

Agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board to be held in the Huntly West Community Hub, Harris Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2021** commencing at **6.00pm**.

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То	Huntly Community Board
From	Gavin Ion
	Chief Executive
Date	19 March 2021
Prepared by	Lynette Wainwright
	Lynette Wainwright Committee Secretary
Chief Executive Approved	Y
Reference #	GOV0505
Report Title	Confirmation of Minutes

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the minutes of the Huntly Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3. ATTACHMENTS

HCB Minutes – 16 February 2021



MINUTES of a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held in the Riverside Room, Civic Centre, Main Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY**, **I6 FEBRUARY 2021** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Mr D Whyte (Chairperson) Cr S Lynch Cr F McInally Ms K Bredenbeck Mr DRM Cork Mr GB McCutchan Ms E Wawatai

Attending:

Members of the public

Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer) Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary) via Telephone Conference

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Whyte/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT an apology be received from Mr Wootton.

CARRIED

HCB2102/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 be confirmed;

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AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

HCB2102/02

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Whyte/Ms Wawatai)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

HCB2102/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the public forum:

- Maintenance of grass verges.
- SHI being returned to Council ownership. The speed limit would be reduced to 60km/hr.
- Huntly rail station colours. Cleanliness of the rail corridor and the concrete barrier between the rail network and the Huntly shops.
- Welcome to Huntly sign. Pride of Huntly was very important.
- Terra Firma development.

REPORTS

NZ Police Update Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers]. The Police were unable to attend the meeting but provided the following points:

- People misusing motorbikes had been identified and prosecuted.
- 60 Main Street, Huntly. Health & safety/fire risk on the upstairs portion of the property.

ACTION: The Chairperson would contact Fire and Emergency Services re: fire escape rules and advise the Police.

Discretionary Fund Report to 28 January 2021 Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- New Zealand Community Boards' Conference. It was noted that the Huntly Community Board would not send a delegate to the Conference in Gore in April 2021.
- Attendance at the tangi for Mr Bob Tukiri.

Resolved: (Mr Whyte/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT the Huntly Community Board approves reimbursement:

- to Ms Wawatai;
- for the amount of \$100.00;
- for a koha at the tangi of Mr Bob Tukiri.

CARRIED

HCB2102/04

Year to Date Service Request Report Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters.

- Building inspection services completion rates.
- Roading CRMs.

ACTION: Staff to investigate the low completion rates of building inspections and roading CRMs and report back to the next Board meeting.

<u>Submission – Proposed Waikato District Council Keeping of Animals Bylaw</u> Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers]. No discussion was held.

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board retrospectively approves the feedback to Waikato District Council in relation to the submission on the Keeping of Animals Bylaw, as attached to the staff report.

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CARRIED

HCB2102/05

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items February 2021 Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

• The disabled carpark at the Huntly pool complex had not been moved as the spacing at the front of the complex was not big enough. A preferred option was for disabled users to phone the pool office on arrival and be given access via the back of the building.

ACTION: The Chairperson to contact the Huntly Pool Complex and advise of the Board's preferred option.

- Geese at Huntly Domain. A new type of grass had been developed that repelled birds and was used at Christchurch airport. Council would trial the grass and under sow the domain grounds in August/September 2021.
- Road safety outside the kindergarten.

<u>Chairperson's Report</u> Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- Huntly Community Board logo. A logo had been designed and was approved by the Board.
- Funky Monkey Bars. The Gorilla Plus playground must meet Council's safety standards and location requirements.

<u>Councillors' and Board Members' Reports</u> Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [HCB2102/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- LTP workshops had been held.
- Wastewater. Central government were looking to restructure the entire waters regulatory framework.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.36pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this	day of	2021.
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D Whyte CHAIRPERSON



То	Huntly Community Board
From	Gavin Ion
	Chief Executive
Date	19 March 2021
Prepared by	Lynette Wainwright
	Committee Secretary
Chief Executive Approved	Y
Reference #	GOV0505
Report Title	NZ Police Update

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To advise members that a representative from the New Zealand Police will be in attendance at the Community Board meeting.

2. **Recommendation**

THAT the verbal report from the NZ Police be received.



