Maori settlements and paa sites formed along the river, as did in-land trade routes at key strategic locations (Pokeno, Tuakau, Rangiriri, Meremere, Taupiri, Ngaruawahia). Waikato-Tainui experienced a time known as the "Golden Years" prior to the 1840s.



1840 - 1900 EUROPEAN ARRIVAL

European settlement further developed key transport trade corridors established by Maori leading to the creation of many small outposts and settlements along these corridors (Great South Road, the Waikato River and the North Island Main Trunk Rail Line) some of which followed those established by Maori. This was then led by the conversion of forest, scrub and wetlands into farms.

1900 - 1930

THE RISE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE GROWTH OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

The growth of farming and agricultural industries required large supporting rural populations which led to the growth of settlements to service the rural economy and connect produce to local and international markets and trading centres, in Hamilton and Auckland, predominantly by river and rail.



1930 - 1980 MECHANISATION

AND THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY

The rise of mechanised machinery for rural and industrial purposes and the widespread use of private vehicles led to the development of a significant roading network to service the rural economy favouring road over rail; the conversion of dry-stock farms to dairying; and the establishment of large mining and power generation operations in the district. These changes prompted the start of the de-population of our rural areas and the urbanisation of the main centres.

1980 - 2000

URBANISATION

Economic reforms of the 1980s removed government subsidies from farming and changed international trade dynamics which created a more competitive environment for farming to operate in. This led to further de-population of rural towns and settlements, necessitated increased farm sizes in order to remain competitive, and saw the consolidation of populations in the main centres such as Hamilton and Auckland, where more employment opportunities existed. By the mid-1990s the motorway network began to be constructed south from Auckland, which started to by-pass many of the small service towns along the route.



2000 - 2010

RURAL REVIVAL

During the early 2000s a return to rural areas occurred in the form of peri-urban development. This began to revive some rural settlements as people chose to live in the country and to commute to the main centres for work. This led to ad-hoc growth patterns and the fragmentation of productive farms. By the late 1990s and early 2000s the farming sector had largely re-adjusted to the new economic environment, bolstered by strong demand internationally for its dairy products.

2010 - 2020

THE GROWTH OF OUR TOWNS

High immigration coupled with increased internal migration patterns and overseas investment led to significant growth in Auckland and rising property prices. Whilst initially causing a two-speed economy, Auckland and the rest of the country, an overflow effect on Hamilton and the Waikato district began to be experienced. Over a decade this eventually led to rapid growth in Pokeno and Te Kauwhata, as well as development pressures elsewhere in the district, which has rarely been seen in recent decades.



OUR **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

The district's natural features and constraints create Waikato's identity and make it a special place to live, work and play. Important features of the natural environment include the Waikato River and its tributaries; the Waipa River; numerous lakes and wetlands; coastlines; steep hill country and inland range landscapes; and distinctive gully systems. Areas of particular landscape value are identified as outstanding natural features and outstanding natural landscapes, which include significant amenity landscapes. Those with particular terrestrial ecological value are identified as significant natural areas and the district is taking measures to provide and protect these areas under the district plan review.

There is an opportunity to promote, protect and enhance these ahead of and during the course of development, through targeted restoration efforts. Ecological enhancement such as restoration planting can enhance amenity values and is supported through the districts Conservation Strategy.

OUR RICH SOILS & LANDSCAPES

The Waikato district contains large areas of highclass soils which have been the cornerstone of the rural economy. Large sites with high-class soils that have not been significantly fragmented, should be protected from further subdivision and development to ensure economic viability and productivity for the rural environments. This highlights the importance of the horticultural and agricultural sectors and their supporting industries. This is key to support the protection and sustainability of our local and national food supply.

Areas around the Waikato River and other water bodies, including coastlines, are flood-prone and subject to inundation hazards. Topographic issues also affect the district significantly with steep hill country and ranges in many parts. These constraints restrict the development of land in the district and generally confine areas for future growth in and around existing settlements and means that we need to consider a more compact growth pattern in the future.

OUR **PEOPLE**

The district has a diverse socio-economic demographic comprising some of the lowest socioeconomic communities in New Zealand contrasted with some of the most affluent. This diversity is reflected in the unique identity of our settlements.

Some parts of the district have had static population growth and historically declining economic and social indicators and high deprivation, whereas others have experienced the opposite. Future growth, development and investment choices must respond to these trends and be facilitated in a way which promotes the advancement of the more disadvantaged through housing, employment and education choices and opportunities. Land-use planning, infrastructure provision and services have a key role to play in helping to promote increased wellbeing in the

The backbone of our district are the rural hinterlands and villages, where people are engaged in New Zealand's primary industries. For the district to grow and succeed rural communities need to be supported and have certainty around future land use patterns, so they can continue sustainably.

OUR CLIMATE

Our climate is changing and we are experiencing more frequent adverse weather events which impact our landscapes. These weather events pose a hazard to communities, property and council infrastructure in the district. It is critical that we take steps to ensure that our people, property and infrastructure are more resilient to the effects of a changing climate, and that we adapt how we live to help reduce the effects of climate change. This means using our natural and physical resources more sustainably, protecting what we have and considering our impact on the environment as we grow and develop. Restricting development to appropriate areas means not having to defend against hazards such as flooding and coastal inundation. This topic will be covered as part of Council's Stage 2 District Plan Review.

OUR **RURAL ENVIRONMENT**

The rural environment, including rural villages, are and will continue to be a central focus and integral part of our district. The rural environment and rural villages make a significant contribution towards the district's economy. It is important to continue to protect the rural economy and the soils that support activities within the rural environment. Waikato 2070 supports protecting outstanding landscapes, significant natural areas and rural amenity through sustainable farming practices. Lifestyle opportunities are also provided for within the rural environment in the Waikato district. These must be managed carefully with an evidence-based approach in the future to help better maintain and sustain the rural environment.

OUR **CULTURE**

The Waikato is rich in Maori history, the home of Kiingitanga and with ties to many iwi. Tangata Whenua holds a significant physical and cultural relationship with the Waikato district. Tangata Whenua recognises the need to protect and provide for land, water, waahi tapu and other taonga. It is important to acknowledge Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki within the Waikato district, who endeavour to sustainably utilise resources and actively practice tikanga, to ensure that future generations are not deprived. Growth of the district will be strengthened by strong partnerships with iwi and hapu and reflecting the Tangata Whenua values and aspirations within this strategy.

The district is also home to other cultures which started with the migration of Pakeha leading to a bi-cultural district, and has expanded into a multicultural community over time. The influence of multiple cultures now provides a range of benefits exposing our communities to different languages, traditions, religions, arts, history, cuisine and sports. As the world becomes more of a global village, these cultures give us business opportunities and the potential for exports into new markets.

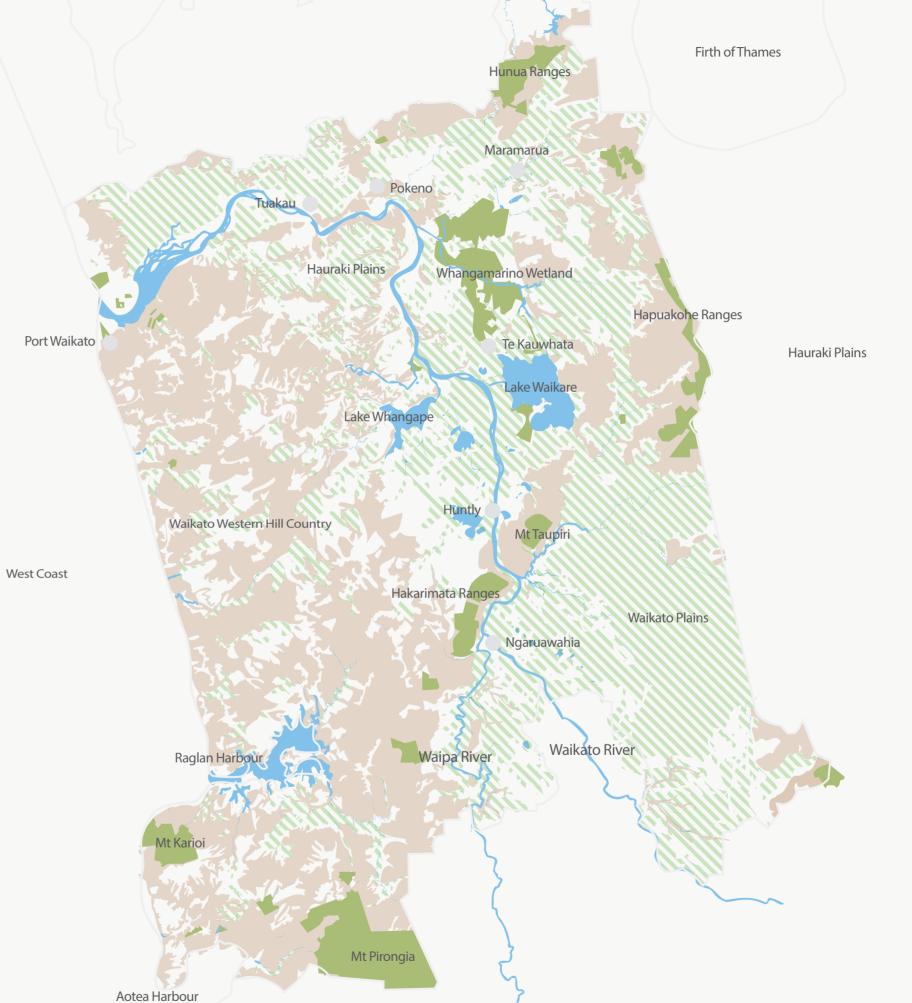
OUR **TRANSPORT**

The Waikato Expressway (SH1), State Highway 2 and the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) rail line run through the district. These critical transport corridors have shaped the district and bisect many of the district's towns and settlements along the route. Future development of these corridors and the provision of improved public transport (road, river and rail) can leverage off these assets to help connect the district regionally, nationally and internationally. Public transport and commuter trails must be utilised to open up a range of areas that connect our people to jobs and community assets throughout our district and region. Furthermore, the Walkways, Cycleways & Bridle Trails Strategy provides additional connections and access to nature and tourism opportunities through off-road linkages.

OUR ECONOMY

The district has some key industry sectors that provide ongoing employment opportunities and wealth creation. These need to be protected, built on and promoted, including the rural sector. New industrial areas and activities need to be identified and promoted in and around our towns to help diversify the district's economy and provide employment opportunities for our communities. Without new employment opportunities to match our growing population the district risks becoming a dormitory commuter district with people travelling to Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga for work and services, which will have negative long term impacts on our communities.

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GROW OUR COMMUNITIES

DIRECTION

IMPLEMENTATION

Deliver well-planned and people-friendly communities

- 1. Develop a quality urban form with high amenity villages and urban environments while being aware of historic heritage, landscapes and the natural environment.
- 2. Support regeneration of our town centres and encourage quality in-fill developments around our future mass transit stations.
- 3. Support rural communities by maintaining services and enabling innovative initiatives.
- 4. Invest in place-making activities across communities including historic heritage sites, greenways, blue/green networks, walkways, cycleways, bridle trails, and open spaces and streetscape/public space improvements that promote connectedness.
- 5. Enable that higher density development (up to four storeys) in town centres.
- 6. Ensure our towns offer employment and housing choice.
- 7. Avoid development that leads to social isolation.
- 8. Ensure that our communities have easy access to infrastructure and services.
- 9. Well-situated and appropriately designed passive and active recreation areas.
- 10. Strengthen collaboration with communities to develop areas in line with their aspirations identified in the Waikato District Council Blueprints.

cost-effective land-use patterns

- Promote sustainable and 1. Take leadership and build our district to respond to climate change and help mitigate its
 - 2. Stage development and be adaptable to future growth scenarios.
 - 3. Integrate land-use and transport to make better use of infrastructure and our transport connections, while interacting and protecting the environment.
 - 4. Leverage existing transport networks, including walking and cycling infrastructure, and identify and protect sites and areas from future development.
 - 5. Protect strategic sites, corridors and areas for future development.
 - 6. Locate future development to capitalise on existing serviced network infrastructure and
 - 7. Ensure connectivity and integration of greenfield development to existing built-form (street-block design).
 - 8. Encourage rural areas and villages to explore ways to remain sustainable.

DIRECTION

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BUILD OUR BUSINESSES

Support existing businesses to grow and businesses. the district

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Build on existing industrial clusters and promote the clustering of complementary
- attract new businesses to 2. Identify and develop new strategically-located industrial clusters for secondary industries.
 - 3. Create ease of access pathways and incentives for investors to locate in the district.
 - 4. Strengthen collaboration and engagement with businesses.
 - 5. Identify new areas for service industries to locate and expand while taking into account the local environment.
 - 6. Support primary industries which underpin the Waikato economy.
 - 7. Recognise and promote the role that agriculture, horticulture and primary industries have within the district.
 - 8. Encourage rural industrials to support sustainable rural communities and areas.
 - 9. Ensure that businesses have access to social and physical infrastructure and services.
 - 10. Create regional and local skills development training for our people (build people
 - 11. Develop business and economic relationships to support the community aspirations as identified in the Waikato District Council Blueprints.

Help deliver inclusive growth

- 1. Lead, support and coordinate initiatives focused on growing economic development activities for businesses within the district.
- 2. Adapt and respond promptly to changing business needs.
- 3. Link central and regional government initiatives to businesses.
- 4. Create economic and social opportunities that ensure our young people have access to employment and social activities that build a future in the district.
- 5. Grow and develop the social and economic potential of social enterprise.
- 6. Facilitate stronger communities and business partnerships using Open Waikato.
- 7. Promote the development of a diversified economy and increase employment opportunities in knowledge-based sectors.

EMBRACE OUR IDENTITY

DIRECTION	IMPLEMENTATION			
Promote our culture	Continue to partner with local iwi to help realise their social, cultural, economic and environmental aspirations.			
	2. Build on the Open Waikato initiative to promote the district, especially the rural productive resources.			
	3. Support tourism development and work with tourism agencies and the community to promote the district's diverse culture.			
	4. Embrace the diversity of the cultures and history within the district through tourism opportunities.			
Celebrate	1. Protect our natural, cultural and built historic heritage.			
our history	Ensure that new developments and re-development retain and reflect the history of the area and sites.			
	3. Support tourism development and work with tourism agencies and the community to promote the district's history.			
Protect our environment	1. Encourage iwi and hapuu to identify with their culture and the environment.			
	2. Encourage communities to be stewards of their environment.			
	3. Encourage sustainable and resilient land use patterns that focus development in our key towns which are well connected and serviced by amenities.			
	4. Promote ecological and environmental protection and restoration.			
	5. Restrict residential development in areas at risk from natural hazards.			
	6. Encourage and assist communities to adapt to climate change and to manage and adapt to its effects on the environment.			
	7. Encourage land uses that utilise our highly productive land by promoting agriculture production and restrict those uses that reduce them and diminish their quality or the landscape.			
	8. Restrict multi-lot residential subdivision in rural areas outside of identified growth areas.			
	9. Cluster industrial activities in industrial zones and restrict them in rural areas.			
	10. Encourage all industries to utilise environmental best practices.			

