

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

Date: **Wednesday 5 April 2023**
Time: **1:00pm**
Meeting Room: **Council Chambers**
Venue: **126-148 Oxford St
Levin**

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chair	Mayor Bernie Wanden	
Councillors	Cr Nina Hori Te Pa	Cr Clint Grimstone
Members	Di Rump	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (MTA)
	Mandy Fryer	Ministry of Social Development
	Richard Fry	Ministry of Social Development
	Acting Senior	
	Sergeant Paul Adrian	NZ Police
	Jacqui Moynihan	Oranga Tamariki
	Angela Rainham	Regional Interagency Network (RIN)
	Kanita Nikora	MidCentral District Health Board – Locality Director
	Mike Grant	THINK Hauora / PHO – Interim Chief Executive
	Dr Betty-Lou Iwikau	Raukawa Whānau Ora Limited
	Joanne Parker	Department of Corrections
	Renee Regal	Kāinga Ora
	Dennis Maang	Office of Ethnic Communities, Te Tari Taiwhenua Dept Internal Affairs
	Grant Congdon	Education Horowhenua
	Patrick Renell	Education Horowhenua
	Angelina Tuialii	Fale Pasifika Horowhenua
	Brooke Carter	Department of Internal Affairs
	Catriona McKay	The Horowhenua Company
	Jason Shepherd	Regional Public Service
	Cr Sam Fergusson	Horizons Regional Council

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6 Executive

6.1 Overview of Education Horowhenua and introduction of MOE presentation

Grant Congdon the Principal of Horowhenua College will provide an overview of Education Horowhenua and introduction of Ministry of Education presentation.

6.2 Ministry of Education: Data of school attendance and early school leavers

Kate Aldworth from the Ministry of Education will provide data of school attendance and early school leavers.

6.3 Overview of the Education Horowhenua two working groups

Patrick Rennell the CE Horowhenua Learning Centre and co-chairperson of Education Horowhenua will provide an overview of the Education Horowhenua two working groups.

1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Notification of a request to speak is required by 12 noon on the day before the meeting by phoning 06 366 0999 or emailing public.participation@horowhenua.govt.nz.

3 Late Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report

File No.: 23/196

1. Purpose

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing network committees' activities and actions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 23/196 Community Wellbeing Network 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. Our Communities

Education Horowhenua

This network met in February 2023 with the Ministry of Education presenting on attendance, stand-downs and early school leaver data. The Horowhenua statistics indicated a high level of truancy and significant number of early school leavers compared to other catchments in the Wellington region. These results were discussed at this meeting prompting the formation of two local working groups – Attendance (at school) and Transitions (beyond school) – to develop solutions that will encompass an all of community approach.

Horowhenua Older Persons' Network

The first Older Persons' meeting was held on 16 February 2023 with 19 community service organisations in attendance.

The two presentations received:

- Levin Foodbank
Chairperson Bill Davey provided an overview of the Foodbank and its services. There has been a significant increase in requests for food parcels, not only from the Levin Foodbank, but from all local organisations working in the food support sector. Bill informed the forum about the support they could provide for members.
- Neighbourhood Support
Deborah Campbell provided an overview of Neighbourhood Support and the benefits of joining as a member. There has been several reports by forum members about door to door scam activity occurring in the Horowhenua over the summer. In response, Deborah gave some pointers to the forum about how to keep themselves safe at home and in the community.

Key Actions:

- A number of the network members have requested support to profile their organisations, promoting their services to the wider Horowhenua community. In response to this, the agenda format has undergone a refresh, to allow two 'spotlight' slots to be made available for member organisations, so they can schedule a slot to talk about their organisation and services. Forum members can also request spotlights from organisations outside of the Older Persons' Network membership also.
- The 'spotlight' is an opportunity to overview what they do, share some of the issues they are facing and request any support from the network. This also provides network members more detailed information about a particular service and a chance to ask any questions. The intention is that the member organisation then shares the information

with their clients and communities. This kind of networking and collaboration can be beneficial for everyone involved, building stronger connections and support within the community.

Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)

- Council has changed the approach for yEP 2023 to increase reach and connect with more Horowhenua rangatahi. Rather than a formal or fixed approach, anyone can be involved and members' commitment to the group can be more flexible. This means rangatahi can choose to be involved in yEP in a variety of different ways, whether that is showing up and supporting local youth events, attending hui or presenting at Council meetings as a voice for rangatahi.
- During February and March 2023 recruiting for new yEP members began. At the time of writing this report, 35 young people have shown interest in being part of this larger group. From this a smaller core group will be established as yEP representatives with key responsibilities and commitments.
- Council Officers visited Waiopēhu, Horowhenua and Manawatū colleges, meeting with principals to talk about the new approach and seeking their support to recruit more young people to join yEP. Engagement with rangatahi has also occurred via speaking at assemblies, videos, newsletters, emails and sign-up events. The Youth Space held a 'Pizza Night' recruitment and promotion event on Friday 17 March 2023 which attracted approximately 35 young people. From this event, ten rangatahi signed up to yEP. The Youth Space Programme Assistant is the coordinator for yEP, therefore strengthening the connection between yEP and The Youth Space.
- The yEP network will hold another recruitment and promotion event on Friday 31 March 2023. Those yEP members who have expressed an interest will have their first official hui on Wednesday 05 April 2023 at The Youth Space – where their roles, responsibilities and meeting schedules will be decided. It is at this point that a further update will be provided and an opportunity arranged for yEP to meet the Mayor, Councillors and Community Wellbeing Committee.
- Preparation and planning for Youth Week (15 -21 May 2023) is underway to provide a Parliament trip opportunity for young people who may be interested. We are also looking into secure 'I am HOPE' with Mike King and Nathan Mikaere-Wallis for capacity building events for our young people; and will be open also for parents, teachers, youth workers in our region.
- yEP will become a youth-led group, supported by The Youth Space and Council.

