

Agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to held in the St John Hall, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023** commencing at **7.00pm.**

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To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	Thursday, 19 October 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee (TKCC) held on Wednesday, 6 September 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday 6 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – TKCC Minutes – 6 September 2023

MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at St John's Ambulance Rooms, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023** at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Mr J Cunningham (Chair)
Mr T Hinton
Ms A van de Munckhof
Ms C Howells
Ms J Gurnell
Ms L Tupuhi
Mr I Wrigley
Cr Marlene Raumati

Apologies:

Ms E Jonathan
Mr J Lyons
Ms Ae Theron
Ms W Totorewa

Staff attending:

Mr VI Ramduny (Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager, Waikato District Council)

I. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr J Cunningham/Mr T Hinton)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee accept apologies for:

- a. non attendance from Ms E Jonathan, Mr J Lyons, Ms A Theron and Whitney

CARRIED

TKCC2309/1

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr T Hinton /Mr J Cunningham)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein be considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received**

CARRIED

TKCC2309/2

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- Tim Hinton (as per disclosure of interest form)
- Cr Marlene Raumati noted that her former husband, Haydn Solomon, was present at the meeting as a member of the public.
- Cr Marlene Raumati also disclosed that she is also of Mana Whenua descent.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr J Cunningham/Mr I Wrigley)

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee, held on Wednesday, 2 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TKCC2309/3

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The following items were discussed under Public Forum:

- Jenny Kelly spoke about literature resources relating to the area’s local history and advocated for the Te Kauwhata Historical Museum society to hold a special general meeting to resolve issues around the museum not being opened.
- Cr Noel Smith of the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) spoke about the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Whangamarino Wetland and clarified that it is not WRC but Fish and Game who needed to have responded to the death of fauna in the wetland. He indicated that a plan was being put together with the assistance of WRC to deal with future such events. He also indicated that WRC was establishing sub-committees to oversee waterways. In response to a question from Liz Tupuhi about mana whenua representation on these sub-committees he indicated that this matter is being pursued through Waikato-Tainui. Cr Raumati suggested that Cr Smith reach out to Jaedyn Falwasser, Waikato-Tainui’s Taiao Manager, for further guidance on this matter.
- Paul Murray spoke about the Para Kore relationship with schools to resolve the food waste into landfills issue through hot composting and involving more environmentally friendly means without contributing to carbon emissions. There is a plan to install a 4 box unit at Te Kauwhata Primary School, which will have public access. Cr Raumati suggested that Mr. Murray get in touch with Council’s Solid Waste Team Leader, Phil Ellis, to see how there could be mutual benefit from the work he is doing.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Discretionary Fund Report

Discussion:

- It was noted that the following sentence at the top of page 14 in Council’s Support Accountant’s report may be an error and would need to be removed “*Commitments from Committee Meeting Minutes and Other Information*”. It was also noted that, with the Committee now approving the minutes of the meeting of 2 August 2023, the resolution to uncommit the \$5,000 for the security cameras and re-allocate it back to the Discretionary Fund can now be actioned by Council.

- With regards to the North Waikato Development Fund Support Accountant's report, staff were requested to clarify if the income interest earned (\$40,6222.38) was included in the carry forward total from 2021/2022 and if the net funding remaining amount (\$88,894.22) was correct.

ACTION: The Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager to follow up on the above matters with the Council Support Accountant, Ms J Schimanski

Resolved: (Mr T Hinton/Mr I Wrigley)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- Receives the Discretionary Fund report on the presumption that staff will follow up with Council's Finance team on the queries as per the discussion below.**

CARRIED

TKCC2309/4

6.2. Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report

The report was received [TKCC2309/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

Discussion:

- It was suggested that staff clarify the costs (amount spent) on the Saleyard Road walkway project, particularly the breakdown of the \$50,000 previously spent.
- It was noted that the cleanup of the walkway has been completed and that this will be paid for by Council from their operational budget.
- There was discussion about the intent of the Community Identity Strategy and whether there is a risk about creating community expectations through projects that may be identified for which there is no funding. It was suggested that the project managers (Courtney Howells and Estelle Jonathan) relook at the project narrative contained in the Works and Issues report to ascertain if this is indeed what the community wants – for example 'shaping regional strategy'.

6.3 Upper Northern Waikato Railway Station Indicative Business Case

The report was received [TKCC2309/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

Discussion:

- Vishal Ramduny presented the report and indicated that the Council, on 28 August 2023, endorsed an Indicative Business Case (IBC). The IBC recommends the provision of a railway station in Tūākau within three to five years. The IBC, put together in association with Waikato Regional Council and KiwiRail, also suggests that a railway station could be provided in Pōkeno within the same timeframe. For those a bit further south, the IBC does not rule out a station in Te Kauwhata within six or more years after a station is built in Tuakau and/or Pokeno.
- Vishal emphasized that whilst the endorsement of the IBC is welcomed, we must not get ahead of ourselves. The IBC is just a step in the process. It is not a guarantee of funding approval. The next step is for a Detailed Business Case to be carried out and this is subject to funding from both Council and Waka Kotahi (which is something that Council will be considering through the deliberations for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan process).
- The DBC would also need to analyze time-saving measures for the Hamilton-Auckland Te Huia train service.
- The DBC will go further into the case for funding and delve into the confirmation of the costs and benefits of having more than one station in the northern Waikato, as well as investigating platform layout and the staging of delivery.
- All these are subject to a decision being made on the continuation of Te Huia before the trial period ends in June 2024 as well as the development of a strategic case for inter-regional rail between Auckland and the Waikato. Any future station construction will be subject to government funding and the priorities of the government of the day.
- The Committee suggested that a commuter bus that connects TK with the train would be useful. The bus could connect to rail at Pokeno or Drury.

6.4 Councillor's report

The report was received [TKCC2309/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

Discussion:

- Cr Marlene Raumati's report was taken as read.

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 16 October 2023
Date:	1 November 2023
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Colin Bailey, Finance Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Kauwhata Community Committee on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 16 October 2023

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Te Kauwhata Community receives the report for the Te Kauwhata Discretionary Fund as at 16 October 2023 and the North Waikato Development Funding report as at 1 July 2023.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 16 October 2023

Attachment 2 – North Waikato Development Fund report to 01 July 2023

TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2023/24 (July 2023 - June 2024)
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As at Date: 16-Oct-2023

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2023/24 Annual Plan			4,198.00
Carry forward from 2022/23			23,380.00
Total Funding			27,578.00
Income			
Total Income			-
Expenditure			<i>excl GST</i>
Total Expenditure			-
Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)			27,578.00
Commitments			<i>excl GST</i>
13-Feb-19	Further development of playgrounds, Re-allocate the \$5,000 which was initially allocated for the further development of playgrounds (as passed by resolution TKCC1902/04) for the development of the destination playground at the Te Kauwhata Domain	TKCC1902/04 TKCC2303/05	5,000.00
02-Dec-20	Commitment of \$10,000.00 be made to Blunt Road Walkway - walkway extending from Saleyard Road to Council Reserve at Blunt Road'	TKCC2012/03	10,000.00
24-Feb-23	Less Payment \$6,931.00 made to Frame Group invoice 1154231107/2022	TKCC2012/03	(6,931.00)
Total Commitments			8,069.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)			19,509.00

NORTH WAIKATO DEVELOPMENT FUND (NWDF) REPORT 2023/24 (July 2023 - June 2024)
Te Kauwhata Allocation
As at Date: 01-Jul-2023

	RS	18356
Resolutions from TKCC Committee Meeting Minutes & Other Information		
2023/24 Annual Plan		
Reserve Opening Balance		363,990.54
Total Funding		363,990.54
Income		
Total Income		-
Expenditure		
Total Expenditure		-
Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)		363,990.54

Commitments

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Resolution no</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	Te Kauwhata Committee supports the use of \$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund (NWDF) to assist in funding the construction of the Te Kauwhata Blunt Road Walkway ; (Note: The Committee may not use all the \$150,000 commitment for the Blunt Road walkway).	TKCC2102/03	150,000.00
	Te Kauwhata Committee supports the use of a further \$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund (NWDF) to assist in funding Te Kauwhata Domain lighting project and footpaths within the Domain .	TKCC2102/03	150,000.00
03-Nov-21	(Note: that the Committee subsequently (at one of the meetings) adjusted this commitment to \$100,000 as part of a discussion the Works and Issues report).		(50,000.00)
10-Aug-22	Te Kauwhata Community Committee allocated from the North Waikato Development Fund, \$25,000.00, towards the completion of the cricket nets	TKCC2208/03	25,000.00
08-Aug-23	North Waikato Development Fund to get Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Dog Exercise Park project implemented.	TKCC2308/09	7,738.00
Total Commitments			282,738.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)			81,252.54

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Applications
Date:	Thursday, 19 October 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm – Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa – Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to provide the Discretionary Funding applications received for consideration by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$7,000 (excl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Te Kauwhata Rugby Club;**
 - ii. towards the costs of the kitchen extension project.**
- b. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$20,000 (excl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Waikare Gold Club Inc;**
 - ii. towards the costs a greens mower.**
- c. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$1,723.50 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Te Kauwhata Events Committee;**
 - ii. towards the costs of the Te Kauwhata Christmas Parade.**

3. Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment A – Application for Funding (Te Kauwhata Rugby Club)

Attachment B – Application for Funding (Waikare Golf Club Inc)

Attachment C – Application for Funding (Te Kauwhata Events Committee)

New form response

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Form: [Community Board/Committee Funding Application Form](#)

A new response was submitted on 28 August 2023, 10:37 PM.