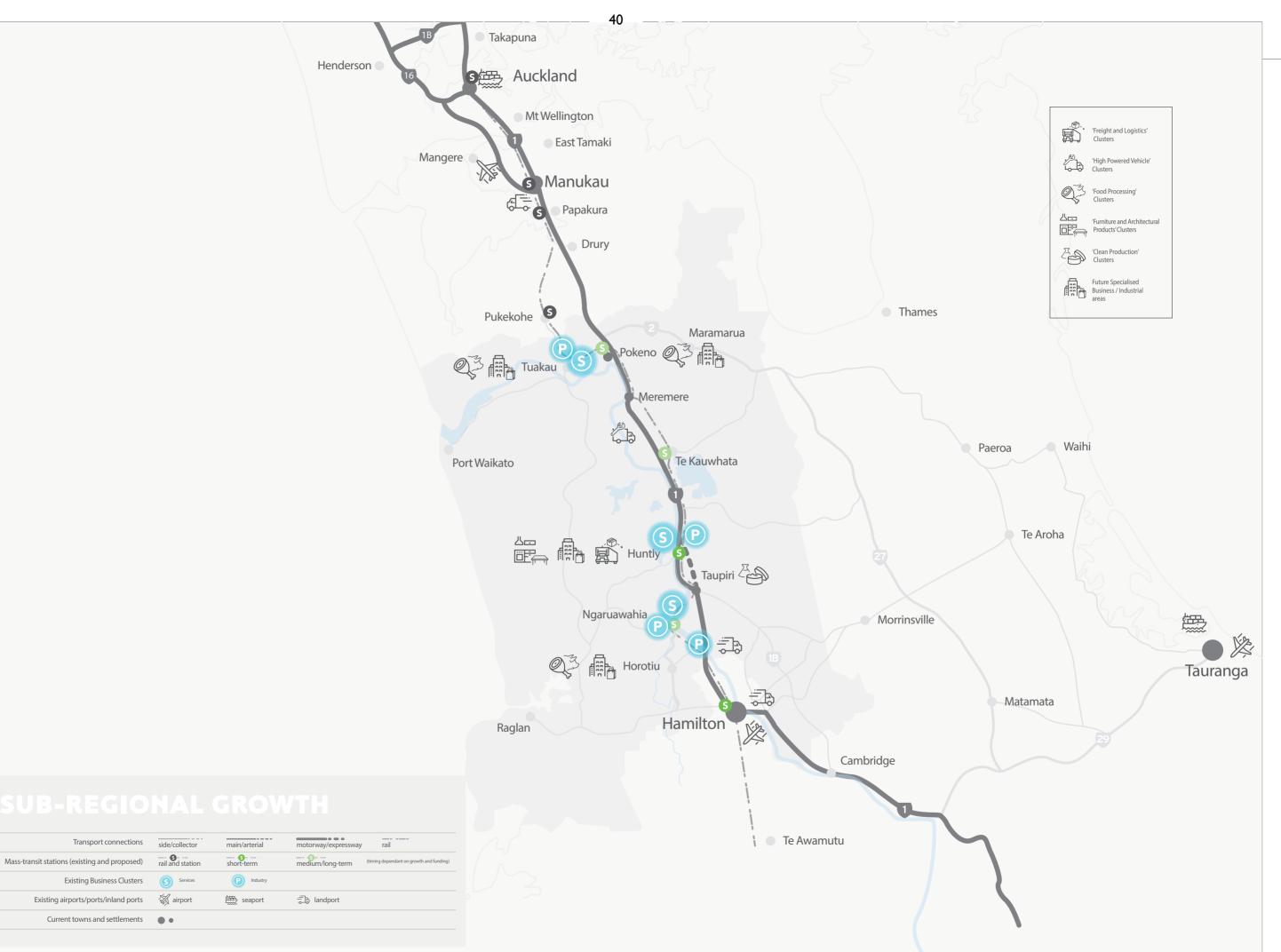
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DIRECTION	IMPLEMENTATION
Increase capability and capacity	Develop capability programmes to support community leaders to grow their ability to deliver community initiatives.
	2. Create opportunities for communities to determine and lead improvement initiatives for their local areas in accordance with their local area Blueprints and community plans.
	3. Collaborate with health, social, and education agencies to ensure that opportunities for our growing communities are not missed.
	4. Connect communities with agencies to help improve opportunities and outcomes.
	5. Invest time and resources in community leaders to ensure sustainable programmes for youth engagement.
	6. Educate and develop the communities' capabilities to adapt to climate change.
	7. Develop partnerships with iwi and hapuu that incorporate tangata whenua values, principles and aspirations.
Build a resilient local workforce	1. Identify skill requirements for the future workforce and champion training programmes to support this.
	2. Create pipelines of opportunity for all sectors of society to access training and employment opportunities.
	3. Ensure that there are pathways for training and employment opportunities within new and existing businesses within the district.
	4. Promote our young people as a future workforce.
	5. Assist industries in building stronger relationships with education and training providers







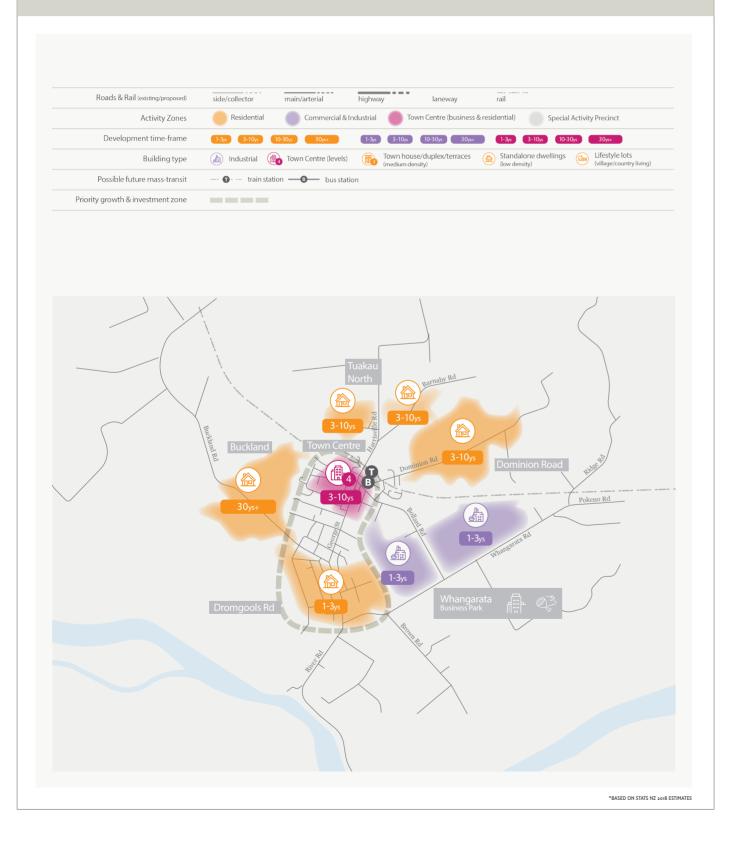


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TUAKAU DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS



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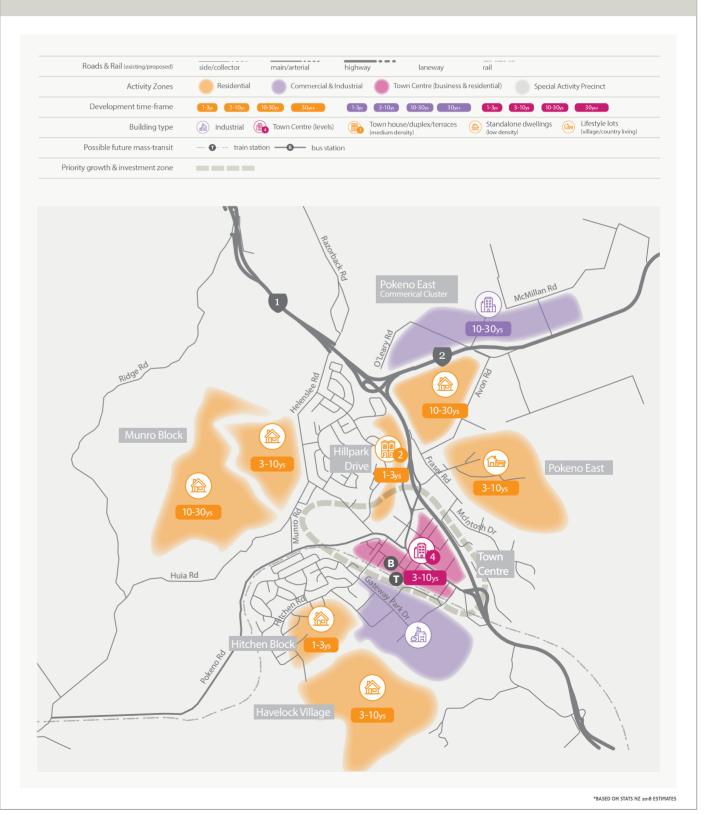
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POKENO DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS

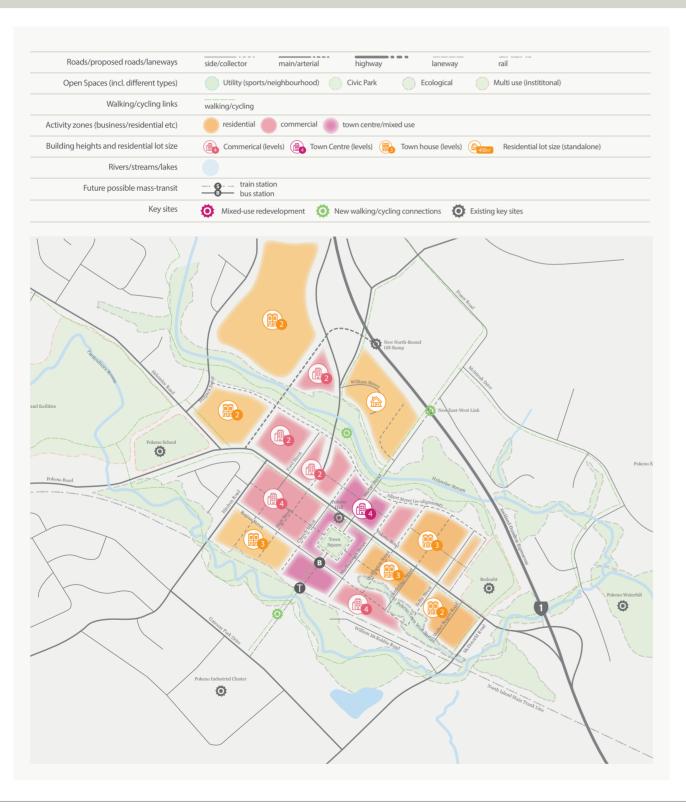


LOCATION: POKENO IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE WAIKATO RIVER, NEAR THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WAIKATO DISTRICT, AT A SH1 INTERCHANGE, NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH SH2, AND ON THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN TUAKAU AND MERCER.



POKENO TOWN CENTRE PLAN 50-YEARS

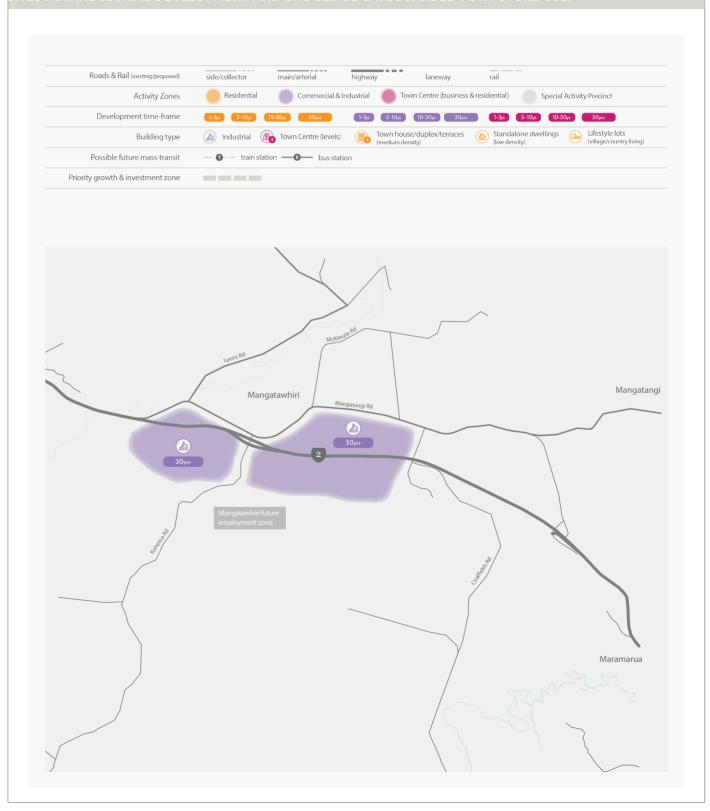
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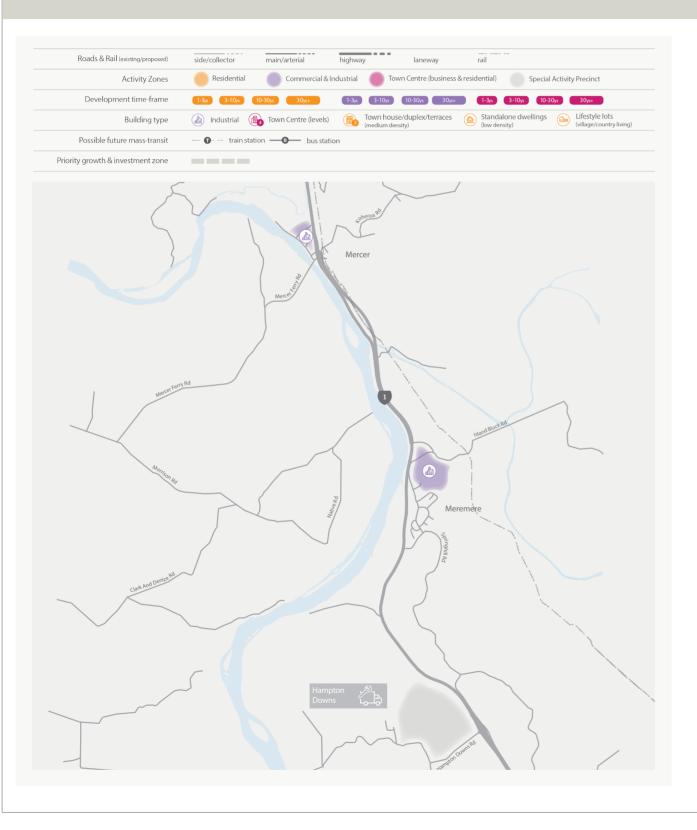
MANGATAWHIRI & MANGATANGI DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS

LOCATION: MANGATAWHIRI AND MANGATANGI ARE SITUATED ON SH2 AND WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SH1, POKENO AND THE WAIKATO EXPRESSWAY. THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE FUTURE STRATEGIC SITES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED FOR FUTURE USE.

