

ATTACHMENTS

Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting

22 August 2017

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TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT:

Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry (from 10.05am), Mr Mark Seymour,

Miss Memory Te Whaiti

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Group Manager Operational Services, Democracy & Community

Engagement Manager, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Operations Manager - Mangakino, Civil Defence Manager, Strategic Partnership Advisor -Welfare Manager, Strategic Relationships Manager, Communications Advisor,

Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Natalie Haines and Alan Hurcomb (Mercury Energy), Andy Hema (TTCB)

Three members of the public

Councillor Trueman welcomed Miss Te Whaiti to her first meeting of the Representative Group.

APOLOGIES

MP201706/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the apology received from Mrs Lisa de Thierry (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST 2

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 18 APRIL 2017

MP201706/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:

Page 3, under 'Tirohanga Sports & Settlers Association' second paragraph, remove words 'struggling families'

CARRIED

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4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: MANGAKOWHIRIWHIRI STREAM WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Mercury Energy representatives Natalie Haines (Taupō based) and Alan Hurcomb (Whakamaru based) were in attendance to provide an update to the Group on the Mangakowhiriwhiri Wetland Project. Key points noted were:

- Initial project discussions were held with interested parties in late 2015. From there, it was decided
 to wait until the project was underway before disseminating information to the wider general public.
- The restoration project idea came from a Whakamaru Station Manager whose private property overlooked the swampy weed infested area (at the base of the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream, where it entered Lake Whakamaru).
- The aspiration was to create a thriving native dominant swampland including a swamp forest habitat to encourage bird life.
- In late 2015, funding was secured from Mercury Energy to engage former DOC ecologist Nick Singers to develop a five year plan.
- Project works were funded 50/50 from Waikato Ecological Enhancement Trust and Waikato Regional Authority.
- The majority of the restoration work would be done over the first three summer seasons. Due to higher than usual rainfall and wet conditions over the recent summer, weed control work that was planned to start in November 2016 through to January 2017 did not start until April 2017. The next scheduled work would be done from November 2017 January 2018. Local schools and community would be invited to assist with planting planned for 2018-2019 summer.
- A project vision plan was distributed to members (A2007932). The plan included a small bund which
 would prevent daily flooding and draining of the wetland. However, there was concern around water
 stagnating due the bund therefore it would require precise execution by suitably qualified engineers.
- Replacing weeds with native species provided benefits for the environment, water and local community.
- A university student was assisting with developing a wetland monitoring plan that would link in with local schools.
- Access improvements included installation of two gates for 4WD vehicle access and a boardwalk for
 public use. Vegetation work needed to be completed before surveying could be done to determine
 where the boardwalk would go. This would both enhance the area and provide access to unique
 protected indigenous vegetation further along.

The following was noted in relation to questions, answers and related discussion:

- In relation to the boardwalk, there were health and safety issues to consider for it to be bike friendly.
 Congestion in the area would also be likely. Personal preference was that it be restricted to foot traffic only as the bike causeway was already under-used.
- Swan numbers would be included in bird count statistics post project completion.
- The existing storyboards were an excellent initiative and well utilised. The team would look at implementing something similar potentially along the boardwalk eg storyboards on the restoration project journey.

MP201706/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update and Ms Natalie Haines and Mr Alan Hurcomb be thanked for their presentation.

CARRIED

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4.2 DISTRICT CIVIL DEFENCE WELFARE PLAN UPDATE

The Emergency Manager and Strategic Partnership Advisor – Welfare Manager were in attendance to provide an update to the Group on the District Civil Defence Welfare Plan.

Hard copies of a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Taupō District Welfare Plan' were distributed to members.

The Strategic Partnership Advisor – Welfare Manager went through the presentation and highlighted the following points:

- Preparedness was absolutely essential
- Welfare worked across the 4Rs: reduction, readiness, response and recovery. Each component had associated hazards that would be unique to each community.
- Response principles were to preserve life, care for injured, sick and dependants, economic and social activity; protect assets, buildings and natural and physical resources; provide animal welfare; prevent any escalation of the emergency and maintain law and order and governance.
- The structure and process included the local welfare committee and manager, roles and responsibilities and, agency and community engagement.
- The Civil Defence Manager had been working with the Mangakino-Pouakani marae.

