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| **To** | **Meremere Community Committee** |
| **Report title** | **Councillor’s Report** |

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| Date: | Wednesday 23 November 2023 |
| Report Author: | Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward |

**Purpose of the Report - Te Take moo te Puurongo**

To provide an update on the activities of Councillor Raumati since the Meremere Community Committee 12 October 2023 meeting.

**Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi**

**THAT the report from Cr Raumati for the October 2023 period be received.**

**Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga Matua**

**Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023**

Waikato District Council is seeking feedback on a proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023. The Bylaw contains rules for protecting Council’s water supply. Have your say by 5 November 2023 - tell us what you think about what we’re proposing, by making a submission online at <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/> or by email at consult@waidc.govt.nz

**Waikato District Council Long Term Plan (LTP)**

Every three years, Council sets about developing a Long-Term Plan (LTP) in consultation with our communities. The LTP is a key strategic, planning documents that sets out the vision, financial and infrastructure strategies, key financial policies, community outcomes, levels of service, work plans and budgets for the next ten years.

In mid-September, Councils, Performance and Strategy Committee, were provided with an update on progress in the LTP programme, relevant to the eleven key building blocks that make up the 2024 – 2034 LTP, with the key project objectives being, to create, and effectively consult on, an LTP Consultation Document; to deliver a final 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan by 30 June 2024; and ro ensure that the final LTP document, has buy-in from, and can be relied on, by staff, elected members, and the community. Council is well on its way to meeting the require Long Term Plan deadline.

**Waikato District Council Mayoral Awards 2023**

On Tuesday 2 October the following community members of Meremere and Te Kauwhata were each presented with a Mayoral Award of Appreciation for Service to their communities.

Ben Brown, of Meremere, was unyielding, in his efforts to ensure his community were well placed for food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nominated, by the Meremere Community Committee, Ben was supported by Jay, the Chair of the Meremere Development Committee.

Rhonda Irvine, nominated by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, and supported by Chair John Cunningham, was acknowledged for her unwavering commitment to the Te Kauwhata Community Garden.

And Ward Councillor nominee Glen Whitaker, Chief Fire Officer of the Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade, was nominated in recognition of over 25 years voluntary service to the Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade.

**Community Engagements**

I recently had the pleasure of judging the [RE/MAX Te Kauwhata](https://www.facebook.com/remaxtekauwhata?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWF-dCOEGb2wvMKdYkAuc2AH5kXJiaoNQXwi1qJ7UHGNGEYBr8FqhVNH1J4csElxG4tIQNgDHcWsj2mIfeDzbvJUhqjx4tvgduOhVQlebCgmjxmp7rtJqnpybXDRoZ2U90ntANIwNofZkfcbc6G4EdGKDZDV4TKUgt9_Fxa8YQElAloefoPkHnyLEDJgmz4Zvo&__tn__=-%5dK-R), School Holiday Art Competition. Judging, our school aged children's artistic efforts, was particularly difficult because they were all amazing. However, there could only be one winner, in each age category.

**Para Kore – Zero Waste** following a beautiful whakatau - informal welcome, by Mana Whenua, the Para Kore team in collaboration with the CarbonCycle Crew and the Te Kauwhata Primary School Student Enviro Leadership Team, supported by Principal Brian Martin and Head of the Reo Maaori Unit Whaea Tania Nepe, set about installing the Te Kauwhata Community Compost Hub on Thursday 12 October.

Community stakeholders representing the Te Kauwhata Childcare Learning Centre, the [Te Kauwhata Community Garden](https://www.facebook.com/TKCommunityGarden?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZXmen02PJlj7EztSmXDM4XlpGwmv1d5J0qKIgX1TjBpuagd-7nGMxwU9bxQrkpuYHXIugrQoZrnxCUT9bPNIw4-u002gZEJsZgswCkz-ipIois9CCyN_Vn_14qznDEXdYwh45neSuO2sDtLuBALkoDX2W5DH_5Cs-igzliqM3_WggsH8HCoN-YuDrKDvBAHt9k&__tn__=-%5dK-R), Mana Whenua, the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, and Waste Management staff from WDC were also present, in a supportive capacity. It was a beautiful morning. I always appreciate being out amongst our community, and particularly with our tamariki - children.

**Te Puna O Te Aroha Puna Reo – Meremere Early Childcare Centre** thanks to the Meremere Development Committee, tamariki at Te Puna O Te Aroha Puna Reo Early Childcare Centre, get to enjoy a fortnightly Music and Movement Programme. The centre is managed by Mrs Lauren Wismans, a community facing education practitioner, who strives to uphold the philosophy that tamariki-mokopuna are entitled to an early childcare education.

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**Aparangi House of Treasures** on the afternoon of Monday 16 October, I had the pleasure of joining the HOUSE of TREASURES team, led by Manager Sue Simpson, in celebrating their 10th year of operation. Over the past ten years, Sue, and her team of loyal volunteers, have, donated, $551,000.00 to the Aparangi Retirement Village and Residential Care Unit. These monetary donations have had a significant impact in aiding the purchase of much needed equipment. The afternoon was about paying tribute to all past and present volunteers.

**Council Meetings**

Policy and Regulatory 03 October

Council 09 October

Performance and Strategy 09 October

Performance and Strategy 24 October

Council 24 October

**Hearings and Deliberations**

Freedom Camping 16 October

**Workshops and Other Meetings**

TKCC Informal LTP 04 October

LTP Revenue and Policy 09 October

LTP Workshop 10 October

LTP Workshop 11 October

MCC 12 October

TK Community House BOT 17 October

LTP (AMP Review) Workshop 18 October

**Community and Constituency Engagements**

TK Community Compost Hub 12 October

Waerenga School Calf Club 13 October

House of Treasures Afternoon Tea 17 October

Tahuna/Rutherford Rd Site Visit 18 October

**Attachments**

