

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

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2021
Time: 1.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: Horowhenua District Council
126-148 Oxford Street
Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

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If you need help or support in any areas of your mahi, work programmes, event etc. please come along to the meeting prepared under this agenda item to speak to this.

Community Wellbeing Committee Report

File No.: 21/268

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 21/268 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

Refugee Resettlement

Immigration NZ to provide official update as part of the meeting.

Welcoming Communities

In December 2020, Horowhenua District Council received notification of acceptance into the Welcoming Communities Programme. Working with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Ngāti Raukawa, Council will begin to plan what the programme will look like for Horowhenua.

Our commitment to the programme is to partner with our community and Immigration NZ to build and maintain a welcoming environment. To do this we will engage with recent migrants, former refugees and local residents. We recognise that proactively fostering an inclusive community where everyone can belong and participate creates social, economic, civic and cultural benefits for our community.

Over the next month we will be building a plan to enable us to meet this commitment. This plan will include appointing an Officer who will establish and facilitate implementation of the Welcoming Communities programme plan.

Education Horowhenua

In the July 2020 to June 2021 financial year, five (5) Education Horowhenua meetings have been held. Presentations in the forum included a presentation on the Muaūpoko Education Strategy by Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Te Pukenga – Vocational Training Reforms by UCOL.

With regard to group membership, Murray Powell and Bruce McIntyre have now retired and Liam McLeavey and Piri Robinson have resigned. Departing members have been replaced by Hamish Stuart - (Kahui Ako co-Lead), Matt Fraser - (Manawatu College), Shane Gorinski, (Horowhenua NZ Trust – Get Go Project) and Daniel Bulman, (Arohamai Literacy Horowhenua). The Education Action plan still awaits a robust baseline data set.

Community Development Advisors supported the Kahui Ako / Muaūpoko Tribal Authority teacher development day in January 2021 with the planning and delivery of an amazing race module.

Age-Friendly Communities

In the July 2020 to June 2021 financial year, eight (8) Older Person's meetings have been held. There is one (1) further hui planned for this period. One meeting in the period was abandoned because of COVID-19 alert level restrictions.

These meetings attract 35 to 48 people each month. This year presentations from Mid-Central, Horowhenua Community Practice, Royal Commission of Inquiry Abuse in Care inquiry, COVID-19 Vaccine roll out and Senior Net have added value.

- The Age-Friendly Communities Strategy has now been published and distributed to a range of community groups. A monitoring report for this strategy will be introduced soon.
- The Age on the Go event that was planned for October 2020 was postponed until 2021 due to elevated public health risk under Covid-19. The event took place on April 16 2021, once again proving to be a resounding success with 58 stall holders and over 600 people attending. Horowhenua Learning Centre students from the security and hospitality courses provided a good level service in their respective fields and gained work experience at a big event.

The Community Development team are supporting programmes and activities that foster participation for older people including:

- 2021 Kuia and Kaumātua ball being held in Shannon on 12 June 2021.
- Initial discussions are underway to support a community plan for Age Friendly communities for Kuia and Kaumātua in Foxton.
- Engagement has taken place with the Shannon Kuia and Kaumātua group with good results that contributed to the Positive Aging Strategy and the Long Term Plan.

Our Communities

Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2020), eight (8) Youth Empowerment Project meeting have been held. The year started with 14 leaders however has reduced to 8 leaders with resignations attributed to significant school work loads, commitments to school executives, volunteer programmes and part time employment.

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

- SMART goal training with Herd by Horses. yEP created a smart goal to redistribute the school lunches to Youth Space however after investigation and numerous conversations the leaders decided to abandon the idea.
- Created a survey that summarised the Long Term Plan consultation making it easier for youth to understand. yEP leaders distributed the survey at their colleges then collated the results and completed a Long Term Plan submission.