То	Huntly Community Board
From	Alison Diaz
	Chief Financial Officer
Date	12 March 2021
Prepared by	Julie Kelly
	Julie Kelly Support Accountant
Chief Executive Approved	Y
Reference/Doc Set #	GOV0505
Report Title	Discretionary Fund Report to 12 March 2021

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update the Board on the Discretionary Fund Report to 12 March 2021.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Chief Financial Officer be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 12 March 2021

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HUNTLY COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2020/21 (July 2020 - June 2021)

As at Date: 12-Mar-2021

				GL 1.204.1704
2020/21 Annu	al Plan			24,026.0
	i from 2019/20			41,384.0
	Total Funding			65,410.00
Income				
Total Income				-
Expenditure		Resolution No.		
16/07/2020	Waikato District Alliance (Downer) C14/314 for Huntly Community CCTV variation	HCB1908/06		3,475.9
30/09/2020	Waikato District Alliance (Downer) C14/314 for Huntly Community CCTV variation	HCB1908/06		2,984.6
30/10/2020	Waikato District Alliance (Downer) C 14/314 PP 64 Work to 30/10/20	HCB1908/06		2,700.0
10/11/2020	Friendship House - Christmas on Main 2020	HCB2010/04		5,000.00
10/11/2020	Friendship House - Community Dinner Project 2020	HCB2010/03		5,000.00
8/12/2020	Huntly Volunteer - Donation - Secret Garden Project	HCB1909/04		250.00
Total Expendi	iture			19,410.61
Net Funding F	Remaining (Excluding commitments)			45,999.39
Commitment	s			
21/06/2016	Commitment for placemaking projects (HCB1606/03/1)		I 5,000.00	
17/09/2019	Huntly Menz Shed - towards the Secret Garden Project	HCB1909/04	250.00	
18/02/2020) Funding to Justin Twomie Mahon, for Painting and Decorating, for the amount of \$1,000.00.	HCB2002/07	1,000.00	
	Murals to address graffiti in the Huntly Main Street and Bridge Street shops.			
	Less: Other Expenses			
			(2,874.61)	13,375.3
21/02/2017	Huntly Christmas related activities - recurring	HCB1702/04		to be confirme
21/05/2019	Revitalise 2 Huntly entrance sites	HCB1905/06		5,000.00
27/10/2020	Funds committed to Mr Whyte for the amount of \$180.00 (incl GST) for the purchase of	HCB2010/10		156.52
16/02/2021	HCB approves reimbursement to Ms Wawatai for \$100 for a koha at the tangi of Mr Bob	HCB2102/04		
	Tukiri.			100.00
	tments			18,631.9
Total Commi				

Note: All amounts reflected are excluding GST



То	Huntly Community Board
From	Roger MacCulloch
	General Manager Service Delivery
Date	30 March 2021
Prepared by	Paul Harrison
	Roading Corridor Engineer
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	HCB2021
Report Title	Proposed Road Names for Eastside Heights Ltd Subdivision 0020/20 at 118 Riverview Road, Huntly

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests that the Huntly Community Board consider and recommend two of the proposed road names from the list prepared by Eastside Heights Ltd for the Eastside Heights Development, subdivision 0020/20 at 118 Riverview Road, Huntly.

The list, detailed in paragraph 4.1 of this report, has been checked by staff against the Road Naming Policy and the road names are recommended for inclusion. The street type (eg street, road, avenue, boulevard, junction, crescent, etc) will be added to each approved name, if not given by the developer. The Board is requested to select two road names only.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the Huntly Community Board supports, and recommends to the Infrastructure Committee for approval, two of the following proposed road names supplied by Eastside Heights Development for the Eastside Heights Development, subdivision 0020/20 at 118 River Road, Huntly:

- Guy King Place
- Tohu Place
- Orchid Way
- Miners Way

in accordance with the Road Naming Policy.

3. BACKGROUND

A list of suggested Road Names suitable for posting within the Huntly township area has been prepared by Eastside Heights Development.

Historical Name Theme - Long standing Resident in the area.

Environment Theme – Plant and animal names

Staff have reviewed the list and excluded name duplications and names with sound similarity issues or duplicated street type (eg street, road, avenue, boulevard, junction, crescent, etc).

