# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place Room, Gate A, Massey Wallace Street, 6.00pm, Thursday 16 January 2020**

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members** * Jane Black (Chair)
* Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person)
 | **Community Representatives** * Jane Loughnan
* Steve Cromb
* Susan Cook
* Peter Cooke
* Peter Graczer
* Richard Thornton
* John Bishop
* Alex Gray
* Carol Comber
* Marjory Embleton
* Sharon McGavin
* Judy Hutt
* Freda Harper
* Victor Anderlini
 | **Representatives*** Richard Hickman
* Bec Ramsay
* Arne Ganseman
* Gareth Penhale
* Bob Barber
* Peter Hamilton
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**Apologies**

Emma Paisley, Mary Hutchinson, Eleanor Laban

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone

Jane noted that the focus of the meeting would be on the project update as there were no Management Plans to consider.

**Minutes from previous meeting (3 October)**

Steve asked that it be made clear in the minutes that he had not supported the parking removal on the western side of Wright Street. He also asked for the organisation chart to be sent to him that had been agreed at the meeting.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

* **Cut-in.** Richard explained that there will be a cut-in tomorrow (6 November), where a new valve will be put into the existing bulkmain in the new chamber at the corner of Wright and Hargreaves Street. This is a major milestone as this work needs to be completed before the diversion can be put in place. The work is also time sensitive as the bulk water supply for the inner city needs to be turned off during the work. Due to the need to start early **there will be noisy works from 6.30am** andaffected residents have been advised by letter drop.
* **Hargreaves Street pipeworks.** Arne explained that the work was now nearly complete down to the corner of Wright and Hargreaves Streets The work on both chambers will continue, as will the pipework down to the bottom of Hargreaves. All this work will be completed before the start of the diversion to ensure full access to Hargreaves Street.
* **Howard Street and Finlay Terrace.** Work is continuing in both these streets. The chamber in Howard Street is partly complete and the local watermain work on Finlay Terrace is well advanced.

**Discussion**

* **Local water outages.** Arne explained that there had been two short term local watermain outages on Hargreaves Street due to the construction works. The first resulted from a loose piece of concrete dropping onto the exposed pipe and the second from the repair failing. He apologised for the inconvenience this may have caused residents.
* **Night works on Wallace Street.** Arne noted that there had been unscheduled noisy night works on Wallace Street that residents had not been notified of and resulted in a number of complaints to WCC. He noted that the contractor had not followed the appropriate process for notifying residents and apogolised. Peter G noted that when he contacted WCC they said it was emergency works. Arne again apologised and noted that he had followed up with all the complainants and explained how the issue arose. He assured the CRG that the issue would not happen againand that the appropriate notifications would be provided in advance if night works were needed.
* **Emergency Access Track** Arne noted that since the last meeting WCC had agreed to extend the usage of the emergency access track for residents for a further month. He and residents thanked WCC for that. Peter C noted that he had seen RDL (Housing NZ contractors) utlise it as well. Arne explained that this had been addressed and the lock changed to restrict the access strictly to residents.
* **Contractors Community Liaison person.** Jane asked if Suzanne had been replaced. Arne explained that she was still involved and doing some work behind the scenes, but was no longer present onsite. He and Blair were managing the day to day questions and communications and encouraged anyone with questions to contact him directly. Blair is currently interviewing for a replacement person. He noted that Suzanne’s phone and email address are still being monitored so continue to use those.He also noted that tasks that she used to fufil such as managing rubbish and recycling collection and property access are still being done, so if there are any problems to contact him. Once the new person is appointed they will be introduced to the CRG. This is expected before the diversion is in place. Susan wanted to acknowledge the amazing work done by Suzanne, particulary for those elderly or residents with special assistance requirements. Peter C mentioned that Mt Cook Mobilised had sent her flowers as a note of appreciation.
* **Removal of Coupon Parking.** Steve asked about the process to get approval to remove coupon parking and replacing it with residents parking. Richard explained that it was agreed to replace a at least one coupon park for every resident park affected by the work. This was done through theTMP process.
* **Temporary Bus Stop.** Steve read out an email he had received from a Wallace Street resident requesting that the proposed temporary bus stop on Wright Street be retained.
* **Full Clossure/Diversion.** It was confirmed that the full diversion will start on 8th December. The partial diversion in the week prior will not be needed, so it will be straight into the full diversion. An information/drop in session is being held on Sunday 17th November from 11am – 2pm. Information will be distributed in the coming days.
* **Adelaide Road.** Alex asked what was the contingency for increased congestion on Adelaide Road. Dan explained that WCC is currently looking at options for extending the use of the bus lanes. They are consulting with the businesses and residents along the road.
* **Asphalt patch on Wright Street.** Steve raised that there is a patched section on Wright Street and that he was concerned it may deteriorate with the increased traffic volume of the diversion. Arne undertook to raise it with WCC.
* **Mevo use of residents parking.** Jane noted that a Mevo rental vehicle was using residents parking in the north end of Wright Street.

**Omāroro Reservoir Update**

Richard noted that progress was being made with the procurement of a contractor for the Reservoir. There are two contractors currently working through a “value engineering” process, and will submit their final tender before Christmas. Work is expected to begin July/August next year ahead of the nesting season.

**Other Business**

**Proposed Paths.** Freda asked about progress on the two proposed paths:

**Rolleston to Hargreaves** - Richard explained that the cost of the path was significantly higher than expected and that the emergency track had reduced the need for it. He also explained that during the reservoir construction there would be a track on the upper field between the fence and a new fence alongside the stockpile. This will be flat and lit at night.

**Hargreaves to Papawai Terrace**, Richard and Joel noted that this had not been a priority, but they would come back to the December meeting with an update.

**Howard Street Garden.** Joel tabled a landscape sketch and planting guide for the proposed replacement garden for when Howard Street is reinstated. It was agreed that Mt Cook Mobilised would discuss at their next meeting and feedback would be received at the December CRG.

**Road Reinstatement in Hargreaves Street.** Kylie from WCC explained the process for the reinstatement of Hargreaves Street following the works.

He noted that the initial curb and channel work will be started immediately after the current work is finished in Hargreaves Street.

The entire length of Hargreaves Street from Wright Street to the turn-around area will be renewed with new footpath and kerbing. The work will be done in quarters, hopefully one quarter prior to Christmas (governed by access to the site) and the remaining in the New Year. This includes the area at the top of the street where there is currently no kerb.

In some areas, parking vehicles are encroaching into the Town Belt when parking in “Coupon” and “Residents only” parking, therefore kerbing will be installed to confirm the boundary of the road reserve.

There will be some restrictions on thework at Wright Street intersection with Hargreaves Street due to the diversion and the Hargreaves Street chamber, but any further maintenance will be undertaken once the project is complete.

The resurfacing will be done later to allow for any resettlement of the road following the pipework. Good practise is to let trenches settle prior to resurfacing and considering the depth of Hargreaves Street trenchthis would be advisable. The group asked that this be done as soon as practical given the level of disruption that the community has already experienced.

**December Meeting**

The December meeting is currently scheduled for 5 December (prior to the diversion) and it was agreed to move it to 12 December so the effects of the diversion can be discussed.

**Meeting closed at 7.05pm.**