- To celebrate Youth Week NZ 2021 yEP collaborated with Council teams, Community Development, Aquatics and Youth Space to plan and deliver a Pool Party event. 160 people attended the event enjoying free pool entry, on water inflatables, dunk tank, in-pool ball pit, photo booth, zorb wars, BBQ and Hells Pizza. The 2021 theme was we are stronger together. yEP decided that having a pool party was a way for young people to connect people while having fun.
- Volunteered at the Beats and Basketball youth event alongside the Youth Space coordinators at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. There was approximately 70 young people that participated in this school holiday programme.
- yEP are planning a significant event in June to celebrate pride month named "UENUKU". The event includes a dinner, DJ and performance from Wellington Drag Performer. InsideOUT, a national organisation that support rainbow youth will also be giving a key-note presentation.

Youth Services Network

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2020), six (6) Youth Services Network meetings have been held to date. The current active membership for the network is 14 organisations with an average of 20 people attending each meeting. Over the last 12 months two organisations per meeting have provided a "spotlight on service" which have resulted in organisations within the network connecting for service provision.

- In April the Youth Services Network have endorsed, via a circulated letter, an application by Herd by Horses to THINK Hauora supporting the service to be an approved provider and eligible for funding.
- In January the Community Development team supported Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Whaioro Trust to deliver Te Hinaki, a rangatahi programme for marginalised youth.

Access and Inclusion

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2020), three (3) Access and Inclusion Network meetings has been held. There are one (1) further hui planned for this period.

To achieve the best social inclusion and accessibility outcomes, Horowhenua Access and Inclusion involves a range of stakeholders that advocate for the community. This includes iwi, members of the community and support agencies.

The latest areas that the forum has reviewed and added value to are:

- Submitted to the Long Term Plan for hearing devices for Horowhenua District Council facilities and support for people with hearing loss
- Auditing Mobility car parks
- Sharing accessible businesses and recreation spaces onto the Access Day Out website
- Large key keyboard in Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Areas that are in the process of being reviewed:

- Accessible housing that incorporates Universal Design
- Transport – getting around locally and regionally
- Quiet times for people who are noise sensitive
- Able2Tri Event late in 2021 or early 2022.

The Community Development team also supported the planning and delivery of 2021 Neighbours' Day, a community event that promotes inclusion and accessibility in neighbourhoods and community spaces. The event was enjoyed by over 500 people and attracted our three (3) Emergency Services, five (5) Community Organisations and sponsorship from three (3) local businesses. The Levin Aquatic Centre had free entry making the facility accessible to over 200 people from 1pm–4pm.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

Council votes to establish a Māori Ward in Horowhenua

Councillors voted unanimously to support the establishment of a Māori Ward, which will take effect for the 2022 election.

By way of survey, the Horowhenua community recently had their say on whether or not its Council should proceed with establishing a Māori Ward in Horowhenua. The survey attracted 227 responses; the majority (178) indicated they were in support of establishing a Māori Ward. Members of the public were invited to speak at the 19 May Extraordinary meeting of Council and the response was universally in favour.

Matariki

Planning is in place for Matariki 2021. It is set to be the largest celebration of Matariki our district has seen with a full schedule of events including; karakia, stargazing, kapahaka, community kai, marae gala, weaving, photography...there is something for every member of the family. Keep an eye out for the full programme and be sure to celebrate with the community.

Matauranga Māori Scholarship

The purpose of this initiative is to build capacity within our Iwi to contribute with knowledge into water, wastewater and stormwater projects over the coming years. Full fees paid Scholarships will be awarded to two students who descend from Muaūpoko or Ngāti Raukawa, who will be studying in the above-mentioned fields of which will be bonded back to their Iwi to work post study.

Iwi partners have been involved from the outset and they will continue to be involved every step of the way. This would not be possible without their commitment. It is a fantastic opportunity for the rangatahi themselves, not only to have the financial burden of their study removed, but to also be able to give back to their Iwi and community. For our younger tamariki in the district to be able to look up and see the amazing opportunities being made available and being taken up by young Māori students like themselves makes them realise how attainable it is for them too. It is a positive message out to them to say that nothing is out of reach. We are one of only two councils in the country choosing to allocate the funds in this way.

