



Agenda for a meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee to be held in the Pokeno Community Hall, Corner Great South Road and Market Street, Pokeno on **MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023** commencing at **7.00PM**.

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The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>To</b>	<b>Pokeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
Date:	Thursday, 9 November 2023
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

### **1. Purpose of the report**

#### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

### **2. Staff recommendations**

#### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

### **3. Attachments**

#### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – PCC Minutes, Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

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## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Tuesday 24 October 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall.

### **Present:**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Barry Birchall, Bronwyn Heath, Tricia Burns, Ric Odom, Janet Baillie, Cecilia Heta

Mayor Jacqui Church

Councillors: Vern Reeve, Kandi Ngataki, Peter Thompson

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC), Constable Lorraine Borrell

Guests: Jenni Wild (Waka Kotahi/NZTA), Patrick Edwards (WDC)

Approximately 22 members of the public

### **Apologies**

Doug Rowe, Ian Leader

Moved Janet Baillie

Seconded Barry Birchall

### **Confirmation of Status of Agenda**

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 11 September 2023**

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **Disclosures of interest**

The register of disclosures of interests is no longer included on agendas but PCC members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item to the Chairman

Allen Grainger suggested that Jenni Wild and Patrick Edwards give their presentations at the beginning of the meeting out of order of the agenda

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Ginny Bullock

**SH1 upgrade**

Jenni Wild gave an update of the improvements to SH1 between Papakura and Drury. She discussed the new bridges over the railway line at Drury and also the split lanes northbound between Drury and Papakura. She also spoke about new onramps at Papakura. She mentioned that it will be at least another 18 months-2 years before the road alignment will be completed.

New motorway speed limit will be 100kmh as this section of the motorway is designated urban.

She also advised that traffic lights will be installed shortly (end January 2024) at Bombay interchange to alleviate traffic problems

**Main Street presentation**

Patrick Edwards (WDC) updated the meeting on the Main Street improvements and the new roundabout at Pokeno Road. He showed on the plan where the works would take place. He said that discussions have taken place with NZ Fire Service regarding accessibility. He also advised that speed limit will be 30kmh in the town centre

He will look at extra lights at Wellington Street intersection (particularly the exit from Countdown) to improve traffic flow

Mayor Jacqui asked about rain garden in the middle of the road and is concerned about maintenance. She also advised that the public can look at the WDC website to see what upcoming capital works are in the pipeline for Pokeno.

Helen Clotworthy expressed concern regarding the amount of road cones / stop-go signs while construction is taking place and she asked that cell phones be banned for road workers to increase safety

Ginny Bullock asked that an "alternative truck route" sign could be put at the roundabout for trucks to go via Hitchen Road and Yashili Drive

It was suggested that the commencement date should be moved to February 2024 instead of November 2023 but it was thought this would then push works into winter with the ensuing weather disruptions. Consensus is that November is better as works will be closed down for 3 weeks over Christmas/New Year and will allow tourists access the businesses.

There were a number of comments from the public regarding the disruptions to local businesses and how this could be alleviated. Quite a bit of discussion regarding whether car parks should be diagonal or parallel and Patrick said that he would look into this and report back to PCC

Allen Grainger expressed his thanks to Patrick for his presentation

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No items for discussion under public forum

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

In: Various emails from WDC forwarded by Secretary Ginny Bullock to all committee members.

Out: Nil

## **REPORTS**

### **Councillor's reports**

Cr Reeve has been out and about meeting constituents and speaking to councillors re Pokeno project upgrades

Cr Ngataki thanked Allen Grainger for attending the WDC wrap-up of LTP findings and review. The following subjects were discussed at this meeting

