# 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**

Steve noted that there were a couple of actions from the previous minutes:

* Approved TMPs to be provide to Steve (done)
* BPC to provide an overview of the work programme for the coming months (circulated)

With those additions the minutes were agreed as circulated.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Blair, Arne and Suzanne provided a general update and answered questions from the group on the Pipelines Project. Main points of discussion were:

* The **local watermain** in Hargraeves Street is now complete and work is continuing on connecting the laterials to individual properties. This work is expected to be finished 9th August.
* Work on the local watermain will continue at the bottom of Hargreaves and into Wallace Street for the next week, meaning there will be traffic management, including stop/go on Wallace Street for the week.
* Work on the **bulk watermain is due to start 12 August** with the contractor Carsons moving their plant and equipment in. This start is a week later than originally planned.
* The excavation for the **Chamber at the corner of Wright and Hargreaves** Street has started. This work means that the end of Wright Street will be closed for vehicles for the coming months.
* BPC has established their site office in the compound for the chamber works. Jane Loughnan asked if the office will stay there for the rest of the project, Blair noted that it would have to move for the diversion.
* **VMS Boards** have been placed on the key feeder routes to Wallace Street and appear anecdotally to be reducing the number of vehicles. Traffic counts will be done in the coming weeks to monitor this.
* Blair raised that with the bulk main work started there will be more workers and vehicle movements in the area.
* It was noted that no further parking will be removed on Wright Street for this stage of the work, and one may be reinstated once one of the containers in the compound is removed.
* Peter Cooke noted that during his recent litter collection that there was a number of cable ties and other **litter from the worksite**. Suzanne undertook to remind workers to make sure they keep the area tidy.
* It was noted that rugby had been played on the upper field 2 August (it had been expected to cease end of July). Joel undertook to look into it.
* **Emergency vehicle access track** is being laid on 9th August between Rolleston Street and Hargreaves Street, which will mean the park cannot be used for rugby this weekend.
* The design for the upgrade of the **track between Hargreaves and Rolleston Street** has now been submitted to WCC who have raised a couple of issues.These will be resolved and then the work will be priced. It is hoped that the emgerency access track on the park will, at least in the interim, provide better and safer access for residents.
* Steve raised the issue of **parking for residents in Hargreaves Street**. Suzanne noted that 30 coupon parks had been removed from Rolleston Street and replaced with residents parks. He also noted that there is an ongoing issue of cars parking too close to the driveways restricting access. Peter Hamilton circulated his contact details and undertook to look into it.
* **Housing NZ -** Suzanne provided an update on her discussions with them. The asbestos removal is scheduled to begin 12 August. This will mean the the site will be fenced and no access through it. Suzanne agreed to keep talking to them and their contractor about trying to get a track put through. She also noted that the angle parks on Rolleston Street will be available for parking. She also circulated the contact details for the project manager.
* **Wright Street diversion -** Dan outlined the sequence of residents meetings on the diversion to be held next week, Tuesday 13 August with the Wright Street CRG members and Mt Cook Mobilised to seek their input into the options and the presentation for the public meeting. Then Thursday 15 August for the Public Meeting. Promotion of the Public Meeting will be by letterbox drop and also FaceBook and social media. There will be a discussion at the next CRG, once the views of residents have been heard.
* **Parking on the upper field -** Gareth outlined that WWL and BPC had submitted a Town Belt Easement Application for the parking on the upper field. Joel noted he had received the application, but had not had time to evaluate its completeness. If it were to be processed it would likely require public notification and a decision by Councillors so would take at least two months. A resource consent was also required. It was noted therefore that it was unlikely that it would be approved while the current work was being undertaken, but could be a contingency for the future.

Cr Iona Pannett arrived 6.50pm.

* **Traffic Management Plans –** Steve raised hs concerns about the lack of community involvement in the development and approval of the TMP for Hargreaves Street. He also raised concerns about how the lack of community input was leading to rumours about what was being proposed as part of the diversion – in particular the use of Wright Street by buses. Peter Cooke noted that Steve’s concerns were not shared by many in the community. Blair and Peter Hamilton both outlined the process for the development of TMPs and the scope for public consultation. There was also discussion about the need to ensure that any options presented had to be feasible and able to be approved – therefore the need for things such as bus trials. Dan reemphasised the proposed engagement on the diversion.
* **Brown outs –** Carol sought clarification of what the term means. Peter explained that it means both the period leading up to Christmas where road works are not permitted on key roads in the city, and also the process of not approving other works in the area of a major project to avoid project clashes.

Suzanne, Arne and Blair left the meeting 7.05pm

**Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**

Richard outlined the work since the last meeting – including the Q&A session held at Boffa Miskell. Dan noted that no further feedback or submissions had been received and offered to extend the deadline for that for a week.

**Playing Field Management Plan**

Richard introduced the PFMP and noted that there was still an irrigation plan to be added. This was still being finalised with WCC. Dan noted that Emma Paisley from Wellington Rugby had been unable to attend the meeting so he would organise a separate meeting with her. The group did not feel there was the need for a separate Q&A session on the PFMP.

**Project Update**

Richard gave a brief update on the Reservoir project. He noted that the procurement process had been changed to a two phase process to allow for greater contractor involvement and the opportunity to identify innovation/productivity gains in the project.

The impact of this change is that construction is likely to start in September 2020 rather than April as had been previously advised.

Peter Cooke raised the issue of how this would fit with the Housing NZ timeframe. Richard and Dan undertook to meet with Housing NZ and get an update on their programme.

**Papawai Stream**

There was discussion about the proposed investigation into Papawai Stream. Richard advised that work had yet to start and would keep the group updated.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.