# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

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

**6.00pm, Thursday 5 September 2019**

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * Carol Comber * Steve Cromb * Susan Cook * Jane Loughnan * Peter Cooke * Emma Paisley * Judy Hutt * Marjory Embleton * Victor Anderlini * Peter Graczer * Richard Thornton * Eleanor Laban * Glen Wallis * John Bishop | **Representatives**   * Richard Hickman * Joel De Boer * Arne Ganseman * Blair Mould * Suzanne Pollard * Gareth Penhale |

**Apologies**

Sharon McGavin, Mary Hutchinson, Alex Gray, Bob Barker

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone, introduced new attendees (Peter Graczer, Richard Thornton, Eleanor Laban and Glen Wallis) thanked them for attending and outlined the agenda for the evening.

**Minutes from previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed as circulated.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Arne and Suzanne provided a general update on the progress of the project:

* Forty one metres of the bulk mains have now been completed in Hargreaves Street and in the next week the worksite will move down the street
* The Chamber on the corner of Wright and Hargreaves Street is under construction and will be fully excavated in the next week
* New local watermains are being installed from Rolleston to Hargreaves Streets
* Investigation work is being undertaken in Howard Street for the local watermain work
* The work programme is currently on schedule.

Richard H talked about the successful trial shutdown of the main water supply for Wellington as part of the works that was completed on 28 August. This trial was to monitor the impact on storage levels in the existing reservoirs to allow for the “cutting in” of the new pipe to the existing bulk main in the Wirght Street Chamber. This work is planned for November.

**Wright Street diversion and buses**

Jane outlined the cousultaton process that has taken place since the last CRG meeting, including the meeting with the Wright Street CRG representatives and WCC/BPL/WWL on 13th August, the Public Meeting on 15th August and Metlink Meeting 29th August to discuss the proposed diversion and the assessment of alternatives.

She noted that Steve Cromb had provided a series of questions and asked if those should be used as the basis of the initial discussion.

* The issue of how to manage mopeds, motorcycles, and cars that use/used the footpath to travel between Hargreaves and Wright Streets. Blair noted that a water filled barrier had been installed to block cars. Further barriers would need to balance the accessibility needs for pushchairs/mobility scooters with preventing mopeds and motorcycles.
* Is a resource consent required to allow buses to use Wright St? No, this is a permitted activity.
* Will a report be provided showing what the width of a street is required to be to cater for two buses passing each other vs the width of Wright St? No, however buses need a minimum of 3 metres each to allow for passing.
* What do we do to provide feedback about keeping or removing the proposed bus stops on Wright St? Metlink has indicated that they will monitor the usage of the bus stops once the diversion starts. However, if the community undertook a survey or something similar of residents that showed they would prefer not to have the relocated bus stops they would consider this.
* What is the latest time we need to give feedback about pedestrian crossing position, and if a second pedestrian crossing is wanted? BPL will be completing the TMP by the end of the month, so will need to be included in that. Blair undertook to produce a map of the potential location of pedestrian crossings for further discussion with the community.
* Will a report be provided confirming the structural grade/category of Wright St (said to be the same as Wallace St) and if the under-road infrastructure (especially sewer pipes) will remain unaffected, by seven months of traffic, along the entire length of Wright St? WCC have assessed the road as being capable of taking the required axle loads. Blair explained the nature and structure of all roads is similar. Marjory noted that as a community we need to trust in the expertise of the Council and their expert advisers.
* Will a report be provided about the impact of the heavy vehicles on the Papawai/Wright corner on the water table and under road ground structures? WCC have assessed the road as being capable of taking the required axle loads.
* Will a report be provided on the identified impacts of diverting the traffic to Wright St (including vibrations felt by residents)? No. WCC have considered impacts on local residents as well as impacts on the wider users of the road network and have settled on the Wright St diversion as the least disruptive traffic solution.
* Will a noise assessment be done for the traffic and buses on Wright St (including buses taking off up hill, air breaks, engine brakes, constant noise, trucks)? WCC have assessed the road as being capable of taking the required axle loads. Noise levels will be monitored as part of the management of the diversion
* Can we have a weekly update of progress for each site. What's happening, future planned work, if things are running to schedule, planned completion date, and maybe a photo or two of each site. This was discussed by the group and there was general agreement that there is already sufficient information from the project team and that a weekly update may in fact lead to lack of engagement in the important information due to information overload.

Carol had also tabled some questions:

* Can we please have an update on the two walking tracks (between Hargreaves Street and Rolleston Street, and from the upper Prince of Wales field to Papawai Reserve). Richard outlined that the Hargreaves to Rolleston Street pathway was currently being priced by the contractor, but due to the significant retaining and drainage needed that this would be signicantly higher than envisaged. He also noted that the emergency access track had provided an alternative. The Upper Park to Papawai Terrace track was still be assessed by WCC, but that this was seen as being primarily for when the upper park was closed, so will be advanced prior to that.
* Pedestrians routes. Where is it planned that Mt Cook pedestrians will cross towards the supermarket and hospital? Will there be a safe way of crossing Hutchison Road? Or getting to John Street? Or would pedestrians cut through to Wallace Street, cross at the lights through construction then back track from there? BPC will collate all of the feedback from residents including specific safety concerns and submit to WCC and Peter Hamilton so those concerns would be considered during development and approval of the TMP .
* Bus Stops and Pedestrian Crossings on Wright Street – preference is to have buses on Wallace or Wright Streets, with a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of the hill (by the walkway) and a second crossing near the top of the hill. Please ensure the kerb crossings are accessible for buggies, wheelchairs, etc. Again it was agreed that this had been covered.

Finally, Richard H responded to a question raised by Peter Cooke at the community meeting, asking that if there was a northbound only diversion put in place for the second phase of the Wallace Street works would one side of parking still need to be removed in Wright Street during this period. Richard confirmed Brian Perry Civil had been asked to look into this although it is very likely the parking will still need to be removed.

Jane thanked everyone for the contributions to this meeting and the other recent meetings.

7.05: Peter C, Richard T, Arne, Blair and Suzanne left the meeting

**Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**

Richard H provided an update that we had now received feedback from the CRG on the LEMP and that this would be addressed, including specific responses, in the next draft.

**Playing Fields Management Plan**

Richard provided a brief overview of the plan, he noted that as agreed a separate briefing had been held for Wellington Rugby on the plan and to answer their questions.

Susan asked about the stream and how that related to the plan, in particular the boggy parts of the field. Richard H explained that there was a separate consent condition requiring WWL to do an investigation into the stream. This was currently being scoped with Boffa Miskel . Susan asked if there will be the opportunity for the Friends of Papawai Reserve to input into the investigation – Richard suggested this was not likely however a copy of the report would be provided to CRG for review.

Susan also asked about the mention of using spray on the fields during the works, she noted that there is a memorandum of understanding between the Friends and WCC not to use spray on the fields. Richard H agreed to look into the issue.

**Town Belt Act Easement Application**

Joel asked WWL to provide an update on the TBA application that has been lodged for parking on the park. Gareth noted that WWL/BPL had agreed to withdraw the application and in return WCC was looking to allow the residents at the top of Hargraeves Street the short-term usage of the emergency access track to reach their off street parking. This will be confirmed once there has been consultation with those residents on their preferences.

**November meeting**

Jane asked if it was possible to change the date of the November meeting as she was not available to chair it on the 7th November. **It was agreed that the meeting would be moved to Tuesday 5th.** Dan also noted that we will review the need for the December and January meetings, but noted that this will also be during the diversion period, so it may still be beneficial

**Meeting closed at 7.17pm.**