Horowhenua Youth Services Network

The first meeting was held in February 2023 with 14 attendees representing 11 local organisations. This meeting had a workshop to identify key priorities and to build actions based on "How we can work collectively to meet our priorities".

Key priorities from the workshop:

- Connecting people to services, training, jobs
- Capacity building
- Organisational promotion and profiling
- Anxiety, going back to school and even higher anxiety leaving home
- Cost of living, meeting basic needs
- Youth housing
- Vaping crisis
- Needs data, statistics

- More resources needed

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 March 2023, with further discussions about how the network will undertake collective actions that relate to the key priorities.

Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Forum

The first meeting was held in February 2023 with 11 attendees that included community services organisations and individuals advocating for people living with disabilities.

Two presentations received:

- Literacy Aotearoa

Manager, Piri Robinson, overviewed the Literacy Aotearoa service, in particular the accessible learning arrangements that can be offered to individuals and groups of people with disabilities.

- Horowhenua Health Locality Plans

Project Manager for Horowhenua Locality Prototype, Dr. Yumiko Oliver, outlined locality plans and more specifically work being undertaken in each locality in conjunction with local advisory groups and Iwi Māori Partnership Boards.

Locality plans will be used as a tool to monitor progress on how well local health and social services are meeting local needs. Our Horowhenua plan is co-iwi led (Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Raukawa Whānau Ora) and Dr. Yumiko is currently in the process of gathering community perspective to inform the development of the Horowhenua Locality Plan.

Five key questions about community aspirations for health and wellbeing services were presented to the forum. The forum suggested that these questions be circulated in survey format for further consideration and revisited at the March meeting.

Key Actions:

1. Over the second half of 2022 the forum had a number of discussions about people with mobility challenges being unable to access outdoor natural environments and the detrimental effect this has on wellbeing. The forum highlighted the significant positive health and social impacts for disabled people if all-terrain wheelchairs and walkers were available in the Horowhenua. A proposal has been submitted, by Council on behalf of the Access and Inclusion Forum, to the Department of Internal Affairs for \$25,000 to secure four all-terrain wheelchairs with beach-going capability and two all-terrain walkers.
2. The Horowhenua Breathe Easy group requested assistance with grants and funding. Council Officers have sent a meeting invite to discuss funding support required.
3. A survey with the Locality Plan questions to be circulated to the forum. Jo Mason and Norelle Ward will meet with Dr. Yumiko Oliver to have a discussion before the next forum meeting.

Attachments

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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 benefits and costs, 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 Community and Social Development Manager	
Approved by	Brent Harvey Group Manager - Community Experience & Services	
	Monique Davidson Chief Executive Officer	

Horowhenua Youth Services Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: Thursday 9 February 2023

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30am

LOCATION: Horowhenua Learning Centre, Liverpool Street, Levin

CHAIRPERSON: Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua

MEETING SECRETARY / ADVISOR: Liz Tomescu

IN ATTENDANCE:

Name:	Organisation:
Cr. Piri-hira Tukapua	Horowhenua District Council
Michelle Rogerson	Community and Social Development Manager, Horowhenua District Council
Liz Tomescu	Community Development Advisor, Horowhenua District Council
Sandra Patterson	Trade Up
Mike De Boer	Literacy Levin
Fleur Harris	He whare Manaaki Tangata Teen Parent Unit
Janelle Hing	Whaioro Trust
Geordie Parrant	Whaioro Trust
Rose Cotter	Skills 4 Living
Dan Buttar	Life to the Max
Joanne Parker	Community Corrections
Sarah Stretch	Manager, Youthline
Catherine Davies	Youthline
Devon Easton	Horowhenua Learning Centre
Georgia Brawn	Life to the Max
Natalie MacDonald	Youth Space
Jared MacDonald	Youth Space

1. **Karakia Te Timatatanga** Cr. Piri-Hira Tukapua
2. **Meeting Open/Welcome** Cr. Piri-Hira Tukapua

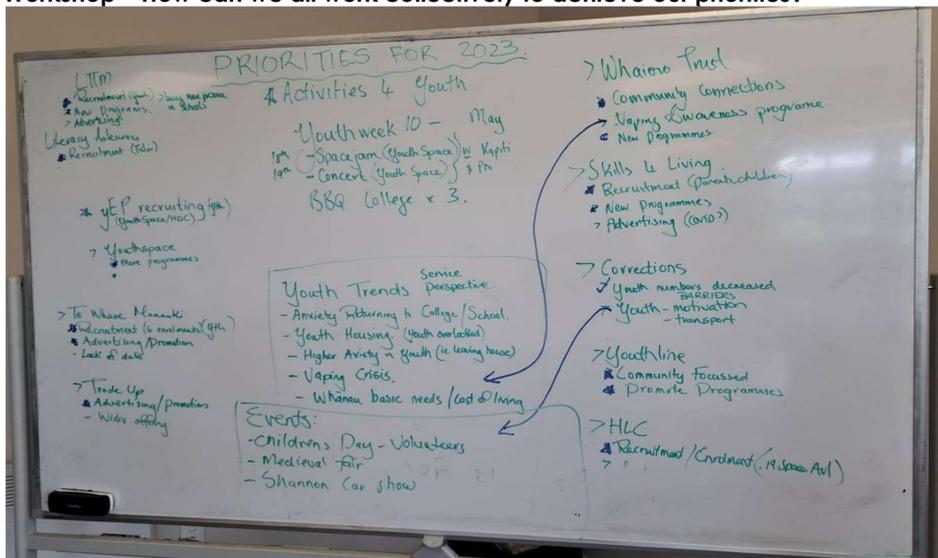
APOLOGIES:

