

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 10 August 2021  
**Time:** 1.00 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chambers  
**Venue:** Horowhenua District Council  
126-148 Oxford Street  
Levin

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## Community Wellbeing Committee

### OPEN AGENDA

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# Community Wellbeing Committee Report

File No.: 21/322

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## 1. Purpose

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing Committee activities, and provide an update on the district-wide Community Development work programme that directly contributes to the outcomes of the Community Wellbeing Framework.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 21/322 Community Wellbeing Committee Report be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 3. Issues for Consideration

### COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Immigration NZ has confirmed that Horowhenua Former Refugee Resettlement Programme will commence with two families (8 people) in November 2021. From February 2022 Horowhenua can expect two families every six weeks. The families resettling will be Columbian.

Red Cross will be providing more information as part of the 10 August CWC meeting agenda.

### Rangatahi Anti-Social Behavior in Public Spaces

In June the Horowhenua Youth Services Network received reports from school Social Workers, Youth Space Coordinators and others that there was increasing adverse behaviour happening in the Levin town centre, schools and Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC). The behaviours varied from serious violence, property damage, arson and youth lurking around, "hanging out". There are multi groups of young people aged from 10 up to 17 and are generally of Māori descent.

The network decided that a wider community hui to discuss the issue be organised. This subsequent meeting was held 08 July 2021 (see attached meeting minutes). Two actions were derived from the meeting:

1. A taskforce for intensive targeted work on a 1:1 basis with rangatahi and whanau. It was suggested that this could be Iwi led.
2. The group wanted another meeting to be scheduled for first week of August to discuss other solutions for the wider group of young people that could be implemented collectively, including positive exposure to different opportunities for younger children as well as youth aged and experiences with barriers for participation removed.

An update will be given at the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting regarding outcomes for the wider workshop scheduled for 05 August 2021.

## ***Our Communities***

### **Welcoming Communities**

The Community Development team and Cultural Outcomes Lead have started to initiate the Welcoming Communities Programme in Horowhenua. Recruitment for a 'Community Development Advisor – Welcoming Communities' has been advertised with applications closing 08 August 2021. The new role will include implementation of the Welcoming Communities Programme plan.

An HDC Officer will be attending the Welcoming Communities National Conference in August to gain insight from other councils that have already established programmes.

Community Development Officers and Cr Jennings were invited to Waiopēhu College by the Yr13 Social Studies class who are undertaking several projects that build a sense of belonging and welcoming at school. The team were able to answer and offer support around funding and sponsorship. The initiative will be further developed by the Community Development Advisor once appointed.

### **Education Horowhenua**

In the 01 July 2021- 30 June 2022 financial year, no (0) Education Horowhenua meetings have been held. However in the period since the last report, one (1) meeting has taken place on 24 June 2021 with a key presentation about the Shared Pathways Strategy for Horowhenua led by Deputy Mayor Mason, HDC Roading Services Manager James Wallace and Horizon's Councillor Sam Ferguson.

Education Horowhenua has now moved into the 2021-2022 year with six (6) meetings planned across this period. Key focus areas that will unfold within these meetings include the management of refugee resettlement within our schools, Horowhenua Kahui Ako Community of Learning updates, Muaūpoko Kura-a-iwi developments, the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust 'Get-Go' transition to employment initiative and the evolution of Te Pukenga – NZ Institute of Skills and Technology.

Progress has been made with the update of the Horowhenua Education Action Plan with a draft document that covers the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2024 now circulating. It is expected that this will be ratified at the 09 September 2021 meeting of the forum.

### **Age-Friendly Communities**

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), one (1) meeting has been held on 22 July 2021.

A feature of this meeting was a comprehensive report presented by Mayor Wanden around 'What's Happening' in the Horowhenua through a Horowhenua District Council lens. The evolution of online banking, COVID19 vaccinations, refugee resettlement and recruitment and membership retention remain high interest areas for the group.

Greater access to the recently introduced Age-Friendly Communities Strategy continues to grow as this is distributed around stakeholder organisations and updated on community media channels. Creation of a monitoring report for the initiative will provide evidence to the external funder for this initiative, but also value to the group as a whole and will be introduced at the August meeting of the Older Person's Network.

A decision has been made to leave the Age on the Go event in the April window of time and a tentative date has been set for 15 April 2022.