Select your Community Board or Committee	Te Kauwhata
Name of your organisation and contact person	Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club
What is your organisation's purpose/background	The Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club aim is to foster the sports of rugby and netball in the community. Rugby has been played in the area since the early 1900s. Several clubs in the area amalgamated in 1954 to form the Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club. We have strong links with the Athletics club who use the club facilities.
Phone number	0211628864
Email	mariovodanovich@gmail.com
What is your event / project, including date and location?	We are requesting support toward the costs of extending the kitchen area in the club rooms. Our current kitchen is not large enough to cater for the growing number of members and people in the community that use our facilities. The kitchen will be utilized by multiple sports club users (including Rugby, Netball, Athletics), casual recreational users, as well as the wider community who regularly use the club rooms
How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?	The kitchen extension would allow us to cater for the growing number of members and people in the community that use our facilities. It would allow the various groups to have sufficient kitchen space to cater for their events such as funerals, fundraisers and other activities. One of the barriers at the moment is the size of the kitchen, it does not meet the needs of the users. Once the kitchen is extended extra appliances will be able to fit in the kitchen to make it more efficient. On top of existing community events such as Children's Day, A&P Show and Ag-Day, we will be able to host a wider variety of community events and not have the worry about not having enough kitchen space or the appropriate appliances. The club is used for numerous funerals a year and by extending the kitchen the groups won't have to prepare food off site for large numbers of people
Are you GST registered?	Yes (Do NOT include GST in your budget)
GST Number	27505044
What is the total cost of your project/event	51170

Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.	43000
Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	TKRSC.docx
Has/will funding been sought from other funders?	Yes
If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought	Wel Energy Trust \$15000 The Trust Community Foundation \$10000 Te Kauwhata Water Association \$3000
Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project	

[View response](#)

The total cost of the Kitchen Extension Project is \$51170 ex gst.

The Te Kauwhata Rugby Sports Club is requesting \$7000 towards the total cost.

New form response

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz

Form: [Community Board/Committee Funding Application Form](#)

A new response was submitted on 10 August 2023, 12:33 PM.

Select your Community Board or Committee	Te Kauwhata
Name of your organisation and contact person	Waikare Golf Club Inc Noeleen Darby Contact Person
What is your organisation's purpose/background	The Waikare golf club is situated at 66 Waerenga Rd Te Kauwhata, They aim to supply sport and recreation to all people in the community. Children as young as 5 years old can be seen playing with grandparents into their 90years. Golf is a healthy fresh air weight bearing exercise. Plus it can be played all the year round.
Phone number	027 2358207
Email	tomslane@xtra.co.nz
What is your event / project, including date and location?	The Waikare Golf Club is in need of a new Greens mower. The greens mower gets used three times a week to mow 18 greens and a practise green in high growing periods. In lower growing times the mower is used twice weekly. The current mower is 12 years old (currently needing high maintenance) and will be kept as a backup. Also modern technology will allow the new machine to make a more efficient job.
How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?	The wider community is invited to play free of charge weekly with a family tournament called business house. The golf club supports the local St Johns Ambulance, Fire Brigade, the Cancer Society running a pink ribbon breakfast, So almost everyone in the Te Kauwhata area will benefit from the Waikare golf club
Are you GST registered?	Yes (Do NOT include GST in your budget)
GST Number	10991994
What is the total cost of your project/event	\$78,375.00
Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.	\$25,000.00 raised by members. \$8,000.00 Grant Racing Industry

Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	The Waikare Golf Club is situated in the township of Te KauGrants Letter May 2023.doc
Has/will funding been sought from other funders?	Yes
If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought	Lion Foundation \$10,000 Te Kauwhata Water Association \$10,000
Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project	The Golf Club have run raffles, tournaments cake stalls, plant stalls to raise money for this new modern machinery.

[View response](#)

The Waikare Golf Club is situated in the township of Te Kauwhata which is halfway between Hamilton and Auckland. Total member numbers are currently 230 consisting of 175 men and 45 women. Members are from all ethnic groups living in the greater North Waikato. We average approx 60 players each week, through Twilight golf, tournaments and green fee players over and above our members.

Twilight golf is organised for members and non-members specializing in family groups. Last year we printed 15,000 cards to play a round of golf. The course is very well laid out and beautifully groomed to a very high standard. Hence this is why it is attractive to players from out of town. We need these players to help finance the costs of maintaining the high standard of the course that members and visitors expect.

Our present greens mower is needing constant repairs and maintenance plus it was purchased in 2010. This was a John Deere machine which has been an influence on us to purchase another of this model. The mower is used 3 times weekly to mow 18 greens plus the practise green in times of high growth and usually twice weekly in lower growth. We will keep the old mower to use in case of emergencies.

We have large numbers of 65 plus players both women & men in our club. They are very willing to help with working bees, cutting back trees, gardening and the general maintenance around the course. Voluntary labour is very precious to the overall running of the club. Women help with catering and run bring and buys to help with finances. Men run a raffle each Saturday.

Being adjacent to the Te Kauwhata College, often the sports period is learning to play golf. We regularly have Grandparents playing with and enjoying teaching their Grandchildren to play golf.

The club gives back to the local community. We run tournaments to help the local services, Fire Brigade, St Johns Ambulance and Lions Club, The community house, The Cancer Society through running a Pink Ribbon Breakfast. Supporting all people living in the greater Te Kauwhata district, plus we make the clubhouse available for the Te Kauwhata College to use for end of year functions etc. Many weddings and funerals are held at the Clubhouse.

In March 2023, We held a fund-raising tournament to help the Napier community after the devastation of cyclone Gabrielle. We donated \$13,100.00.

We hope you will look favourably at our request for a grant as we do serve the wider community around Te Kauwhata.

COMMUNITY BOARD/COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Important notes for applicant:

- Prior to submitting your application, please contact the Chair/Funding Representative, to discuss your application requirements and confirm that your application meets the eligibility criteria
- Application form must be completed in full and can be emailed to the Chair/Funding Representative
- All parts of the application need to be completed and all supporting information supplied

Huntly Meremere Ngaruawahia
 Onewhero-Tuakau Raglan Taupiri
 Te Kauwhata

Section 1 – Your Details:

Name of your organisation and contact person

Te Kauwhata Events Committee, Esther Pilbrow

What is your organisation's purpose/background (who are you? what do you do?)

Incorporated society that organises events for Te Kauwhata

Phone number/s: 0274154222

Email/address: estherpilbrow@gmail.com

Section 2 – Your event / project

What is your event / project, including date and location? (please describe in full the project details)

Christmas parade at Te Kauwhata, 15 December 2023

How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?

Many children and adults enjoy the Christmas parade in TK

Are you GST registered? No Yes GST Number

PLEASE NOTE: The following documentation MUST be supplied with your application:

- Include copies of written quotes and any other additional information that may assist the board/committee to make an informed decision on your application
- How much your event/project will cost
- How much you are seeking from the Waikato District Council
- How much you are seeking from other providers
- Details of other funding and donated materials/resources being sourced
- **IMPORTANT: Please ensure all quotes supplied are clearly itemised and match the "Project Breakdown" (Total B)**

Section 3 – Project/Event Costs & Details

Please complete all of the following sections	GST Inclusive Costs (use this column if you are NOT GST registered)	GST Exclusive Costs (use this column if you are GST registered)
What is the total cost of your project/event	\$ 7,884.76	\$ 7,884.76
Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.		6161.26
Total A	\$	\$

Only include the Funding being sought from Waikato District Council below:

Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	GST Inclusive Costs (use this column if you are NOT GST registered)	GST Exclusive Costs (use this column if you are GST registered)
Advertising (Chatter)	\$	\$ 500.00
Pipe Band	\$	\$ 600.00
Some traffic control	\$	\$ 623.50
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total Funds being sought from WDC	Total B \$ 0.00	\$ 1,723.50

Has / will funding been sought from other funders? Yes No

If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought

Community House	\$	\$ 1,000.00
Kianga Ora	\$	\$ 2,518.50
Other	\$	\$ 2642.76
	\$	\$
Total Funds being sought from other funders	Total C \$ 0.00	\$ 3,518.50

Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project:

I certify that the funding information provided in this application is correct.

