

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

Date: **Wednesday 28 June 2023**
Time: **10:00am**
Meeting Room: **Council Chambers**
Venue: **126-148 Oxford St**
Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

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	6.1 Te Whata Ora New Initiative	
	Purpose	
	1. Te Whata Ora, led by Angela Rainham (Programme Director, Kāinga Whakatipu) will present to the Committee one of their new initiatives regarding healthy homes. This new project will commence in Horowhenua next month.	
	6.2 Update: Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs	
	Purpose	
	1. Julia Atkins (Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Lead Coordinator) and Tammie Metcalfe (Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator) will provide an update to the Committee, presenting the work they're undertaking in the community and share the success of the programme to date.	
	6.3 Update: Youth space	
	Purpose	
	1.1 Members of the Council's Community Facilities and Services Team will provide an update on the recently refreshed Youth Space at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō as well as the direction that Council is taking to encourage effective and meaningful youth development and engagement. An update on the Youth space including Youth Development Model.	
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Karakia

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.
Tīhei mauri ora!	

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 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Meeting minutes Community Wellbeing Committee, 5 April 2023

Recommendations

That the meeting minutes of Community Wellbeing Committee, 5 April 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

File No.: 23/439

7.1 Community Network Updates

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide key updates from network meetings as well as presenting their minutes to the Committee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report Community Network Updates be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

3. Our Communities

3.1 Education Horowhenua

Education Horowhenua have held two network forums since the last Community Wellbeing Report. The first forum was held on Thursday 23 March 2023 at the Horowhenua Learning Centre (HLC), with 17 attendees.

Adrian Christie (Ministry of Social Development) presented on their Flexi-wage Fund. Updates were provided from the two Forum Working Groups –

- Attendance
- Transition Beyond Schools
- David Harris provided an update on our Columbian Refugees and how they are settling in the Horowhenua district.

The second forum was held on Thursday 23 March 2023 at Council, with 17 attendees. With his Ministry of Education hat on, Mark Robinson is a welcome returned to the forum.

Updates were provided from the two Forum Working Groups –

- Attendance
- Transition Beyond Schools

3.2 Horowhenua Older Person's Network

The Horowhenua Older Person's Network have met twice since the last Community Wellbeing Report.

The first forum was held on Thursday 30 March 2023 at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, with 19 attendees.

In response to previous conversations about forum members wanting to know more about Council services, presentations were given from the following Council departments:

- Aquatics – an overview of the range of services and a brief tour around the Aquatics website.
- Parks and Property – what projects are in development, including up and coming projects.

- Librarians – in particular, services and activities that may be of interest to the forum:
 - Affordable internet packages through SkinnyJUMP
 - Book a Librarian
 - Free courses around digital inclusion to support.

The purpose of these presentations was to inform members about some of the services Council provide to our community. Digital exclusion and feelings of social isolation have been concerns raised on numerous occasions from forum members.

The second forum was held on Thursday 04 May 2023 at Council, with 21 attendees. Presentations were given on:

- Parks and Property – this department is somewhat of a forum favourite.
- Rates Rebates – an overview on how Rates Rebates work, who is eligible and who can apply. Of particular interest was that learning that Council Officers can provide home visits to those with accessibility barriers and assist with completing the paperwork to apply.
- Organisation Spotlight provided by Ministry of Social Development. Susan Carson provided an overview of how Work and Income can support our older people, including information about the:
 - Disability Allowance
 - Accommodation Supplement
 - Hardship Grants
 - Community Service Cards.
- Age on the Go Expo 2023 has been confirmed for Friday 10 November 2023 at the Horowhenua Events Centre. The event last year was very popular and attracted 75 stallholders. The Expo offers a range of activities, services and products which enhance the lives of older people in our community.

3.3 Horowhenua Youth Services Network

The Horowhenua Youth Services Network convened on two occasions since the last Community Wellbeing Report. The first meeting took place on Thursday 23 March 2023, with 19 attendees.

The second meeting occurred on Thursday 04 May 2023, with 13 attendees. During these meetings, participants discussed and established the priorities for the year ahead, leading to the implementation of various capacity training opportunities, focus groups, and collaborative efforts with Education Horowhenua.