The Community Development Team continue to support programmes and activities that foster connection and participation for older people including:

- Welcoming Communities

- Matariki Big Day Out
- Te Awahou Māori Women's Welfare league 70th birthday celebrations
- Involvement with both Shannon and Te Awahou Kaumatua / kuia groups.

The engagement of Māori and Pasifika remain a focus in this space.

### **Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)**

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), one (1) Youth Empowerment Project meeting has been held.

The Youth Empowerment Project (yEP) have participated in a number of opportunities:

- In June yEP leaders supported UENUKU an event that was planned by youth for youth with support from Council, Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (MTA), Life to the Max (LTTM), Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC) and Whaioro Trust. The event connected groups of LGBTIQ+ youth from the colleges and HLC during National Pride month. UENUKU was a highly successful event with over 60 youth attending. A significant amount of positive feedback has been received. The youth involved had a debrief session that reported that ALL youth involved felt more connected and had an increased sense of belonging and place in community.
- yEP are co-planning a trip for 40 youth to Parliament, supported by Terisa Ngobi (Ōtaki MP) and Community Development Team. Terisa and her team will host the youth in Parliament where they will learn about democratic process. This trip is scheduled for late August 2021.

### **Youth Services Network**

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), one (1) Youth Services Network meetings has been held to date. The focus for the last meeting was the local anti-social behavior (above mentioned) and identified 3 main root causes (below) that will become the basis to build solutions for improved wellbeing at the workshop hui scheduled for 05 August 2021. An update will be provided at the CWC meeting.

1. Vulnerable Families – youth are impacted by socio economic factors
  2. Boredom – youth need to be exposed to a wide range of activities to encourage positive connections and relationships
  3. Community Perception – youth need to feel valued and to develop a sense of belonging. This builds respect for the environment and others in the community.
- Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC) is offering a programme as part of the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) that supports youth to transition into employment. This programme is being trialled in three other regions, with the outcome to decrease the number of young people not engaged in employment or education. There are 15 places per course and is a strengths based programme that is very flexible and can offer a wide range of resources that support wellbeing. The programme runs over 8 weeks, followed by a further 8 weeks of support. Patrick Rennell from HLC will be offering more information at the CWC meeting.
  - Life to the Max (LTTM) are commencing two programmes for young people. The programmes are skilled based and provide an opportunity to connect with youth in a creative way. The programmes are run after school and transport from Levin, Foxton and Shannon can be provided. Previous programmes have been very successful with young people producing music and an art mural. Enrolments are opened until the first week of August 2021.

## Access and Inclusion

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), no (0) Access and Inclusion Network meetings have been held.

Officers are continuing to work with Crohn's & Colitis NZ Charitable Trust working together to implement the 'I can't Wait!' campaign. The campaign, started by a teenager, encourages businesses to let people with bowel disease use their toilets in an emergency, by displaying a CCNZ sticker in the window of their business to indicate it is Crohn's and Colitis friendly.

An event to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in early December is underway. This event will be a collaboration between Council, Mana Whaikaha, People First, and other community organisations. Members of People First have indicated they would like a "give it a go" day where they can try different sporting and hobby activities.

## SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

### Matariki

The Matariki events programme held 02-18 July were a great success. A selection of hangi, pumpkin soup and seafood chowder was on offer at the Community Kai, which alongside the Kapa Haka event, attracted more than 200 attendees. There were more than 200 tamariki (children) and kaiako (teachers) at 'Matariki for Pre-schoolers'; and 120 attended the 'Matariki Day Out' which was designed for our older people in the district. This is only a few of the activities that were on offer. Our aim was to provide education around Matariki, its history, stories, and how we can best celebrate it. Feedback received from the community was largely positive and included the desire from many to learn more about Matariki. We are already looking forward to planning next year's events, which will also come with a public holiday.

### Tūhono ki Te Ao Māori / Connection to The Māori World

Developed by Council's Cultural Outcomes Lead, Tūhono ki Te Ao Māori is a toolkit to provide HDC staff with a basic understanding of Māori customs and protocols. It is designed to assist staff with their development in a range of Te Ao Māori (Māori world) areas and it supports Council's commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Improving knowledge in Te Ao Māori will allow staff to engage more confidently in a Te Ao Māori environment and will assist in building and maintaining meaningful relationships with iwi Māori (the Māori community).