Name: Esther Pilbrow

Position in Organisation: Treasurer

Signature: _____

Date: _____

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report
Meeting date:	1 November 2023
Report author:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager
Authorised by:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To update the Committee on projects contained in the Works and Issues report.

2. Report

Puurongo

The updates contained in the attachment relate to the following projects identified by the Community Committee:

Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Projects	Project Manager/Key Contact
Project 1: Dog exercise area	Adele Theron
Project 2: Saleyard Road Walkway	John Cunningham
Project 3: Community Identity Strategy	Courtney Howells and Estelle Jonathan
Project 4: Te Kauwhata Domain - Walkway and Fitness Trail	Tim Hinton
Project 5: Te Kauwhata Domain – Community Outdoor Stage	Jo Gurnell (project on hold)
Project 6: Te Kauwhata Domain – Security cameras	Megan May (WDC Acting General Manager – Service Delivery)
Project 7: Te Kauwhata Domain – Rongoa Garden	Whitney Totorewa
Project 8: Te Kauwhata Domain – Mural (to be incorporated into the Community Identity Strategy)	Adele Theron

An update from Council's Technical Delivery Manager (in the Enterprise Project Management Office) on capital projects relevant to Te Kauwhata is included in the report.

3. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

That the report from the Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager be received.

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**




Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – For TKCC of 1 November 2023

ATTACHMENT

Te Kauwhata Community Committee Works and Issues Report

For Committee Meeting of 1 November 2023

Key:

Traffic Light	Definition
	Project on track to succeed.
	Project planning has commenced OR the project is on hold, but action is being taken to resolve this OR a problem has been identified but no action may be taken at this time, and it is being monitored.
	The project has not yet started OR it requires remedial action.

I. Project Name: Development of the dog park exercise area

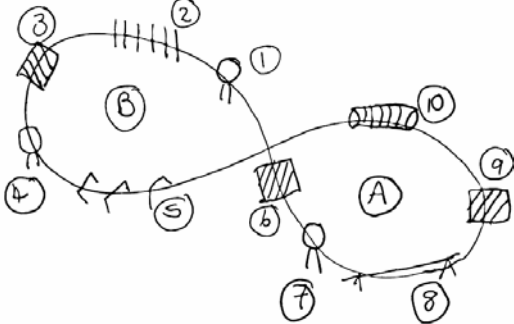
Project Goal:	Development of the Te Kauwhata dog park to make it an enjoyable space for both dogs and people.
Project Manager:	Adele Theron
Project Members:	Tim Hinton, Jeff Lyons and Ian Wrigley
Council Staff Advisor:	Stephanie Loughnan (Parks and Reserves Technical Support Officer)
Status:	
Funding:	Achieved for phase 1 and phase 2 stages I and II
Likely Completion	Phase 1 and 2 should be completed by Dec 2023

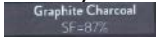
Project Summary

The TK dog park will be revamped to include a dog agility course and a fenced-off area for the more timid small dogs to play and exercise without fear of being encroached upon by larger dogs. Additionally, the dog park will also benefit from the development of two shaded picnic areas with picnic tables in them so members of the community can enjoy the area more with their families.

Please note that parking for overflow of the rugby club events has been fully considered.




Status update of actions from last 3 months	Support needed	Next steps	By When?
<p>PHASE I: Dog Agility Area</p> <p>Dog agility equipment were cleaned in a working bee on Saturday 29th April 2023 as planned.</p> <p>Dog Agility course proposed to be located between points 2 and 3 of the dog park shown in the diagram above to minimise parking impact due to TK Domain event overflow.</p> <p>Meeting was had with Dog Agility course designer Denise Ireland on Wednesday 8 May 2023 and the course has been designed in two parts within a figure of 8 formation as shown in the dog park diagram on the previous page. Proposed course layout is shown below:</p>  <p>①④⑦ Dog Tyre Hoops ⑩ Dog Tunnel ② Dog Weaving Posts ⑤ Dog Hurdles ③⑥⑨ Dog Jump Platforms ⑧ Dog Seesaw</p> <p>According to Kennel Club H Regulation H(1)(B)1a.(3) – Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course should require a dog to traverse 10 obstacles, but not more than 20 and all jump obstacles should be the same height All agility obstacles will be laid out 4-5 metres apart between centres of consecutive obstacles using the straight line centre-to-centre method to ensure dog jump safety The height of all obstacles will be knee height catering for midi dogs <p>There are two courses, A and B. Similar to a golf course with a 9 hole vs. 18 hole golf course, advanced dogs can do both courses A and B together, whereas beginner dogs can just work on one of the courses without interfering with another dog on the other course.</p>	<p>Tim Hinton has agreed this plan with Waikato District Council.</p> <p>Funding to hire equipment to place this equipment on the course has been achieved.</p> <p>Right now the ground is too wet to install the equipment. We are waiting for summer.</p> <p>Community events across 2 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Working bee to install the equipment will likely happen in September/October/ November 2023 once the ground dries up as per course design Working bee to paint and finish the equipment in November/ December 2023 	<p>Wait for the weather to dry up and then schedule in the working bees.</p> <p>Once we confirm the dates, Adele will send out community support requests on TK community page, Dog park community page and TKCC members</p>	<p>Waiting for the weather and will schedule in working bees. If we can do earlier in September/ October, we will. Ground is simply too wet to do anything right now</p>

<p>PHASE 2: Picnic areas 1 and 2</p> <p>Location of the picnic and shaded areas as well as small dog park area confirmed in the diagram above.</p> <p><u>Specifications as follows:</u></p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE I</u></p> <p>To kick off the project, we need to install the steel poles as follows. We will source 4 galvanised steel poles per shade sail (2 poles will be lower and 2 higher) The height of the lower poles will be 2.5m above ground with 1m in the ground and the higher poles will be 3.5m above ground with 1.5m in the ground). We need to decide if we want to do a working bee to install the poles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x 125mm medium galvanised steel pipe poles with 4 x 3.5m long and 4 x 5m long fitted with caps • Excavator and auger drill at \$115 per hour • Concrete 1.8m³ <p>Anticipated timeframe = 1-2 working days Anticipated cost = Poles 2,484.80 + Auger drill \$276 + Concrete \$805 → \$3,565.80 incl. GST</p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the poles are in the ground, Peter Fletcher will come to measure the shadesail measurements exactly although it's anticipated that the final shadesail sizing will be approximately 6.5x6.5 = 42.25m² for each area. • He is ordering the Monotec 37015-year fabric warranty in Graphite Charcoal Shade  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will then make the shadesails with no joins, including stainless steel hardware, d-shackles and chain links. =. A deposit for making the material is not required as we are known to the maker. Takes 2 weeks to make and install once the 8 Poles are in the ground and ready. <p>Anticipated timeframe = 2 working weeks to make and install Anticipated cost = \$4,172.20 incl. GST - Price includes making and fitting the dog park shade</p> <p><u>PROJECT INSTALLATION STAGE III</u></p> <p>Tim will source some mulch for the areas under the trees and Jeff will source half rounds to keep mulch/metal all in the area – effort and cost TBD</p> <p>Picnic tables have been sourced but need to be sanded and completed – effort TBD</p>	<p>Items for the TKCC meeting:</p> <p>Funding has been achieved for phase 2, stage I and II.</p> <p><u>STAGE I AND II</u></p> <p>Right now the ground is too wet to install the poles. Tim has ordered the poles with Dale Barrakat and once the weather dries a bit, we can proceed with getting the poles in the ground. Once in the ground, Peter will measure the shadesail and completion of installation will be 3 weeks later</p> <p><u>STAGE III</u></p> <p>Picnic tables have been completed.</p>	<p>Keep an eye on weather and once drier, the poles can be installed and Peter can complete the shadesails.</p> <p>Tim and Jeff sourcing mulch and rounds for completion of area</p>	<p>Before Christmas 2023</p>
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<p>PHASE 3: Small dog fenced-off area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We mapped out a small dog area in position J above measuring about 40 x 10m² • We will look into fencing options for this area with a gate so mowing the lawn is still straightforward • We need to feed back once we have explored fencing with Barakat Fencing 	Fencing companies willing to assist	Tim and Adele exploring fencing options	TBD
<p>PHASE 4: Picnic area 3 explored</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkway installed • Gate to dog park to link to walking track installed • Clearing of drain • Removal of trees on the bank so the mural can be viewed • Planting of trees at the far end by the squash court, so mural not obscured 	TBD	TBD	TBD