The Civil Defence Manager noted that:

- Members were encouraged to attend an upcoming Civil Defence foundational course in Turangi and should have received meeting invites. The course would provide great insight into emergency management centre processes in the event of an emergency.
- It was important that a community response plan (CRP) specific to Mangakino-Pouakani be developed in conjunction with the local community, especially given that there was the potential to be isolated from outside support during an emergency event. The plan should also identify specific hazards, assembly points, roles and responsibilities and key contacts etc.

Note: The Civil Defence Manager would email a CRP template to members.

MP201706/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the District Civil Defence Welfare Plan.

CARRIED

4.3 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The following was noted in relation to the action points:

- Higgins were scheduled to complete works around the Waitomo Fuels site before the end of June.
 Waitomo Fuels would oversee work on the portion of land owned by them.
- In relation to Tirohanga Road, the Group Manager Operational Services provided volume data from a traffic counter placed at the SH1 end which showed that although 17% was heavy traffic, overall volumes were lower compared to other roads eg Broadlands, Waipapa. However, members noted that the traffic count was taken during the low season for dairy milking, therefore the counters would not have captured Miraka trucks/tankers which were prevalent when dairy farming recommenced in August with truck volumes being particularly high in November.

A member provided road measurements they had gathered in support of the request to widen the road and reiterated that the narrowness of the road was extremely dangerous. The Group Manager Operational Services thanked the member for the information provided, which would be included when undertaking the relevant works assessment. He advised that not all road widths were consistent and works budget was allocated on a highest priority basis. Traffic counters would again

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be installed in October/November and the data collected then loaded into the roading matrix to

- Traffic counter data on Forest View Road suggested that heavy trucks were not excessive in the area – remove item.
- Results from a speed counter sited on Rangatira Road were yet to be collated.

MP201706/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the current action points update.

CARRIED

44 COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following community issues were noted:

- All were welcome to attend the Playcentre's 50th anniversary on 26 June.
- The Group Manager Operational Services would follow up a suggestion for pictorial signage depicting a high cyclist area between Ropiha Road and Ranginui Road (approximately 6km stretch of road) on SH30 as visibility of cyclists in winter was marginal and numbers increased significantly in summer.
- In light of a recent incident, police were expected to do a press release cautioning holiday homeowners and accommodation providers to be careful who they let their properties to.

MP201706/06 RESOLUTION

Mrs Lisa de Thierry Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information relating to community issues.

4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members reported on the following topics:

- Attended the Welcome Inn for the Tirohanga District which was a great success. ball.
- Attended a Destination Pureora meeting. A large scale map which would include Mangakino accommodation was expected to be completed in a few months' time.
- A date for the next Business After 5 meeting was yet to be confirmed however ideally it should be held before summer.
- The Hui Hut had changed owners. Winter opening days were Wednesday to Friday open seven days in summer.
- The community storage shed was nearly completed.
- A recent open workshop facilitated by Sustainability Options from Tauranga for the 'Cosy Homes' initiative was held. Participants learnt many valuable practical skills such as fixing holes in walls, draft proofing etc. Twenty-six homes had been assessed in the past month.
- 'Cosy Homes' was similar to the 'Whare Ora' initiative albeit each had slightly different eligibility criteria.

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MP201706/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on members' reports.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL	DUIGNIEGO

Nil

The Meeting closed at 11.02am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 22 August 2017.

CHAIRPERSON

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2017 Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Action Sheet (A1866533)

Item No.	Meeting Date	Subject	Task	Progress
3	19/05/2015	Lake Maraetai Lakefront Management Agreement	The Land Management Officer recommended that once the Lake Maraetai lakefront management agreement was finalised, an open workshop with MPRG be held to get a sense of direction for planning management decisions and Council's role in relation to the land.	On hold pending settlement of Treaty claims. The District Parks Operations Manager undertook to obtain an update on progress of statutory processes in relation to the classification and management of the Lake Maraetai lakefront land.
4.6	18/04/2017	Community Issues	Around 1.5-2km of Tirohanga Road was extremely narrow and urgently required widening. Miraka trucks in particular were very long and when navigating corners, the trailer would cut in/out of the oncoming lane or road edge which presented a very dangerous situation	20/06/17 To capture Miraka traffic volumes during milking season, traffic counters would again be installed around October/November and the data collected then loaded into the roading matrix to assess priorities.
4.6	18/04/2017	Community Issues	Vehicle speed on Rangatira Drive was felt to be excessive.	20/06/17 Speed counter installed on site. Data yet to be collated.
4.4	20/06/2017	Community Issues	The Group Manager Operational Services would follow up a suggestion for pictorial signage depicting a high cyclist area between Ropiha Road and Ranginui Road (approximately 6km stretch of road on SH30 as visibility of cyclists in winter was marginal and cyclist numbers increased significantly in summer.	