### Capacity Building at Poutu Marae

The Community Development Team has arranged capacity building opportunities at Poutu Marae to a group of rangatahi that are part of an marae based programme delivered by Mana o te Tangata. The programme aims to build skills based jobs/roles at the marae; these skills can be transferred to employment. The programme also builds marae resilience through upskilling younger people. The capacity building programmes offered in July were L2 First Aid and Food Safety Course.

## PLACEMAKING

- Supported the creation of a large mural in Oxford Street, Levin that enhances the vibrancy of a space that has become home to food outlets. Vibrant environments contribute to an increased pride of place.
- Four (4) Chorus boxes have been approved for 2021 with one reserved for a mural that celebrates the Rainbow Community. Applications for the remaining three Chorus

boxes opened on 27 July 2021 and closes 27 August 2021. The Chorus boxes selected are in Levin, Waitārere, Shannon and Foxton.

- Community Development Officers have responded to four (4) requests to remove graffiti over the last two months; all incidents where in the Levin town centre.

## COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Team are supporting an increasing number of community led initiatives, programmes, activities and events.

- Shannon (CLD) Community Network. At the monthly meeting held in June the group had a focus on housing. In front of a community group of 30, presenters from MSD, Manawatū Tenancy Union, Housing Action Centre and Horowhenua District Council were well received. One aim of the meeting was to help people in need of housing by offering tenancy support and advocacy. HDC presented an innovative way to way build infill housing that simplifies the process therefore encouraging people to look at options for more homes on the same amount of land. The role of the Community Development Team is to encourage community led practice, offer advice and facilitate the meetings.
- Working alongside Onboard Skate and Sport Manawatū the Community Development Team has successfully secured an in-school skateboarding programme at Shannon School and Levin East School, which can help students to become more physically active. Unlike traditional sports that tend to focus on the best athletes (and marginalise the rest) in the pursuit of winning, skateboarding focuses on personal progress and lifelong learning by providing engaging, action centred, enjoyable and non-judgemental activities driven by a “challenge by choice” learning philosophy.

## Community Hubs

Officers are actively supporting several community hubs.

- **Te Whare Mahana.** Community Development continue to deliver Capacity Building programmes and continually seek further advice on how we can increase capacity of the service providers houses in the hub. Council has funded a Funding HQ license which is an external funding advice portal that will increase opportunities to secure funding. The Repair Café is operating very successfully and growing in numbers month by month and is close to being self-sustaining.
- **Shannon Kai Hub.** Is expanding operations after a highly successful first three months. In the last two months the Kai hub have redistributed approximately 7 tonnes of food and had 3000 shop visits from community from Shannon, Tokomaru, Opiki, Foxton and Levin.

The Recycle Clothing Store is turning over nearly enough profit to become sustainable. In June The Kai Hub received confirmation of funding from Lotteries Grant enabling a part time paid position for a coordinator. The Kai Hub has been donated a coin operated washing machine and dryer so will be installing a community laundry facility in the near future. Community Development has also connected Aotearoa Literacy to The Kai Hub. In July Aotearoa Literacy offered a course to 8 local people to obtain their restricted licenses with 100% pass rate.

- **Hinemoa House.** Community Development is also offering a range of capacity programmes at Hinemoa Street, as well as offering funding advice and support. Community Development has secured a Funding HQ license that will increase the ability to apply to fund holders outside Council.

- **Foxton Beach Community Centre.** Council continues to support the growth and capability of the community centre with funding and promotion advice.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

Following the ratification of a new range of Horowhenua District Council funded contestable grants at Council's meeting on 30 July 2021, the following is a summary of the Horowhenua District Council funded and/or administered contestable grants that will be available in the 2021-2022 financial year:

- Horowhenua Community Development Grant - \$60,000.00 over two funding rounds in August 2021 and February 2022
- Horowhenua Community and Services Grant - \$30,000.00 over two funding rounds in August 2021 and February 2022
- Horowhenua Creative Communities Scheme Grant - over two funding rounds in August 2021 and February 2022, (funding amount to be confirmed)
- Horowhenua Vibrant Communities Grant - \$20,000.00 over one funding round in August 2021
- Horowhenua Special Projects Grant - \$20,000.00 over one funding round in August 2021
- Horowhenua Rural Halls Grant - \$30,000.00 over one funding round in August 2021
- Horowhenua Waste Minimisation Grant - \$10,000.00 over one funding round in August 2021
- Shannon Community Development Grant - over one funding round in August 2021 (funding amount to be confirmed)

HDC has now fully transitioned to its new SmartyGrants electronic grants management system with Officers happy to support first time applicants through application process using this system.