2. Project Name: Saleyard Road Walkway

Project Goal:	Development of the Saleyard Road Walkway
Project Manager:	John Cunningham
Project Members:	Marlene Raumati, Estelle Jonathan, Tim Hinton, and Whitney Totorewa
Council Staff Advisor:	Ed McVicar (Open Spaces Project Coordinator)
Status:	
Funding	<p>\$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund has been allocated to this project with other funding sources being looked at by the Committee plus \$10,000 commitment from TKCC Discretionary Fund.</p> <p>The figure left in the original budget with all outgoings now completed is an increase on the last figure and stands at \$108,612.01 with no further forecast spend.</p>
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 1 November 2023	Next steps
Walkway clean-up	The clean-up work is complete.	
Ascertain the cost of the upgrade (accessibility, storyboards, beautification etc.)	With the clean-up completed staff and members of the project team looked at delineation along the paper road and resurfacing that would be required but have not proceeded with costing at this stage as there is no exit to the cleared part of the walkway. It is recommended that this section be maintained pending a solution to finding and forming an exit to allow this walkway to be connective.	The Committee is being asked to consider the recommendation.

3. Project Name: Community Identity Strategy

Project Goal:	The development of a community led Strategy that will articulate an identity for Te Kauwhata and Districts now and in the future.
Project Managers	Courtney Howells and Estelle Jonathan
Project Members:	Lauren Hughes, Adele Theron, Liz Tupuhi, Jo Gurnell
Council Staff Advisor:	Jason Marconi, Economic Development Advisor
External Partner:	Tofeeq Ahmed, Kainga Ora, Programme Manager - Placemaking
Status:	
Funding:	<p>There is funding available from the Council's Blueprint budget to assist with strategy development. Discussions are underway with Kainga Ora for additional funding.</p> <p>It is important to note that this funding is not intended to fund individual projects that may fit within the strategy.</p>
Likely Completion	By June 2024 for the Strategy but as this is community led, it will depend on the commitment/ activity of the community.

Project Status

The Project Team would like to emphasise the purpose of this project which is to develop a strategy towards an aspirational future for Te Kauwhata and Districts. While there is consensus on the Project Team that the Strategy will be informed by two central pillars – our unique environmental and historic sites and stories – we believe it is paramount that our communities and stakeholders have a real opportunity to contribute to this vision and shape the short, medium and long term projects and goals that will be written into the Strategy as steps towards the vision. We cannot preempt these projects and goals. As such the next steps for our team are:

- 1) To develop a visual tool to introduce the project to the public and stakeholders. Our preference was originally to commission a high end video that showcases those important features pertaining to our central pillars. This has been costed and will require a budget of \$10,000+GST via Nimbus Media, or there is a possibility of a collaboration with Ngaa Muka who are also creating some new media over the coming months. If the budget is not available our Plan B is to create our own visual slide show which Lauren Hughes has volunteered to coordinate.
- 2) Plan and carry out a round of consultation that will take place between Mar-May 2024. The stakeholder groups we have identified for the first round of consultation are as follows. We welcome the Community Committee's addition of anyone we may have neglected:
 - Te Kauwhata Community Committee

- Meremere Community Committee – as courtesy
- Ngaa Muka
- Rangiriri Paa
- Schools in the defined area
- Businesses in the defined area
- Community organisations in the defined area
- Aparangi
- The general public

We expect that the projects and goals raised in this round of consultation will fall into these key areas:

- IDENTIFY – what are those important features under our pillars?
- CONNECT – what infrastructure do we need to connect them eg walkways, cycle ways, roads, maps, websites
- ACCESS – how else can we create access for the public to enjoy these sites? Tourism businesses, accommodation, disability access, public events, media, online resources, educational resources
- PROTECT & DEVELOP – if we want to be proud of these sites what are our responsibilities to them and what regulations do we need to advocate for to ensure that others working, living, visiting, doing business in the area cares for them too.
- CELEBRATE – how do we keep stakeholders and the community united around our identity and this vision for the next 50 yrs? How do we celebrate each milestone along the way?

We have updated the Project Plan below and you will see there is a second and third round of consultation planned. The second round is for specific people or groups who will be directly impacted by projects and goals that may fall out of the Strategy. For example if the public tell us that they want a walkway to connect site A to site B we will then have a specific set of stakeholders to consult around that project including landowners, neighbours, kaitiaki of the historic or ecological sites etc.

The third round of consultation will come after our Draft Strategy has been drawn up and it will include all those we have consulted with previously. At this point we will just be seeking to refine the Draft Plan and ensure we have not misrepresented any of our stakeholders.

We are still finalising the first round of consultation and will present the Committee with further information as it is available.

Please scroll down for updated Plan. New additions/amedments are in red.

UPDATED PROJECT PLAN – OCT 2023

Project Name: The Identity Project

Project Goal: The development of a community led Strategy that will articulate an identity for Te Kauwhata and Districts now and in the future.

Project Managers: Courtney Howells and Estelle Johnson

Project Members: Lauren Hughes, Adele Theron, Liz Tupuhi, Jo Gurnell

Council Staff Advisor: Jason Marconi, Community Led Development Advisor

External Partner: Tofeeq Ahmed, Kainga Ora, Programme Manager - Placemaking

Status:

Funding: Council and Kainga Ora have pledged match funding to support consultation processes and the development of an Identity Strategy

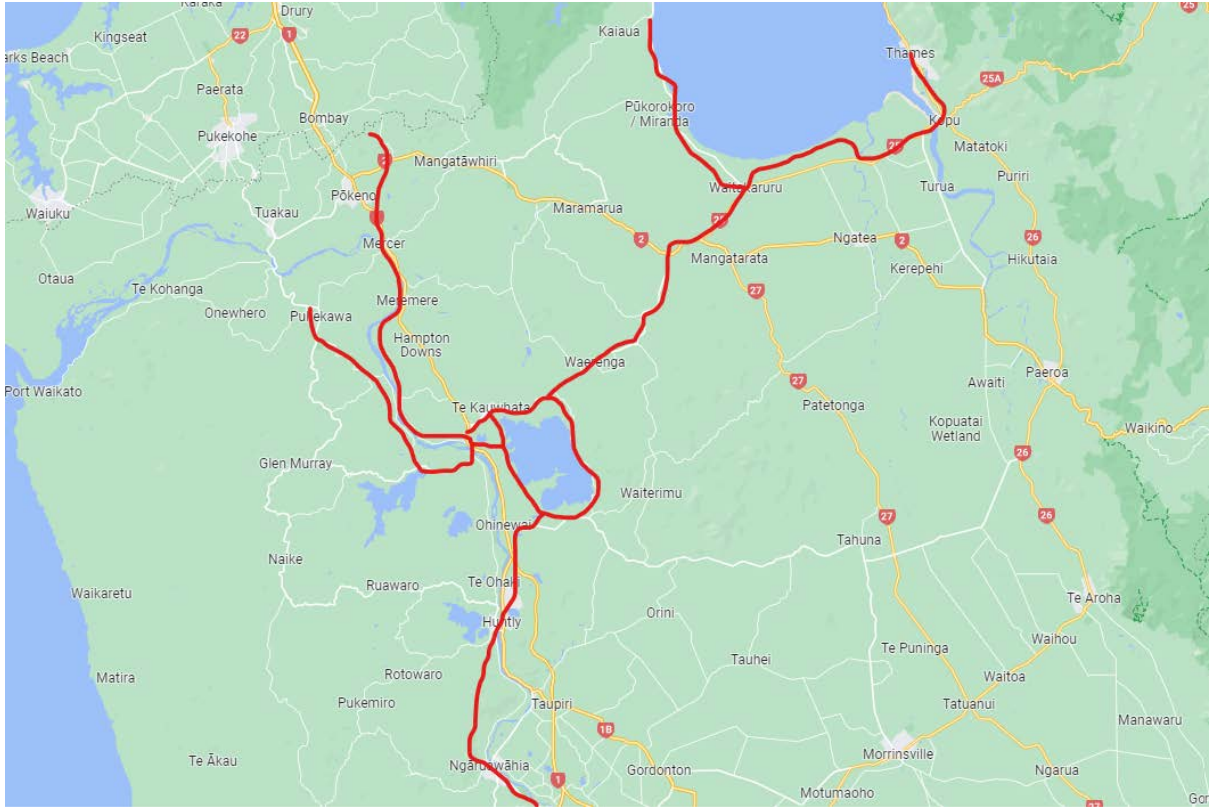
Phase 2: Once the Strategy is complete additional funding will be required for initiatives within the Strategy.