Julia Atkins	Mayors' Task Force for Jobs
Tammy Metcalfe	Mayors' Task Force for Jobs
Kelly Tahiwī	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
Sharon Williams	Hapai te Hapori
Pam Coleman	Te Takeretanga o Kura hau-pō

3. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting** Tabled Cr. Piri-Hira Tukapua
4. **Amendments:**
5. **Actions from previous Meeting**

Action	Who	Status
Bring some ideas on how we can work collectively to meet our priorities	Everyone	In progress
TPK funding report to be circulated ** Waiting for the report to be finalised	Titarakahu Hika TePuni Kokiri	On hold
Reminder to apply for funds before midnight 12 March 2023 https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityPlaces/Grants-Community-Funding/Council-Facilitated-Grants	Everyone	In progress

6. **Workshop – How can we all work collectively to achieve our priorities?**



	Feedback
Youth space	Recruiting for yEP (Youth Empowerment Project – Council , community youth group)
	Youth week - 18th and 19th May, 'space jam' – Youth week, basketball, concert, working collaboratively with Palmy and Kapiti
Te Whare Manaaki Teen parent unit	Only six young mothers currently utilising the teen parent unit. Need help with recruiting, awareness, advertising, promotion. Housing challenges – hard for young people to get housing.
Trade-up	Youth employment opportunities for young people, understanding programs, working together with others
Life to the Max	New programs, new programs, wellness, sports looking for new clients. Advertising, more present in the schools. Being creative.
Literacy Levin	Employer literacy and numeracy working with Techlam, Turks etc. Upskilling people who have come through from probation. Looking for new tutors, business tutors. Great attitude, passionate. High enrolments.
Whaioro Trust	Focus on programs. Work readiness, AOD – harm reduction. Vaping education and harm reduction.
Skills for Living	Help with advertising, need referrals, New website – check out the event calendar.
Corrections	Inspiring youth to get them to courses and training, Wahine Toa program was incredible.
Youthline	Getting out in the Horowhenua Community and schools more running small events
Horowhenua Learning Centre	Continuing to get young people from school into work, pilot service – till end of June 2023.
Alan Young	Learning, listening, bringing themes to Council, advocacy.

7. Workshop – Key issues and support required for rangatahi

- Connecting people to services, training, jobs
- Capacity building
- Organisational promotion and profiling
- Anxiety, going back to school and even higher anxiety leaving home
- Cost of living, meeting basic needs
- Youth housing
- Vaping crisis
- Needs data, statistics
- More funding for staff needed

8. Grants and Funding

Michelle Rogerson

Councils Community funds available, applications close 12 March 2023 now
www.horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityPlaces/Grants-Community-
Community funding helping organisations fill the gaps here in Horowhenua, could be events, courses, special projects.

9. Upcoming Events

- Horowhenua Vibes (9 Feb at Levin Village Green, skate park)
- Neighbours Day 18 March
- Children's Day at the Adventure Park – Sunday 5 March 2023 (OT)
- Volunteer expo Fri 3 March
- Pasfika Day 11 March

- Hurricane games Fri 17 Feb Levin
- School holiday program in Youth Space for April
- Youth Week 15-21 May 2023

10. **Hosting for upcoming meetings**

Meeting dates 2023	Host / Venue
Thursday 23 March 2023	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
Thursday 4 May 2023	Youth Space
Thursday 15 June 2023	
Thursday 27 July 2023	
Thursday 7 September 2023	
Thursday 19 October 2023	
Thursday 30 November 2023	

11. **Karakia Whakamutunga**
Meeting Closed 11.25am

Cr. Piri-Hira Tukapua



Education Horowhenua Network Meeting Minutes

Thursday 23rd February 2023 7:30am (Networking) 7:45am (Hui Start)

Ante Room, Horowhenua District Council

126 Oxford Street, Levin

Chairpersons:	Grant Congdon Patrick Rennell	Horowhenua College Horowhenua Learning Centre
Secretary:	Amber Moffitt	Horowhenua District Council
In Attendance:	Michelle Rogerson	Horowhenua District Council

In attendance:

Anahera Winiata	Early Childhood Education, Muaūpoko Iwi
Cr. Clint Grimstone	HDC Councillor
David Harris	English Language Partners NZ/ Horowhenua Kapiti
Garry Good	HLC and Horowhenua College Board of Trustees
Guy Reichenbach	Waiopahu College
Ingo Schleuss	Business Sector
Jacqui Kerins	Te Hinaki Trust
Julia Atkins	MTFJ Lead – Horowhenua District Council
Kate Aldworth	Ministry of Education
Kelly Tahivi	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
Kerry Delaney	Ministry of Education
Matthew Fraser	Manawatū College
Moirra Campbell	Horowhenua Kahui Ako Co-Leader
Richard Fryer	Ministry of Social Development
Yvonne Seng	UCOL

- **Welcome:** Patrick Rennell and Grant Congdon
- **Karakia Timatatanga:** Matt Fraser

Apologies:

Fraser Daysh	Get-Go
Hamish Stuart	Foxton Beach School
Tania Jack	Early Childhood Sector