- (1) Indicative Rates 2024 to 2027 increase 11 – 15%
- (2) WDC wanted 15% but realise Residents/Ratepayers could not afford
- (3) Will try and keep below double digit of 10%, but going to be difficult
- (4) Other Councils looking at 14% and I see Christchurch City looking at 18%
- (5) These rates are required really to keep Councils going at current standard of service
- (6) Top three priorities will be Water/Roading/Rates
- (7) Economic/Community Funding, no additional and review all current contracts/projects
- (8) Re-Cycling Station that was to be built in Bollard Road, Tuakau on hold with full review
- (9) Open Spaces. All Sports parks and Walkways reduce funding and delay further developments, though am told funding allocated in first instance to Pokeno Sports park will stay as is
- (10) Future funding for further stages might be tightened
- (11) Community raised funding could though cover on-going development
- (12) Pokeno Sports park was first muted in 2013
- (13) Property and Community requests to be reduced
- (14) Where can WDC divest of property they have so funds can be diverted to other items
- (15) CCTV Cameras not supported by majority of Councillors
- (16) Where they have been installed, cost is 100s of 1000s and on going maintenance costs to Communities is to much of a burden
- (17) Unknown changes that will come into play from new government, creating holding pattern with unstable current Economic climate

(18 What will happen to Three Waters?

(19 National have stated way back pre election, what a waste of money Te Huia is, so maybe that will go, so no need for Stations at Tuakau or Pokeno

(20 New Local Government Reform act will have quite an effect on Local Communities along with defining what is the role of Council

Cr Ngataki advised that an app is now available for WDC called Antenno which can be accessed through cell phone play store to get updates on what is happening in Pokeno and to follow up on services/issues in Pokeno.

There is no Residents and Ratepayers association in Pokeno. There used to be, but it was disbanded and morphed into Pokeno Community group and this then became Pokeno Community Committee, which may in the future become Pokeno Community Board.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth**

Ric Odom advised that PCC has withdrawn without cost from the various appeals to the Waikato District Plan for Pokeno.

He briefly mentioned that funding for projects could be applied using the PCC Trust

### **Finance**

Helen Clotworthy gave a resume of PCC accounts

General account balance \$2617.85

Savings Plus account balance \$20861.19

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Janet Baillie

After discussions regarding finances for PCC, the following resolution was tabled

### **RESOLUTION**

**To make application to WDC for funding for 2023/2024 financial year pf \$1000 for committee expenses and projects**

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Allen Grainger

## **Facilities**

Nothing new this meeting. Pokeno Sport Park is delayed due to weather so hopefully earthworks will be completed by Christmas so car park can be built.

## **Speed Cameras**

Constable Borrell advised that ANPR cameras are a huge success in apprehension and prevention of crime

WDC is not in favour of camera installation due to the ongoing very high cost of maintenance. There is no budget. Initial installation cost is very low.

However, a project manager has been appointed to look into this.

It is essential that both Waikato police and Counties Manukau are involved with any information regarding criminal activity in Pokeno

Originally funding was requested through a government initiative called "Better Off Funding" which is no longer available.

## **Communications**

Helen Clotworthy reported Our PCC Open Day was advertised by posters, household flyer drop and an advertising campaign on our FB and other Pokeno FB sites.

Our website users has reached 6k viewers,

New viewers are from:

NZ	1.4
US	151
Indonesia	65
Australia	51
Ireland	37
China	14
Singapore	13.

The most viewed pages are our Home Page, Our People, Business, Notice Board, Pokeno Sports Park, Events and Facilities.

Progress is continuing to keep our website updated.



## Events

**Christmas Parade** is scheduled for 08 December. It will be held on Yashili Drive and Hitchen Road due to scheduled major road works along Great South Road. Local businesses have been approached and are OK for it to be held here this year.

Whisky factory has offered their carpark for parking and also a discounted tour of their factory for adults during the parade if required.

An application for funding for Traffic Management will be applied for next week.

## NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES

### Works and Issues

Moved that these be taken as read

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Allen Grainger

Will Gauntlett (WDC) advised that we should go to WDC website to see all planned Works and Issues in the Pokeno area

Local Government reform is to come with new national government. He is looking for community input and emphasised that WDC is very supportive of local communities.

Resource Management Act affects local government every day.

### Pokeno Sports Park

Works continue subject to weather disruptions

### New Toilet Block

WDC now has a contractor and works should be completed by 31 December 2023. There are 5 toilet blocks around the district which are to be upgraded

## COMMUNITY PATROL

No report this meeting

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **NZ Police**

Bronwyn Heath thanked Constable Borrell for her input for a safer Pokeno and an increased police presence. Much appreciated.

