# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

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

**6.00pm, Thursday 8 August 2019**

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * Carol Comber * John Bishop * Steve Cromb * Susan Cook * Jane Loughnan * Peter Cooke * Sharon McGavin | **Representatives**   * Richard Hickman * Joel De Boer * Arne Ganseman * Blair Mould * Suzanne Pollard * Gareth Penhale * Bob Barber * Peter Hamilton * Iona Pannett |

**Apologies**

Emma Paisley, Judy Hutt, Marjory Embleton, Victor Anderlini, Mary Hutchinson

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone, introduced new attendees, thanked them for attending and outlined the agenda for the evening.

**Minutes from previous meeting**

Agreed as circulated.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Arne and Suzanne provided a general update and answered questions from the group. Main points of discussion were:

* Arne introduced himself
* Progress has been made on installing the new local watermain with the new pipe now 3/4 of the way down Hargreaves, the next step will be to install and connect the new laterals. When houses are connected there will be a short water outage, but residents will be notified well in advance and the work is likely to take place between 10am-2pm.
* Also the new ducting has largely been installed for Chorus with the connects to be made next week. (this will involve some night works, but it is expected to be quiet).
* Currently the work on the bulk main is scheduled start on 5th August at the top of Hargreaves Street. The work will progress down the street. Houses at the top of the hill will generally be affected the most (3 months), half way up (4-6 weeks) and the bottom (2-4 weeks).
* BPL noted that WCC had agreed that the park could be used for emergency vehicle access during the work
* Suzanne has been working with residents on immediate parking issues and will be getting Resident Parking Permits issued from WCC in the next couple of days
* Bryan Perry explained that Housing NZ will not be available for parking during the works due to the longer than expected demolition, due to asbestos in the buildings.
* BPL and WWL will continue to work with WCC on alternative parking options for the residents most affected
* Rugby and sport will continue to be played during this time at the sports field. Residents noted the current parking chaos that has been occurring on Saturdays due to the works/games. Wellington Rugby and BPL to work together to suggest alternative parking options for players and spectators
* It was also suggested that additional signage could be installed to discourage parking in the area
* It was agreed that we should continue to work with Wellington Rugby on the use of the field and to potentially end the use of the field before the end of the season
* BPL also agreed to work with WCC Parking to make sure that parking restrictions (including on weekends) are enforced.
* Steve asked about the timing of moving the 33kv cable to allow for the Wright Street Chamber to be installed. Richard explained that this cable does not need to be relocated, but that there is a 11kv cable further towards Wallace Street that does need to be moved and we are working with NorthPower on the timing of this work

*Actions:*

* Suzanne/BPL to talk to WCC Parking about the better enforcement of parking restrictions and better management of the parking on weekends
* Richard to continue to talk to Wellington Rugby about ending the use of the field early

**Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**

* Richard provided an overview of the management plan, a summary of the documents available, how to understand them and the process for feedback.
* A copy of his presentation will be added to the CRG webpage
* It was confirmed that there would be a Q&A session to be held on 25th July from 4-5pm. Dan to circulate details and ask for RSVPs to ensure that a sufficiently large room is available
* It was agreed that written feedback would be received prior to the next meeting, and that there would be the opportunity for CRG members to highlight key points
* WWL would not provide formal feedback at that meeting, but would as part of the appendix to the LEMP submitted to WCC
* There was discussion about whether there needed to be a consensus view of the CRG on the feedback or whether the different groups could present their own. Joel noted that WCC needed to consider the range of views, so it was not necessary for there to be consensus. The group agreed to see what the feedback was before finalising view.
* Richard agreed to print and distribute A3 hard copies of the key landscape plans to help groups understand and consult with their members.

*Actions:*

* Dan to seek RSVPs for meeting on the 25th July to determine the venue
* Richard to organise to print A3 copies of the landscape plans and Suzanne to distribute.

**Other Business**

Wright Street Diversion

* Richard outlined that WCC/WWL and Brian Perry were in the process of finalising the option for the Wright/Wallace Street diversion and would be consulting with the community. He outlined that we propose a similar process to previously
* Initial meeting with small group of residents (Jane/Steve and Carol) together with BPL/WCC and WCC
* Meeting with Wright/Wallace Street residents
* Discussion at subsequent CRG
* Timing to be confirmed, but likely to be after the next CRG meeting with it coming to the September meeting

**Meeting closed 7.25pm**

**Next meeting, 8 August, 6.00-7.30pm, Massey University.**