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Mangakino Central Disc (Frisbee) Golf Proposal

We plan to open initially a 9 basket Disc (Frisbee) Golf within the community of Mangakino.

Who plays Disc Golf? Disc Golf can be played from school age through to old age, making it one of the greatest lifetime fitness sports available. Able and disabled can participate giving them the opportunity to take part in a mainstream activity. Because Disc Golf is so easy to learn, no one is excluded, players merely match their pace to their capabilities.

Why play Disc Golf? Disc Golf provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise, and promotes a combination of physical and mental abilities that allow very little risk of physical injury. Concentration skills increase by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles. Players of limited fitness levels can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play as fitness improves. Scheduling is also flexible, a round takes 1-2 hours and may be played alone, eliminating the difficulty of scheduling tee times. As in traditional golf, Disc Golfers find themselves hooked; increasing the likelihood of frequent participation. Disc Golf offers year round fitness as it can be played in all weathers. Particularly relevant to Mangakino's low socioeconomic geographic, Disc Golf is free to play, as it can be played with any Frisbee available, although you can purchase professional quality discs as you improve.

We are fortunate to have a number of locations perfect for Disc Golf in Mangakino, all of which are currently maintained by the Taupo District Council and won't interfere with their current maintenance schedule. The only landscape alterations would be 1 rule board (example photo attached), and then 9 ground level starting plates, 9 information posts and 9 pole mounted basket's (photo attached) 1 of each per hole. We will detail below the options available and we have attached pictures to identify the locations:

Option 1 – Lake Front (between Golf Course and Lake, excluding Dog Island), this option is ideal as it offers a great variety of nature obstacles, with the potential of being fully wheelchair accessible.

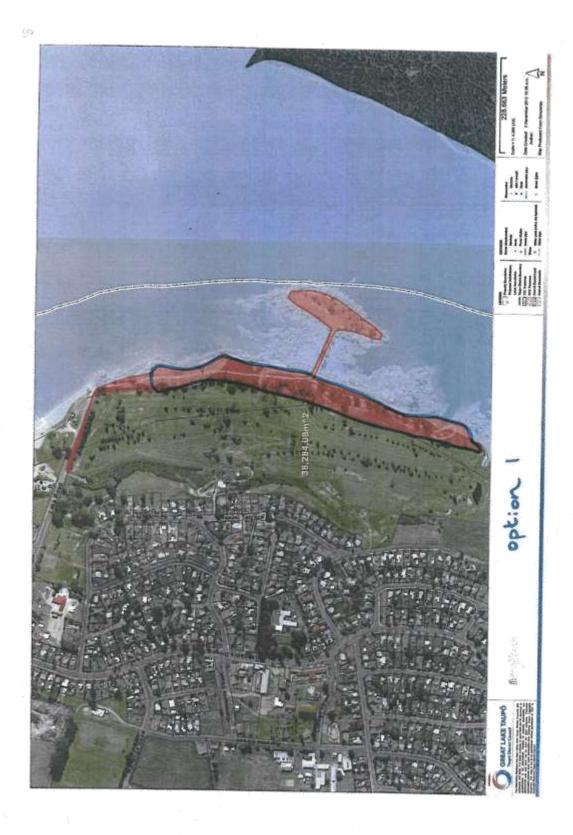
Option 2 — Between Bowling Club and Golf Course (excluding grass reserve adjacent to Moana Crescent) and reserve area surrounding the water treatment plant, this option allows some wheelchair access, and has a higher natural obstacle skill level.