- **Previous minutes – Thursday 11 August 2022/Matters Arising**
- **Presentation:**
 - Attendance & Engagement Stats/Analytics – Kate Aldworth (Ministry of Ed)
 - Please find attached said Presentation.
 - **Please note, this document is not to be distributed outside of the Education Horowhenua.**



- The information presented is not targeting anyone. It is a snapshot of Education in the Horowhenua.
 - An attendance rate of 90% or more is considered regular attendance.
 - Terms 1 – 3 2022, 33% of Students in the Horowhenua attended School regularly.
 - 28% for 1 – 6 year old students.
 - Under 40% for 1- 8 (full primary) students.
 - 34% for Immediate Students.
 - 31% for Secondary Students.
 - 352 Stand downs - 139 female, 213 male.
 - Average suspension is 30 days.
 - Our district has the highest number of stand-downs in the Wider Wellington and Wairarapa region.
 - Māori feature prevalently in low attendance and stand-downs. Many of them prioritise family, sport, cultural events over school. Barriers include physical, mental health and bullying.
- **Patrick Rennell:**
 - Education is not just about schools, it includes childhood education, it's when 15.5 year olds leave school and go into employment.
 - What can we do to support the work that has been done through Kahui Ako, MOE and Principals themselves?
 - Education Horowhenua feeds into the overarching Community Wellbeing Committee, which Grant and Patrick are representatives and we can feed into that group.
 - The Attendance data was sobering. It is not a Schools' problem. It is a wider community one.
- **Moira Campbell:**
 - The Horowhenua is fortunate enough to have fantastic Whānau ora Navigators working with youth and supporting whanau before they get to the exclusion stage. We are also lucky enough to have great Iwi Partners and relationships and how frustrating it is that they are under resourced.
- **Grant Congdon:**
 - This is a safe place for us to talk, without pointing any fingers and without judgement. There is no point in us coming together and not being able to have robust and open conversations as we are working together.
- **Patrick Rennell:**
 - What are the 2 or 3 key areas we want to focus on over the next 12 months?
 - The last great initiative to come out of Education Horowhenua was the Teen Parent Unit. That was quite a few years ago now.

- **Grant Congdon/Patrick Rennell:**
 - We would like to propose forming two focus groups. One group to look at Attendance and one to address Transition beyond schools. We are looking for member volunteers who might want to be involved in each focus group. Each will meet up separately and will report back each Education Horowhenua Forum Meeting.

The following groups were formed:

Education Horowhenua Working Group - Attendance	
Name:	Email:
Grant Congdon	principal@horowhenua.school.nz
Clint Grimstone	cr.clint.grimstone@horowhenua.govt.nz
Guy Reichenbach	guyrei@waiopahu.ac.nz
Kerry Delaney	kerry.delaney@education.govt.nz
Matt Fraser	mfraser@manawatucollege.school.nz
Moira Howard	moira@levinnorth.school.nz

Education Horowhenua Working Group – Transition Beyond School	
Name:	Email:
Patrick Rennell	patrick@hlc.ac.nz
Julia Atkins	juliaa@horowhenua.govt.nz
Ingo Schleuss	ingo@kapinua.co.nz
Fraser Daysh	Fraser@thehorowhenuacompany.co.nz
Garry Good	garrygoodnz@gmail.com

- **General Business**
 - **Refugee Support (Amber Moffitt)**
 - Two schools have approached me seeking funding support for their Refugee families for costs they currently cannot procure through MOE or the Red Cross. Horowhenua District Council currently has a fund open that could potentially help. Some of the requests have been for support with sports and activity subs for their youth and uniform costs. If the forum supported it, I could put in an application for Education Horowhenua and keep a running ledger for applied for expenses. So if schools incur any costs that aren't covered by the agencies supporting refugees, they could put in a request through me and maybe a few of the Education Horowhenua Members could make the decisions.

Patrick moved that Amber applied for the funding on behalf of Education Horowhenua and we can confirm the allocation process if we are successful in receiving funding.

Moved: Patrick Rennell/Grant Congdon

CARRIED

- **Meeting close / Karakia Whakamutunga – Matt Fraser**



Network Meeting Dates for 2023

Next: Thursday 23 March 2023 7:45am
Thursday 25 th May 2023 7:45am
Thursday 27 th July 2023 7:45am
Thursday 31 st August 2023 7:45am
Thursday 29 th September 2023 7:45am
Thursday 23 rd November 2023 7:45am

Access and Inclusion Network Meeting

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Access and Inclusion Network will be held on:

DATE: Tuesday 14 February 2023
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30am
LOCATION: Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
CHAIRPERSON: Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua
ADVISOR/ADMINISTRATOR: Kim Stewart
IN ATTENDANCE: Amber Moffitt

PRESENT:

Name:	Organisation:
Catherine McAuliffe	Age Concern
Daphne Barrett	Horowhenua Breathe Easy
Bianca Ravelich	Literacy Aotearoa
Derek Prior	Riding for the Disabled
Piri Robinson	Literacy Aotearoa
Tracey Scott	Age Concern
Norelle Ward (via zoom)	Mana Whaikaha
Jo Mason	Community Advocate
Scott Richards (via Zoom)	CCS Disability Action
Kate Aplin (via Zoom)	Volunteer Central
Sarah Walker	Resident - Peron living with a disability

- 1 Karakia Te Timatatanga
- 2 Meeting Open/Welcome – Cr. Piri-Hira Tukapua

APOLOGIES:

Barbara McGowan	60s Up Movement of NZ - Levin
Fiona Kerehi	MASH
Mary Chudleigh	Social Worker Waiopahu
Aleesha Kostyrko-Jones	CCS Disability Action
Ann Wright	Horowhenua Hearing Association
Tracey Scott	Life Education
Peter Grey	Mana Whaikaha
Mayor Bernie Wanden	Horowhenua District Council
Devon Easton	Horowhenua Learning Centre
Sharon Williams	Hapai te Hapori
Lyn Shepherd	Volunteer Central
Simon Carter	Levin Police
Sam Fergusson	Horizons Regional Council
Debbie Campbell	Neighbourhood Support Group
Tracey White	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority
Autism NZ	Autism NZ

1. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting** – Daphne Barrett
2. **Amendment:** Jo Mason's apologies were not tabled.
3. **Action from previous Meeting**
A letter of support has been written on behalf of the forum to support funding applications for Devon Easton and the rangatahi Devon provides locally.
4. **Presentation - Piri Robinson from Literacy Aotearoa**
Literacy Aotearoa has been delivering learning support in Levin for over 40 years. Aotearoa Literacy provides free literacy and numeracy learning for the community. Their Kaupapa is:
 - Tino Rangatira – People have ownership of their learning
 - Manaakitanga – Care and respect for the learner.
 - Kotahitanga – Whanau learning together
 - Literacy and Numeracy – Understanding concepts
 - The programmes are open to people from 18 – 80 years old. The Well Steps – This is living independently, how to make a shopping list, go shopping, cook a meal and general housework skills.
 - Programmes are flexible in design and requirement as the focus is on the learner, their individual plans, their goals and the desired outcomes.

Q. What training is involved to be a tutor? I was a teacher and have experience supporting people with learning difficulties.

A. All our tutors have NZ Certificate, Level 5, Adult Literacy. We would also consider people with experience and have knowledge with individual planning.

Q. Is it time limited for participants?

A. No. It is based on the outcome and then another goal can be set.

Q. Given your classroom is upstairs, does this create a barrier for some people to attend?

A. There is a downstairs room that can be used. At present all students can get up the stairs. We also send a tutor out to learners' environment if accessibility is an issue. We are looking at all opportunities including online courses.

Q. If offering learning to people out in the community will you wait a few people in wheelchairs or will you see one person in a wheelchair with able bodied people?

A. We try and do this if it is viable.

5. Presentation – Dr Yumiko Oliver from Mūaupoko Tribal Authority

Health Localities

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Raukawa Whanau Ora are leading the work to create Locality Plan to tailor health care services in the Horowhenua.

One of the priorities is to hear the aspirations and needs of the community on what is important to them pertaining to health and wellbeing. There are 5 key questions that they want to ask networks whanau and groups in the community.

- What are the most key factors of wellbeing for our community?
- What do you think are the 5 main health issues?
- What behaviours negatively effects health?
- What are 3 or more positives that keeps our community healthy?



- If you could create a system for yourself, what would it look like?

Q. There are locality plans that were done 3 years ago, will some of that still be relevant? Are you drawing on historical information?

A. Wayne Kiriona from Ngāti Raukawa is pulling that information together. We know that some voices were not well elevated, and we want to investigate that. We are looking at using tik tok to ask 'What challenges they face and what can we do in the Horowhenua?'

- Jo Mason and Yumiko Olliver will make a time to meet to discuss other ideas.
- Mana Whaikaha has 2023 statistics which shows 569 people living with disabilities in the Horowhenua. They also have a collective database of clubs etc that they are happy to share.
- Yumiko is interested in discussing this further with Norelle.

Q. Kate has noticed that members of the community have a sense that things should be provided for them instead of them engaging in areas of interest. There is also competition between agencies instead of working together.

A. This is an issue. The idea is that you will get wrap around support to ensure wellbeing.

Q. At Literacy Aotearoa, there is a group of neuro diverse people which you could come and have a discussion with. They are looking at ways to look after themselves, so it would be great to have them involved in the process.

A. Invitation accepted.

Q. Will you cover advocacy? Sometimes the barrier is the family. Finding an advocate is hard and sometimes the family will not agree to have this support.

A. Yes we support advocacy

Cr. Tukapua invited Yumiko to attend the Horowhenua Services Network. This Network group has already recognised vaping as an issue.

3. General Business – Round the Table

Derek Prior – Riding for the Disabled

- The group has a new venue off Makomako Road. The arena has been built and is now operational. Special thanks to Jeff Kane, HDC, Rotary and Volunteers. Due to needing replacement coaches, RDA will be opening on Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 11.30am. There will be four blocks of ½ hour lessons with four riders in each block. We are looking for volunteers that can help on Saturdays.

Tracey Scott – Age Concern

- Tracey is newly appointed to Age Concern as a Disability Navigator. There is an 'Aging Well Course' that runs from 10am – 2pm, which is specifically designed for people feeling socially disconnected and has a maximum group size of 10. The course runs for 10 consecutive Fridays and following by becoming a regular coffee group. We intend to run these courses back-to-back.
- The organisation has a 'Beyond Disability Fund' which is for people wanting to improve their lives in the community. They can purchase resources and equipment to live independently. The fund is from MSD (Ministry of Social Development) and the funding is available until June.

Daphne Barret - Horowhenua Breathe Easy



- Would like to provide educational programmes for 2023, giving advice to people with respiratory conditions. Kim suggested that the group might like to apply for a HDC grant to help pay for the speakers.

Sharon Smith – Community Connections

- Community Connections are looking for staff that will support their clients to access the community. They will train anyone that is interested.

Scott Richards – CCS Disability Action

- CCS Disability Action is growing in the Horowhenua. Aleesha is the access contractor and supports places to improve access. She does Adult Safeguarding and is open to referrals.