There are no duplications in the Waikato District Hamilton City Council or Waipa District regions.

The names have been checked for duplication in Intramaps, Google Mapping and the Waikato District Council RAMM list.

When potential names are selected from the list for allocation, a further check will be made for new duplications.

This report is submitted in accordance with section 2.1 of the Road Naming Policy.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

The table below provides a list of recommended pioneer historical themed names, background to the name choice, an indication of any potential duplication or sound similarity issues and nominates recommended prefix road titles as per road naming policy.

Names are presented in the order of the developer's preferred choice starting with the first then 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} .

			Location of duplicate	OFFICE USE ONLY	
ID	Name and Suffix	Reason	or similar sounding name in NZ	Classification and notes	Approved or Declined
Road 2 Yellow on map	Guy King Place	Acknowledging Guy King's contribution to the Huntly West community and its wellbeing. During his lifetime Mr King was held in high regard by both Maori and Pakeha residents	None	None	Approved Roading
Road 3 Red on Map	Tohu Place	Tohu meaning "gift". The gift of an opportunity to new homes to a growing Huntly community, retirees, new and old residents to create "homes" and families within our community.	Tohu Place – New Plymouth		Approved Roading
Road 3 Red on Map	Orchid Way	The swamp helmet (Anzygas carsei) is found only in wetland around Huntly and is classified as "nationally critical" and is at risk of becoming extinct.	Orchid Place – Te Atatu		Approved Roading
Road 3 Red on Map	Miners Way	Coal mining once being Huntly's biggest industry has strong roots with our community and is an important part or Huntly's history.	None		Approved Roading

4.2 OPTIONS

The following table lists potential road names that staff deem to be unsuitable for inclusion on the approved road name list.

	Proposed names to be excluded	Background	Duplicates	Reason for exclusion
I	Flaxmere Lane (Road 2 –Yellow on map)	A play on the development's name "Westmere" & the native flax bush that grew freely on the farmland the site is located on. It represents a combining of the history and the future.	Similar sounding	Flaxmill Road – Orini Flaxmere Ave – Hastings Flaxmere Street – Waikanae Beach Declined Roading
2	Karakia Lane (Road 2 –Yellow on map)	Representing the spiritual / ritual significant of the area.	Similar sounding	Hillsborough – Auckland Karakariki Road – Karakariki New Castle ward WDC Declined Roading
3	Bridgewater (Road 3 –Red on map) Drive	Reference to the Tainui Bridge over the Waikato River.	Similar Sounding	Bridgewater Road – Parnell Bridge Street – Huntly Declined Roading

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

All costs are being met by the developer.

5.2 LEGAL

The recommendation in this report complies with the Council's legal requirements.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

Community Board consultation around road naming has been undertaken in accordance with Waikato District Council Road Naming Policy and standard operating procedures.

5.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

Highest levels of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	This matter significance		ered to be sig	nificant in terms	of Council's

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
			Internal
			Community Boards/Community Committees
			Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
			Households
			Business
			Adjoining TLA's.

6. CONCLUSION

The Huntly Community Board is requested to consider and recommend two of the proposed road names which complies with the Council's Road Naming Policy.

The Board's decision will then be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee for approval, as all road names require the Infrastructure Committee's approval in accordance to the Road Naming Policy.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Map – Road outlay



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То	Huntly Community Board		
From	Vanessa Jenkins		
	People & Capability Manager		
Date	22 March 2021		
Prepared by	Sharlene Jenkins		
	Executive Assistant		
Chief Executive Approved	Y		
Reference/Doc Set #	GOV0505 / 3016695		
Report Title	Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items March 2021		

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Huntly Community Board on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway in Huntly.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the People & Capability Manager be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

- Huntly Community Board Issues Register March 2021
- Huntly Works as at 15 March 2021