Te Oranga o te Awa Festival

The Community Development team and Cultural Outcomes Lead supported the Te Oranga o te Awa Festival. They coordinated the majority of the activities which included; waka ama for the flotilla; Foxton kapahaka groups for the end of the pōwhiri and supported the coordination of the pōwhiri for the flotilla. This involved liaising with Raukawa kaumātua.

Te Pūtahitanga – Queen Street Cultural Installation

On the morning of Thursday 29 April, Muaūpoko whānau, alongside Council kaimahi/staff gathered to unveil the cultural installation – Te Pūtahitanga located on Oxford Street, Levin. The powerful installation was created by Muaūpoko artist, Sian Montgomery Neutze. The name of this installation is Te Pūtahitanga, which loosely translates to the meeting place/junction. The pattern used on each panel is Waharua, a pattern often seen on kākahu and other forms of weaving. It is also seen on the kaitaka of Muaūpoko Ancestor Te Rangihiwini.

The installation sits between Tawhirikohukohu and Te Pae Maunga o Tararua in the West, and Punahau and Hokio Beach in the East, with Kawiū to the North, and Kohutūroa to the South. The four panels are a reflection of this junction or meeting place between each of these important tohu whenua/landmarks.

PLACE-MAKING

Over the past six (6) months, the Community Development team have:

- Supported Keep Horowhenua Beautiful, activities have included; clean up days and beautification activities.
- Together with the Parks and Property team, planned and delivered three (3) events during NZ Parks Week. The events involved school students pruning and planting at Foxton Beach, and encouraged community pruning and clean up day at Lake Horowhenua and a connect event at Kowhai Park.
- Supported Shannon School and Shannon residents to assist with the planting and community restoration of the Te Maire Lagoon.
- Facilitated a large mural by local artist Sarah Wairau. The Bath Street mural has attracted a large amount of positive feedback.
- The five (5) Chorus boxes approved in 2020 have been completed including the mural supporting our rainbow community. Chorus has been very pleased with the level of art and lack of graffiti on the Horowhenua boxes. We have already significant interest in the 2022 Chorus box mural campaign, which is due to open in September.
- Community Development officers continue to respond to graffiti removals requests and work closely with the local graffiti busters to remove tagging. We supply all the required equipment, cleaners and paint.

COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

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

- Shannon (CLD) Community Network. This network consists of a wide range of people from Shannon including health and social services, local Hapū, marae representatives, Shannon School, farmers, businesses, and interested residents. The CLD group decided to connect regularly after attending the Inspiring Communities Workshop held in October 2020. The group supported the Shannon Kai Hub project assisting with community engagement. Council presented the Long Term Plan to the group and received quality feedback. The group has a particular focus on housing for the community and have Homes for People present at a meeting earlier this year. The June 2021 meeting has a number of stakeholders attending MSD regional housing advisors, Housing Advice Centre and Manawatū Tenant Union. The role of the Community Development team is to encourage community-led practice, offer advice and facilitate the meetings.
- Encourage community to be part of the planning and delivery of the Foxton River Loop Festival. Several community organisations, Horizons and The Manawatū River Accord and Council worked together to create and deliver a large community event to celebrate the River Loop rejuvenation project.
- Waitārere Progressive Association and their local community have identified a need to replace the older skate ramps in the Domain as the old one had fallen into disrepair. They approached the Community Development team for assistance to apply for funding. The Community Development team successfully secured both HDC and external funding for the project.
- Māori Health Hui. This was a collaborative event between DHB and Muaūpoko Tribal Authority. The Community Development team offered event management, logistics advice and provided personnel and resources at event.
- Levin Skate Park. The Community Development team joined a community meeting to discuss issues and solutions to escalating aggressive behaviour by youth at the Levin skate park. At the meeting more information was presented that showed the behaviour was a more wide spread problem and solutions would require a whole community approach. The Community Development team has advised that the issue be discussed at the Youth Services Network meeting in June and the potential for a report to be presented to the Community Wellbeing Committee.
- The Community Development team supported Muaūpoko Tribal Authority to deliver an event for the Te Tihi Whānau Ora alliance that showcase Muaūpokotanga and our district.