Kate Aplin – Volunteer Central

- The challenge that they are facing is organisations that are not prepared to have people with disabilities as volunteers. The question now is: How can we prepare the community to have people with disabilities? Volunteer Central will look at this to find a way to address it with the community.
- The Volunteer Recognition celebration is in June, with nominations opening in a couple of months.. Volunteer Central are offering 3 workshops to build organisation capacity to recruit and retain volunteers. This workshop will be held at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau-pō, 9 – 11am:
 1. 22 March - Developing Positive Volunteering Culture
 2. 26 April - Volunteer Recruitment and Role Development
 3. 24 May -Volunteer Retention and Recognition

Norelle Ward – Mana Whaikaha

- Supporting connectors that works with whanau to grow capacity and skills required to support individuals or groups.
- Working to encourage landlords to accept people living with disabilities as tenants.
- They have information about groups and possible statistic numbers if anyone requires it. Please contact Norelle: Norelle.ward@manawhaikaha.co.nz

Action	Who	What	Completion Date	Status
All-Terrain WheelChair	Kim	Research including discussions with other Councils	February 2022	Completed
	Kim	Delivery of chairs and walker. Available to community	April 2023	In Progress
Invite Yumiko to attend the Horowhenua Youth Services Network	Kim	Information shared with Liz Tomescu for Youth Services Network	February 2023	Completed
Horowhenua Breathe Easy request for support	Kim	Grant application and funding advice	February 2023	In progress
Locality Plan survey	Kim	Circulate 5 key Locality Plan questions to forum	March 2023	In Progress



Locality plan discussion	Jo Mason Norelle Ward	Four members requested a meeting to discuss Locality Plans	February 2023	In Progress
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Karakia Whakamutunga/ Meeting Closed
Cr. Tukapua at 11.25am

Horowhenua Older Persons' Network Forum Minutes

Thursday 16 February 2023 at 10am

Council Chambers
Horowhenua District Council

Chairperson:	Mayor Bernie Wanden	His Worship the Mayor	Horowhenua District Council
Secretary:	Amber Moffitt	Community Development Senior Advisor	Horowhenua District Council
In Attendance:	Michelle Rogerson	Community & Social Development Manager	Horowhenua District Council

In Attendance:

Aileen Johnson	Grey Power Horowhenua
Ann Wright	Diabetes Horowhenua
Bill Davey	Levin Interchurch Foodbank
Dan Geraghty	Horowhenua Resident
Daphne Barrett	Horowhenua Breathe Easy
Deborah Campbell	Neighbourhood Support Group
Gary Good	Horowhenua Learning Centre
Grace Howe	UCOL Intern with Volunteer Central
Jennifer Walton	Horowhenua District Council
Kate Aplin	Volunteer Central
Kate Jenkins	Stroke Central
Marion Fulljames	St John Medical Alarms
Neil Walton	Adult Day Care
Peter Dyer	Horowhenua CAB/ Horowhenua Grey Power
Robyn Pescini	Horowhenua Health Shuttle
Rosemary Eyres	Horowhenua Hearing Association
Cr Sam Fergusson	Horizons Regional Council
Stew Thompson	Life Education Trust Kapiti/Horowhenua
Susan Carson	Ministry Social Dev – Work & Income

Welcome/Housekeeping:

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Karakia Timatatanga (Opening Karakia):

Amber Moffitt

Apologies:

Anne Lowry	Alzheimer Manawatū
Catherine McAuliffe	Horowhenua Age Concern
Donna Bragman	Freedom Medical Alarms
Judy Boxall	Mid Central DHB
Lynne McKenzie	Horowhenua Breathe Easy
Lynette Wolfenden	Berry's Pharmacy
Pauline Holland	Te Whatu Ora
Simon Carter	Levin Police
Suzanne Downes	IHC Support Services

- 1. Previous minutes of Meeting held: 1 December 2023**
- 2. Copies of the previous meeting were circulated to the forum:**

Mayor Bernie Wanden proposed the minutes tabled be accepted as true and accurate record of the Last Forum Meeting held on the 1 December 2022.

Moved: Neil Walton/Daphne Barrett

CARRIED

3. Deputy Chairperson & Community Wellbeing Rep Mayor - Bernie Wanden

Thank you to Neil Walton for being the only person to put his hand up.
Congratulations on your appointments.

4. Council News

Mayor Bernie Wanden

- Some of our Council Staff have been deployed to the Hawkes Bay and The Tararua district to assist with the Civil Defence efforts. We also want to acknowledge our local organisations who have headed out to support as well. We are very fortunate that compared to the rest of the country, our infrastructure was left alone.
- Those districts affected, will take months, years to repair the damage.
- The weather events, namely the tornado, cost our Council over 1 million last year.
- Long Term Plan amendment consultation starts 27 March and finishes 1 May 2023. This will contribute towards setting policies, strategies and a work plan for the next 10 years.

We are seeking feedback on:

Issue 1: Shaping a fairer financial future

Should we change the way we share rates across our district?

<https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/rates-fees-and-charges>

Issue 2: Future of the Levin landfill:

Waste disposal is a problematic issue for most councils

<https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/future-of-the-levin-landfill>

Issue 3: Our key water infrastructure – drinking water

<https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/levin-water-supply-reservoir>

Issue 3: Our key water infrastructure – wastewater

<https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/wastewater-upgrades>

Issue 3: Our key water infrastructure – storm water

<https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/stormwater-upgrades>

4. Organisation Spotlight:

Levin Foodbank (Bill Davey)

The Levin foodbank is located at the Salvation Army, 11 Durham Street, Levin and open from 9am - 1pm. You can ring us on (06) 368 8177, email: levin.corps@salvationarmy.org.nz

- Food Parcels are requested for single and double household occupants and for families (the more commonly requested)
- Some Statistics:
 - 807 parcels were made up last year.
 - 80 requests came into the foodbank in January 2023. 276 individuals in total benefitted.