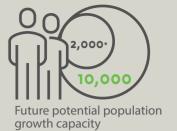


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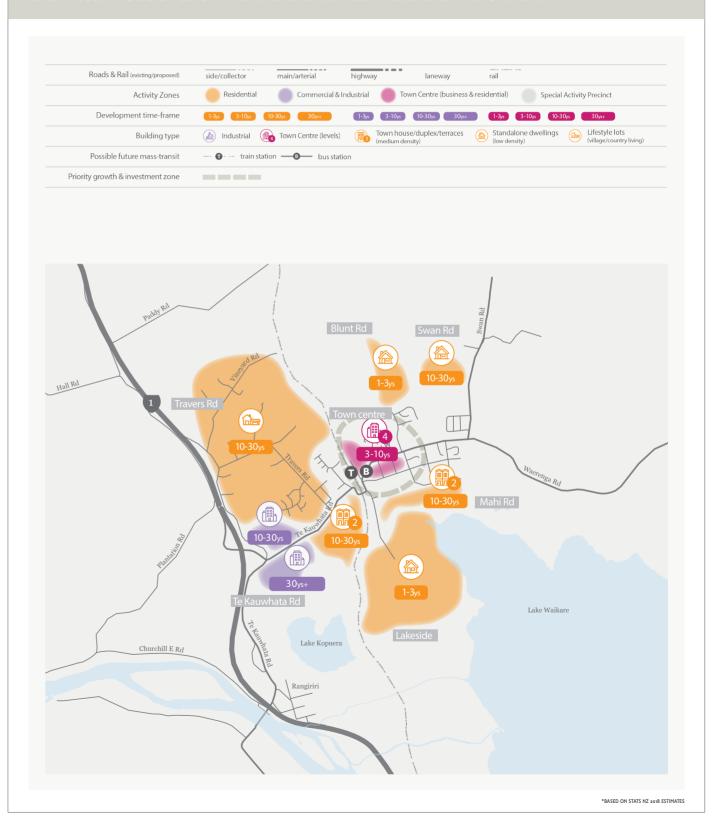
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TE KAUWHATA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS



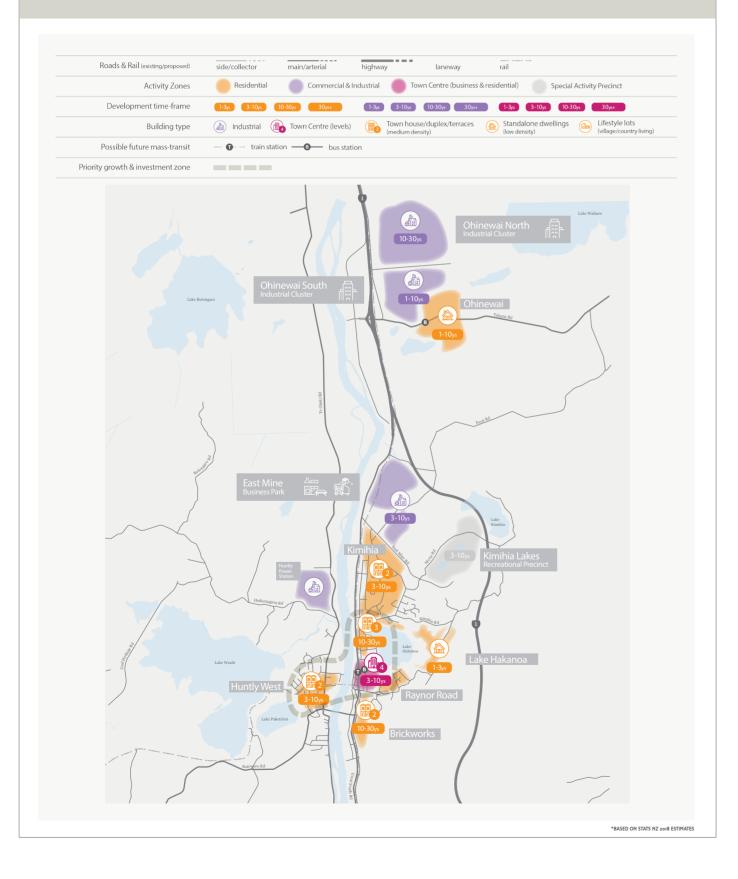
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HUNTLY & OHINEWAI DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS

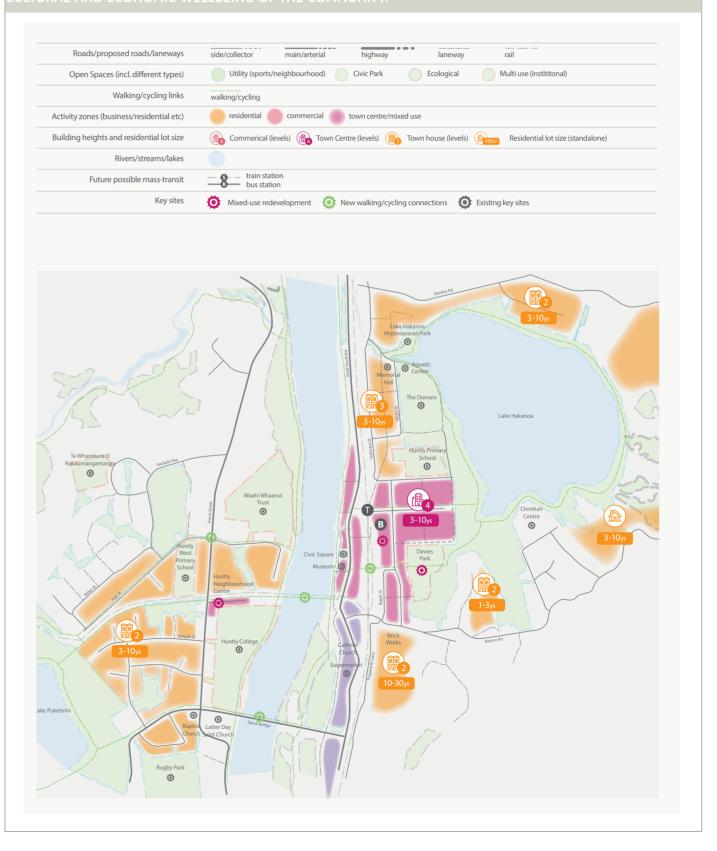


LOCATION: HUNTLY IS LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF THE WAIKATO RIVER, AT AN INTERCHANGE OF SH1, AND ON THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN OHINEWAI AND TAUPIRI. THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL



HUNTLY TOWN CENTRE PLAN 50-YEARS

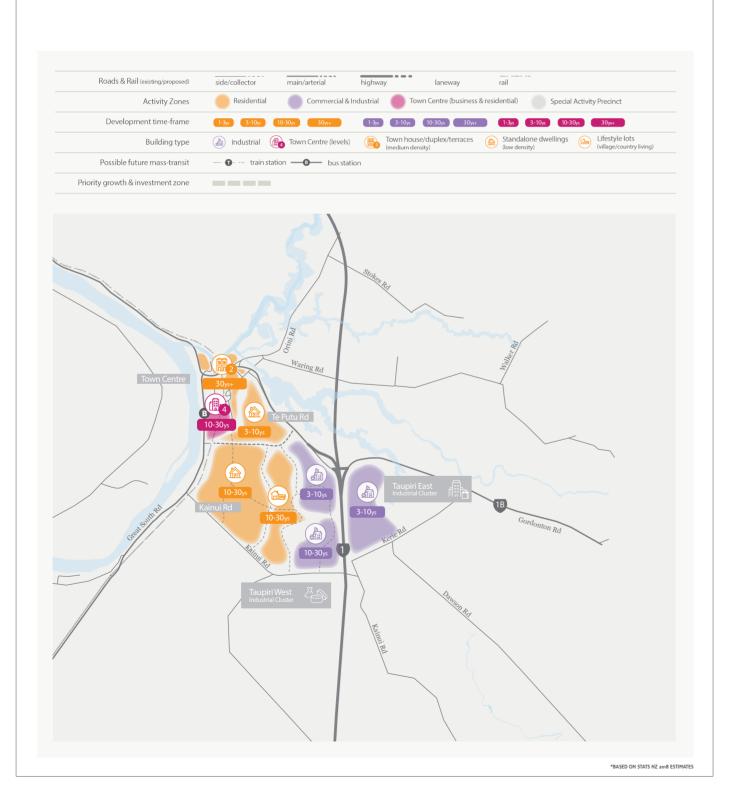
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TAUPIRI DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS



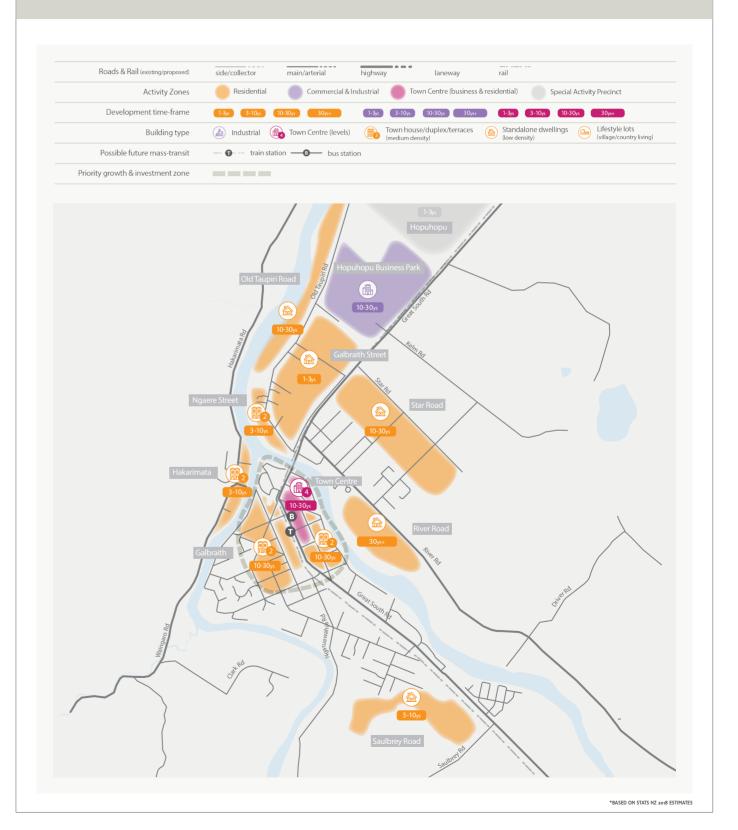
LOCATION: TAUPIRI IS LOCATED EAST OF THE WAIKATO RIVER AND THE HAKARIMATA RANGE, IS INTERSECTED BY THE CURRENT LOCATION OF SH1 AND SH1B, AND IS POSITIONED ON THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN HUNTLY AND NGARUAWAHIA.



NGARUAWAHIA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS



LOCATION: NGARUAWAHIA IS LOCATED AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVERS AND THE



TE KOWHAI DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS

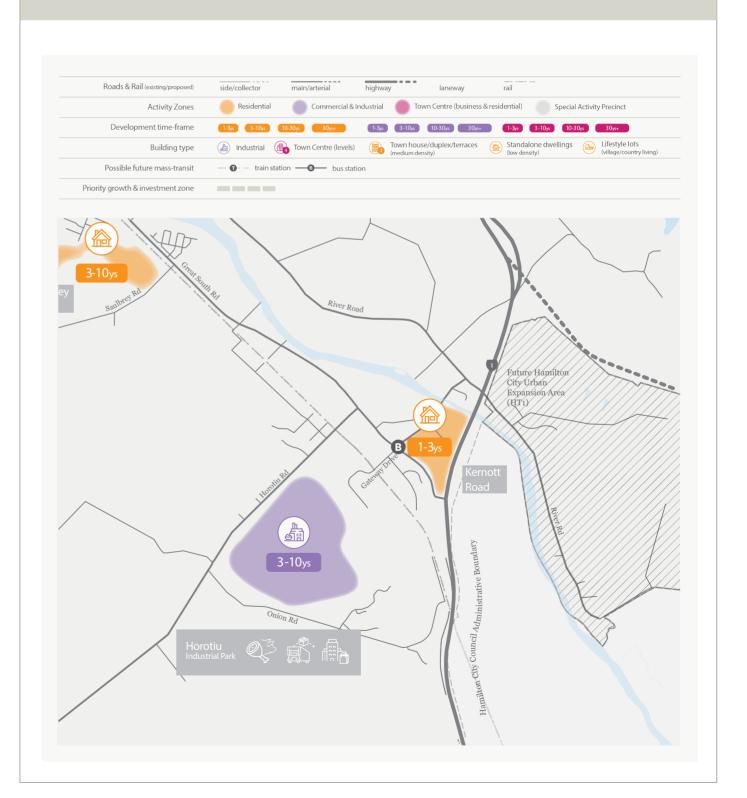
Current population and possible future population

LOCATION: TE KOWHAI IS LOCATED OFF SH₃₉ ON HOROTIU ROAD, ABOUT 6KM SOUTHWEST OF HOROTIU, AND EAST OF THE WAIPA RIVER.



HOROTIU DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS

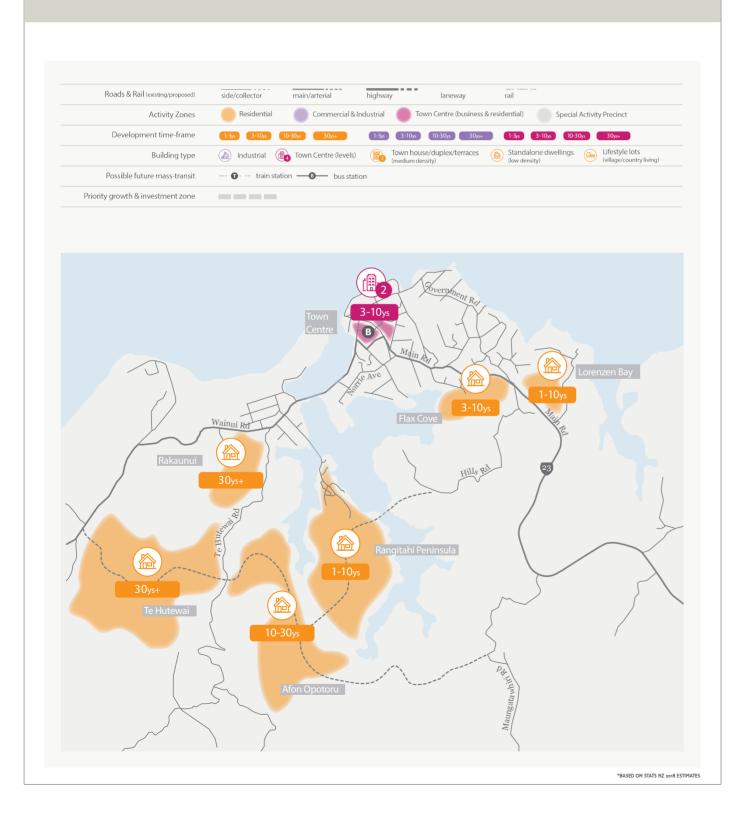
LOCATION: HOROTIU IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE WAIKATO RIVER ON THE WESTERN BANK, IS ACCESSED BY SH1 INTERCHANGE, AND IS LOCATED ON THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN NGARUAWAHIA AND HAMILTON.



RAGLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN 50-YEARS



LOCATION: RAGLAN IS LOCATED ON THE WEST COAST OF THE WAIKATO DISTRICT AT THE WHAINGAROA HARBOUR, AND IS ACCESSED BY SH23.







05.1

TOWN CENTRE PLANS

Town Centre Plans will outline future development and investment in towns. A Town Centre Plan will focus on a specific town (e.g. Tuakau) and identify a growth pattern that will best achieve and support the character and amenity of a town, while ensuring that the following elements are effectively considered: connectivity, street network and design, open spaces, density and scale of development, cycleways, walkways, character and identification of catalyst projects (e.g. unexpected large scale industrial developments) The development of Town Centre Plans must be completed within the short term, to ensure that the growth patterns developed are up-to-date with the ever-changing aspirations and policy framework(s).

05.2

STRUCTURE PLANS

Structure plans for growth cells identified within Waikato 2070 will be developed. The purpose of a structure plan is to give landowners/developers direction on the extent and type of development that is sought within a growth cell. The development of a structure plan must be informed by consultation, particularly with tangata whenua, and must consider the roading, cycling and pedestrian network, public transport, infrastructure and servicing costs, current land use and proposed district plan controls and appropriate technical assessments. The development of a structure plan is required prior to the re-zoning of a site in a District Plan. This is to ensure that there is a clear direction and plan for the development of the growth cell.