Community Hubs

Officers are actively supporting several community hubs:

- Te Whare Mahana. This community hub hosts six (6) social service organisations, CAB and Horizons Total Mobility assessments. As well as general support and capacity building workshops being offered regularly at the hub, over the last 6 months the Community Development team has supported the implementation and successful funding application for the Repair Café which is proving a very successful monthly waste minimisation and social connectness initiative. Repair Café employees are volunteers with koha charged for the repairs made. There are 12 repairers, 4 café

workers, 2 hosts and a youth piano player. Over 40 people attended the May 2021 event.

- Shannon Kai Hub. This newly opened community hub is based in Shannon and operated by local volunteers. The hub offers food provision (free supermarket) and essential items office. The hub has a social and learning space where social services can connect with people and organisations like Aotearoa Literacy can facilitate classes. The hub will generate income for overheads costs from the recycled boutique. The adjoining garden is being cleared and it is planned that that the food grown will be added to the Kai hub and also teach new skills. The team would like to add a community laundromat and are currently researching the viability. Community Development has supported this project from its inception with advice, workshops, and connected funders, MSD, education providers and service providers to the hub.
- Hinemoa House. Base in Hinemoa Street, Levin this community hub provides its surrounding community with free kai, parent and childrens' activities, advocacy, afterschool programmes and exercise classes. The community development team has working alongside the coordinators to build capacity through workshops like First Aid, offer funding advice and connect the hub to networks and services.
- Foxton Beach Community Centre. This community reached out to the Community Development team for support to grow and promote the community centre provision. Community Development are working with the volunteers to build a marketing and promotion plan, develop new programmes and access funding.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Community Support Grant

A sum of \$160,000 was set aside for the 2020 / 2021 financial year to assist non-profit organisations meeting criteria with projects, events and costs associated with responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and support for community recovery. Funding awarded will vary, but the average grant issued will be between \$500.00 and \$3,000.00 with no cap.

The Horowhenua Community Support Grant 2020/2021 total fund \$160,000.

- Round 1 - 40 applications were approved with \$56,672 allocated.
- Round 2 - 12 applications were approved with \$20,838.68 allocated.
- Round 3 – 6 applications were approved with \$13,685.00 allocated.
- Round 4 – 23 applications were approved with \$68,803.00 allocated.

A total sum of \$150,910.00 was allocated from available funds with \$9,090.00 left unallocated.

Council Officers are currently conducting a review of contestable HDC Grants with recommendations for a 2021 / 2022 grants structure to the Funding and Recognition Committee pending. The proposed grants structure aligns to Ngā Hapori Kia Kaha, Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Creative Communities Scheme Grant

- Round 1 – 7 applications were approved with \$28,009.00 allocated.

- Round 2 – 9 applications were approved with \$26,269.85 allocated.

A total sum of \$54,278.85 was allocated from available funds with \$1,582.00 left unallocated.

Shannon Community Development Grant

- Round 1 - 6 applications were approved with \$9500.00 allocated.

No further funds were allocated in the financial year with the abandonment of a second round of allocations due to reduced interest income because of low interest rates. The fund currently has a balance of \$374,367.10 which is still \$19,440.48 more than the initial establishment investment amount of \$354,926.62 that was made in September 2012. To date, the trust has allocated \$84,631.26 into its community.