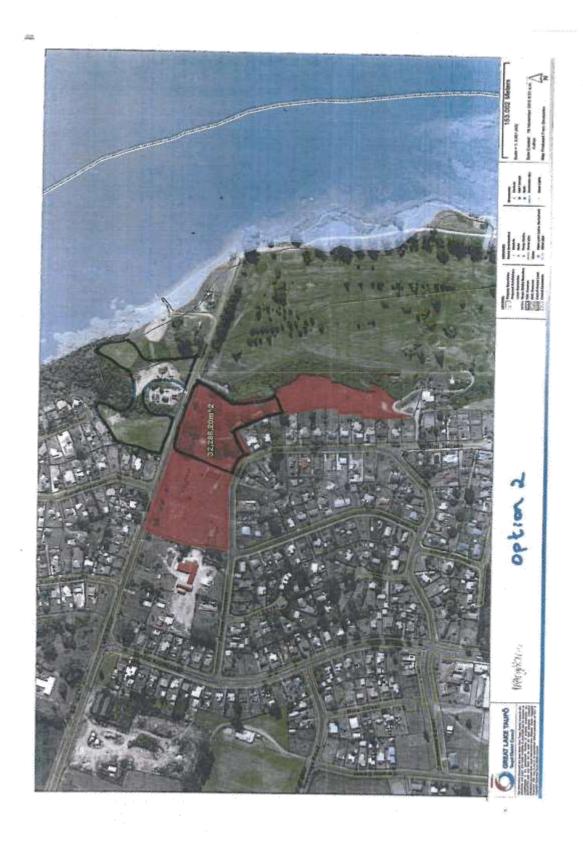
Option 3 – Between Bowling Club and Golf Course, including the grass reserve adjacent to Moana Crescent, this option has limited wheelchair access, but is feasible for a small 9 basket course.

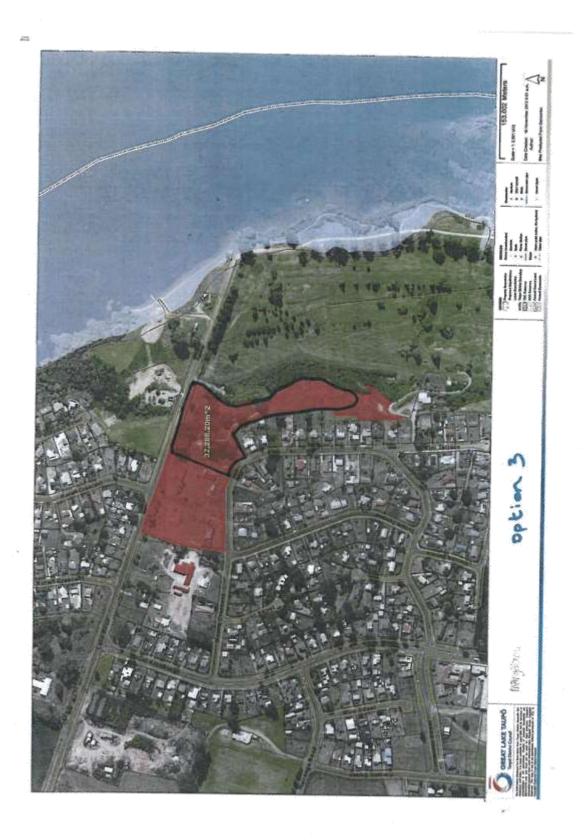
Mangakino Central would take responsibility for up keeping the equipment, signage and the weed control at the base of all associated poles as required.

In the long term we envisage being able to utilise both area options 1 & 2 to increase the round size to 18 baskets enabling Mangakino to have the option of holding tournaments, subsequently increasing tourism.

Following some community consultation we anticipate the course will be used regularly by the following; 50+ Club, Mangakino Central Young Guns, Mangakino Area School, community members, holiday makers and in addition tourists traveling especially to utilise the course.









Community Co-ordinator Report

Background

Mangakino Community Led Development (MCLD) was a five-year pilot project supported with funding by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) Mangakino / Whakamaru and the surrounding rural area were one of four communities chosen to participate.

The MCLD pilot ended 30 June 2017. An application was made to DIA prior to this date to carry over the surplus funding that had been tagged in the main to continue with the Mangakino Cosy Homes project, this application was granted to 30 September 2017.

Learning

Driver Licence Training:



A working relationship has been developed with Moving Mountains based out of Tokoroa who are currently supporting Mangakino/Whakamaru with Driver Licence Training.

We have 11 local people booked for the first course to start mid-August. This ranges from Learners through to Full Licence, different learning abilities are supported. Some of the training can be held at the library in Mangakino (theory) the driving lesson and licence testing is to be held in Tokoroa. Moving Mountains have just purchased a van and are applying for a P endorsement when that comes through they will then do a pick up and drop off from Mangakino/Whakamaru twice a week to support this free course.