05.3

DISTRICT PLAN

The District Plan is the legislative rule book which sets out what development can and can't be done and where in the district.

Structure plans and town centre plans will form the basis for amendments to the District Plan via Plan Changes (to the Operative District Plan) and Plan Variations (to the Proposed District Plan) to enable the development of these growth areas identified in Waikato 2070.

05.4

LONG TERM PLAN

The Long Term Plan (LTP) provides direction on the provision and funding of infrastructure and services within the Waikato district. The location and timing of the growth cells as set out in Waikato 2070 will inform the LTP in respect to the necessary funding of infrastructure and services in these areas.

05.5

ASSET & ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Waikato district Council prepares asset and activity management plans which set the various needs and demands of assets (e.g. roading, wastewater, water supply, facilities, reserves and open spaces). These are an essential tool in planning and funding infrastructure and services. 05.6

PARTNERSHIPS

Waikato District Council will implement the Waikato 2070 in partnership with various organisations and groups to ensure the vision and future development expectations are achieved. The Waikato District Council will work alongside organisations and groups, such as:

Waikato-Tainui and other tangata whenua
 Ministry of Education
 Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
 Ministry of Innovation, Business and Employment
 District Health Boards
 New Zealand Transport Agency
 Kiwi Rail
 Utility providers
 Tourism agencies
 Adjoining local authorities
 Community boards, community committees, and community groups
 Local business associations

REVIEW

To ensure that Waikato 2070 is effective and current, the strategy must be reviewed approximately every three years. The frequency of the review will ensure that the strategy is relevant within the ever-changing environment(s). This includes taking account of the new plans, including: Waikato District Council District Plan, Waikato Blueprints, Future Proof Stage 2 update, and the new Waikato Regional Policy Statement. Additionally, the frequency of review will require ongoing monitoring of the strategy and the review of population projections periodically.

05.0 **GLOSSARY.**

COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

When we talk about Community-led local development we refer to identifying a way to involve local partners from all parts of our community, business people, educators, residents of all ages to help with the designing and implementing of local and integrated strategies that help their areas sustainable for the future.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

Community capacity and capability building is about providing support, training, mentoring etc to build up the 'capacity' and "capability" of local communities to develop, implement and sustain their own solutions to problems in a way that helps them have a voice and a level of control over their physical, social, economic and cultural environments.

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Social infrastructure is construction and maintenance of facilities that support social services. Types of social infrastructure include healthcare (hospitals), education (schools and universities), public facilities (community housing and prisons) and transportation (railways and

WELLBEING

Individuals and communities with a higher state of wellbeing are generally happier and feel more connected. The Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Act encourages local government to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development is our process for driving economic wellbeing for our communities. It may be about promoting our district to new business or working with our existing businesses to support them to grow, at all times promoting opportunities for our communities to benefit from business growth opportunities.

BLUEPRINTS

Blueprints were developed in consultation with communities through local area workshops to provide a picture of how the district could progress over the next 30 years with a focus on addressing the communities' social, economic and environmental needs.

OPEN WAIKATO

Open Waikato is a Waikato District Council initiative to promote the district as a place to invest, visit and live.

PEOPLE CAPITAL

People Capital is the collective skills, knowledge or other intangible assets of individuals that can be used to create economic value for the individuals, their employers or their community.

COMMERCIAL

Any activity trading in goods, equipment or services. It includes any ancillary activity (for example, administrative or head offices) (National Planning Standards).

GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Describes areas that are to be developed for residential and commercial purposes which are currently in rural

BROWN-FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Describes the redevelopment of sites and areas that are currently developed (for commercial and/or residential purposes). The re-development of brown-field sites might include modernizing what is there, increasing the intensity of development on the site or changing the use (for example from commercial to residential).

DEVELOPMENT HAZARDS

Means any atmospheric or earth or water related occurrence (including earthquake, tsunami, erosion, volcanic and geothermal activity, landslip, subsidence, sedimentation, wind, drought, fire, or flooding) the action of which adversely affects or may adversely affect human life, property, or other aspects of the environment (National Planning Standards).

FLOOD DEFENDED AREAS

Land that is identified within the river flood area but has been subsequently included in a flood protection scheme that is managed and maintained by Waikato Regional Council.

HIGH-CLASS SOILS

Soils in Land Use Capability Classes I and II (excluding peat soils) and soils in Land Use Capability Class Ille1 and Ille5, classified as Allophanic Soils, using the New Zealand Soil Classification. (Waikato Regional Policy Statement).

INDUSTRIAL

Any activity that manufactures, fabricates, processes, packages, distributes, repairs, stores, or disposes of materials (including raw, processed or partly processed materials) or goods. It includes any ancillary activity to the industrial activity. (National Planning Standards).



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fairly across society and creates opportunities for all.

The OECD Policy Framework for Inclusive Growth outlines how Governments and Businesses can shape

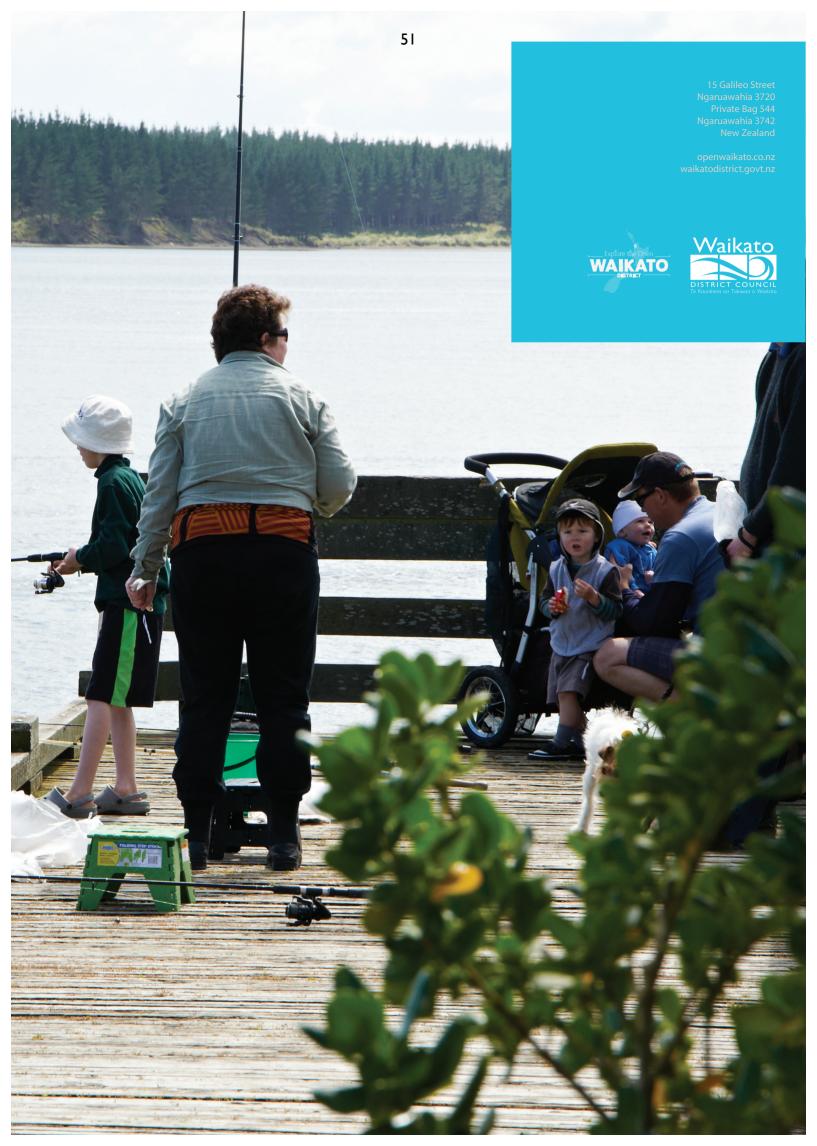
Inclusive growth is economic growth that is distributed

development. Inclusive Growth

benefit business through a larger middle class and growing consumer purchasing power; enhanced government capacity to invest in education, health and

customers and firms in related industries that are located near each other. Cluster development is the promotion and facilitation of groups of businesses in related sectors to benefit from the synergies that develop when businesses come together to collaborate making the whole greater than the sum of its parts.

A social enterprise is a commercial organization that has specific social objectives that serve its primary purpose. Social enterprises seek to maximize profits while maximizing benefits to society and the environment. Their profits are principally used to fund social, cultural or environmental programs.





Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From | Clive Morgan

General Manager Community Growth

Date 5 May 2020

Prepared by Lianne van den Bemd

Community Development Advisor

Chief Executive Approved | Y

Reference # | GOV1301 / 2593291

Report Title | Creative Communities Scheme Assessment

Committee - Change to Terms of Reference and

Delegations

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to required amendments on the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations, as set out in the Governance Structure 2019 - 2022.

The report addresses changes that will be required to enable the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee to operate in accordance with the Creative Communities Scheme Agreement between Council and Creative New Zealand 2019 - 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Council:

- a. approves the amended Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee Terms of Reference and Delegations as attached to the staff report; and
- b. notes that the Governance Structure 2019 2022 will be updated to reflect the approved amendments.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council notes that Councillor McGuire and Councillor Henderson were appointed to represent the Council on the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee.

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2. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

2.1 BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee is to administer Creative New Zealand (CNZ) funding in Waikato District through the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS). This includes considering applications and allocating funding in accordance with CNZs guidelines. Most territorial authorities in New Zealand directly administer their respective CCS funds, with the exception of Councils like Hamilton City Council which delegate administration and distribution to Creative Waikato.

The membership of the Committee is as follows:

- Two Council Elected Members
- Two lwi Representatives
- One Arts Council Representative
- Four Community Representatives

It is the responsibility of Waikato District Council to approve the Delegations and Terms of Reference that enable effective decision-making under the Committee structure.

The previous Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee membership structure is in accordance with the Agreement between Waikato District Council and Creative New Zealand 2019 - 2020.

2.2 DISCUSSION

Committee Structure

The Council's Governance Structure 2019 - 2022 was adopted on 12 November 2019, setting out the Terms of Reference and Delegations for the Council's committees and other decision-making bodies. This included the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee.

The amended Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations is attached for Council's approval. The proposed changes are required to align with the Agreement between the Council and Creative New Zealand, including the Creative Communities Scheme Guidelines.

The Delegations made by the Council to each Committee are a matter for the full Council to decide under clause 32, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act (LGA). Further, the LGA allows the Council to change the Terms of Reference and/or Delegations of a Council committee. Such changes require a Council resolution.

2.3 OPTIONS

Option 1: Council approves the amended Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations, as attached. For clarity, any Delegations to Committees or other decision-making bodies must comply with relevant legislation.

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Option 2: Council does not approve the amended Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations. This option would result in the Terms of Reference and Delegations not aligning with Council's Agreement with Creative New Zealand.

The risk with Option 2 includes Creative New Zealand terminating the Agreement with Council requiring:

- a) The Council to return unspent funding provided by Creative NZ; and or
- b) Creative NZ ceasing future payments to the Council for the Scheme.

Staff recommend Option 1.

3. CONSIDERATION

3.1 FINANCIAL

Not applicable.

3.2 LEGAL

To ensure the Council operates effectively and efficiently, it is best practice for a Committee structure to be established so that decisions are made at the appropriate level. The Council has the powers under the Local Government Act 2002 to approve the proposed changes to the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.

Committees or other bodies with delegated decision-making powers have the full authority of the Council for such delegated powers. The Council cannot usually rescind or amend a decision made by a Committee to which the Council has delegated the decision-making power (clause 30(6), Schedule 7, LGA).

The Council retains ultimate responsibility for any decision-making powers delegated to Committees.

3.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

As noted, minor changes to some of the Council's policies will be required to reflect the updated Terms of Reference and Delegations of the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee.

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3.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

The matters in this report are considered to be of low significance under the Council's Significance & Engagement Policy:

Highest	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
levels of engagement		✓			
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State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
	V		Internal
			Community Boards/Community Committees
			Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
			(provide evidence / description of engagement and response)
			Households
			Business
	V		Creative New Zealand Staff
	√		Creative Waikato

4. CONCLUSION

The report presents proposed amendments to the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee Terms of Reference and Delegations for the Council's approval.

Waikato District Council has a strong relationship with Creative New Zealand staff administering the CCS funds and adoption of Option I will ensure our Council's Governance Structure continues to align with the guidelines set by CNZ to administer their funding in Waikato District.

5. ATTACHMENT

Amended Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee Terms of Reference and Delegations

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Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee

Reports to: Creative New Zealand and the Council's Discretionary & Funding Committee

Chairperson: To be elected by the Committee at its first meeting after local authority triennial

elections.

Deputy Chairperson: To be elected by the Committee at its first meeting after local authority triennial

elections.

Membership: Two elected members (Councillors McGuire and Henderson)

Two iwi representatives (Ms Miriama (Tilly) Turner; 1 vacancy)

One Arts Council representative (vacancy)

Four community representatives (Claire Du Bosky; Judi Muru; 2 vacancies)

Meeting frequency: As and when required, at least twice yearly

Quorum: A majority of members (including vacancies)

Purpose and Terms of Reference:

1. To administer the Creative New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme in partnership with Creative New Zealand

- 2. To consider applications and allocate funding in accordance with the Creative New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme Guidelines.
- 3. The Committee's Chairperson will provide an update report to the Council's Discretionary & Funding Committee after each Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee meeting.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of funding applications to the Creative New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme.
- Appoint community representatives to the Committee.

Explanatory Note:

- Appointments to the Committee are made as follows:
 - a. Immediately following each local authority triennial election, the Council will appoint two elected members. The Creative Communities Scheme Guidelines states that the limitation on the terms served by Committee members does not apply to Council's appointed elected members.
 - b. The iwi representatives shall continue on the Committee following the local authority triennial elections, provided they serve no long than two consecutive terms. New iwi representatives are appointed by Waikato Tainui.
 - c. The Arts Council representative shall continue on the Committee following the local authority triennial elections. The Creative Communities Scheme Guidelines states that the limitation on the

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- terms served by Committee members does not apply to the Art Council's appointed members. New Arts Council representatives are appointed by Raglan Community Arts Council.
- d. Community representatives shall continue on the Committee following the local authority triennial elections, provided they serve no long than two consecutive terms. New community representatives are appointed by the Committee.
- External appointees to the committee will be entitled to remuneration for attendance at meetings in accordance with the terms agreed between the Council and Creative New Zealand.

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Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From | Clive Morgan

General Manager Community Growth

Date 6 May 2020

Prepared by | James Fuller

Senior Environmental Planner

Chief Executive Approved | Y

Reference # | GOV1301 / 2594317

Report Title | Consideration of Conservation Fund Applications

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the received Conservation Fund applications for the Council's consideration, along with recommendations as to their approvals.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$2,375.34 from V Warren (727 Harrisville Road) be approved in full;

AND FURTHER THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$4,440.15 from H C Dorlas (649 Bruntwood Road, Matangi) be approved in full;

AND FURTHER THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$2,507.00 from G & D Lutge (374 Bluff Road, Pokeno) be approved in full;

AND FURTHER THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$7,000.00 from Leanne Birch on behalf of M Muir (87 Coe Road, Waiuku) be approved in part to the value of \$4,999.00;

AND FURTHER THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$4,999.00 from R Budd & H Browne (Black Pond Farm) be approved in part, to a maximum value of \$1,600.00;

AND FURTHER THAT the Conservation Fund application of \$2,760.00 from L Koppens (39 Koppens Road) be approved in full.