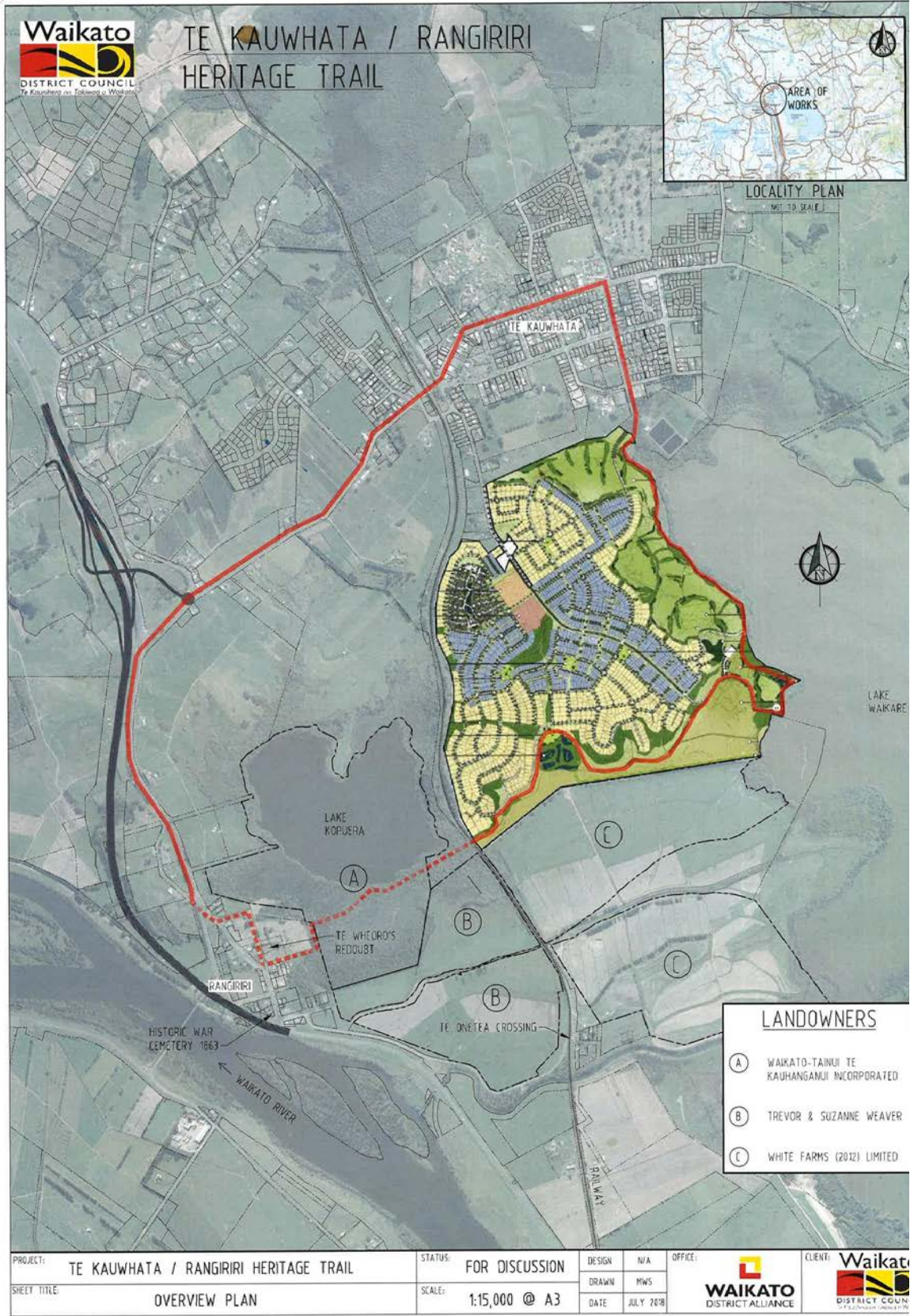
Project Summary

- A subcommittee drawn from Te Kauwhata Community Committee members and invited stakeholders has formed and meets regularly towards the development of an Identity Strategy. **The purpose of the Strategy is to articulate those things that make our region unique and create a tool for planning and advocacy that will focus future investment and development in Te Kauwhata and Districts in such a way that it connects, protects and celebrates those central pillars:**
 - Our unique environment (wetlands, waterways and associated wildlife)
 - Our unique culture and history (Rangiriri pa and other sites and stories of historic significance)
- The Strategy will be a guiding document stating a 50 year vision and the associated social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes sought for Te Kauwhata over the next 50 years. **It will also include the short, medium and long term projects and goals required to achieve that vision.**
- The Strategy will broadly cover the geographic area between the five Nga Muka marae – Hora Hora, Maurea, Waikare, Taniwha and Okaerea. There is acknowledgement that this is a soft border and important environmental and cultural features such as the Whangamarino Wetlands and connection between Rangiriri and Meremere may require a flexible, inclusive approach.


- The Strategy will record aspirational, community led, long term goals for our region that will be used to:
 - Advocate and inform the planning of other stakeholders in our region including local and regional council
 - Identify and drive key projects that will realise the goals of the Strategy and cement the Identity of the region internally and nationally
 - Provide a strategic focus for the development of other community led amenities
- Prior to the writing of the strategy the Project Team will lead community and stakeholder consultation. The team would like to commission a video as visual tool to engage the community in the visioning process. **If there are insufficient funds to achieve this they will create their own visual aid in the form of a slide show. For consistency and efficacy it is vital that the project team use the same information and tools when speaking to each stakeholder group.**
- The project team will collate the community contributions, drawing out common themes and ideas to progress further with relevant stakeholders. Once the direction and goals are identified the team will write, or commission the writing of the draft Strategy.
- The draft strategy will be taken back to the community for feedback before a final Strategy is produced.
- The final Strategy will include mechanisms for how it will be implemented, monitored and used. The Project Team will continue to take a key role in these matters and up date this document to detail Phase 2 in due course.

Phase 1				
Action	Support / Resources needed	By Who	By When	Next Steps
Project Team formed	Admin support to schedule meetings, keep minutes and provide venue	Jason & Tofeeq	Complete	Meet 4-6 weekly
Option 1 Video Commissioned	Filming brief & \$10K budget for videographer – suggested Nimbus media OR partnership with Ngaa Muka videographer	Courtney to lead	Nov 2023	Meet with potential contractors and obtain quotes
OR Option 2 Slide show completed	Slide show	Lauren to create using information from Estelle, Liz and team	Nov 2023	Identify key ecological and historical features to include in slide show Create slide show
Consultation events	Communication plan, venues, representation	Project Team	Mar-May 2024	Book venues Invite stakeholders Promote to the public






4. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain - Walkway and Fitness Trail

Project Goal:	A walkway and fitness trail which will help enhance the health and wellbeing of residents of Te Kauwhata.
Project Manager:	Tim Hinton
Project Members:	John Cunningham
Council Staff Advisor:	Ed McVicar (Open Spaces Project Coordinator)
Status:	
Funding:	<p>Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway works are to be undertaken as a staged project as follows:</p> <p>Stage 1 \$211,161.50 Stage 2 \$306,933.00 Total \$518,094.50</p> <p>and in accordance with the available Council LTP budget of \$518,603.62.</p>
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Update for 1 November 2023
Works programming by Council's Open Spaces team.	GDC is currently applying for resource consent to under the works. WDC is currently working on the procurement plan to get the contract out to tender.


5. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Community Outdoor Stage

Project Goal:	An outdoor stage which would enable the community to display their artistic talents
Project Manager:	Jo Gurnell
Project Members:	Liz Tupuhi
Council Staff Advisor:	Jason Marconi (Economic Development Advisor)
Status:	 (This project is on hold)
Funding:	This project is on hold as per the Committee's resolution of 2 August 2023.
Likely Completion	TBD

Project Status

Activity	Update for 1 November 2023	Next step
Project is on hold.	Project is on hold	Project is on hold


6. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Security cameras

Project Goal:	Security cameras covering the car park, the freedom camping area, scout den and the destination playground thus providing a safe environment for users.
Project Manager:	Megan May (Acting General Manager – Service Delivery)
Project Members:	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Council Staff Advisor:	n/a
Status:	 (no change from previous meeting)
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council currently has an LTP 2021-2031 funding commitment for cameras at Te Kauwhata and Meremere. ▪ Funding commitment from the TKCC Discretionary Fund for \$5,000.00 will be released back into the Discretionary Fund
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 1 November 2023	Next step
Te Kauwhata and Meremere will be the first communities to benefit from the camera roll out rather than waiting for a district-wide rollout. This was because there is already an LTP funding commitment for this project for Te Kauwhata and Meremere.	<p>This project is to be factored into Council's programme of works.</p> <p>Funding commitment from the TKCC Discretionary Fund for \$5,000.00 will be released back into the Discretionary Fund</p>	TBC.