Moving Mountains also support in other areas such as

- C.V preparation
- Training to become work ready/personal development
- Connecting with employers

These are all areas that have been a focus for MCLD and we plan to continue to develop this mutually beneficial relationship.

Earning

EGLT - Mangakino Business After Five (BA5)

There have been two opportunities in the last three months were locals and business have been able to meet and network in a social environment. Included in these BA5 events has been the discussion around potential lake front development options this has been facilitated by Deryck Shaw of APR based in Rotorua. External surveying and meetings with community members and key stakeholders have been included in the report. Generally, there was agreement about the uniqueness of lakefront area and how we would like it to look into the future.

Opportunities locally for support is ongoing around networking / social media / mentoring / employer & employee connections. New businesses locally are all in demand and there have been a number of employment opportunities from this.

Mangakino

- Maraetai Construction
- Milbud Project Solutions

- Rosies takeaways new owners
- Yoyo Bakery new owners
- Tom & Shorty Café New owners formally Hui Hut Bar & Eatery
- Elaines Kitchen at the District Services & Citizens Club.

Whakamaru

Russmans – new owners formally Ned's Place

Destination Great Lake Taupo (DGLT)

Updating of information on www.greatlaketaupo.com is currently in progress. There has been a lot of changes in business ownership in the last 6 months and currently there is only one empty shop in the Mangakino town center. The potential for a summer pop up shop is being investigated.

Mangakino Hotel

A lot of work is going on at the Mangakino Hotel to get the accommodation up and running efficiently for the increased demand of visitors over summer. The property is still on the market for lease or purchase.

Resource Storage Shed

This facility is nearly ready for hand over to Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) for ongoing management. Advertising and applications packs have been available recently with a great response, all of the current storage space has now been pre-booked.

Currently one bay will be commercial storage and the two other bays will be occupied with four different community groups/organizations.

What has been identified is the demand for commercial storage so this is a real business opportunity for a future investment.

Healthy Well & Forward Focused



Mangakino Cosy Homes

The Mangakino Cosy Homes Project is now managed by the Mangakino Health Services.

Phil Gregg from Sustainability Options based out of Tauranga has supported with over 30 home assessments so far. Phil can do small fixes during assessments but his real focus is on educating the home owner/tenant during the assessment and the importance of keeping the conversation and connection into the future. Some homes do require a second visit with a kit that focuses on draft proofing / mold removal and energy efficiency, humidity readers have been purchased and are also available.

There have been three free community workshops supporting the Cosy Homes project

- How to plaster & repair a hole in the wall 28th April (Nathan Ransfeild)
- How to replace the glass in a wooden window frame 15th June (onsite workshop with a Mangakino home with Phil Gregg)
- Energy Saving 29th June (Phil Gregg)

A 4th workshop supported the practical learnings for the current Cosy Homes facilitators. (Phil Gregg)

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The Mangakino Curtain Bank will be housed in the Resource Storage shed with a purpose-built space, volunteers are needed to support this for approx. 2-3 hours twice a week. There has been good support in both donations and homes curtained. Six homes have received sets of curtains in the last three months.

Vibrant

Social Media



The Mangakino Community Facebook page currently has 1424 likes with 1420 followers. This continues to be the best way to get information quickly out to the community.

There is a growing number of messages requesting historical information and connections with past friends/family.

The information caravan was utilized by the event coordinators at Waitetoko Marae for the Ngati Tuwharetoa Deed of Settlement Signing on the 8th July. The caravan has now had some light rebranding including TDC, Mercury and Waikato River Trails (WRT) logos in preparation for its new life with the Waikato River Trails Trust. The caravan will still be seen in the district and is available for Mangakino & Whakamaru events if requested.

Mangakino.net

Ongoing work needs to be done to encourage listings on the website, this is at a very low cost.

July stats for the Mangakino website are:

- 580 visits
- 426 new visits
- Average time per page is just under two minutes

Notice Boards

Community notice boards are updated regularly including the monthly community calendar which lists local and districtwide events. Community information is emailed out to the non-resident data base as required, a large majority already follow the Facebook page.

Information is slowly being gathered for the potential of a "e-book" that will work along with the heritage trail signage.

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Examples of Facebook posts and advertising











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