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3. BACKGROUND

Waikato District Council has a dedicated fund established through the Conservation Strategy (2004) to contribute to conservation efforts on privately owned land within the Waikato District. The criteria for determining applications for funding is contained in the Conservation Strategy and discussed below, but includes visitation of the sites by Council officers.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4. I DISCUSSION

The six applications received for the Committee's consideration are described as follows:

V Warren

The application from V Warren is for (\$2,375.34) native plants and planting.

H C Dorlas

The application from H C Dorlas is for (\$4,440.15) spraying weeds in the gully bush area to allow the native bush regenerate.

G & D Lutge

The application from G & D Lutge (\$2,507.00) is for native plants and planting around the wetland system.

M Muir

The application from M Muir (\$7,000.00) is for native plants and planting in areas around the lake and wetland area located on the property.

R Budd & H Browne (Black Pond Farm)

The application from Black Pond Farm (\$4,999.00) is for fencing, native plants for stream planting and rehabilitation of a local watercourse running through the property that is to be retired (including neighbouring properties).

L Koppens

The application from L Koppens (\$2,760.00) is for native plants and planting in areas around QEII covenanted area.

4.2 OPTIONS

There are three options summarised below, which could be considered in part or as a combination. In that, the recommendations in section 2 of this report are unique to each application.

Option 1: To approve funding for the applications in full

Option 2: To approve funding for the applications in part

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Option 3: To decline funding for the applications

Options I, is the recommended option for the majority of these projects, as they align with the Conservation Strategy and the criteria in this document.

Option 2, is the recommended option for two of the applications M Muir and R Budd & H Browne, and this is primarily due to the lack of long term protection (covenanting of land) proposed by the applicants and therefore is likely to delay the ongoing restoration efforts into the future.

Option 3, is only justified where the applications are already receiving funding from alternative sources; the conservation areas are of low value, or the proposed works are a requirement of plans and policies, e.g. Waikato Regional Plan – Plan change 1.

5. Consideration

5.1 FINANCIAL

Staff are delegated to make decisions on applications under \$1,500.00. However, Conservation Fund applications over \$1,500.00 require Council consideration and approval.

2019/2020 Annual Plan	\$33,050.00
Carry Forward 2018/2019	\$96,339.00
Total Funding	\$129,389.00
Expenditure	\$10,069.05
Already Committed	\$29,844.77
Net Funding Remaining	\$89,475.18
Proposed Funding from this report	\$18,681.49
Net Funding Remaining if these grants are approved.	\$70,793.69

5.2 LEGAL

There are no legal implications of awarding the funds.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

The recommendations to grant the proposed funding applications align with the following Conservation Strategy criteria, as follows:

(a) The ecological significance of the site, the degree of threat to it and the likelihood of restoration success;

Each applicant site contains an identified Significant Natural Area (SNA), two of the applications contain Council covenanted areas and two other applications are protected under QEII covenants. Throughout the district, there are vulnerable areas from pest plants,

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animal incursion and stock browsing. The applicants have demonstrated commitment and effort towards controlling pest plants in their blocks and keeping vulnerable areas free of stock. They have further shown restoration through the planting of native species suitable for the habitats identified.

The exception to the above is the application to restore the Black Pond farm stream, which is currently of poor ecological value and which will require significant time to rehabilitate. The applicant has a range of plantings to go in and the likely restoration will be functional, with a focus on water quality. Neighbouring properties are also undertaking restoration improvements through planting stream boundaries.

(b) The priority the Council is giving to the habitat type on the site as determined through an assessment of habitat types requiring the greatest assistance and the assistance for various habitat types available from other agencies;

The habitat types vary from small wetland regeneration, stream planting, gully restoration, to native vegetation bush areas. Some of these areas are threatened and underrepresented in the Waikato district. Others will strengthen the overall natural areas biodiversity of the region. The sites have all been identified and assessed as Significant Natural Areas for recognition in the Proposed Waikato District Plan. The exception is for a stream which is a in the process of being rehabilitated. The restoration effort of the landowners aligns with the assistance available from other funding agencies.

In regards to the application from V Warren, the subject site contains a wetland representing a threatened habitat type, both regionally and in the Waikato District, which is legally protected through a QEII covenant. Ongoing protection and enhancement of fragmented wetland ecosystems are vital, given that many have been compromised by incompatible land use and development. Many of the remaining wetland are grazed by stock, therefore had their natural hydrology and habitat modified by earthworks and have significant un-managed infestations of pest plants.

The application for the H C Dorlas property has mature areas of the restored gully and stream habitat. This is rare in the Tamahere and the wider Hamilton gully network.

The application for the G & D Lutge property, has a wetland habitat legally protected by conservation covenants through Waikato District Council. These habitats include lowland bush remnants, river margins and kahikatea wetland. Ongoing protection and enhancement of fragmented wetland ecosystems are vital, given many have been compromised by land use and development. Stock are excluded from grazing the wetland; however, the site has significant un-managed infestations of pest plants.

Leanna Birch's application, on behalf of M Muir, is concerned with a property that has two coastal dune lakes, which are regarded as a high priority in terms of water quality and biodiversity enhancement. The area has been identified as an SNA, and the applicant is seeking QEII conservation covenants over the coastal dune lake sites within the property. Ongoing protection and enhancement of fragmented wetland ecosystems are vital, given many have been compromised by land use and development.

H Budd and V Browne's property have a QEII conservation covenant, but they are seeking funding for rehabilitation of a stream area that runs through the centre of the property

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outside this area. The Black Pond stream is a typical habitat throughout the Waikato and this particular area is of low habitat value. The improvements proposed will help restore and protect a portion of the stream with associated benefits of water quality and some minor enhancements in biodiversity depending on species planted. The stream rehabilitation is eligible for funding because it is part of a wider neighbourhood approach to improving the whole stream and has additional funding stream from the Waikato Regional Council.

- L Koppens proposes further enhancement planting to an already protected area (1.4077ha); most of the QEII area is planted and managed. Additional plants will further enhance the space allowing it to flourish into the future.
- (c) The extent to which the benefits to private landowners are matched or exceeded by wider community and ecological benefits (e.g. through connecting isolated habitat areas);

All restoration efforts of those applying have wider ecological benefits to adjoining areas.

V Warren has contributed significantly by ensuring the full extent of the wetland area is excluded from stock, as well as a lowland podocarp and puriri remnant.

H C Dorlas has undertaken restoration and this work complements other efforts of those in the wider Tamahere gully network, including those community efforts on public land.

G & D Lutge have invested in protecting a wetland system and seeks to further enhance this area through native plants and planting and these wetland areas are rare habitats.

The area of the H Budd and V Browne's property (Black Pond Farm), which they wish to rehabilitate Ruaotehuia Stream, shows low ecological value given it has been historically grazed. However, this part of the stream and neighbouring areas will be improved over time as a requirement of Plan Change I of the Waikato Regional Plan. Some funding for fencing and planting of the waterway (lowland river margin) is proposed to be accessed from the Waikato Regional Council. Initial protection and enhancement of waterway are important to reverse the water quality degradation caused by land-use practices. Stock is to be excluded from grazing the river margin and pest plants will be managed. The works will complement other restoration efforts undertaken by neighbouring landowners.

- L Koppens has covenanted the land through a QEII covenant and made significant investment in the property through plantings, weed management and stock proofing.
- (d) Landowner willingness including the degree of long-term commitment and the existence of any legal mechanism securing that commitment;

V Warren has fenced and planted the wetland to restore the area. The applicant has also carried out significant weed control and is looking to replant low coverage areas. The applicant demonstrates a commitment to the site, and the site is QEII conservation covenanted.

H C Dorlas has undertaken significant restoration planting, but this is starting to be overshadowed by the extensive weed proliferation. The area of the proposed conservation funding is zoned Significant Natural Area (SNA), under the Proposed Waikato District Plan

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and it has not been submitted against. The SNA is bounded on two sides by the Tamahere gully network.

M Muir is seeking QEII conservation covenants within the property to protect the coastal dune lakes and surrounding wetland. Regardless of whether this is successful, the areas proposed for conservation funding are zoned SNA under the Proposed Waikato District Plan and have not been submitted against. It is recommended that the full amount of \$7,000.00 requested is granted up to \$4,999.00. Any additional funding may be considered in the future applications once Covenant by the QEII Trust has been approved.

G & D Lutge property has a QEII conservation covenant located on it, which shows long term commitment to conservation; the wetland system sits inside this area.

Black Pond Farm, want to restore and protect a portion of the Ruaotehuia Stream (1.6km) as part of the Mangatangi Catchment and is a requirement of the Waikato Regional Council Healthy Rivers plan given the area is a priority one. Future protection may connect it to the QEII conservation covenant on the land once the stream has developed an ecological profile

As discussed, L Koppens has already put in significant investment in planting and protecting his area, and it has long term protection under a QEII conservation covenant.

(e) The long-term financial implications of managing the site properly;

All of the applicants have committed significant personal funds or areas of land and fencing to their restoration efforts which are well underway, with Black Pond having commenced managing the waterway and tying in neighbouring property owners to allow its overall enhancement over time. The proposed measures will help reduce capital expenditure required overtime. Labour is generally covered by the landowners, which are all very keen on restoring their bush and wetland areas while minimising invasive weeds and pests.

(f) The degree of biodiversity improvement relative to the financial commitment required;

The commitments to date have demonstrable biodiversity improvements without council funding, and these will continue. The fencing prosed by G & D Lutge will ensure continued stock exclusion of the stream system.

The biodiversity improvements associated with the V Warren and M Muir is complemented by the existing or proposed legal protection of the site and restoration planting carried out to date. M Muir is proposing significant investment in fencing, weeding and managing the site. The weed control proposed will cover terrestrial species on the site. Weeds threaten planted natural regeneration, by shading and competing for resources.

H Budd and V Browne's Black Pond farm stream is currently of low biodiversity, but it will benefit from the fencing and replanting and is a priority one area for the Waikato Regional Council Healthy Rivers plan.

The L Koppens site has a good range of biodiversity and is planting a diverse range of species to further improve the indigenous biodiversity of the area.

(g) The extent of community involvement in the project;

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These applicants also work wider afield on community-driven restoration efforts beyond these projects. Black Pond Farms, along with neighbouring properties, are establishing local catchment group for the Ruaotehuia Stream to assist with spraying, weed control, fencing and planting of the waterway in the catchment. The Mangatangi Marae is also working on a riparian planting project. L Koppens is currently working on enhancing the Tamahere Reserve and a gully at the end of Woodcock Road under the Allan Turner Memorial Footbridge.

5.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

Awarding the Conservation Fund does not require engagement with external parties.

6. CONCLUSION

This report has presented background and recommendations on new Conservation Fund applications for the Waikato District Council consideration and reported the previously committed conservation fund amounts as per 5.1 the Financials table of this report. The applications put forward meet the criteria of the Conservation Strategy and will enhance the biodiversity of the Waikato District.

7. ATTACHMENT

Applications for Conservation Funding (including quotes)

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Conservation Fund Application Form



Your Contact Details

Name: VIRGINIA V. WARREN	Type of Fence Length C	* 1009
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Description of Property	forth	
Description of Property		
Legal owner(s) CP + VV WARRET	Target Species Area N	, bseV
Occupier (if different from above)	(ha)	lommo.
Legal description LOT 2 DP 42957	14 Subj to QE 11 Covenant	
Area 2.4616 ha		
Valuation Number 03791 177. 19		
General description of project:		
Outline the project area on an aerial photog	graph (one is available from the Counci	il)
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Vegetation type (circle one): wetland	scrub forest peatland	
How big is the project area (hectares)?		Cost Sharing
What is special about the area? The Swa		
What do you plan to do? Plant more no	stives to shade out compete	in weeds
What are you contributing to the project?	Labour.	
Date 17:11:20	to Virginia Warren	igned (applican
Are there any other community groups or a	No	
Does this project tie in with similar projects	s on near-by properties? Please specify	
What are the long-term management requir		
What will you do about these long-term req		Carried State of South State of State o
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NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.



Te Whangai Trust

Work & Life Skills Training & Assessment Centre Charitable Trust Native Plant Nursery

QUOTE

Te Whangai Trust

945 Findlay Road RD3

Pokeno 2473

SQ-00000518

Customer Ref Wetland Planting 2020

(09) 232 7725

www.tewhangai.org

Virginia Warren

GST Number: 098-250-026

Quote Date: 06/03/2020

Accept Date:

Quote Expiry Date: 06/04/2020

Code	Qty	Unit Price	GST Total	Total
Dacrycarpus dacrydioides 14CM	70.00	4.35	45.68	304.50
Cordyline australis 14CM	70.00	3.95	41.48	276.50
Leptospermum scoparium 14cm	70.00	3.95	41.48	276.50
Phormium tenax 14CM	40.00	3.95	23.70	158.00
Planting	250.00	2.00	75.00	500.00
Releasing	250.00	1.50	56.25	375.00
Fertilizer Tablets	250.00	0.10	3.75	25.00
Delivery	250.00	0.60	22.50	150.00

 Sub Total
 2,065.50

 GST
 309.84

 Total
 2,375.34

Comments:

Conservation Fund Application Form



Your Contact Details

Name:

Hendrik Christiaan (Cris) Dorlas

Postal address:

Physical address:

Phone: Email:



Description of Property

Legal owner/ Occupier: Hendrik Christiaan (Cris) Dorlas

Legal description:

LOT3 DP 318296

Area:

2.9488 Ha 04443 / 506.02

General description of project:

Valuation Number:

Outline the project area on an aerial photograph (one is available from the Council)

Vegetation type:





forest

peatland

How big is the project area:

Approx 1.5 Ha

What is special about the area?

Some native bush, a small amount of which are in the WDC Riparian strip bordering the Mangaone Stream, but the majority are on my property some of which WDC wishes to designate as SNA. Significant amounts of which I have plant myself in natives.

What do you plan to do?

Selective spray out Floating reed grass, Arum Lilly, small amount of Gorse, some Willow and smaller Wattle plus broom that still come up after having removed the larger ones, to then allow me to continue to plant out more natives.

What are you contributing to the project?

I have over many years now invested many thousands of dollars in both spraying out, cutting out and planting natives in my own time and have made significant progress to date.

Does not help the gorse comes from other side of gulley, Reed grass invades from the WDC's own Riparian strip and Arum Lilly from a neighboring property and juvenile Wattles still sprouting.

Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify. No and only private access.

Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify. When and if access gets granted through from the neighboring property, then access will be from the Tamahere Reserve walking track that starts off at 34 Tauwhare Road known as and be able to join up with that Riparian strip.

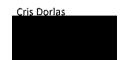
What are the long-term management requirements?

- 1. May require a further spray application depending on re-growth and native substitution.
- 2. Continue to plant out natives such as Kahikatea, Ribbonwood, Wineberry, Matai, Mahoe, Red Matipo, Tree ferns, Kauri, Pohutukawa, Miro, Red and Green Akeake, Five Finger, Kowhai, Lemonwood, NZ Cabbage tree, various Coprosma species -Robusta Mingimingi Virescens, and a couple of others, Titoki, Rimu, Pukatea, Nikau Palm, Totara, Lacebark, Manuka, Karaka, Kanuka, both types of Lancewood close to 500m of Griselinea Broadleaf, and recently a Puriri
- 3. Continue to give away self-propagated natives locally. In the last three years I have given away at least 1000 small to medium natives away each year with 95% going to WDC landowners either directly or indirectly and even offered them to Project Crimson (who would rather have a financial donation than free natives)
- 4. Remove some Spider Pines in a few years.