Following Council's 2021-2041 Long Term Plan development process, three year funding arrangements have been granted to the following organisations:

- Levin Community Patrol - Community Patrol Service, (\$5,000.00 annum)
- Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust - Crime Prevention Camera Service, (\$15,000.00 / annum)
- Foxton & Beach Community Patrol - Foxton Beach Patrol Service, (\$5,250.00 / annum)
- Waitāreere Beach Progressive and Ratepayers Association Incorporated - Waitāreere Beach Patrol Service, (\$5,250.00 / annum)
- Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support - Neighbourhood Support Programme, (\$25,000.00 / annum)
- Volunteer Central - Volunteer Resource Co-ordination Service, (\$10,000.00 / annum)
- Foxton Surf Life Saving Club - Foxton Beach Life Guard Service, (\$25,875.00 / annum)
- Levin Waitāreere Surf Life Saving Club - Waitāreere Beach life guard service, (\$25,875.00 / annum)
- Save Our River Trust - Foxton River Loop Restoration Research and Investigation, (\$10,000.00 / annum)

## COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2021/2022 financial year, the Community Development Team has delivered 3 (three) capacity and capability building workshops. 50 participants have attended the workshops with 100% satisfaction reported.

Completed workshops and the preliminary schedule for the 2020/21 Capacity Building workshops are below, additional workshops will be booked as the year progresses.

Workshop	Date	Location	Participants
First Aid L1	05 July 2021	Te Whare Mahana	13
First Aid L2	22 July 2021	Poutu Marae	18
Food Safety	29 July 2021	Shannon	19

## Attachments

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A	Rangatahi Hui - meeting 8 July 2021 Minutes	12

### Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

## Signatories

Author(s)	Michelle Rogerson <b>Community Development Advisor</b>	
Approved by	Nicki Brady <b>Deputy Chief Executive</b>	

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## Rangatahi Working Group Hui

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July

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Meeting notes of the Rangatahi Working Group Hui held in the Ante Room, Horowhenua District Council, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 10:00am.

**Karakia** Neil Hirini

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons	Horowhenua District Council - Counsellor
	Michelle Rogerson	Horowhenua District Council - Officer
	Neil Hirini	Horowhenua District Council - Officer
	Neville Hei Hei	Whaioro Trust
	Janelle Hing	Whaioro Trust
	Holly Parekowhai	Te Puni Kokiri
	Lia Forrest	Te Puni Kokiri
	Bella Cronin-Stone	Te Puni Kokiri
	Nikki Simpson	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority / Oranga Tamariki
	Kym Hudson	Oranga Tamariki
	Rijo Kanjivathingal	Oranga Tamariki
	Karl Severinsen	Oranga Tamariki
	Alamein Newth	Raukawa Whanau Ora
	Jalaine Tahiwī	Raukawa Whanau Ora
	Kelly Tahiwī	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
	Hamish Stuart	Horowhenua Kahui ako
	Tacita Bohan	Waiopēhu College
	Guy Reichenbach	Waiopēhu College
	Sam Gilpen	Levin Police
	Steve James	Levin Police
	Ineke Leask	Multiple Community Organisations
	Samantha Coromandel	Life to the Max / HLC Manager
	Patrick Rennell	Life to the Max / HLC Manager
	Cameron S. Curd	Horowhenua District Council
	Wendy Fraser	Horowhenua District Council
	Celeste Littek	Levin Intermediate School
	Sheree Garten	Levin Intermediate School
	Jo Bly	Levin Intermediate School
	Grant Congdon	Horowhenua College
	Samantha Wehipeihana	Horowhenua College
	Amos	Raukawa Whanau Ora
	Rob Fifita	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
	Jacqui Moynihan	Oranga Tamariki
		Raukawa Whanau Ora
		Oranga Tamariki

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were recorded for:

Ani Skipper  
Tracy White  
Danielle Bence

**2. Main Points to note from the hui included;**

**Victoria Kaye-Simmons, (Horowhenua District Councillor -**

- Recent incidents in town included damage to Salisbury Street toilet block resulting in its closure,
- Vandalism and theft at Focal Point Cinema,
- Threatening and abusive behaviour toward Levin Mall caretakers
- Organised fights at the Skate Park,
- Mall car park vehicle thefts,

**Jalaine Tahiwī, (Raukawa Whanau Ora)**

- Problem age is not just Rangatahi. Also 10 year old tamariki.
- Otaki Rangatahi also involved.

