# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place via Zoom (video conference), 6.00pm, Thursday 11 June, 2020**

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members** * Jane Black (Chair)
* Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person)
 | **Community Representatives** * John Bishop
* Steve Cromb
* Mary Hutchinson
* Peter Cooke
* Victor Anderlini
* Judy Hutt
* David Tildesley
* Frieda Harper
* Carol Comber
* Jane Loughnan
* Glen Wallis
* Alex Gray
 | **Representatives*** Richard Hickman (Beca)
* Joel De Boer (WCC)
* Bob Barber (WCC)
* Gareth Penhale (WWL)
* James Lake (HEB)
* Arne Ganseman (BPC)
* Kylie Hook (WCC)
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**Apologies**

Marjory Embleton, Eleanor Laban, Emma Paisley

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (5 May 2020)**

The minutes were received and there were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda

**Omāroro Reservoir Contractors**

Richard introduced James Lake from HEB, the preferred tenderer for the Reservoir Project. He explained that the project had received approval from the WCC City Strategy Committee and so WWL was now moving to award the contract to HEB. The contract will be signed on Monday 15 June 2020.

James provided background on HEB and their experience, in particular he highlighted the work on Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Victoria Street and the Mt Victoria Tunnel.

Peter Cooke asked about their role in Transmission Gully given the recent media attention on delays. James explained that HEB is part of the joint venture with CPB and that they are currently working through a series of challenges.

Gareth explained that Wellington Water had done a lot of due dilliegence on HEB and had confidence in their ability to deliver the project. In particular he noted their experience in undertaking water related infrastructure.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Arne provided an update on the pipelines project.

* Good progress has been made since the restart of work following the lockdown. Wallace Street had been resealed between Hargreaves and Howard Streets, as well as Howard Street.
* All work on the bulk main was complete and just final testing to be undertaken. This would then allow for the top of Hargreaves Street to be reinstated.
* All local drinking watermain work was also now complete.
* WCC has asked for two additional pieces of work to be completed on Wallace Street, the resolving of a historic water seepage issue outside 92 Wallace Street and the extension of the resealing south of Howard Street Carrington Street. This work has etended the work programme slightly.
* **Wallace Street is expected to be reopened the week commencing 29 June** but this is still weather dependent. The diversion removed and Wright Street reinstated immediately with the most urgent line markings down the night of the change and the less urgent the following night.
* The completion is in line with the forecast mid 2020 deadline despite the loss of time due to the lockdown
* Once Wallace Street has reopened work will then start on the stormwater at the bottom of Rolleston Street, this will involve stop go traffic management in Wallace Street again. So there will be traffic delays
* All work expected to be completed mid/late August.

Steve C asked about whether the diversion road markings on Wright Street and at side streets would be removed or just painted over. Arne noted that Steve had asked this at the previous meeting, but it was still to be discussed with WCC.

Mary asked about the toxicity of material if the lines are removed and the impact on stormwater. Kylie described the process and how it varied depending on the contractor and their equipment, but most used a vacuum system to capure the paint. Alex noted that when the lines are just painted over this can be slippery for cyclists.

Steve C also asked what was happening to the footpath on Wallace Street, Arne explained it would be patched and repaired rather than fully replaced.

Jane L asked for the latest traffic counts and speeds. Arne explained that these were managed by WCC. Steve C said that the counters were removed about 2 months ago, but have recently been reinstated, he has requested the data and will share it.

Peter C asked about the Kāinga Ora Rolleston Street project and making sure they are coordinated. Richard explained that he and Dan had met with them recently and agreed to make sure the contractor’s project managers start working together to coordinate work where possible.

Kylie Hook provided an update on the curb and channel on Hargreaves Street. Work has started at the bottom and the crew are working up the street in 50-60m lengths. There is quite a change in the height needed in parts but the work is proceeding well. They will coordinate with the project when doing the ramp for the new Papawai to Hargreaves track – to make sure they align. The resealing will take place over summer.

Steve C asked about the sump at corner of Hargreaves and Wright Street. Kylie explained they were looking at canting the double sump there to improve effectiveness.

Howard Street garden, Arne and Richard updated that this had now been designed and was being priced with an expectation the work would be completed by the end of July.

Frieda asked about the Papawai to Hargreaves track. Richard explained that now the contract was confirmed for the reservoir he will give the track contractor the approval to go ahead. He will organise a meeting between the contractors and residents to do a final walk over to agree the layout of the track.

Carol asked if the pedestrian crossing will be removed from Wright Street at the end of the diversion. It was confirmed it will be.

Arne and Kylie left the meeting.

**Om****āroro Reservoir Management Plan Update**

Richard outlined the planned process for the CRG consultation on the Management Plans. Dan noted that he had circulated the link to the management plans just prior to the meeting, and for those that want hard copies they would be made available at the workshops.

As agreed at the last CRG there are two oneday workshops scheduled for 13th and 20th June. These will be held at Massey in person due to the drop to Alert Level 1. The first workshop is designed to provide an overview of the plans and to help guide CRG members on where to find particular information they are interested in. The second session is a more detailed Q&A session to go through the detail of the plans and start to answer specific questions.

In the two weeks following the workshops there will be virtual Q&A session scheduled for further opportunities to ask questions. Joel suggested that there may be the need for a further workshop. It was agree to review this after the second workshop.

There will be a specific feedback form circulated to help with the feedback process. Comments and submissions close on 6th July.

James explained that the key session for the workshops is the first one covering the CEMP as this is the overarching plan and shows where each of the conditions will be addressed.

**Rolleston Street Roadend**

Joel introduced the new drawing in the Landscape and Ecology Management Plan which shows a new layout for the top of Rolleston Street with 3 additional vehicle parks and removal of the garage at the end of Rolleston Street. The garage encroaches on Town Belt and there is a licence agreement between Victor and Judy and Council for the structure which sits mainly on Road Reserve. The agreement can be terminated at one months notice, but the garage would not need to be removed until near the end of the project. Victor and Judy highlighted their concerns that they had included in a letter circulated to the CRG prior to the meeting. It was agreed this should form part of the feedback on the draft management plans.

**Lizard Relocation**

Richard noted that Department of Conservation has issued the permit for the lizard relocation. The next step would be the creation of a habitat. He noted that there may be an opportunity for community participation in this. Mary, Victor and Judy volunteered their assistance. Richard requested that interest in this activity be funnelled back through CRG to the project.

**Minor Consent Variations**

Richard updated the group that the application had been lodged with WCC and GWRC and we are just waiting for feedback or approval. The documents are on the Omāroro website.

**Meeting schedule**

The schedule of meetings for the rest of the year was circulated and agreed:

* July 16
* August 26 – note this is a Wednesday
* October 1
* November 12

**Next Meeting**

6.00pm, July 16 2020 – at the Executive Seminar Suite, Massey University

**Meeting closed at 7.35pm.**