

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

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2019
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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Community Services Report to 19 November 2019

File No.: 19/427

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing Committee activities, and provide an update on Community Development Programme activities of the Horowhenua District that directly contribute toward the Community Wellbeing Framework.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 19/427 Community Services Report to 19 November 2019 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. Content

COMMUNITY WELLBEING STRATEGY

Council endorsed the Community Wellbeing Framework on Wednesday 07 August 2019. Council Officers continue to support all Community Networks to embed the framework as a focus and link discussion to the support and achievement of our community outcomes.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS

Education Horowhenua – This financial year two meetings have been held.

The Community of Learners (COL)/Kahui Ako presented an update to the group, which showed strong alignment between the Education Horowhenua Action Plan and the Horowhenua Kahui Ako plan.

The COL strategies are now incorporated in every school's strategic direction. Where possible Council will support the initiative, furthermore, as part of the Community Capacity Building Programme Council will work with the education sector to welcome professional development opportunities within allocated budget.

Priorities for the next 2 months include facilitating a community discussion toward a common understanding of success for our rangatahi, looking at Kahui Ako representation on yEP (Youth Empowerment Project) and preparing for Refugee Resettlement in Levin.

Youth – This financial year four yEP meetings and three Youth Network meetings have been held.

The Youth Network agreed to move meeting times from 10am to 4pm, to enable a yEP member to attend. Council and Mana Whaikaha sponsored two young people to attend the iLead conference, a conference for young people living with a disability. Both young people have now joined the Disability Youth Forum in Palmerston North.

The Youth Network agreed to support the Horowhenua Youth Health Service, by advocating for an extension in the contract.

Approximately 70 people attended the Āpōpō Suicide Prevention training which occurred over two days.

Council is supporting Muaūpoko Tribal Authority with the Rangitahi 4 Waiora programme.

Over the past two months the Community Development team have been resourcing the youth hours within the Youth Space. During this they have run a number of very successful programmes, many of which have been alongside iwi partners. It has now been decided that the resourcing of these hours should be managed by the facility, to provide a more streamlined service. However, the Community Development team will continue to run programmes within the space, as it has been in the programmes that our community has expressed the immense value gained.

Priorities for the next 2 months are an end of year event being organised by yEP and starting the recruitment process for next year. The Youth Network will be writing letters and looking for presentation opportunities to advocate for the Horowhenua Youth Health Service.

Positive Ageing – The Age on the Go Expo was held last month and was, once again, a very successful event with more than 600 people attending – despite the poor weather. There were more than 70 stalls, with presentations and entertainment as well.

Council has offered support to Neighbourhood Support and Police in providing support for our older people and wider community following the attack on an older person in Levin.

Priorities for the next 2 months are developing an Age Friendly Communities Strategy and re-establishing the associated working group, as well as beginning to review the Positive Ageing Action Plan.

Access & Inclusion – This financial year two Access & Inclusion meetings have been held.

Council and other groups are supporting work being done by Levinable, a group that supports IHC and parents of disabled children. In particular, creating a positive community area.

As covered in the Youth section on Page 1, Council and Mana Whaikaha sponsored two young people to attend the iLead conference held in parliament. Attendees informed members of the issues that they deal with daily and that they are not disability issues but issues for people who live in our country. It was held over 2 days so attendees needed to be prepared with their information to share, to stay away from home and support each other to be courageous.

Priorities for the next 2 months are forward planning for the review of the Access & Inclusion plan which is due next year and working to encourage more participation from groups that are not represented in the forum.

Arts, Culture & Heritage – Throughout Horowhenua are a number of Heritage Trail signs. These have been in place for the past 30 years. Many are now dilapidated and are in need of replacement and updating. The signs are a great way for both locals and visitors to learn about our district. Council Officers are currently working on a Business Case to undertake these improvements, which will align with Council's current strategies such as the Levin Town Centre strategy.

A new website had been developed for Kete Horowhenua, a digital library of arts, culture and heritage resources about Horowhenua. Kete aims to share and hold papers and photographs from the community. Horowhenua Library Trust are responsible for the creation and ongoing development of the site.

Priorities for the next 2 months are to create a Business Plan for the Heritage Trail signs and re-establish an Arts, Culture & Heritage forum/network.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Refugee Resettlement – Immigration New Zealand have announced Red Cross as the provider of resettlement services in Levin. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) will be coming to Levin alongside Red Cross next month to meet with Council and key partners, to discuss how we can work together ensuring we are a welcoming community. The ethnic group that Levin will be welcoming are Columbians. Council has been making enquiries into how to best support their resettlement, including what services in Levin have Spanish speakers.

Priorities for the Community Development team for the next 2 months are meeting with the Red Cross, MBIE and partners, applying for the Welcoming Communities initiative and looking at ways to best support Columbians.

Senior Wellness Project – Council has been in collaboration with Electra in an accelerator innovation lab. The project aimed to find an innovative solution which would enable older people to age well independently. Community Engagement Manager Lacey Winiata served on the project Advisory Board, with Horowhenua 2040 & Partnership Development Group Manager Nicki Brady the executive sponsor. The team developed a solution using Artificial Intelligence technology, which centered around a customised Avatar visible through the smart television, which is connected to an ongoing assessment tool. Using the Whare Tapa Whā model, the technology can predict when help is needed earlier, supporting the older person in a proactive way. Earlier this month, the project won the only award, People's Choice Award, at the Lightning Lab GovTech Demonstration day. The day was a showcase of 10 innovative solutions to issues facing the public sector.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

So far this financial year Council held 14 Community Capacity and Capability Building workshops, with more than 700 people having participated. These include:

- HDC Grants and Funding workshops
- Michael Hempseed workshops with students, teachers, the public and people who work with youth
- Youth Governance training
- First Aid Level 1
- Āpōpō
- Tips and Tricks Electronic Devices
- Be Prepared Civil Defence

Community Capacity Building activities coming up for the next 2 months are Child Protection workshops and supporting the district wide Christmas celebrations.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Community Plans – Council has had initial engagement events, surveys and hui to develop draft Community Plans for Manakau, Ōhau and Waitārere Beach. These are now with officers to extract the information provided by the communities and create a draft vision, priorities and a draft plan. The next steps will be for these drafts to go back to those communities and iwi partners for feedback. Planning for a Levin Community Plan is now underway.

Community Response Plans – These are localised, community specific plans designed for emergency preparedness. These are developed in conjunction with Horowhenua communities and provide localised information and risks that each community may face. Response Plans for Waitārere Beach, Manakau/Waikawa and Ōhau have been prepared and are available on Council's website.

Attachments

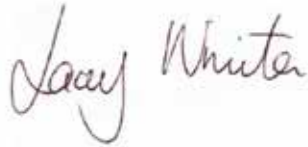

There are no attachments for this report.

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 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

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