What will you do about these long-term requirements? I am hopeful that eventually the walking track from the Tamahere Reserve will extend through to the Riparian strip at the base of my property and on past it so that all I need to do is maintain my own property rather than the invasion of the above mentioned and other non-native plants.

NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater, then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.

QUOTE



Date 28 Aug 2019

Expiry 20 Sep 2019 Spraying Services Limited P O Box 1005 Cambridge 3450 NEW ZEALAND

Cambrilea Weed

Account Number

Quote Number QU-0057

Reference WDC Grant

GST Number 071453227

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount NZD
104, labour per man per hour for spraying work for WDC Grant application 6 men for 8 hours	48.00	65.00	15%	3,120.00
G2360, G2360 per litre	12.00	7.50	15%	90.00
103, Dye per litre	1.50	30.00	15%	45.00
Grazon, Grazon per litre	5.00	25.00	15%	125.00
111, Boost Penetrant per litre	2.00	23.00	15%	46.00
108, 2 man team handgun per hour	3.00	145.00	15%	435.00
			Subtotal	3,861.00
			Total GST 15%	579.15
			TOTAL NZD	4,440.15

Terms

Conservation Fund Application Form



Your Contact Details

Name: Graham & Denise Lutge



Description of Property

Legal owner(s): Lutge family trust / Twins trust

Occupier (if different from above): Graham & Denise Lutge

Legal description: Lot 2 DP 432627

Area: 2.4995 ha

Valuation Number: 03801/109.07

General description of project:

Outline the project area on an aerial photograph (one is available from the Council)

Vegetation type (circle one): wetland

scrub

forest

peatland

How big is the project area (hectares)?

0.7 ha

What is special about the area?

Covenant wetland

What do you plan to do? Pest plant & weed control

What are you contributing to the project?

Native planting

Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify.

No

Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify.

No

What are the long-term management requirements?

Pest plant & weed control

What will you do about these long-term requirements?

Seasonal control as required

NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.

Overall Costs



Fencing	Type of Fence	Length (m)	Cost per metre	Cost
Pest Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
Weed Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
■ Initial	See quote	0.7	See quote	\$2,507.00
■ Follow-up		0.7	To be re-quoted seasonally	
Other Costs (l please specify, eg p	lanting)		Cost
Native planting (carried out in Octobe	er 2019)		\$6,058.60
Total Cost				

Cost Sharing

Funding	encing	Weed Control	Other	Total Cost
Council		\$2,507.00		\$2,507.00
Landowner		***************************************	\$6,058.60	\$6,058.60
Other				
Total				\$8,565.60

Other						
Total						\$8,565.60
Signed (applicant)			Date	4/	3 2020	
Project Assessment	(Waikato Distr	ict Council to c	omplete)			
Overall condition of	area: Very	ooor Poor	Good	I	Excellent	
Significance of area:	Low	Mediur	n High		Very High	
Will the proposal sig	nificantly impro	ove the area / pr	otect someth	ning very	y important / linl	to other
significant areas.	Yes	No				
Main benefits of proj	iect:					
Recommended Fund	ing:					
Signed (staff)			Date			
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25/02/2020

Re: Bluff RD

To Graham

A site visit was undertaken on 25/02 to ascertain the extend of the works required

Block 1 - Consisted of willow, willow weed and other broadleaf species , some grass weeds .

We would propose to undertake the following works

- Release and id staking of Kahikatea, flaxes
- Spray out of grass weeds
- Spray willowweed & other broadleaf weed species

Price to undertake this seasons works would be \$2,180.00+gst

I hope you find this satisfactory. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Robert Shearer Owner/Operator

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Your Contact Details

Name: Leanna Birch on behalf of Mark Muir



Description of Property

Legal owner(s): Muir Family Trust

Occupier (if different from above): Mark Muir - dairy farmer

Legal description: LOT | DP 39268 | LOT | DP 436207 SUBJ TO & INT IN ESMTS LOT 2 DP 1366 | LOT 2 DP 436207 SUBJ TO & INT IN ESMT LOT 3 DP 407 | 96 LOT 8 DP 2053 | 12

Area: 612.60 ha

Valuation Number: 03761/171/08

General description of project:

Outline the project area on an aerial photograph (one is available from the Council)



Vegetation type (circle one): wetland scrub forest peatland

How big is the project area (hectares)? Total = 2.2 ha Planting area = 1.2 ha

What is special about the area?

The two lakes are costal dune lakes which are regarded as high priority in terms of water quality and biodiversity enhancement. Additionally, this area is a Significant Natural Area (SNA). Neighboring Lake Puketi and the north-east section of Lake Rotoiti has already completed a restoration project, so this project is aiming to continue and complete the restoration and protection of Lake Rotoiti.

What do you plan to do?

Fence – ensure there is a 5-wire fence (with I and 3 electric) around Lake Rotoiti, the wetland and Little Lake. There will be a stock crossing in-between Lake Rotoiti, the wetland and Little Lake (refer to the map above), but there will be culverts to allow the natural movement of water between Lake Rotoiti and Little Lake. As described in the Project Plan attached, some fence lines will be new, and some fencing involves moving existing fencing back to generate a larger margin.

Planting – we are aiming to plant 26,200 native, eco-sourced plants in the planting areas shown in the map above (green areas) and in the Project Plan attached. This is a high planting density for the I.2 ha planting area; however, this is based on the recommendation from planting specialist John Walter from Native Awa. There will be at least three releases; one with Trees for Survival and two with Native Awa. A plant list can be seen in the Project Plan attached.

Weed Control – before/at planting time weed control will be implemented by Native Awa before planting. Mark Muir will ensure the site continues to remain weed free up until Native Awa take over for planting. Mark will also ensure the site remains weed free after the area has been planted by spot spraying, grubbing or hand pulling.

Pest Control – to ensure the success of the project a pest control network will be implemented and maintained. The trapping network will include 2 rat traps, 2 possum traps (at I per I ha); mustelid traps (at I per 4 ha) are not required in this area. All traps and bait stations will be loaded onto the app Trap.nz, which allows landowners to mark the sites of traps and stations, record traps and bait refills, and will remind the landowner when the trap is overdue to be checked. In the short term, initially, the traps will need to be checked every weekly until residual trap catch (RTC) reduces. Then rebaiting and checking traps/stations will occur 5 times a year at the start of term I, and at the end of term I, 2, 3 and 4. If the bait is disappearing rapidly again at any stage, rebaiting will need to occur weekly again for I month. Refer to the Project Plan attached for more information.

What are you contributing to the project?

Fencing labour, weed control (pre and post planting), pest control labour and the remaining costs for plants and planting

Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify. Waikato River Authority are co-funders, contributing to plants, planting and site-prep weed control.

DOC are also co-funders contributing to fencing materials.

We will also be applying to other funders to contribute to this project.

Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify. There is a wetland restoration on a nearby property at 15 Binns Road, Karioitahi. We will also be working with Predator Free Whiriwhiri to ensure pests are reduced to allow biodiversity to increase and ensure the plants planted are successful.

What are the long-term management requirements?

The I0-year goal is to have a possum and rat RTC <5% year-round, if >10%, a knock- down approach will be initiated. This ensures possum and rat levels are kept low to minimise the impact they have on flora and fauna. Mustelids will be <0.5% and rats <1% during the bird breeding season (August to January) because they are well known to prey on chicks and eggs, hence the low RTC during the breeding season. In the very long-term, it would be ideal to have RTC's much closer to 0% to reach the pest-free by 2050 goal.

Also weed control is required to ensure weeds do not overtake the planted area.

Fences will need to be maintained to ensure stock are always excluded from the area.

What will you do about these long-term requirements?

A knock-down will include rebaiting bait stations weekly, for at least 1 month or until RTC returns to below 5%. Brodifacoum or Double Tap will be used during these knock-down periods, but if pest numbers do become excessively high, a contractor to disperse cyanide will be considered. Mark Muir will be responsible to ensure pest control, weed control, and fences are maintained for the long-term.

NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.

Overall Costs All costs include GST



Fencing	Type of Fence	Length (m)	Cost per metre	Cost
	5 wire fence with 2 electric wires	750	\$26.00 +GST	\$23,621.00
Pest Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
Equipment	Possums and rats	2.2	Combination of bait stations and kill traps	\$383.76
Installation				\$267.81
Maintenance				\$664.56
Weed Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
• Initial	Kikuyu	1.2	Spray	\$1,656.00
• Follow-up	Gorse, wooly nightshade	2.2	Spot spray, grub, hand pull	\$3,542.00
Other Costs (please specify, eg pl	anting)		Cost
Native plants an	\$98,687.25			
Monitoring succ	\$9.92			
Total Cost				\$128,832.29

Cost Sharing

Source of Funding	Fencing	Pest Control	Weed Control	Other	Total Cost
Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000 - planting	\$7,000
Landowner	\$15,986.00	\$932.37	\$3,542.00	\$5,400.25 - plants \$9.92 - monitoring	\$25,870.53
Other	\$7,635.00	\$383.76	\$1,656.00	\$86,287.00	\$95,961.76
Total	\$23,621.00	\$1,316.13	\$5,198.00	\$98,697.17	\$128,832.29

Signed (applicant)

Date: 14 November 2019

Including labour

[Type text]

Project Assessment (Waikato District Council to complete)

Overall condition of area: Very poor Poor Good Excellent

Significance of area: Low Medium High Very High

Will the proposal significantly improve the area / protect something very important / link to other

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significant areas?

Yes No

Main benefits of project:

Recommended Funding:

Signed (staff) Date

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BLACK POND FARM

General description of project:

Outline the project area on an aerial photograph (one is available from the Council) – See attached. File name: BPF_MAP.pdf

Vegetation type (circle one):

wetland

scrub

forest

peatland

How big is the project area (hectares)?

The project includes both sides of part of the Ruaotehuia Stream that runs through our farm - approximately 0.75km long, and 1 hectare in size.

What is special about the area?

We want to restore and protect the portion of the Ruaotehuia Stream that runs through our 106 hectare farm-Black Pond Farm-which is in the upper reaches of the Mangatangi Catchment and is a priority one area for the Waikato Regional Council Healthy Rivers plan. We are the third farm in this catchment, and have approximately 1.2 kilometres of the stream running through our property.

This project is needed so we give the water quality and biodiversity the best possible chance of being the best it can be.

What do you plan to do?

We have fenced and planted a portion of this stream and now want to finish the rest of it. This project involves clearing the privet, planting native plants and willows, and fencing, and then maintaining the planted area with plant release, weed control, pest control.

What are you contributing to the project?

We are contributing in 3 ways:

- 1) Retiring land: We are retiring 1.6 hectares of land to this riparian planting effort. Using the WRA average value of \$10,000/hectare, this equates to \$16,000.
- 2) Site preparation: We will provide the time and products to:
 - a. prepare the site for planting, which involves spraying the privet regrowth, removing all other weeds (blackberry), and spot spraying before planting
 - b. maintain the site once planted
 - c. manage a pest control program
- 3) Project Management: We will manage the project from start to finish, including the ongoing maintenance.

Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify.

Yes, Waikato Regional Council, and Waikato River Authority are contributing.

Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify. We are in the process of forming a catchment group for the Ruaotehuia Stream and so it will become part of a larger effort. The Mangatangi Marae is working on a riparian planting project too.

What are the long-term management requirements?

There are 2 key long-term management requirements:

- 1) Weed control
- 2) Pest control

What will you do about these long-term requirements?

There are 2 key long-term management requirements:

- 1) Weed control:
 - a. First weed control/releasing will be done by the local nursery team
 - b. Ongoing weed control/releasing will be done by property owners (funding recipients)
- 2) Pest control:
 - a. We will set traps for possums and rats in the planted area and monitor these traps regularly
 - b. We will put plant protectors around some tree/plant species

Overall Costs



Fencing	Type of Fence	Length (m)	Cost per metre	Cost	
	5 w 2 e	1035	\$10.00	\$10,350.00 exc	
Pest Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost	
	Possums / rats	1.6	2 x AT220 (NZ Autotraps)	\$640.00 (exc)	
	Tree protectors	1.6	1000 x KBC Triguard Combo	\$1,850.00 (exc)	
Weed Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost	
Initial		1.6	Hand release	\$3,000.00 (exc)	
Follow-up		1.6	Hand release	\$3,000.00 (exc	
Other Costs (olease specify, eg p	lanting)		Cost	
Plants, pla	\$11,940.00 (exc				
Mulching	\$3,800.00 (exc)				
Total Cost		Transfer		\$34,580.00 (exc)	

Cost Sharing

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Source of Funding	Fencing	Pest Control	Weed Control	Other	Total Cost
Council	\$3,622.50 (exc)	\$0.00	\$1,050.00 (exc)	\$5,509.00 (exc)	\$10,181.50 (exc
Landowner	\$2,227.50 (exc)	\$2,490.00 (exc)	\$3,645.65 (exc)	\$3,387.52 (exc)	\$11,750.67 (exc
Other WRA	\$4,500.00 (exc)		\$1,304.35 (exc)		
Total	\$10,350.00 (exc) \$2,490.00 (exc	\$6,000.00 (exc)	\$15,740.00 (exc	\$34,580.00 (exc

Landowner	DZ,ZZ7.50 (exc)	\$2,490.00 (exc)	\$3,645.65 (e:	xc) \$3,387.52 (exc) \$11,7:	50.6
Other WRA	\$4,500.00 (exc)	\$0.00	\$1,304.35 (e:	xc) \$6,843.48 (exc) \$12,6	87.8
Total	\$10,350.00 (exc) \$2,490.00 (exc	\$6,000.00 (e:	xc) \$15,740.00 (exc)\$34,5	80.0
Signed (applicant)			Date		
Project Assessment	(Waikato District	t Council to com	plete)		
Overall condition of	area: Very po	or Poor	Good	Excellent	
Significance of area:	Low	Medium	High	Very High	
Will the proposal significant areas?	gnificantly improve Yes	e the area / prote	ect something	very important / link to oth	ıer
Main benefits of proj	ject:				100
Recommended Fund	ling:				
Signed (staff)			Date		
Including labour					

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Your Contact Details



Description of Property

	Legal owner(s) Robyn Derret Budd, Hamish Stuart Varnham Browne & G&A Trustee 2016 Limited Occupier (if different from above)
	Legal descriptionLot 15 Deposited Plan 7211
	Area 105.6230 hectares more or less
	Valuation Number
	Valuation (Valuation)
Gene	ral description of project:
	Outline the project area on an aerial photograph (one is available from the Council)
	Vegetation type (circle one): wetland scrub forest peatland
	How big is the project area (hectares)?
	What is special about the area?
	What do you plan to do?
	What are you contributing to the project?
	Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify
	Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify.
	What are the long-term management requirements?
	What will you do about these long-term requirements?

NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.

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Your Contact Details

Name: Leo Koppens	re Kauninera aa Takiwaa o Walkato
Description of Property	
Legal owner(s) / Conandus Arnold Koppens Occupier (if different from above) Legal description / Of / D. D. C. 2.12.02	
Area 2:7646 521903 Lot 2	DP 527903
Valuation Number 04443/125.10 044	43/125.11
General description of project:	/

General description of project:

Outline the project area on an aerial photo	ograph (one is available from the Council)
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one is available from the Council)
Vegetation type (circle one): wetland scrub forest peatland
How big is the project area (hectares)? 1-4077
What is special about the area? QFII covenented 5-03-978 5-03-978
What do you plan to do? Open space and enhancement shorting
What are you contributing to the project? Labour and more plant corts

Are there any other community groups or agencies contributing to the project? Please specify.

