# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place at Executive Suite, Massey University, Wallace Street**

**6.00pm, Thursday 16 May 2019**

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members** * Jane Black (Chair)
* Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person)
 | **Community Representatives** * Carol Comber
* Emma Paisley
* Frida Harper
* Judy Hutt
* Marjory Embleton
* Peter Cooke
* Sharon McGavin
* Victor Anderlini
* John Bishop
 | **Representatives*** Richard Hickman
* Joel De Boer
* Blair Mould
* Arne Ganseman
* Suzanne Pollard
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**Apologies**

Glen Wallis, Jane Loughnan, Stephen Wright and Gareth Penhale

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and outlined the agenda for the evening. She then invited everyone to introduce themselves and the organisation/group they were representing.

**Contact list**

Dan circulated a contact list and asked attendees to complete the contact details and indicate if they were comfortable with their name and email address being published on the CRG webpage.

**Code of conduct**

Jane outlined the code of conduct and its conditions and asked everyone to sign and return a copy. Jane explained that new people joining the group will be asked to sign the code at their first meeting.

Peter asked about the media clause, Jane clarified that members of the CRG could comment on the project on behalf of their organisation, but not on behalf of the CRG itself.

**Background to CRG**

Jane explained the background to the CRG and that it was established as part of the conditions for the Consents for the Omāroro Reservoir approval. Following feedback from the community the group has been established earlier than initially envisaged and the role extended to also be a discussion forum for the pipelines project.

Jane highlighted the key points of the terms of reference and the changes that had been to reflect the consent conditions.

Mary asked about the consents, and their conditions, for the pipeline works. Richard explained that as the work is taking place in the roadway there are no consents required. However, the project will need to gain consent for dewatering and discharge to stormwater. In this case the contractor will work within WWL’s global consent for dewatering which outlines specific protocols to be followed that align with likelihood of encountering groundwater. In the case of this project the likelihood is deemed low.

The Group **agreed to adopt** the revised terms of reference which will be added to the CRG webpage. Richard explained the amendments made to the original ToR, appended to the designation, simply reflected the conditions from the Town Belt License.

**Work programme**

The draft meeting dates and work programme for the June, July and August meeting were tabled. It was agreed that the group would initially meet monthly and this would be reviewed before the August meeting. The agreed dates and programme are:

* June 13 (focus on Services Tunnel Feedback)
* July 4 (focus on Landscape and Playing Field Design and Management Plans)
* August 8 (focus on Minor Consent and footprint Amendments)
* September 5
* October 3
* November 7
* December 5

All meetings will be held at Massey from 6-7.30pm, unless otherwise notified.

Mary noted that she would be away from August until the end of the year, it was agreed that issues affecting the Papawai Stream would if possible be raised prior to her departure and that an alternate representative from the Friends of Papawai Reserve would represent the group in her absence.

John sought clarification on what was meant by the minor consent and footprint amendments. Richard explained that it was issues such as the buffer for the tributary to the Waitangi Stream, tracks (including the link to Papawai Tce) and other issues that will initially be discussed within the context of the landscape design. He also sought clarification as to whether the changes could be agreed by WCC or would need to go back to Commissioners?

The distribution of meeting papers was discussed. Peter said that the length of time required may vary depending on the size, complexity and significance of the material. It was agreed that **two weeks** was acceptable but would have to be reassessed if certain documents required greater consideration. It was also agreed that material would be circulated electronically.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Jane introduced the Brian Perry Civil Team:

• Blair Mould – Contracts Manager

• Arne Ganseman – Project Manager

• Suzanne Pollard – Communications and Stakeholder Manager

Blair outlined that Blair Perry had been awarded the contract 4 weeks earlier, so are still in the planning phase of the project and were not planning to start works until 4 June 2019. The work would start with the relocation of the local watermain in Hargreaves Street, which would start at the top and work down toward Wallace Street. This would be followed by the large Chamber at the corner of Wright/Hargreaves Street, then the large inlet and outlet pipes down Hargreaves.

He introduced Suzanne, outlined her role and explained that she would be the **first point of contact** for the community and be available to answer any questions or concerns. Her contact number is 027 607 2498 and email suzannep@fcc.co.nz.

A range of questions and issues were raised and discussed including:

* **Are the sports fields being used for the project?** No, the pipes will stop at the top of Hargreaves Street and the park will not be used as this would trigger the consents for the reservoir and limit the time to complete the project further.
* **Are the fields being used for rugby this winter and if so where will the players park?** Yes, the players will need to park where they can without using residents parking.
* **What about the Housing NZ site?** Brian Perry have just started conversations with Housing NZ. Their demolition is expected to take two months starting early June. We are talking to them about a range of options for using the site once it is cleared, including during the Hargreaves Street work. Residents will be kept updated on the talks.
* **If residents need parking permits to park in the area, will they have to pay?** We are not sure, but will raise it with WCC to try to ensure that they do not have to pay.
* **Could the current path between Rolleston and Hargreaves Streets be upgrade to provide access when the top of Hargreaves Street is closed?** Joel to discuss the option of upgrading the access track between Hargreaves and Rolleston St with our tracks specialist to see if it is viable to so, before meeting the contractor on site to discuss what the work would involve and if this could be undertaken ahead of the major reservoir works.
* **What are the works proposed for Rolleston Street?** The stormwater pipe is being upgraded to increase its capacity in case the reservoir needs draining for maintenance etc. This should also address some of the localised flooding issues that occur in Wallace Street. The work is currently expected to be done once Housing NZ have completed their demolition work. Full vehicle and pedestrian access to Rolleston Street will be maintained.
* **When will traffic management plans be completed?** There is a joint contractor, Wellington Water, WCC, Regional Council meeting being held 17th May to work through the process to manage the TMP’s and their approval process.

Jane closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Meeting closed 7.30pm**

**Next meeting, Thursday 13 June , 6.00-7.30pm, Massey University.**