Foodbank Supporters:

- The following businesses support the foodbank: Countdown, Bennicks, Paul Meats, Garden of York.

Partnerships:

- We do talks to our local schools, who in return support us by doing fundraisers such as multi-days. Some of the Churches and other community organisations support us as well.

How you can help:

- People can also support us by donating to us, one off payments or setting up an Automatic Payment. Our Account Details are:

BNZ Levin

Account Name: Levin Interchurch Foodbank

02 0668 0169711 00

Please include your name in the Reference

Other local organisations that work in the food space are:

- Age Concern (in partnership with Levin New World) – have a phone service for members who cannot get to the supermarket. Volunteers will pick up groceries and deliver them.
- Shannon Kai Hub
- St Vincent de Pauls – can help with food.
- Te Awahou Foodbank

Mayor Bernie acknowledged how sad it was that these organisations were needed. But acknowledged the amazing work that they all do with supporting those in need in our community and thanked all of the Volunteers that are involved.

5. **Organisation Spotlight: Neighbourhood Support (Deborah Campbell)**

Neighbourhood Support is based at the Levin Police Station, 7 Bristol Street, Levin

- Their common purpose is to create safer and caring neighbourhoods and communities, reducing the incidences and effects of criminal offending, building community resilience and strengthening community networks to improve the quality of life and enhance wellbeing.

They help people with:

- Connecting people to services and other people in the community
- Civil defence preparedness support
- Neighbourhood disputes
- DC is on the local welfare committee.
- Regular email newsletter updates about local events and activities. Notifications about local scams and criminal activity.

It is FREE to sign up. Send Deborah an email info@horowhenuansg.org.nz if you would like to join. When you sign up you receive a Neighbourhood Support Pack and Civil Defence information.

Keeping Safe in your Home/out in the Community:

- If someone comes to your door and you don't know them. Engage with them through a Screen door or a window.
- You can ask for ID
- If you receive a text notifying you about a parcel that you are not expecting. Delete the message and block the number.
- If you live alone, place Gumboots outside to give the idea that there is another person living on site.
- Be aware that there are people going around door knocking and offering services. They are taking money up front and not coming back to finish off the work.
- Keep Garage Doors closed, especially if you have internal access.
- Keep a phone by your bed.
- Don't carry around large amounts of cash or leave valuables sitting in plain in sight of your car.
- If you need to evacuate, ensure you have a plan and a Getaway pack that is ready to go.
- Scams are an ongoing problem. People take advantage of the vulnerable. Older people are very susceptible as they are trusting, accommodating and they like to help. So they are often targeted.
- If you have a medical alarm. You will not get in trouble if you press the button if you have a prowler. Please do not hesitate to press it if needed

Yesterday quarterly update from MSD

- National decrease of housing needs
- National decrease of those needing support.

Mayor Bernie Wanden



Housing discussion points:

- Marion Fulljames - Clients are struggling to find rentals. More than 50% are single people requiring accommodation. MSN can help with Accommodation Supplement support.
- Susan Carson: If Clients need age care they are sent to palmy until there is space is available here.
- Kate Jenkins: Any plans for Retirement Homes?
- Mayor Bernie: We have one of the highest population of older people. We won't be building, but we certainly encourage others/developers to do so. Some of our rest homes have bare land and have plans to expand in the future. Some questions for the forum to consider:
 - Do I need to get those working in that space to get together and have a discussion about beds and capacity?
 - Who should we be talking to?
 - Who should we be advocating to?
- Neil Walton: Rates rebates now available. Takes 5 minutes to do it.

Water Restrictions discussion points:

- The community are notified about Water Restrictions via the Council Website, Social Media and the Community Newspaper.
- Water Meters are also used as Leak Detectors. We lose 25% of water before it gets to households.
- Connectivity is an increasing problem for older people, so they often are not aware of restrictions.
- Robyn Pescini said it is also our role to let clients/members of our own organisations know.
- Could we pop posters up in areas that are heavily frequented by older people, such as Te Whare Mahana, Supermarkets, Library, Cossie Club etc?

Scheduling Organisation Spotlights for 2023:

- If you would like to Spotlight your organisation or invite an organisation to come to present to the forum. Please let Amber know. Key information we would like to hear about is:
 - What does your organisation do?
 - Your Priorities/Biggest Barriers
 - How can the Horowhenua Community help?

Karakia Whakamutunga/Closing Karakia: Amber Moffitt

2023 Meeting Dates for your Calendar

Thursday 4 May 2023
Thursday 15 June 2023
Thursday 3 August 2023
Thursday 21 September 2023
Thursday 26 October 2023
Thursday 7 December 2023

5.2 Community Wellbeing Committee

File No.: 23/213

1. Purpose

To outline the objectives and priorities of the Community Wellbeing Committee for the 2022 triennium and collectively input into the way in which the Committee functions to ensure that the Committee is delivering meaningful outcomes for the community.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 23/213 Community Wellbeing Committee 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. Background/Previous Council Decisions