HUNTLY COMMUNITY BOARD ISSUES REGISTER – March 2021

Issue	Area	Action	Comments
Promotional Signage for Huntly	Communications, Engagement & Marketing / Community Board	DECEMBER 2019: Concept to be presented to the February 2020 meeting for approval. FEBRUARY 2020: Ms Bredenbeck to prepare proposal for March meeting.	FEBRUARY 2020: Staff would like to work with the Board on their concept, and discuss ideas of how to engage the community in the look and feel of signage. Communications Advisor to contact Kim Bredenbeck to discuss before bringing to the whole Board for support.
Shop Verandas	Community Board Chair	JUNE 2020: Chair to contact the Building Quality Manager to discuss health & safety issues in relation to shop verandas.	AUGUST 2020: The Chair and Building Quality Manager have not connected yet.
Health & Safety for Board meetings	People & Capability Manager	FEBRUARY 2021: To be discussed at February Community Board meeting.	MARCH 2021: To be discussed at March Community Board meeting.
60 Main Street, Huntly	Community Board Chair	DECEMBER 2020: Drinking had been observed on the public footpath. The upstairs portion of the property had no fire escape and was deemed a health & safety risk. The Police would follow up with the owners of the property. The Chairperson would contact Waikato District Council re: fire escape rules and advise the Police.	MARCH 2021: The Chair to contact NZ Police to advise that fire escapes have been signed off by Council.
Year to Date Service Request Report	Innovation & Risk, Operations Group	DECEMBER 2020: Quality control was lacking with jobs that had been completed. Staff to seek clarification on the auditing process for completed service requests and report back to the next Community Board meeting.	JANUARY 2021: Staff have been looking at reviewing and improving our service request process and systems, and part of that was when we met with the Huntly Community Board Chair. Post that meeting we have a project in place to identify and implement improvements. MARCH 2021: A number of items raised by the HCB Chair related to the SR process and systems were discussed in meetings late in 2020 and progressed in line with the agreed actions. An initiative has commenced to promote, raise, and manage improvement opportunities identified by staff including suggestions to the SR process and related systems (amongst others).
Fitness Trail in Tumate Mahuta Drive Park	Community Board Chair	DECEMBER 2020: The Chairperson to meet with the Funding and Partnership Manager to discuss funding and report back to the next meeting.	MARCH 2021: The Chair to discuss onsite. Mr Cork to complete plan.

Issue	Area	Action	Comments
Footpaths in Huntly	Community Board Chair	DECEMBER 2020: Footpath renewals and maintenance. Uneven paths were a health & safety issue. The Chairperson to meet with the Roading Manager to discuss the process for footpath renewals and maintenance. Staff to advise the Board the landowner's name for the land on the corner of Russell Road and E Mine Road.	JANUARY 2021: Council can give out details that are publicly available (i.e. on a record of title) or on the Rating Information Database. Council cannot give out personal information such as contact phone numbers and email addresses etc. Staff have contacted the Chair via email on 28 January 2021 with the details the parcel of land on the corner of Russell Road and E Mine Road which are available on the Council Rating Information Database. MARCH 2021: The Chair to meet with Council's Senior Transportation Engineer and Open Spaces Team Leader to get plan for footpath renewals and discuss strategic connections.
Discretionary Fund – Contribution towards Huntly CCTV Project	Operations Group, Finance	FEBRUARY 2021: To confirm correct amount has been debited from the Huntly Discretionary Fund for its contribution towards the Huntly CCTV Project (HCB1908/06).	MARCH 2021: Discretionary Fund report amended to show correct amount debited from the Huntly Community Board Discretionary Fund.
Service Requests	Operations Group	FEBRUARY 2021: Email Board Chair responses to the low Building Inspection and Roading CRMs performance.	MARCH 2021: Emailed to Board Chair 22 March 2021.
Sport Waikato Level of Service	Operations Group	FEBRUARY 2021: Source copy of proposed new strategy to confirm proposed new level of service at the lower funding level.	MARCH 2021: Refer to Sport Waikato's strategy <u>Moving Waikato 2025</u> , and staff's update to the Infrastructure Committee in February 2021 <u>Service Delivery Projects Report - Page 28.</u>
Daycare Cnr Tumate Mahuta Drive and Main Street	Consents / Operations Group	FEBRUARY 2021: Copy of Consent (if it is public) to understand roading issues.	MARCH 2021: LUC0006/21 Decision and Consent Conditions emailed to the Chair on 22 February 2021. The Chair to discuss traffic issues with the Senior Transportation Engineer.
Main Street – Gardens	Open Spaces, Service Delivery	FEBRUARY 2021: Gardens need re-barking.	MARCH 2021: Service request raised: PRK1348/21.