7. Project Name: Te Kauwhata Domain – Rongoa Garden

Project Goal:	A Rongoa garden promoting wellbeing, the wellbeing of the person, the whenua, the soil, and the water flowing through the whenua.
Project Manager:	Whitney Totorewa
Project Members:	Estelle Jonathan, Jo Gurnell and Tim Hinton.
Council Staff Advisor:	n/a
Status:	 (no change from previous meeting)
Funding:	\$3000 from Council's Placemaking Budget can be used for the irrigation.
Likely Completion	TBC

Project Status

Activity	Status Update for 1 November 2023	Next step
Identify area to be planted	To be verbally reported at the meeting	

8. Project Name: Development of the TK Domain Squash Club Mural (to be incorporated into the Community Identity Strategy)

Project Goal:	A mural showcasing Te Kauwhata's environmental, cultural, and sporting ethos
Project Manager:	Adele Theron
Project Members:	Estelle Jonathan, Jeff Lyons and Tim Hinton
Council Staff Advisor:	Not Applicable
Status:	 <p>Funding is unclear. Adele has applied for funding with the Creative Communities Fund over the weekend of 19/20 August 2023</p>
Funding:	TBD
Likely Completion	TBD

Project Summary

The mural project is designed to be erected on the Te Kauwhata Squash Court. It will be focused on capturing the essence of the TK Domain which has a history as a war memorial but is primarily used as a sports club and community meeting place for events and leisure. The mural will be visible from anyone driving down Mahi Road or walking their dogs at the Te Kauwhata dog park. The Te Kauwhata Squash club currently has 2 courts but the vision in the future is to extend the club to have another 3 courts, making it a 5-court establishment. We would love to create a mural which really captures all the amazing images summarising the TK Domain up as a whole. If we can interlace some TK cultural, community and sporting history into this, it would be wonderful too. The TK Squash club engaged with Graham Hoete (who did the Ngāruawāhia Squash Club mural) and Claire Dubosky (a renowned artist who has completed many murals across north Waikato) to see about designing a mural. Graham has not responded whilst Claire has been actively involved and gone ahead and designed a series of 6 murals already.

How the elements of the mural were decided upon

Extensive study was done into the history of Te Kauwhata (see addendum) including reading all the historical artifacts, reviewing images of the Settlers Museum and consulting widely with the Te Kauwhata historical society (Wayne Beaver and Stuart Mendals), Nga Muka Development Trust (Nga Muka), key members of the Domain project, Morris West, Frank Green as well as the committee of the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club and Te Kauwhata Squash club, the overall imagery was agreed upon.

An active discussion was had about the reference to the Domain being the site for the old war memorial. Everyone agreed that the Te Kauwhata Domain shall be called the Te Kauwhata Domain. All references to the history of the Domain being a war memorial was not considered pertinent to the future of the Domain or Te Kauwhata as a town in general. It was felt that the mural should include elements of this history (the poppy and the war memorial stone) as a reverent nod to an important historical moment BUT it was considered important that the Domain is a positive and enlivening place which brings the community together and the mural is to be uplifting and inspirational representing the best elements of Te Kauwhata's past and future.

Historical images and elements to be represented within the mural:

HISTORY OF TK (part of phase 1 and or phase 2)	FAUNA AND FLORA of TK (part of phase 1 and or phase 2)	CURRENT DOMAIN ELEMENTS (phase 1 elements)	PROPOSED DOMAIN ELEMENTS (phase 2 elements)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> War Memorial – represented with the Anzac Day poppy as well as the war memorial rock outside the TK dog park Māori caves – <i>these are located within the Whangamarino wetlands but due to the accumulation of silt, the caves are not visible right now. Mothers and children would hide here during the war</i> Singing with guitars, Taonga pūoro flutes and Purerehua musical instruments. For the Purerehua, the timber it is made of is native totara, and the carving is a symbol of the wind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winelands – capturing some vine leaves and perhaps some wines? Orchards The wetlands Agricultural and farming of kai Mānuka and wire rush Wattle Flax/ harakeke Moss and lichen species Threatened plants include water milfoil, the swamp helmet orchid and clubmoss Sheep Tuna from lake Waikare Eels Grey teal Spotless crake North Island fernbird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby Cricket Squash Scouts Dog Park Young and old of all cultures and parts of the community coming together as whānau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long jump Netball Tennis Playground Fitness track Running track Concert/ stage Athletics club Hockey

The Te Kauwhata Squash club currently has two courts and feasibility studies are underway to commission the building of 3 further courts given the growth in the club and community over the past 3 years. There will be 15 panels to design and the first 6 need to be standalone as the next 9 panels will be years away. The first 6 panels for the existing courts (which should represent things already existing within the TK Domain) and 9 future panels which incorporate proposed changes we are working on for the TK Domain. The current courts vs. future courts cuts this project into 2 phases.

Phase 1 needs to be standalone as it will be some years before phase 2 takes effect.

The phases and panels are shown below

PHASE 1		PHASE 2		
COURT 1 (exists)	COURT 2 (exists)	COURT 3 (proposed)	COURT 4 (proposed)	COURT 5 (proposed)

Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Panel 7	Panel 8	Panel 9	Panel 10	Panel 11	Panel 12	Panel 13	Panel 14	Panel 15
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Discussions were had to design the panels as follows (all above imagery will be included somewhere in one of the panels):

No1	Squash	No9	Wattle, Wetlands River and eels
No2	Cricket	No10	Vineyards
No3	Rugby	No11	Playground
No4	Musicians and traditional Maori musical instruments from historical times when Domain used to be gathering of musicians	No12	Long jump ,Fitness track
No5	Waka and Store house and caves	No13	Tennis
No6	War memorial poppy and stone, Scouts, campers and tourists	No14	Hockey
No7	Dog Park	No15	Netball
No8	Orchards		

Designs for panels 1,2,3,4,5,6 (cricket cap colour will change to Waikere cricket club and rugby shirt logo will change):



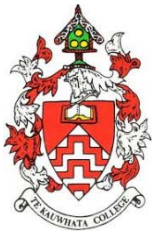
Status update of actions from last 3 months	Support needed	Next steps	By When?
<p>PHASE I: 6 Panels of Mural</p> <p>Costs as of 15 April 2023:</p> <p>Designing all 15 panels; \$1,200 Paint for 6 murals: \$1,220 17mm Marine quality ply: \$720 14 litres Primer: \$250 Paintbrushes: \$73 8 litres Anti-graphiti seal: \$362 (varnish and sun protector so the colour doesn't fade) Production of 6 panels at \$2000 per panel: \$12,000</p> <p>~ \$14,725 incl. GST</p> <p>Scaffolding: See if we can get this sponsored Installation: See if we can find someone to do this</p>	<p>Adele applied for \$14,725 funding with the Creative Communities Fund on 19/20 August 2023 weekend.</p> <p>Applications will be heard by the assessment committee on 5 October 2023</p>	<p>Wait. See if there is money left after the Saleyard project has been discussed and decided on</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>

Once we know where we stand with this project, next steps and phases will be considered.

Addendum: Te Kauwhata History

Te Kauwhata refers to an ancient settlement on an island (Punikanae Island) in the middle of a lake in the area, Lake Waikare. Punikanae island has a silica sinter-depositing spring located on it. This is the only sinter depositing spring known outside the Taupo Volcanic Zone. Te Kauwhata (originally named Tā Kauwhata meaning empty storehouses back in the day) refers to the empty store houses (pātaka kai) that stood on this settlement, protecting food from pests on the mainland. The story goes that during the war, Māori would harvest kai (vegetables like kumara and potatoes) and bundle it up onto waka (boats) which would then get ferried across to Punikanae island to keep safe till winter. The little storehouses were on stilts and as the pests couldn't swim across the lake, pests could not destroy this valuable kai. In the winter, the Māori would row the wakas across the lake to fetch the kai again and returned to the maraes to feed the people. This kai sustained people during the war and were a lifeblood to the locals. Despite the battle of Rangiriri, Māori even fed the British this way during the war, so were the kind ways of the people.