Does this project tie in with similar projects on near-by properties? Please specify.

What are the long-term management requirements? Most of the QE II to well planted and managed will sont nice to do that will you do about these long-term requirements? the Future Plan to own this land for the Forseable Future

NOTE: If the assistance is \$5,000 or greater then a conservation covenant registered on the property title is required. This would need to be negotiated with council.

Overall Costs



Fencing	Type of Fence	Length (m)	Cost per metre	Cost
Pest Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
Weed Control	Target Species	Area (ha)	Method of Control	Cost
InitialFollow-up				
	please specify, eg p		PJM Nursery	2760.00
Total Cost				

Cost Sharing

Funding	Fenci	ing	Pest Control	Control	Other	Total Cost
Council					Plants	2760-
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Project Assessme	ent (Waika	to District	Council to com	plete)		
Overall condition	n of area:	Very poo	r Poor	Good	Excellent	
Significance of ar	ea:	Low	Medium	High	Very High	
Will the proposa significant areas?	l significan	tly improve	the area / prote	ect something v	very important /	link to other
		Yes	No			
Main benefits of	project:			H		
Recommended F	unding:					
Signed (staff)				Date		

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¹ Including labour

Quotation No. 1/LK PJM Nursery

6th April, 2020

To: Leo Koppens

Quotation for the Supply of Ecosourced (Hamilton Ecological District) Native Plants for the Restoration of the QEII Covenant on the Property of Leo Koppens, 39 Koppens Road, Tamahere

Asteliagrandis, PB3, 400 mm,	30 @ \$6.00 = \$180.00
Dacrycarpusdacrydioides, PB3, 1.5 m,	100 @ \$6.00 = \$600.00
Dacrydiumcupressinum, PB3, 1 m,	50 @ \$6.00 = \$300.00
Elaeocarpushookerianus, PB3, 600 mm,	50 @ \$6.00 = \$300.00
Freycinetiabanksii, PB3, 400 mm,	30 @ \$6.00 = \$180.00
Hedycaryaarborea, PB3, 700 mm,	10 @ \$6.00 = \$60.00
Pennantiacorymbosa, PB3, 1.2 m,	30 @ \$6.00 = \$180.00
Phyllocladustrichomanoides, PB3, 700 mm	m, 10 @ \$6.00 = \$60.00
Laurelia novae-zealandiae, PB3, 700 mm,	50 @ \$6.00 = \$300.00
Podocarpustotara, PB3, 800 mm,	50 @ \$6.00 = \$300.00
Prumnopitystaxifolia, PB3, 1 m,	50 @ \$6.00 = \$300.00

Totals:

460 plants \$2760.00



Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From | Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date 19 May 2020

Prepared by Brendan Stringer

Democracy Manager

Chief Executive Approved | Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Revised LGNZ Remits Process – LGNZ Annual

General Meeting 2020

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to Covid-19, Local Government New Zealand ("LGNZ") will now be holding its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on Friday, 20 November 2020 in Wellington.

At the <u>Policy & Regulatory Committee meeting on 16 March 2020</u>, the LGNZ Remits Process was presented for the Committee's consideration. No issues were raised for analysis and preparation of a remit at that time.

With the revised, extended timeframes, should the Council wish to submit any remits for consideration at the AGM, the remits would need to be submitted no later than 5.00pm, Friday, 31 July 2020. All submitted remits:

- must be supported by at least one Zone or Sector group meeting, or five councils; and
- are subject to review by LGNZ's Remits Review Committee.

Remits that meet the Remits Screening Policy criteria will advance to the AGM for consideration.

For guidance, an updated memo from LGNZ, which includes details on the National Council's Remits Screening Policy, is attached to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the Council advises the Chief Executive of any remits for the Council to submit to LGNZ for the 2020 AGM.

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3. ATTACHMENTS

Updated Memorandum – 2020 Annual General Meeting Remit Process

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MEMORANDUM



Date: 29 April 2020

To: Mayors, Chairs and Chief Executives, Zone Secretaries and Sector Chairs

From: Malcolm Alexander, Chief Executive, Local Government New Zealand

Subject: Amended 2020 Annual General Meeting Remit Process

We invite member authorities wishing to submit proposed remits for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on **Friday 20 November 2020** at Te Papa, in Wellington, to do so no later than **5:00pm, Friday 31 July 2020.** Notice is being provided now to allow members of zones and sectors to gain the required support necessary for their remit (see point three below). The supporting councils do not have to come from the proposing council's zone or sector.

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Proposed remits should be sent with the attached form. The full remit policy can be downloaded from the <u>LGNZ website</u>.

Remit policy

Proposed remits, other than those relating to the internal governance and constitution of Local Government New Zealand, should address only major strategic "issues of the moment". They should have a national focus articulating a major interest or concern at the national political level.

The National Council's Remits Screening Policy is as follows:

- 1. Remits must be relevant to local government as a whole, rather than exclusively relevant to a single zone or sector group, or an individual council;
- 2. Remits should be of a major policy nature (constitutional and substantive policy) rather than matters that can be dealt with by administrative action;
- 3. Remits must have formal support from at least one zone or sector group meeting, or five councils, prior to them being submitted, in order for the proposer to assess support and achieve clarity about the ambit of the proposal;
- 4. Remits defeated at the AGM in two successive years will not be permitted to go forward;
- 5. Remits will be assessed to determine whether the matters raised can be actioned by alternative, and equally valid, means to achieve the desired outcome;
- 6. Remits that deal with issues or matters currently being actioned by Local Government New Zealand may also be declined on the grounds that the matters raised are "in-hand". This does not include remits that deal with the same issue but from a different point of view; and
- 7. Remits must be accompanied by background information and research to show that the matter warrants consideration by delegates. Such background should demonstrate the:
 - Nature of the issue;
 - Background to it being raised;
 - Issue's relationship, if any, to the current Local Government New Zealand Business Plan and its objectives;

- Level of work, if any, already undertaken on the issue by the proposer, and outcomes to date:
- Resolution, outcome and comments of any zone or sector meetings which have discussed the issue; and
- Suggested actions that could be taken by Local Government New Zealand, should the remit be adopted.

Remit process

Local Government New Zealand will take the following steps to finalise remits for the 2020 AGM:

- All proposed remits and accompanying information must be forwarded to Local Government New Zealand no later than 5:00pm, Friday 31 July 2020 to allow time for the remits committee to properly assess remits;
- A remit screening committee (comprising the President, Vice President and Chief Executive) will review and assess proposed remits against the criteria described in the above policy;
- Prior to their assessment meeting, the remit screening committee will receive analysis from the Local Government New Zealand staff on each remit, assessing each remit against the criteria outlined in the above policy;
- Proposed remits that fail to meet specified criteria will be informed as soon as practicable of the committee's decision, alternative actions available, and the reasons behind the decision;
- Proposers whose remits meet the criteria will be contacted as soon as practicable to arrange the logistics of presenting the remit to the AGM; and
- All accepted remits will be posted to the Local Government New Zealand website, and proposed remits will be sent to members on 10 August 2020 to provide members with sufficient time to consider them before the AGM on 20 November 2020will be informed, at least one month prior to the AGM in order to allow members sufficient time to discuss the remits prior to the AGM.

To ensure quality preparation for members' consideration at the AGM, the committee will not consider or take forward proposed remits that do not meet the Remit Policy, or are received after 5:00pm, Friday 31 July 2020.

General

Remits for AGM consideration also will be included formally in the AGM Business Papers that will be distributed to delegates no later than two weeks before the AGM, as required by the Rules (although as noted above, the proposed remits will be available for member consideration before the AGM papers are issued to the membership).

Should you require further clarification of the requirements regarding the remit process, please contact Leanne Brockelbank on 04 924 1212 or leanne.brockelbank@lgnz.co.nz.

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Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date 19 May 2020

Prepared by Brendan Stringer

Democracy Manager

Chief Executive Approved Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Electoral Officer Report – Elections 2019

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Electoral Officer's report on the 2019 Elections is attached for the Council's information.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Electoral Officer report – 2019 Triennial Elections

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Election Services

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Report to the Waikato District Council regarding the

2019 Triennial Elections

From the Electoral Officer

26 February 2020





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Outline

The 2019 local government triennial elections occurred on Saturday 12 October 2019. The elections for Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Counties Manukau District Health Board and Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust were conducted satisfactorily and on time and met all legislative and practical requirements.

This report summaries the electoral process.

Background

Local government elections are required to be conducted every three years, with the 2019 election occurring on Saturday 12 October 2019. The conduct of these elections is prescribed by legislation and regulation to ensure public confidence and electoral integrity are maintained.

The following preliminary actions/decisions were made:

- (i) during 2018, Council undertook a representation arrangements review (review of wards, boundaries, number of elected members etc). The final proposal retained the existing number of councillors and wards and community boards and members, but made some minor boundary alterations;
- (ii) no election to be held for the Waikato District Health Board due to the appointment of commissioners;
- (iii) the FPP (first past the post) electoral system to be used for the Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council and Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust elections; the STV (single transferable voting) electoral system to be used for the Counties Manukau District Health Board election;
- (iv) postal voting to be used;
- (v) the alphabetical order of candidate names to be used for the Waikato District Council, Counties Manukau District Health Board and Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust elections; and the random order of candidate names to be used for the Waikato Regional Council election.

The electoral officer appointed by Waikato District Council is Dale Ofsoske of Election Services.

With the 2019 elections now complete, this report details the various electoral processes undertaken, together with election statistics for the information of Council.

Narrative

Elections Required

Elections were undertaken for:

Waikato District Council

- mayor (elected at large)
- 13 councillors (elected from 10 wards)
- 30 community board members (elected from five community boards)

Waikato Regional Council

- two members (elected from the Waikato General Constituency) or
- one member (elected from the Nga Hau e Wha Māori Constituency)

Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust

• six members (elected 'at large' from the licensing trust area)

Counties Manukau District Health Board

 seven members (elected 'at large' from parts of the Waikato District, Hauraki District and Auckland Council areas).

Election Timetable

Key election functions and dates were:

Nomination period

19 July - 16 August 2019

Inspection of Preliminary Electoral Roll

19 July - 16 August 2019

Delivery of voting mailers

20-26 September 2019

Special voting/early processing

20 September - 12 October 2019

Election day

12 October 2019

Preliminary count

13 October 2019

Official count

14-18 October 2019

Return of Electoral Donations & Expenses Form

by 13 December 2019

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll comprises two parts, the Residential Electoral Roll and the Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

The Residential Electoral Roll contains parliamentary electors, whose details are maintained and supplied by the Electoral Commission.

Each territorial authority is responsible for compiling its own non-resident Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

To compile the Ratepayer Electoral Roll, two actions are required:

(i) a nationwide advertising campaign on the criteria of ratepayer elector qualifications and enrolment

procedures; and

(ii) the issuing of Ratepayer Confirmation Forms to all eligible 2016 Ratepayer Electoral Roll electors, and if returned, these along with any new enrolments, form the basis of the 2019 Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

A national advertising campaign was undertaken by SOLGM during May 2019 advising readers in all major daily newspapers of the criteria and qualifications required to be eligible for the Ratepayer Electoral Roll. A 0800 free-phone service was again used as a national helpline for ratepayer roll enquiries.

In April 2019, 77 Ratepayer Roll Confirmation Forms were issued to eligible 2016 Ratepayer Electoral Roll electors. A total of 67 non-resident ratepayer electors appeared on the 2019 Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

Preliminary and Final Electoral Rolls

The Preliminary and Final Electoral Rolls were ordered alphabetically (by surname and first name), with a flag denoting voting entitlement (ward, community board, regional council constituency, district health board and licensing trust) vote entitlement.

The Preliminary Electoral Roll was available for public inspection at the following locations during normal office hours between 19 July 2019 and 16 August 2019:

- Head Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia;
- Raglan Office and Library, 7 Bow Street, Raglan;
- Huntly Office and Library, 142 Main Street, Huntly;
- Te Kauwhata Library, 1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata;
- Tuakau Office, 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau.

Statistics relating to the Final Electoral Roll are as follows:

	Final Roll		
Ward	No. Resident Electors	No. Ratepayer Electors	Total
Awaroa ki Tuakau	8735	10	8745
Onewhero-Te Akau	3544	11	3555
Whangamarino	3568	9	3577
Hukanui-Waerenga	3457	4	3461

Eureka	3803	3	3806
Huntly	6149	4	6153
Ngaruawahia	6685	4	6689
Newcastle	4123	2	4125
Raglan	4078	18	4096
Tamahere	4416	2	4418
TOTAL	48558	67	48625

The total number of electors of 48,625 is an increase of 3,412 to the 2016 Final Electoral Roll of 45,213 electors (or +7.55%).

Nominations

The nomination period was 19 July to noon 16 August 2019.

Nomination material was available during this time by:

- (i) visiting one of five Council offices/libraries to uplift the material;
- (ii) downloading the material from the Council's website;
- (iii) phoning the electoral office to have the material posted out.

A detailed '2019 Candidate Information Handbook' was prepared and made available to all candidates, any interested party (e.g. media) and was available online. The handbook contained relevant information about the electoral process to potential candidates.

A total of 63 nominations were received for the 44 Council vacancies, these detailed as follows:

Issue	No. Nominations	No. Vacancies
Mayor	3	1
Councillors	23	13
Community board members	37	30
Total	63	44

For the Tamahere and Whangamarino Wards and the Ngaruawahia Community Board, the number of nominations received equalled the number of vacancies, and these candidates were duly declared elected following the close of nominations. Refer Notice of Day of Election – **Appendix 2**.

No physical elections were also required for the Nga Hau e Wha Māori Constituency of the Waikato Regional Council and the Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust due to the same number of candidates as vacancies.

The 63 nominations received for mayor, council, and community board vacancies is down from the 69 nominations received for these positions at the 2016 election.

Voting Mailers

Voting mailers consisting of an outward envelope, return prepaid envelope, voting document and a candidate profile booklet (which included instructions in English and Māori) were posted to electors from Friday 20 September 2019.

The voting mailers were produced by the NZ Post Group and were consistent in design layout to all other local authorities in the country.

Special Voting

Special votes were available from 20 September 2019 to noon 12 October 2019 by:

- (i) visiting one of the five Council offices/libraries to uplift a special vote;
- (ii) phoning the electoral office to request a special vote.

222 special votes were returned prior to the close of voting, of which 149 (67.12%) were valid. This compares to 174 special votes returned at the 2016 election.

Elector Turnout

Of the 48,625 electors on the Final Electoral Roll, 16,709 electors returned their voting document. This represents a 34.4% return and is an increase from the return of 30.6% at the 2016 election (+3.8%).

A schedule of the number of daily returned voting documents over the voting period is attached (**Appendix 1**).

Of note, the 2019 average nationwide elector turnout is 41.7% compared to 42% for the 2016 election, 41.3% for the 2013 election and 49% for the 2010 election.

Results

With the undertaking of the early processing of returned voting documents during the voting period, progress results were able to be released on election day at around 1pm. Progress results reflected about 95% of votes cast and did not include votes received at Council offices on election day morning. The release of progress results was very successful

and avoided an unnecessary wait by candidates on knowing who were provisionally elected.