Issue	Area	Action	Comments
Main Street – Pavers	Roading, Service Delivery	FEBRUARY 2021: Pavers on northern pedestrian crossing are uneven and dangerous (142 Main Street).	MARCH 2021: Service request raised: RDG02458/21
Main Street – Cleaning of Pavers	Roading, Service Delivery	FEBRUARY 2021:	MARCH 2021: Service request raised: RDG02459/21
Porters – 135 Rotowaro Road	Community Safety, Customer Support	FEBRUARY 2021: Concerns raised about Porters operation at 135 Rotowaro Road.	MARCH 2021: Staff have been in direct communication with the Board Chair and with Waikato Regional Council about the issue. Waikato Regional Council has carriage of the issue in relation to discharge/run off.
Gleeson Cox	Community Safety, Customer Support	FEBRUARY 2021: Concerns re: operations on site e.g. coal stockpiling.	MARCH 2021: The stockpiling issue was investigated and the consent holder was made aware that the activity was non-compliant. The stockpile was removed shortly thereafter. Further enforcement action is being considered.

Issue	Area	Action	Comments
Terra Firma Resources Ltd – Puketirini Block	Planning & Policy, Community Growth	Terra Firma Resources Limited rezoning proposal – specifically the stability of ground	MARCH 2021: As part of the assessment (42a report) that the planner will write on the submission requesting a zone change on the site/s surrounding Lake Puketirini, the planner will give careful consideration to all relevant geotechnical reports and if deemed necessary undertake further technical evidence before making a recommendation at the hearing.

HUNTLY WORKS - As at 15 March 2021

Community Projects Update

Huntly Grandstand Roof Replacement

Huntly Grandstand re-roof is to commence on 18 March. Transpower has confirmed the requirements and has scheduled a power outage, to undertake critical works directly under the power lines.

Finalizing the Site Specific Safety Plan (SSSP) submitted by the contractor, ISS, with the WDC Zero Harm team prior to commencing works.

Huntly Park and Ride

The train service is scheduled to commence after Easter (Tuesday 6 April 2021), with a VIP train 25 March 2021 and open day event weekend of 27/28 March 2021.



То	Huntly Community Board
From	David Whyte
	Chairperson
Date	19 March 2021
Prepared by	Lynette Wainwright
	Committee Secretary
DWS Document Set #	GOV0505
Report Title	Chairperson's Report

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chairperson's report is attached for the Board's information.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Chairperson be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Chairperson's Report

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Huntly Community Board chair report. March 2021 By David Whyte

Like to appreciate the parks team, for their scheduled renewal of the Lake Hakanoa walkway seats. And also the repair undertaken to the bridge street / Harris street bollards.