If you look at the TK primary school and college emblems, you will see image of the storehouse.



The population is 2760 people as of June 2022. The township is surrounded by dairy farms, drystock holdings and horticulture. Its newest building is its Waikato District Council library. Originally known as Wairangi, Te Kauwhata grew around a railway station built in the late 1870s.

The first home of the New Zealand wine industry, the Viticultural Research Station was the site of an experimental farm, growing Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling grapes. International viticulturalist Romeo Bragato took over the running of this station in 1901 and five wines produced here won gold medals.

Just south of Te Kauwhata, is the site of one of the fiercest battles of the New Zealand land wars, fought at Rangiriri on 20 November 1863. Māori built an exceptionally strong paa there, and when the British forces attacked many men lost their lives. Part of the paa site is now a historic reserve. Te Kauwhata's natural features include Lake Waikare and the Whangamarino wetlands, a significant environmental feature in the north Waikato. Located just north of the township, the Whangamarino wetlands area is the second largest peat bog and swamp complex in the North Island. The Whangamarino Wetland encompasses peat bog, swampland and river systems. The dominant vegetation is mānuka and wire rush, with moss and lichen species. Threatened plants include water milfoil, the swamp helmet orchid (*Anzybas carsei*), and clubmoss.

Threatened bird species, including the grey teal, the spotless crane, the North Island fernbird and around 25% of New Zealand's population of Australasian bitterns live in the wetland. Eighteen species of fish include the black mudfish.

In 1961 the lower Waikato–Waipā flood protection scheme caused water levels to drop by more than 1.5 metres. As part of wetland restoration, a weir was constructed on the Whangamarino River in 1989 to maintain minimum water levels. The Department of Conservation controls animal and plant pests, which include the highly invasive alligator weed. Established as a Ramsar site in 1989, this wetlands area has been developed further since the late 1990s. It is managed by the Department of Conservation it is the site of the first National Wetland Trail established in New Zealand. Te Kauwhata, a village of over 1,500 residents (1,617 – Census 2018). The township is surrounded by dairy farms, drystock holdings and horticulture. Its newest building is its Waikato District Council library. Originally known as airangi, Te Kauwhata grew around a railway station built in the late 1870s.

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The TK Domain

A site where we have young and old across the community coming together to have picnics, attend events, play sports, play with their kids and walk their dogs. It's a community meeting spot where people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds come together as friends and whānau.

In the past, the TK Domain was the site for the original War Memorial and people used to come together to sing/ dance and attend concerts, raffles and games evenings. Rugby was originally a source of recreation in Te Kauwhata since 1907 and was played at the TK Domain from 1947 onwards. Back in those days, sheep would graze the Domain fields and keep them short.

Today the Domain plays host to a dog park, a rugby club, squash club, scouts hall, as well as a cricket pitch and training nets. In the future, the Domain will play host to Long jump and athletics club, multi-court facilities including a hockey pitch as well as netball and tennis courts, a kids playground, fitness track connecting Te Kauwhata and Lakeside, a running track and even a concert/ stage for cultural events and music festivals.

Capital Projects Update (As at 19 October 2023)

Te Kauwhata Domain Walkway and Fitness Trail

GDC is currently applying for resource consent to under the works. WDC is currently working on the procurement plan to get the contract out to tender.

Tanker Filling Stations

The draft new drinking water standards requires elimination of hydrant use except in delivering three waters operations and maintenance services and firefighting services to the community.

Waikato District Council has partnered with Watercare to establish bulk water supply points equipped with tanker filling stations across the district. This ensures the safe access and management of large water takes, exclusively for registered and accredited entities.

The implementation plan follows a staged approach and a filling station at 33 Mahi Road is now complete and operational. Line marking has also been completed, enhancing the overall appearance of the site. Temporary fencing will remain in place on the berm for a bit longer to support the regrowth of the grass and ensure its vitality.

Te Kauwhata Filling Station – Under Construction



To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Councillor’s Report
Date:	Wednesday 01 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 Te Kauwhata Community Committee 6 September 2023 meeting.

Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

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

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopotanga 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 to 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](#), 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](#), 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.

Waerenga School Calf Club Day 2023 last year I had so much fun, I simply had to come back. I enjoyed watching the children tend to their pets, they all worked very hard to prepare for today's competitions and although there could only be three winners in each event, they were all winners in my eyes!

I enjoy seeing our communities come together like this, of course Calf Club Day wouldn't be the same without taste testing home-baked cookies, and the yummy sausage sizzle.

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 Council	03 October
Performance and Strategy Council	09 October
Performance and Strategy Council	09 October
Performance and Strategy Council	24 October
Performance and Strategy Council	24 October

Hearings and Deliberations

Freedom Camping	16 October
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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
Alliance Breakfast	27 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
Whitikahu School Trunk or Treat	28 October

Attachments



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**First Official Engagement
Waerenga School Calf Club Day 2022**

My first official engagement as YOUR Councillor, was spent at the the Waerenga School Calf Club Day. I had so much fun meeting some of the children & of course their pet lambs & calves. They all worked very hard to prepare their pets for the day's competitions & although there could only be three winners in each category, they were all winners in my eyes. I enjoyed spending my day with our Waerenga Community. Of course amongst the lambs & calves there were some healthy adult conversations about clean energy & the future of farming. WAERENGA SCHOOL YOU GUYS ARE GREAT!

**Official Swearing In
20 October 2022**

On Thursday 20 October 2022, following a successful campaign, I was officially sworn in as YOUR elected member. I had the privilege of being installed, with, 13 other elected representatives, including from left to right, Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu, Cr Lisa Thomson, Cr Tilly Turner, & Cr Kandi Ngataki. For the very first time, in the history of Waikato District Council, there are five Councillors of Maaori descent. It is an honour to serve YOU, & to be entrusted with the responsibility of being your advocate & representative in Chambers - I WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU DILIGENTLY....





October 2022...

HALLOWEEN, hosted by the **Whitikahu School PTA** - I had the pleasure of being with OUR amazing Whitikahu whaanau at their awesome Halloween event. For the young & young at heart, this FAMILY activity, was designed to bring out the strength & pride of OUR communities & greater ward. Honoured to have joined in the fun & being out amongst OUR Whitikahu residents, I remain grateful for the pleasure that was mine to spend quality time with YOU all.

At the **Lakeside Community Playground Workshop**, hosted by Kainga Ora, & supported by Toi Ako, I had the privilege of meeting some of OUR newest families, who came together to document their playground aspirations, participate in some creative activities, all while feasting on a free sausage sizzle.



November...

The **Te Kauwhata Community Garden & fruit forest**, idea was conceived quite a few years ago. In November 2022, alongside Mayor Jacqui Church, & Jo Gurnell from the Te Kauwhata Community House, I had the privilege of cutting the ribbon, officially marking the opening of the garden. A huge THANK YOU to all involved & to those who continue to volunteer your time to maintain the garden.



On official sausage sizzle duties, in collaboration with Te Kauwhata School, esteemed guests, & Council Officials, the redeveloped **Te Kauwhata Village Green Playground**, was officially opened by Mana Whenua & fellow Councillor & Chair of Council's, Infrastructure Committee, Cr Eugene Patterson.



From a sausage sizzle in Te Kauwhata to candy floss at the **Waerenga School Christmas in the Park**.



December...

Te Kauwhata Primary School Principal Brian Martin along with the wider school community hosted a wonderful Whaanau Picnic, with swimming, tug-o-war, soccer & a free sausage sizzle. It's activities like these, that bring OUR communities & whaanau together. It's the simple things that matter. I'm looking forward to the 2023 picnic.

I SAID I WOULD....

Hit the ground running & follow through on your BLUEPRINT ASPIRATIONS...

- this is an ongoing commitment in collaboration with the Te Kauwhata & Meremere Community Committees
- assisting other communities within OUR ward to utilise the blueprint model to achieve their community aspirations

Make sure that your issues & ambitions stay on the agenda...

- ongoing advocacy through Council's Infrastructure, & Sustainability & Wellbeing Committees
- consistently addressing OUR roading issues, for both OUR sealed & unsealed networks
- ongoing advocacy for greater social investments & outcomes for OUR communities & wider district



I SAID I WOULD....

Ensure fair & equitable representation in Chambers...

