# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place on site at HEB site compound**

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * John Bishop * Peter Cooke * Mary Hutchinson * Colin Taylor * Carol Comber * Frieda Harper * Steve Cromb | **Representatives**   * Bob Barber (WCC) * Kate Brown (WCC) * Paul Reid (HEB) * Russell Obee (HEB) * Gareth Penhale (WWL) |

Meeting started with a site visit to the reservoir and pipe tunnel

**Apologies**

Richard Hickman (Beca)

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (11 August 2022)**

The minutes were received. Colin asked that it be recorded that Frank Cook left the meeting at 6.30pm. Judy also asked (by email) that the Minutes also record that she presented an email between WCC/Beca/Wellington Water officers dated 4 November 2019 (see file in CRG Document 10 November 2022 meeting folder [here](https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/omaroro-water-reservoir/?tab=3)) which was obtained by one of her neighbours under the Official Information Act, detailing why Victor formed the opinion that he’d been betrayed by people he trusted.

Colin tabled a copy of the OIA response from WCC.

**Contractor Update**

Paul R provided an update of progress since the last meeting (most of it covered as part of the site visit):

• Back filling around the reservoir is continuing using stored material from the lower field. Material is also being taken offsite. This material is currently being taken to Silverstream for disposal

• The second fill of the reservoir is in progress and this will then be emptied again. Reservoir to be fully commissioned before Christmas

• Site compound and offices will start to be removed January/February

• Work on the lower field will be completed by early April and the upper field late April.

Frieda asked when the sediment ponds will be removed. Paul explained this will be done as part of the reinstatement works.

Kate provided an update on the parking and explained that the allocation of residents/time restricted parking will be made by the WCC Parks team. They will consult with the residents before any recommendations are made.

Paul noted that during the reinstatement of the lower field worker vehicles will need to use Rolleston Street, but will not be parking on the street.

Bob asked about how dust was being managed. Paul advised that the water cart was being used, and there is a sprinkler installed at the entrance/exit. In addition, all trucks leaving site with fill are to be covered. Mary did note that she had seen a lot of dust on Rolleston Street. Paul said he would look into it.

**Papawai Stream Study**

Kate provided an update on the progress of the catchment study being undertaken by Wellington Water on behalf of Wellington City Council. She noted that three workshops had already been held and a fourth is to be held week commencing 14 November. The study will come up with a programme up until July 2023.

Mary said that the PSG was disappointed with the consultation thus far and that the material that was presented at the end of the most recent workshop was too technical and lacked a clear glossary or explanations. Members of the group were being asked to prioritise what next assessments in the catchment they wished the project to undertake; but though we fed back that it was unrealistic for us to make suggestions without being able to fully understand the terms, no further explanations were provided.

She also noted that there had been a colossal slip in the upper catchment since July and that this will result in ongoing sedimentation of the stream, and has significant implications for the Papawai Stream Study’s work.

Mary asked for a copy of the final Habitat Improvement Plan. Paul agreed to send through.

**General Business**

Mary asked if there had been a response from GWRC as to why they have attended meetings despite being a member according to the terms of reference. Jane undertook to raise it with them, Mary also said she would raise it with elected Councillors.

**Next Meeting**

* Thursday 9 February 2023 (the location and format would be determined closer to the time but it is likely to be at the HEB Site Office).

**Meeting closed at 7.20pm**