- 3.1 The Community Wellbeing Committee is a committee of Horowhenua District Council that involves representatives from Council, government and non-government organisations, as well as community forums. The Committee's primary objective is to achieve population-level results and indicators, as well as key action plans, to promote the wellbeing of the community. Rather than focusing on specific programme deliverables or client-level results, the Committee takes a broader view to achieve greater impact.
- 3.2 The Terms of Reference state that the Community Wellbeing Committee will have the responsibility to:
 - Oversee the implementation of the Community Wellbeing Strategy and associated wellbeing action plans
 - Determine the key population level results and indicators for the next 3 years, and monitor those
 - Receive reports from the Community Development Team that summarise target population group activity by Council and Council working groups
 - Receive six monthly reports from all member agencies regarding activity directed at target population groups and provision of data that relates to specified strategy indicators
 - Actively encourage coordination of members and their activities
 - Foster strategic collaborations and partnerships
 - Provide advice to Council Officers on matters of community wellbeing in relation to specific target populations
 - Seek to collectively influence relevant public policy
 - Communicate Committee activity and information to the public
 - Educate the public and community on wellbeing matters
 - Actively seek individual agency performance improvement, as well as "community wide" improvement
 - Encourage community based local solutions to local issues
 - Keep the wider community updated on progress towards the results sought across the Horowhenua District.
- 3.3 The Community Wellbeing Committee oversees five network committees that report into the Community Wellbeing Committee. These committees include the Youth Empowerment Project (yEP), Youth Services Network, Older Persons' Network, Access and Inclusion, and Education Horowhenua.

Each committee is composed of community organisations and members who work collaboratively towards common goals related to their specific areas of focus. For instance,

the yEP and Youth Services Network aim to empower young people by providing them with the resources and support they need to thrive. The Older Persons Network focuses on the needs of seniors, while the Access and Inclusion committee is committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity in the community. Lastly, the Education Horowhenua committee aims to enhance educational outcomes and opportunities for students.

The five network committees play a critical role in improving community wellbeing. By collaborating with various organisations and agencies, these committees identify key issues affecting the community and develop targeted solutions to address them. They provide a platform for information sharing, resource allocation, and develop action plans to address that contribute to work plans. They are represented on the Community Wellbeing Committee and escalate complex or significant issues to the Community Wellbeing Committee for wider input and collaboration. By working together, these committees are able to maximize the impact of their initiatives and promote positive outcomes for the Horowhenua community.

4. Issues for Consideration

- The Community Wellbeing function is a critical component that spans across all Council departments, community organisations, and the wider community. Recognising the importance of this kaupapa, the Council is undertaking a reset to better reflect its significance. Previously, the Community Development Team was responsible for the community wellbeing function, and while they continue to have an important role to play, the Council is resetting expectations internally to achieve greater outcomes for the community. This reset aims to ensure that all departments across Council are aligned towards the common goal of improving community wellbeing, resulting in more effective and efficient solutions to complex community issues. Through this approach, the Council hopes to achieve meaningful outcomes for the community and create a more inclusive and prosperous society.
- Council have received feedback that the Community Wellbeing Committee has been a forum where a lot of reports and presentations have been delivered, however robust conversations and the development of actions for collective action have been limited. While these reports have been informative and interesting and related to community wellbeing, Council wants to ensure that the Committee is more meaningful and seen to be making a difference within the community. To address this, Council are planning to reset its approach and focus on developing actionable solutions and strategies to improve community wellbeing. This will involve more engagement with community organisations, the wider community, and Council departments to identify key priorities and develop targeted action plans. By prioritising action and collaboration, the Committee hopes to make a meaningful impact on community wellbeing and achieve tangible outcomes that benefit the Horowhenua community.
- The Community Wellbeing Strategy, also known as the Stronger Communities Strategy, outlines crucial priorities and measures concerning community wellbeing. The key purpose of the Community Wellbeing Strategy and therefore the Community Wellbeing Committee is to provide collective leadership, advocacy and holistic outcomes that enable the population of Horowhenua to be well together.
- The Community Wellbeing Committee set the following priorities at the first meeting of the previous triennium (11 February 2020).

Housing - The Community Wellbeing Committee will collectively work together toward making Horowhenua a place where everyone has access to enough resources, including housing, to participate fully in their community and everyone has the chance to flourish.

Growth - Alongside Council, the Community Wellbeing Committee must demonstrate leadership on growth management on behalf of the community. To ensure that; the social cohesion and cultural diversity of our communities are strengthened; the quality of

health, education and social services is maintained and improved; the community feels safe; the economy is sustained and encouraged to thrive, and no one person is left behind.

Health and Wellbeing - To improve the health and wellbeing of all Horowhenua people, the Community Wellbeing Committee must work together to remove barriers, eliminate discrimination and disadvantage and provide meaningful opportunities and choices for all.

Community Belonging - The Community Wellbeing Committee will work toward enhancing and celebrating the strength, diversity and vibrancy of Horowhenua to allow people to feel a sense of belonging, inclusion and social connectedness. As a result, our people have a sense of pride.

Community Safety - To improve health and wellbeing, we must address inequity, exclusion and disadvantage experienced by individuals, whānau and communities. This includes ensuring that children and young people are given the opportunity to reach their potential so that they do not experience disadvantage as adults.

- By redefining the way in which the Committee operates and prioritising the actions outlined in the Community Wellbeing Strategy, we are confident that we can attain more favourable results for the community when the Strategy and Action Plan undergo review in 2024.

Attachments

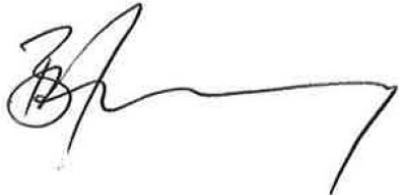
There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

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

- containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- 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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