- ongoing advocacy for equitable representation & participation across all Council committees, forums & panels
- ongoing advocacy for diverse representation, ensuring ALL voices & peoples of OUR communities & district are heard & seen





The annual **Te Kauwhata A&P Show** held in December 2022, at the Te Kauwhata Domain was a success. Competitors ranging from equestrians, bakers, gardeners & preserve makers showcased their skills & talents, in a fantastic array of competitions throughout the entire event. The show was supported by some of our local community service providers such as St John, the Te Kauwhata Community Patrol Team, & the Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade. Thank you to the Te Kauwhata Community Events Committee for hosting a wonderful event.



The **Te Kauwhata Christmas Parade 2022**, Main Street Te Kauwhata saw a tremendous turn out, from our local residents & our neighbouring communities, Meremere, Waerenga & Rangiriri. It was a fantastic event which of course would not have been complete without Santa.



January 2023...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - on 1 January, being of Waikato descent, I attended the first Poukai of the year, a custom of the Kīngitanga, held at **Horahora Marae**, across from Rangiriri.



January also saw, in the most southern end of our ward, Kirsty & the team at **Woodlands Estate, Whitikahu** retain the Five Star Garden of National Significance title, an incredible achievement - WELL DONE TEAM!



January ended with the unforgettable **Auckland Anniversary Floods**. Homes in Auckland had to be evacuated, people were stranded with nowhere to go, no food or clothing. Jo Gurnell with the support of the **Te Kauwhata & Districts Lions Club** organised a successful food, clothing & bedding drive to support Auckland.

I SAID I WOULD....

Be accessible and accountable...

- I'm accessible through social media, & at community & ward wide events & activities
- I'm accessible in person, & through all forms of online & tele-communications
- I'm accountable through my attendance & participation in Council & Committee meetings, workshops, hearings, deliberations, & by reading all relevant material
- I respond to YOUR enquiries, I follow through on YOUR emails, requests for service, information or by meeting with YOU in person
- I attend the Meremere & Te Kauwhata Community Committee meetings, Community AGM's, Forums & BOT hui



I SAID I WOULD....

Keep you informed of any plans or legislation likely to affect you...

- I regularly inform YOU, via social media, of any relevant legislative & bylaw changes, reforms, or reviews, & any local policy changes
- I inform YOU through my monthly newsletters, & through my regular Chatter & Village Voice articles





February...

February was an exceptionally tough & busy month. Following on from the Auckland floods, Cyclone Gabrielle swept through the North Island, leaving behind a trail of destruction. A National State of Emergency was declared which triggered NZ Emergency & Civil Defence, & our nations defence force. Communities & families were hurting.



Notwithstanding the devastation, & loss of lives, the nation kicked in, Maaoridom went ahead with Te Matatini to raise funds for those impacted by the cyclone, & we at WDC went into response mode. As Councillors we still had to press ahead with approving the proposed Public Places & Traffic Bylaws 2023.



March...

March had me attending community events from the Meremere Children's Day, to the popular Te Kauwhata Splash-n-Dash. March also saw Cr Gibb, & I, head out to the Whaingaroa Wharf to see what RISK looks like up close, followed by BBQ duties with Cr Lisa Thomson & Cr Crystal Beavis at the 128th Tuurangawaewae Royal Regatta.



April...

With the ushering in of autumn, Central Government approved a solar farm development, under the fast tracking, resource consent process, in Waerenga, with no mechanisms available to object. April also saw Mana Whenua institute a raahui over the Whangamarino wetlands, while Council opened up submissions on the proposed Cemetary Bylaw 2023, regarding natural burials & dog's on leads. April was also a time to **REMEMBER THEM....**

I SAID I WOULD....

Listen to your concerns & make sure they are conveyed...

- I've addressed YOUR roading concerns, for both OUR sealed & unsealed networks, from Springhill, Te Kauwhata, Okarea, Waerenga & Tauhei
- I've addressed YOUR lighting concerns across Meremere & Rangiriri
- I've addressed YOUR flooding concerns, in Orini & continue to advocate, involving WRC where necessary
- I continue to address & advocate for YOUR safety concerns, regarding community cameras, pedestrian safety, road user safety, & boy-racers, across, Te Kauwhata, Okarea, Waerenga, Te Hoe, & Whitikahu
- I meet with YOU in person, to hear YOUR development issues & aspirations



I SAID I WOULD....

Engage in the hard conversations & do the hard yards...

- I address the challenging issues - I strive to understand & appreciate them, seeing them as opportunities to increase awareness, understanding & build trust
- I am committed to my constituency - I demonstrate this by meeting, with you in person, to hear YOUR concerns





May...

Outside of Council, I occasionally work with Senior Sergeant, Wayne Paxton, of the Counties Manukau South, Policing Team. Together we've traversed uncharted terrain. We share an enduring relationship with both Mana Whenua & Cr Ngataki. Time permitting, I also support my Son's catering enterprise, with delicious treats, as featured below.



June...

After listening to YOUR feedback & following a recommendation from Council's Policy & Regulatory Committee, Council adopted the Cemeteries Bylaw 2023. Additionally, Council also adopted the 2023/24 Annual Plan, which outlined Council's initiatives & how they are to be funded for the upcoming year. The Annual Plan reflects Council's commitment to enhance community well-being, meet the evolving needs of OUR residents, & build a stronger future together.



July...

From exploring OUR water plants in the northern end of our district, signing off on OUR Community Response Plan, consulting on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023, & adopting the new Trade Waste & Wastewater Bylaw 2023, to attending the amazing Huntly Wearable Arts Show, July was an incredibly busy yet wonderful month.



August...

August, saw me attend the Waerenga Hall Committee AGM, where President Bruce Cotman paid tribute to retiring Vice-President, Jenny Kelly. The Te Kauwhata Community Committee, Chaired by John Cunningham, approved the recommendation to fund stages 1 & 2 of the proposed Te Kauwhata Dog Park Upgrade, while Council's Policy & Regulatory Committee adopted the Statement of Proposal on the Proposed Dangerous, Affected & Insanitary Buildings Policy 2023.

I SAID I WOULD....

Strive for greater connectivity & seek to ensure meaningful support for small enterprise...

- I continue to advocate for a safer & more resilient transport network to ensure OUR employment, cultural, recreational, social, & educational pursuits & commitments, are not impacted
- I strive to support to the needs of OUR communities & wider district regarding the rail network
- I support small businesses by connecting them with Council's Economic & Community Led Development Team
- I strive to support district wide economic growth & development, by seeking to understand the diverse economic sectors & their ambitions



I SAID I WOULD....

Strive to manage & integrate change, while preserving the authenticity of OUR backyard...

- I advocate for an equitable, balanced & responsible approach to development
- I advocate for social investment through development contributions
- I advocate for the preservation of OUR history & identity, by drawing attention to unintended developmental impacts





September...

Council's Performance & Strategy Committee were provided with an update on progress in the LTP work programme, relevant to the 11 key building blocks that make up the 2024 -2034 LTP.

Staff conducted a workshop with regards to Council's Water Supply Bylaw 2014. Some minor changes, have been proposed. A review by legal staff, will precede the consultation, hearings & deliberations processes, in October & November, which will be followed by an adoption of the new 2023 Bylaw, in December.

I also met with the Woodlands Estate, BOT. I'm looking forward to working with them, a lot more closely, throughout the rest of the triennium.



October...

AND just like that, my first year of local representation has come & gone, & what an extraordinary year it has been!

Infrastructure, is fascinating! It focuses on our transport & water networks, developments & much more.

Performance & Strategy, of which I am the Deputy Chair, focuses on Council's finances. This is where a close eye is kept on our overall financial performance.

Risk & Assurance, a small yet strategic committee, that examines potential risk & risk & assurance as a whole.

Sustainability & Wellbeing looks at, for example, our economic growth strategy & the districts blueprint aspirations.

Policy & Regulatory examines bylaws, policy & the impacts of central government legislation.

It's a privilege to be YOUR elected member. It's been an incredible first year! On behalf of my children & family

**THANK YOU
WAERENGA-WHITIKAHU
IT'S OUR BACKYARD**



I SAID I WOULD....

Serve diligently, honestly & earnestly...

- I'm always available & manage my time accordingly
- I take my duties & responsibilities as YOUR elected member, seriously
- I meet with you, when & where possible because YOU are important
- I accept ward & district wide invitations, where possible, to attend meetings & events that are important to YOU
- I serve YOU industriously
- I meet, where possible, with central government politicians & agencies to advance YOUR concerns & aspirations

IN 2024 I WILL....

- continue to serve you diligently, honestly & earnestly
- continue to listen to your concerns & make sure they are conveyed
- continue to keep you informed, & be accessible & accountable
- continue to do the hard yards & ensure YOU are strongly represented in Chambers