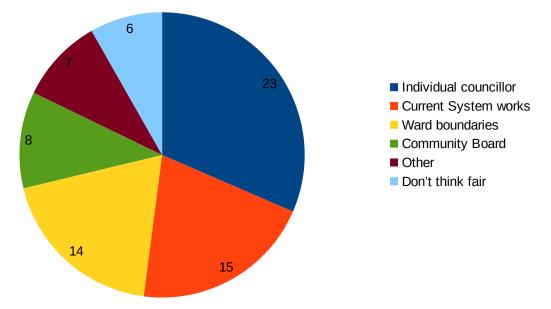


Various things done since last meeting

- Connected organiser of Huntly Half to local landowner.
- Supplied feedback on search results on WDC website
- Raised work order for 'random' white poles on old SH1. Suspect used to hold signage, but what signs has long gone. Also raised very faded / old no stopping signs on town centre bypass These will be renewed in time.
- Speed of trucks over Tainui bridge. Purchased simple radar gun and spent half and hour measured speed of trucks on bridge. Approximately two thirds of gleeson and cox trucks were doing the lower speed, whereas one third was not. Raised this with management, and supplied details / times. Also raised this with Rock and Rumble, as their trucks were not following the speed limit. Reminded local contractors Brighton Contractors about the reasons for the lower speed limit as results were variable. And lastly sent thank you note to Winston whose truck was following the lower speed limit.
- Contacted Genesis about the coal stored at G & C site
- Contacted the council about day care centre. Plans have been circulated from this. I am concerned about traffic flows, and will be asking further questions.
- Contacted council about development. See works and issues
- Contacted NZTA about the old signage in Huntly, on the roads connecting to the old SH1. These signs still have the SH1 badge / info on them. NZTA have confirmed these will be updated / have the SH1 badge removed.
- Attended many LTP workshops at WDC. The complexity of an LTP is significant. Changes to the discretionary funding could be positive, however community boards need to consider things carefully.
- Worked with Evelyn from Community House on funding application for murals (draft attached)
- Send letter to Westpac about possible closing. This is attached. Unfortunately Westpac has decided to close their branch anyway

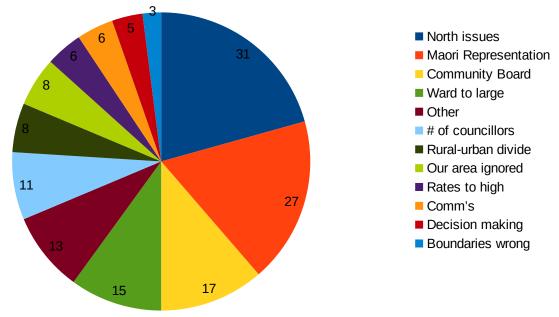
• Did oral presentation to council at the animal by law hearing. This is attached. The new HCB logo looked really good and was a pleasure to show it for the first time.

Attended the representation review workshop at council. Where results from the representation review were presented. I wondered if a deeper analysis would produce the same conclusion. So asked for the original online survey data and processed the data by dividing into categories, and then tabulating and graphing. Then supplied these reports to the councillors. However given the possible confidentiality of these comments, I am just including the graphs below. Full report may be provided upon request. These results suggest that having larger wards and/or more councillors by ward would not address the perceived lack of fair and effective representation, and would reduce the positives in the system.



Why folks think current system is fair and effective

Why folks think current system is NOT fair and effective



Memo

To: Management of Westpac Huntly BranchFrom: Huntly Community BoardRe: Possible Closure of Westpac Huntly

It has come to our attention that the Westpac Branch in Huntly may be considering closing. If this rumour is incorrect, please store this memo for later review, since no doubt in the future, the branch may be considered for closure.

Closure of face to face banking facilities makes sense on paper. Since those making these decisions are good folk, with good paying jobs, driving good cars, and living in good suburbs. Thus moving to online systems, isn't a challenge for them and their families. However Huntly doesn't have this demographic, and thus would be significantly impacted by the closure of Westpac's branch. This is for the following factors:

Internet Poverty.

Internet poverty is the name given to those who do not have adequate access to the internet. We have done some research into this area, given we are low socio-economic area. Thus one would expect a correlation between lower socio-economics and high internet poverty. And as a board, we need to understand the limitations that Huntly folk experience.

Not only is there a strong correlation of internet poverty, and low socio-economic status, there is a strong correlation between internet poverty and being elderly. This again makes sense, as elderly have the double barrier of low income, but also a slower uptake of technology. Thus it is not uncommon to find elderly without a smart phone, or if they have a smart phone, the inability to use the 'smart' part of it.

Thus running the various estimates (the report can be supplied upon request) it is concluded that upwards of 2 000 folks in Huntly experience Internet Poverty. This is a very high number. And thus these folks rely on face to face banking for their financial needs. So the removal of a face to face banking ability will cause these folks significant hardship. As they will struggle to be able to access their own finances / manage their finances.

Accurate money withdraw.

One thing that is noticeable between middle and upper class, and their use of eftpos or credit cards, is how those on limited means use cash instead. This is a clever management strategy. Since the remaining cash, is the remaining amount of money that needs to stretch the remainder of the time period. This information is therefore always on hand, and can be easily verified and controlled. Therefore banks that can offer withdraw of any cash amount, is important for money management. ATM's typically stock \$20 and \$50, since this is the most economically from a cash loading point of view, and thus this limits someone to not getting all their cash out, but to the nearest factor of \$20. Which when some ones income is low, this can make a big difference.