Council Officers will continue to support, encourage and give advice to organisations through the HDC grant process. In the last funding round, 13 of the 26 Community Support fund applications were first time applicants that had been supported by our team to apply. Seven of the nine Creative Communities Grant applications were also first time applicants.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2020/2021 financial year, the Community Development Team has delivered 15 and planning for a further four (4) capacity and capability building workshops. 265 participants have attended the workshops with 99% 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
Level 1 First Aid		Shannon	16
Psychological First Aid Workshop 1	28 July 2020	Te Whare Mahana, Levin	20
yEP Governance Training	10 August 2020	Council Chambers, Levin	10
Sustainable Funding	27 August 2020	Council Chambers, Levin	44
FUNDamentals	September 2020	Council Chambers, Levin	22
Inspiring Communities Shannon	October 2020	Shannon	13
Inspiring Communities - Levin	October 2020	Levin	15
Civil Defence Emergency Training	October 2020	Shannon	23
Safeguarding children online	November 2020	Council Chambers, Levin	23
Skills for Living programme by CAP	Sept – Nov 2020	Shannon	6
3P Parenting Programme	Feb – Mar 2021	Shannon	4

Psychological First Aid Workshop 2	17 April 2021	Shannon	17
St Johns' L1 First Aid	30 April 2021	Foxtton	18
Food Safe	17 May 2021	Te Whare Mahana	15
St Johns' L1 First Aid	25 May 2021	Hinemoa House, Levin	19
<i>EXULT – Sustainable Funding</i>	<i>17 June 2021</i>	<i>Foxtton</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>EXULT – Growing Great Volunteers</i>	<i>18 June 2021</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>EXULT – Governance 101</i>	<i>17 June 2021</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Funding Roadshow</i>	<i>23 June 2021</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>TBA</i>

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Emergency Management

The Community Development Officers are the Horowhenua Welfare Managers for Emergency Management Civil Defense. In the last 6 months, the Officers have been preparing and planning for internal teams.

- Working alongside the District Response Manager the Officers are intending to reinstate the Local Welfare Committee.
- The Officers are also working closely with the Shannon community to establish a Community Response team that closely aligns to Council and has its own SIM structure.
- The Welfare Managers attend regular regional capacity building and network meetings facilitated by Horizons.

Fale Lotu Connections Renovations Project

Three Pasifika churches in our district are benefiting from renovations to make their church buildings, which are the heart of their communities, warmer and better equipped for the purpose they serve. The upgrades have been made possible as a result of receiving \$1.46 million dollars from the Renovations of Pasifika Churches Fund – part of the Government's COVID-19 response and recovery plan.

The funding is enabling the three churches to carry out a range of improvements, including but not limited to; installing heat pumps and insulation, better lighting and new windows and doors. It will also repair or replace hall roofing and ceiling, replace cladding, lay new carpet, paint exteriors and interiors, and improve security. In turn, making a positive impact on the wellbeing of Pacific Peoples and the wider community they serve.

Manawatū River Loop

The Manawatū River Loop Reserve rejuvenation project is nearing completion. The project has been focused on taking the first steps to restore the mauri / life force to the Manawatū River Loop.

Our contractors have removed thousands of cubic metres of silt and weed from the River Loop, contoured the site and grown new grass, installed drinking water fountains, BBQ

areas, pathways and viewing platforms. The Installation of lighting, additional planting, a new gateway entrance and playground are on track for completion.

The work on the Manawatū River Loop saw Te Oranga o te Awa - The Manawatū River Improvement Festival held in Foxton, the first time it has been held outside of Palmerston North since its inception. We are really proud that the work that we have done on our awa was showcased in the festival and demonstrates our commitment to improving the health and mauri of the Manawatū River.

The project has been made possible after the Government committed \$3.86M to the project through the Provincial Growth Fund. It has enabled us, alongside our Iwi partners and the community to transform what was a run-down reserve into a destination for the people of Foxton. The rejuvenated reserve creates a wonderful community asset that will attract water sports enthusiasts and those seeking recreation and relaxation.

Attachments


There are no attachments for this report.

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

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