At the March meeting consideration and further discussion about the priorities and some actions to get started on covered –

- Anti-Vaping – working group – resources, education, programmes, funding, and vaping bylaw input for 2024. Education/awareness targeting Year 7/8s. 30 min talk. Define critical info.
- Youth Expo (late Feb/March) – working group – health, wellbeing, fun, social, employment
- Youth housing – working group – Housing Action Plan (youth)

- Basic needs – working group – local directory of foodbanks, meals, where to go for free or cheap essential items. Natalie MacDonald and Youth Empowerment Project (yEP) to champion the basic needs directory for youth and families
- Youth falling through the gaps – stories and review (working with the Locality Group lead)

At the May meeting, Grant Congdon and Patrick Rennell (co-Chairs of Education Horowhenua), shared the 2023 priorities for the two working groups that were formed to drive actions toward achieving positive outcomes. The Horowhenua Education forum provided support to these working groups in developing two plans within a year. Recognising the significance of these initiatives, the Youth Services Network expressed their support and keen interest in actively participating in the working groups.

The priorities identified for the two working groups are as follows:

- Attendance: Focusing on strategies and interventions to improve student attendance rates in educational institutions within the Horowhenua district.
- Positive Connection to Education: Emphasising the importance of fostering positive relationships between students, whānau and the education system, aiming to enhance student engagement and overall educational experience.
- Post-School Transitions: Understanding the challenges and providing support to students during their transition from secondary education to further education, vocational training, or employment.
- Social Issues Impacting Students: Identifying and addressing social issues that have an adverse impact on student's wellbeing and academic performance, with the goal of fostering a supportive and inclusive educational environment.

These priorities reflect the collective efforts of the Horowhenua Youth Services Network and Education Horowhenua in addressing the needs and concerns of the youth population. By collaborating and actively participating in the working groups, the network aims to contribute to the development and implementation of effective strategies that will bring about positive outcomes for the youth in the community.

During the recent meeting of the Horowhenua Youth Services Network, several suggestions for Capacity Building workshops and events were put forth. The Council has taken action on these suggestions, resulting in the following planned activities:

- Emergency Disaster Preparedness Course: A hui will be conducted on 15 June, where attendees will receive training on emergency disaster preparedness.
- yEP Parliament Trip: planned for Thursday 20 July, as part of the Youth Empowerment Project (yEP).
- Nathan Wallis Neuroscience Educator: the network has arranged for Nathan Wallis, a renowned neuroscience educator, to deliver a session focused on neuroscience and its relevance to youth development on 24 July 2023.
- I am Hope - Primary Schools Only: An 'I am Hope' event is scheduled for 08 August, targeting primary schools to promote mental health and wellbeing among young students.
- Publicising Youth Support Services - Get Content Workshop: in August, a workshop called "Get Content" will be organised to provide guidance on effectively publicising and promoting youth support services.

The Horowhenua Youth Services Network is pleased with the Council's response and implementation of these suggestions. These planned activities aim to enhance the capacity of the network and provide valuable opportunities for learning, engagement, and support for the youth in the Horowhenua community.

3.4 Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Forum

Networks meetings were conducted on 28 March and 09 May 2023, engaging community service organisations and advocates for people living with disabilities.



During the March meeting, Lael Marshall, a young rangatahi residing in the Horowhenua and facing disabilities, voiced her concerns regarding the absence of suitable gathering spaces for people to socialise and spend time together. Lael expressed her strong desire to establish a secure and inclusive environment within the Horowhenua community, emphasising the importance of creating a safe space where individuals can come together and engage in meaningful interactions.

At the May meeting, Christine Price, a parent of two autistic children, presented a programme proposal called Tuakana/Teina. This initiative involves assigning a neurotypical child at school to support another child with sensory sensitivities by reminding them about their specific requirements and guiding them to follow these necessary accommodations.

In a moment of great excitement, the Access and Inclusion Forum announced the long awaited arrival of the all-terrain wheelchairs. The forum members were ecstatic to witness the introduction of these, which will grant community members the freedom to explore the natural beauty of our surroundings alongside their whānau. The all-terrain wheelchairs signify a noteworthy milestone in promoting accessibility and inclusion within our district, enabling individuals with disabilities to connect with outdoor experiences and enhancing wellbeing. The Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Forum appreciates the funding from the Department of Internal Affairs to enable this project.

4. Appendices

There are no attachments for this report.

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