Also business in Huntly mainstreet at the moment give out cash, without thinking. Since they have easy access to cash changing, and cash services at Westpac bank branch. However with the branch closing this will result in a tighter or removal of the cash out service, and thus reduce ability of locals to set around the cash withdraw challenges.

Elderly and those with disabilities

Unless someone has looked after an elderly person, or has direct experienced with a disabled person, one can take for granted the things a fully able person is able to do. With age comes loss of body functions, which can make life harder. For example gradual loss of eyesight, for many reasons including cataracts (the government will only replace cataracts once both are gone, thus resulting in many elderly who have ineffective sight). Although these elderly appear to function well, a lot of the time this is because they have a rich memory of the layout, locations of road crossings etc. And when it comes to using a smart phone, computer or automated teller, they do not have the ability to see the material that a fully sighted person does. And thus cannot use the technology.

The same can be said for telephone banking. We are all aware of elderly who loose their ability to hear, we all loose high pitch sounds first, but some elderly have lost far more than this. And thus their ability to use telephone banking is removed. Since using a phone when one has significant hearing loss is an exercise in frustration.

Bank closures also impacts people in ways that are less obvious. Dyslexics often have dyscalculia as well. This is effectively dyslexia with numbers. And this impacts a significant proportion of Huntly's population, as there is a correlation between indigenous populations and dyslexia. Hence many with dyscalculia will find creative ways around their challenge with numbers. One of these is to use tellers to undertake transactions and other methods. Thus without tellers, these folk either have a highly stressful time attempting to do these things themselves, or get stuck without help.

Those without cars

We live in a car centric society. Which is fine until one is without a car. And those without cars are those in low socio-economic or elderly populations. Given that Huntly is high in both, this will impact Huntly disproportionally compared to a more affluent town. Sure banking services are available at The Base ~30 minutes away. However this assumes one has access to a car (and petrol to put in it). These are not valid assumptions for this town. Which is small enough that one can get around on a bike or scooter. Thus it removes the ability for some folks to access banking services.

Before the word bus is mentioned, we would point out, have you tried to use the bus from a small outlying town into a regional centre. The time taken to do this, means that a simple trip turns into a whole day affair. So it becomes disproportionately difficult to do other productive things in life.

Wider geographic impact

A hinterland is the concept that a business, or town, has an area around it which people travel in to that town to obtain goods and services. Thus Huntly services a wider area than just the township. It extends North, until it becomes better to go to Pukekoe, West until it becomes better to go to Raglan and South until more logical to go to Hamilton, and East till it becomes better to go to Morrinsville/ Hamilton. Thus the flow on impact to the wider farming and rural community should be considered. Some of these small locations / hamlets have similar socio-economics to Huntly. So the follow through impact on these folks who have no public transport at all. Will be significant.

We appreciate that demand for face to face banking services has reduced. And as a result opening hours have reduced. However to eliminate face to face banking services will cause undue hardship in a town where folks are already under pressure, under stress and hardship.

There is a strong connection between increased stress, and increased mental health challenges and increased addictions and negative social outcomes. Therefore we are very cognisant of the removal of banking services increasing stress significantly to those who are already under stress due to their financial or life situation. Huntly with the removal of SH1, and moving of folk into the town from the more expensive cities, has started to gain traction. Also with the proposed development of Sleepyhead, which if successful (odds are good) will bring 2 000 jobs, and 1 100 homes to Huntly.

Thus to close a branch when there is projected to be a significant growth in the community would be an unwise move.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above points

Sincerely

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Thanks for allowing lambs for calf club



60 days to short for exceptions

- Date of Waikato A & P show
 - End of October (29th-31st 2021)
 - Local winners can go to show
 - This has happened in Huntly
- Counting back 60 days
 - Means no lambs born in August or July
- Recommendation change 60 to 90 days



Chicken Tractors

- Moveable cages reduce or eliminate some of the negatives of a fixed run
- Recommendation:
 - Include moveable runs / homes as part of the bylaw
 - Have limit per square meter of cage (suggest 2/m)