**Nikki Simpson, (MTA/Oranga Tamariki)**

- Her team also aware of issues and engaged in this situation,
- Remain focussed on exposing rangatahi/whanau to new and different opportunities.
- Also remain focussed on working in partnership with whanau.
- Youth are also hungry.
- Need to make referrals to whanau navigators of MTA and Raukawa Whanau Ora to begin process of engagement with whanau.

**Sam Gilpen, (Levin Police)**

- Need to be notified of issues immediately. Ring 111 not 105. Even if job cannot be prioritised it will at least be logged and pattern established.
- Feedback is youth are bored. They want to be back in school.

**Steve James, (Levin Police)**

- Six main offenders involved. 14 & 15 Year olds of Māori descent.
- Only 4 officers on each shift – a sergeant and constables. Have responded to numerous incidents involving this group. I currently in custody.
- Very much feel they are the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff.

**Celeste Littek, (Levin Intermediate School)**

- Interagency communication issues associated with confidentiality

**Sharee Garten, (Levin Intermediate School)**

- Behaviours manifesting from a group external to school. Group of 14 to 15 year olds influencing younger students,
- Online intimidation a major problem,

**Carl Severinsen, (Oranga Tamariki)**

- Reinforced need for students to be engaged in Education,
- Reiterated that issues of confidentiality can be overridden in cases of extreme crises and emergency in inter-agency discussions.
- Highlighted gap in support for intermediate aged students.
- Community needs to be responsive to need

**Hamish Stuart, (Horowhenua Kahui Ako)**

- Main issues in schools revolve around anti social behaviour & alcohol and drugs.

**Ineke Leask**

- Impacted by historical issues.
- Need to put something in place for the school holidays

**Neville Hei Hei, (Whaioro Trust)**

- Main issue with these rangatahi is they have no identity – they don't know who they are,

**Kelly Tahiwī, (Muaūpoko Tribal Authority)**

- MTA supportive of the developmet of the whanua as a whole. Solution based / whanau driven
- Education is what they want. Cultural identity is also missing.
- Described recent waka ama and rangathi basketball programmes as successful initiatives that meet these needs

**Wendy Fraser, (Te Takeretanga ō Kura-hau-pō)**

- Youth Space has a vision of being a safe place for our Rangatahi to go.
- Under-resourced so only option when poor behaviour manifests is to ban them from the space.

**Patrick Rennell, (HLC / Life to the Max)**

- Horowhenua Region rates second highest in the country in NEET statistics

**Lia Forrest, (Te Puni Kokiri)**

- Keen to work with community to build a strategy as part of an ongoing solution for when these situations arise,
- Interagency collaboration a focus,
- Keen to fund programmes such as a Youth Leadership initiative.

**Jacqui Moynihan,(Oranga Tamariki)**

- Good opportunity to re-visit interagency partnership to address this current situation. There is plenty of resource in the town.
- Agencies and organisations directly involved with this could perhaps form a taskforce group. This should be a safe place to share names.

**Samantha Coromandel, (HLC / Life to the Max)**

- Talked about previous interagency group where this exact this was doen. Perhaps this model could be resurrected.
- Asked which group could take the lead.

**Michelle Rogerson, (Horowhenua District Council)**

- Suggested engagement of Māori Wardens as a way on monitoring in and around Youth Space in up and coming holiday break,
- Any social workers or kaimahi that have free time across this period to also assist here when able,
- Collective impact model an approach to be considered.
- Requests that organisations that want to be part of the taskforce group let her know by email. This will be co-ordinated from these responses.
- Idea that this group that has assembled today, re-assemble in a couple of weeks also be explored.

Hui closed at 11.30am with karakia.