The preliminary results were released on Sunday following the receipt and processing of a significant number of votes received at the Council offices on election day morning.

Both the progress and preliminary results were released to candidates and placed on Council's website.

The final results (Declaration of Results of Election – see **Appendix 3**) were made on Friday 18 October 2019 and appeared in the Waikato Times on Monday 21 October 2019.

Election Costs

The 2019 estimated election cost set in January 2019 was \$284,520 + GST (or for an estimated 49,494 electors, \$5.75 + GST per elector), subject to actual costs incurred.

The 2019 final election cost has now been determined at \$289,554 + GST (or for 48,625 electors, \$5.95 + GST per elector).

Of the \$289,554 + GST final cost, Council is able to recover \$108,407 + GST (37.4%) from the other organisations elections were undertaken on behalf of. Unfortunately, as no election was required for the Waikato District Health Board, and no physical elections were required for the Nga Hau e Wha Māori Constituency of the Waikato Regional Council and the Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust, the cost spread falls heavier on organisations where physical elections were required.

Accordingly, this will leave a net cost to Council for their elections of $$181,147 + GST (62.56\% \text{ of the total}), \text{ or } $3.73 + GST per elector.}$

Upcoming Issues

Inquiry into the 2016 elections

Parliament's Justice Committee released its report 'Inquiry into the conduct of the 2017 General Elections and 2016 Local Government Elections' on Tuesday 10 December 2019.

Recommendations in the report relating to local government elections include:

- centralizing the running of local elections
- aligning DHB boundaries to TAs
- one voting method
- aligning advertising and campaigning rules with general elections
- shifting election day to avoid school holidays
- requiring candidates to provide evidence of citizenship

requiring candidates to provide evidence of the existence of a political party/affiliation

The report can be viewed at

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/reports/document/SC R_93429/inquiry-into-the-2017-general-election-and-2016-local-elections

Inquiry into the 2019 elections

Parliament's Justice Committee is to undertake its normal inquiry into the conduct of the 2019 local government elections. Submissions have been called for and close on Saturday 29 February 2020. The Terms of Reference include:

- examine the law and administrative procedures for the conduct of the 2019 local elections with particular reference to:
 - low voter turnout
 - licensing trusts
 - role of council staff during election periods around decisions on information release and public statements
 - o disclosure of candidate criminal convictions
 - any irregularities that may have compromised the fairness of the elections
- consult stakeholders and the wider public regarding the Justice Committee's recommendations from the 2016 local elections, particularly:
 - giving responsibility of running all aspects of local government elections to the Electoral Commission
 - encouraging or requiring the same voting system to be used in all local elections
 - o foreign interference
- examine the law and administrative procedures for the conduct of energy trust elections held since 2016.

Electoral System Review

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, any local authority may resolve, before 12 September 2020, to change the electoral system used at the last election. Should Council wish to consider changing its electoral system (from first past the post to single transferable voting) for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, it can do so by resolution no later than 12 September 2020.

However, a public notice must be given by 19 September 2020 providing the right of electors to demand a poll on the matter.

Maaori Representation Review Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council may at any time resolve to introduce Maaori wards. If a resolution is made before 23 November 2020 (to apply for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections), public notice must be given by 30 November 2020 providing the right of electors to demand a poll on the matter.

If Maaori wards are to be introduced for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, this would need to be reflected in a further representation arrangements review in 2020/2021.

Representation
Arrangements Review

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires every local authority to undertake a representation arrangements review at least once in every six-year period. As Council last undertook a review in 2018, it is not legally required to conduct its next full review until 2023 for the 2025 triennial election.

However, the Local Government Commission in its determination following the 2018 review, strongly indicated that a further review should be undertaken in three years (2021) – which we understand will now occur.

Summary and Conclusions

The Waikato District Council's 2019 triennial elections were conducted successfully and met all legislative and practical requirements. No issues or concerns of significance arose from these elections and all tasks were completed satisfactorily and on time.

There are however several electoral issues Council may wish to consider during 2020/2021:

- (i) consider whether Council retains the first past the post electoral system or adopts the single transferable voting electoral system for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections by 12 September 2020;
- (ii) consider whether Council introduces Maaori wards for the 2019 and 2025 triennial elections by 23 November 2020;
- (iii) undertake a representation arrangements review in 2020/2021.

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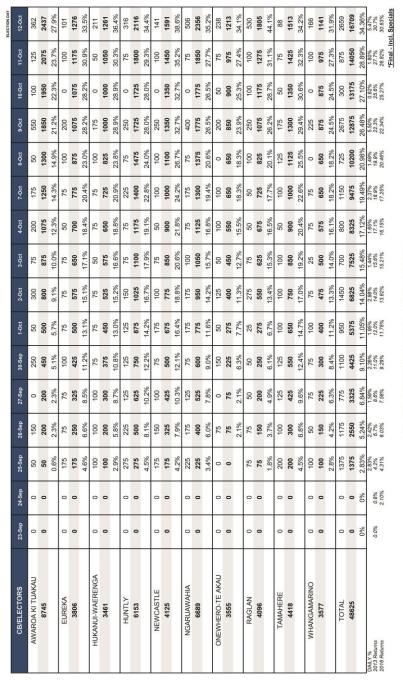


Dale Ofsoske
Electoral Officer // Waikato District Council
Election Services

APPENDIX 1

VOTING DOCUMENT RETURNS - 2019 ELECTIONS







APPENDIX 2

NOTICE OF DAY OF ELECTION for the Waikato District Council 2019 election



Nominations received

Notice is given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that the following persons have been duly nominated as candidates for:

Mayor (one vacancy)

HAWKINS, Korikori SANSON, Allan (Independent)

Council

Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward

CHURCH, Jacqui (Independent) HENDERSON, Stephanie NGATAKI, Kandi (Independent)

Eureka Ward (one vacancy) GOODWIN, Elizabeth (Independent) MCGUIRE, Rob

Hukanui-Waerenga Ward (one vacancy)

LOVELL, Howard (Independent) WOOLERTON, Chris

Huntly Ward (two vacancies) LYNCH, Shelley MCINALLY, Frank

MOANA-TUWHANGAI, Maxine (Independent) ROSOMAN, Bill

Newcastle Ward (one vacancy) JONES, Kawena (Independent) SMITH, Noel (Independent)

Ngaruawahia Ward (two vacancies) GIBB, Janet (Independent) KIRKWOOD, Rongo PATTERSON, Eugene

Onewhero-Te Akau Ward

(one vacancy) EYRE, Carolyn (Independent) MAIN, Bronwyn

Raglan Ward (one vacancy) AMOORE, Dennis (Independent) HOLL, Matt THOMSON Lisa

Community Boards

Huntly Community Board

BREDENBECK, Kim CORK, Rewi (Independent) MCCUTCHAN, Greg (Independent) MCINALLY, Frank WAWATAI, Eden WHYTE, David WOOTTON, Red

Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (six vacancies)

CONROY, Caroline JACKSON, Shaun (Independent) LOVATT, Jonathan (Independent) MCGRATH, Liam (Independent) NELSON, Graham (Independent) NGATAKI, Kandi (Independent) REEVE, Vern (Independent) WATSON, Bronwyn (Independent)

Raglan Community Board

AMOORE, Dennis (Independent) BAINS, Satnam CULLEY, Marcus MACLEOD, Bob OOSTEN, Tony PARSON, Gabrielle RAYNER, Chris VINK, Alan

Taupiri Community Board

COCUP, Sharnay HENRY, Jacqueline LOVELL, Dorothy LOVELL, Howard Independent MORLEY, Jo PECEKAJUS, Jo RICHMOND, Anne VAN DAM, Rudy

As there are more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, an election will be held between the listed candidates on Saturday, 12 October 2019, under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote.

Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust (six members)

CAIRD Ross JACKSON, Gerald Wayne PRATTLEY, Pip CULLEN, Alastair MAKO, Jo (Independent) SINGH, Mohan

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, Ross CAIRD, Alastair CULLEN, Gerald Wayne JACKSON, Jo MAKO, Pip PRATTLEY and Mohan SINGH are duly declared elected members of the Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust.

Council

Tamahere Ward (one vacancy)

BECH, Aksel (Independent)

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies Aksel BECH is duly declared elected a member of the Waikato District

Whangamarino Ward (one vacancy)

SEDGWICK, Jan

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies Jan SEDGWICK is duly declared elected a member of the Waikato District Council.

Community Boards

Ngaruawahia Community Board (six vacancies)

AYERS, Jack (Independent) FIRTH, Dianne KIRKWOOD, Rongo MORGAN Kiri (Independent) RICE, Venessa

WIECHERN, Greg (Independent)

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, Jack AYERS, Dianne FIRTH, Rongo KIRKWOOD, Kiri MORGAN, Venessa RICE and Greg WIECHERN are duly declared elected a members of the Ngaruawahia Community Board.

Issuing of voting documents

Voting documents will be posted to electors from Friday, 20 September 2019.

Return of voting documents

October 2019 to the electoral officer.

Voting documents can be returned by post or hand delivered at the following council offices between Friday, 20 September 2019 and Friday, 11 October 2019 during normal office hours, and Saturday, 12 October 2019 between 9am - noon:

- Voting documents must be returned not later than noon. Saturday, 12 Council Head Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia
 - Huntly Office, 142 Main Street, Huntly
 - Raglan Office, 7 Bow Street, Raglan
 - Te Kauwhata Office, 1 Main Street, Te Kauwhata
 - Tuakau Library, 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau

Special voting

Special voting in terms of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 may be exercised at the above council offices and times

A person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector right up to and including 11 October 2019 – the day before the close of voting.

Dated at Ngaruawahia, 21 August 2019





Dale Ofsoske, Electoral Officer Waikato District Council 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia

Phone 0800 922 822

APPENDIX 3

DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION for the Waikato District Council 2019 election



I hereby declare the results of the elections held on 12 October 2019 for the following offices: Votes Received Community Boards Mayor (one vacancy) Huntly Community Board (six vacancies) Votes Received HAWKINS, Korikori 3626 SANSON, Allan (Independent) 10416 BREDENBECK, Kim 1046 THOMSON, Simon CORK, Rewi (Independent) 735 Informal votes received: 17 MCCUTCHAN, Greg (Independent) 652 Blank votes received: 434 MCINALLY, Frank 850 I therefore declare Allan SANSON to be elected. WAWATAI, Eden 968 WHYTE David 720 WOOTTON, Red 1107 Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward (two vacancies) Votes Received Informal votes received: 1 CHURCH, Jacqui (Independent) 1865 Blank votes received: 41 HENDERSON, Stephanie 1477 I therefore declare Kim BREDENBECK, Rewi CORK, Frank MCINALLY, NGATAKI, Kandi (Independent) Eden WAWATAI, David WHYTE and Red WOOTTON to be elected. Informal votes received: 1 However, as Frank MCINALLY has been declared elected a councillor Blank votes received: 36 to the Huntly Ward, his name has been withdrawn and the next I therefore declare Jacqui CHURCH and Stephanie HENDERSON to be highest polling candidate Greg MCCUTCHAN is declared elected. Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (six vacancies) Votes Received Eureka Ward (one vacancy) CONROY Caroline 1276 GOODWIN, Elizabeth (Independent) 506 JACKSON, Shaun (Independent) 1333 MCGUIRE, Rob LOVATT, Jonathan (Independent) 1081 Informal votes received: 0 MCGRATH, Liam (Independent) NELSON, Graham (Independent) 931 634 I therefore declare Rob MCGUIRE to be elected. NGATAKI, Kandi (Independent) 1024 Hukanui-Waerenga Ward (one vacancy) Votes Received REEVE, Vern (Independent) 1064 WATSON, Bronwyn (Independent) 1094 LOVELL, Howard (Independent) 546 WOOLERTON, Chris Informal votes received: 2 Informal votes received: 1 Blank votes received: 55 I therefore declare Caroline CONROY, Shaun IACKSON, Ionathan Blank votes received: 18 I therefore declare Chris WOOLERTON to be elected. LOVATT, Kandi NGATAKI, Vern REEVE and Bronwyn WATSON to be elected. Huntly Ward (two vacancies) Votes Received LYNCH, Shelley 1374 Raglan Community Board (six vacancies) Votes Received MCINALLY, Frank 1068 AMOORE, Dennis (Independent) 649 MOANA-TUWHANGAI, Maxine (Independent) BAINS, Satnam 926 ROSOMAN, Bill CULLEY, Marcus 642 Informal votes received: 3 MACLEOD, Bob Blank votes received: 29 OOSTEN, Tony 722 I therefore declare Shelley LYNCH and Frank MCINALLY to be elected. PARSON, Gabrielle 931 RAYNER, Chris Newcastle Ward (one vacancy) Votes Received VINK, Alan IONES, Kawena (Independent) 508 Informal votes received: 2 SMITH, Noel (Independent) Blank votes received: 38 Informal votes received: 1 I therefore declare Dennis AMOORE, Satnam BAINS, Bob MACLEOD, Blank votes received: 11 Tony OOSTEN, Gabrielle PARSON and Chris RAYNER to be elected. I therefore declare Noel SMITH to be elected. Taupiri Community Board (six vacancies) Ngaruawahia Ward (two vacancies) Votes Received COCUP, Sharnay GIBB, Janet (Independent) HENRY, Jacqueline KIRKWOOD, Rongo 1027 LOVELL, Dorothy 95 PATTERSON, Eugene 1571 LOVELL, Howard (Independent) 110 Informal votes received: 1 MORLEY, Jo 43 Blank votes received: 16 PECEKAJUS, Jo 42 I therefore declare Janet GIBB and Eugene PATTERSON to be elected. RICHMOND, Anne 43 Onewhero-Te Akau Ward (one vacancy) Votes Received VAN DAM, Rudy EYRE, Carolyn (Independent) Informal votes received: 0 MAIN, Bronwyn Blank votes received: 3 As Io MORLEY and Anne RICHMOND achieved an equality in votes in Informal votes received: 3 Blank votes received: 67 sixth place, under regulation 58(5) of the Local Electoral Regulations I therefore declare Carolyn EYRE to be elected. 2001, the electoral officer is required to determine by lot which candidate is to be declared elected. On Friday 18 October 2019 both Raglan Ward (one vacancy) Votes Received candidate names were placed in a hat and Jo MORLEY's name was AMOORE, Dennis (Independent) drawn out. HOLL, Matt I therefore declare Sharney COCUP, Jacqueline HENRY, THOMSON, Lisa 1274 Dorothy LOVELL, Howard LOVELL, Jo MORLEY and Rudy VAN DAM Informal votes received: 6 Blank votes received: 17 I therefore declare Lisa THOMSON to be elected.





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Open Meeting

To Waikato District Council

From Gavin Ion

Chief Executive

Date | 19 May 2020

Prepared by Lynette Wainwright

Committee Secretary

Chief Executive Approved Y

Reference # GOVI301

Report Title | Exclusion of the Public

I. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(I) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item I.I – Confirmation of Minutes 6 May 2020	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7 Local	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 2 – Action List – Public Excluded	Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	
Item 3.1 – Award of Contracts for Proposed District Plan Hearings: Rural Zone and Significant Natural Areas, entered into under Delegated Authority		
Item 4 – Chief Executive's Issues		
Item 5 – Mayoral Issues		

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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item I.I		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason(s) in the Agenda for this meeting.
Item 2		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason(s) in the Agenda for this meeting.
Item 3.1	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
	7(2)(i)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
	7(2)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
Item 4	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
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Item 5	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
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