# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place Executive Suite, Gate A, Massey Wallace Street, 6.00pm, Thursday 12 August 2021**

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members** * Jane Black (Chair)
* Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person)
 | **Community Representatives** * Peter Cooke
* Victor Anderlini
* Judy Hutt
* John Bishop
* Steve Cromb
* Colin Taylor
* Susan Cook

  | **Representatives*** Bob Barber (WCC)
* Kate Brown (WCC)
* Gareth Penhale (WWL)
* James Lake (HEB)
* Paora Tukapua (HEB)
* Paul Reid (HEB)
* Russell Obee (HEB)
* Richard Hickman (Beca)
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**Apologies**

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (8 April 2021)**

The minutes were received.

**Construction Update**

Paul provided an update of the works since the last meeting.

* + First half of the floor slab successfully poured
	+ 28 of the 60 wall panels complete
	+ Pipe tunnel backfilled to allow for the pour of the second half of the floor.

The pour is scheduled for Wednesday 26th August. It was noted that HEB have been working with WCC to ensure that rubbish and recycling collection is delayed that day to prevent the clash.

Peter asked about the flooding of the carpark on the 17th July. Paul explained that the Waitangi Stream had blocked the culvert and overtopped, running through the worksite and inundating the sediment pond, resulting in the carpark being flooded and five cars damaged. The culvert has been cleared and will continue to be monitored.

Colin raised a concern about sediment from the pond on the lower field being discharged into the Papawai Stream. Richard said they were not aware of the issue and confident that the controls were working. Colin agreed to circulate photos.

Colin also raised concern about the damaged wastewater pipe in Asquith Terrace that had resulted in wastewater entering the stream and the slow response from WWL to repairing the pipe. Gareth noted that while the damaged occurred prior to the 17 July rain event, WWL resources had been stretched over the period. Colin noted that the issue was resolved very rapidly after Stuff ran an article on the issue.

Colin also raised the issue of the stream study and asked if there had been any progress. Richard explained that the study had been completed and handed to WCC together with the submissions received for their consideration. Kate said she will be working through the options and make a recommendation to Bec Ramsay. She expected to be able to report back to the CRG before Christmas 2021.

Colin also wanted to acknowledge the work that Russell had been doing to keep the community informed on the project.

**General Business**

Judy did a presentation on her experiences and concerns about the project over the previous 12 months to mark the first anniversary of the work starting.

The group acknowledged the impact that the project has had on the community, and in particular those living closest to the worksite. The group wanted to ensure that the concerns of the community were taken into account when planning and decisions are made. They also wanted to ensure that empathy be shown to residents and additional steps be taken to minimise the impact, rather than just work within the consent conditions.

**Next Meeting**

November 11

**Meeting closed at 7.35pm**