Ginny Bullock said she dialled 111 last week due to antisocial behaviour behind the toilets on Market Road involving glass bottles being thrown into the derelict building. She was pleased that 3 police cars turned up and alcohol was removed from the area.

The following attachment shows the numbers of suggestions for Pokeno from the recent Open Day



POKENO CC  
OCTOBER 1st RESPC

There was a spirited discussion regarding the spelling of Pokeno (Pookeno) and it was questioned why the “o” in Pokeno should not have a macron over it to emphasise the oo pronunciation.

Mayor Jacqui said that there will be an appointment of a Maori Strategy Advisor to the senior management team to ensure that Te Reo strategy will be respectful to hapu and iwi

The Committee was reminded that Cr Ngataki has a great deal of knowledge and business acumen

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

### **Next Meeting**

Monday, 4 December

Monday 13 February 2024 AGM and election of new officers

<b>To</b>	<b>Pokeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>2024-2034 Long Term Plan Update</b>
Date:	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

### **1. Purpose of the report** **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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The purpose of this report is to update the Pokeno Community Committee on the 2024-2034 Long Term.

### **2. Staff recommendations** **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Pokeno Community Committee receives the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan update.**

### **3. Attachments** **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – Memo - 2024-2034 Long Term Plan update

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## MEMORANDUM

To	Community Boards and Committees
From	Nicole Hubbard, Corporate Planning Manager
Subject	2024-2034 Long Term Plan update
Date	20 November 2023

### Purpose

To provide an update on the process to date for developing the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP) and outline the next steps and opportunities for involvement.

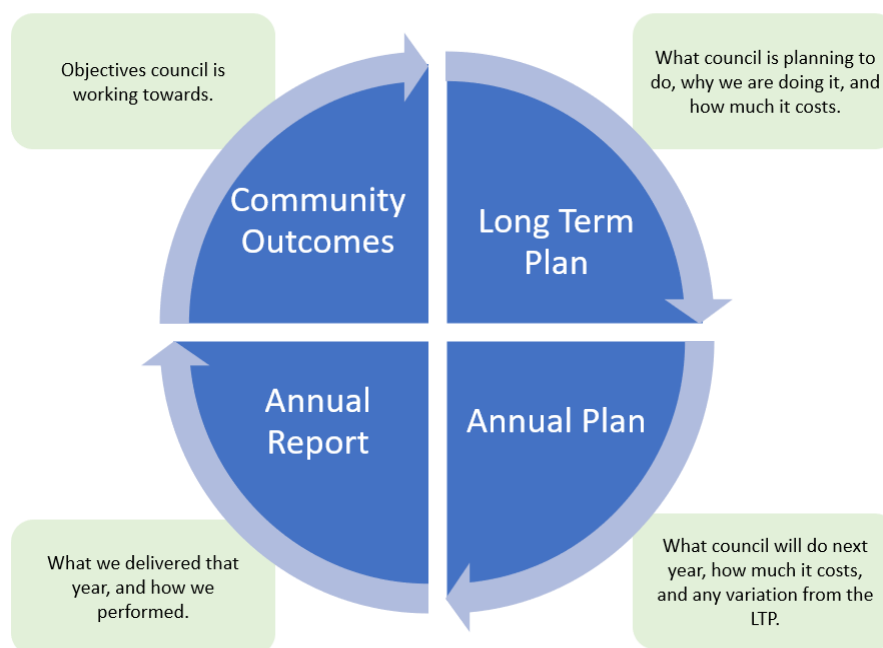
### Background

#### The planning cycle

Every three years Council is required to develop and approve an LTP in consultation with our community. This sets our community outcomes, strategic direction, levels of service, the associated activities/work programmes, and budgets for each of the 10 years covered by the plan.

In each of the two intervening years between LTPs, Council is required to adopt an Annual Plan. The purpose of the Annual Plan is to confirm the assumptions and work programme contained in the LTP for the financial year. It is also the process by which budgets and rates are set.

Finally, at the end of each financial year an Annual Report is produced to show the community whether Council has done what it said it would and what money was spent.



### Developing a Long Term Plan

Every three years, all councils are required to develop an LTP in consultation with their communities, with a 10-year horizon.

The LTP is a key strategic planning document, setting out the vision, financial and infrastructure strategies, key financial policies, community outcomes, levels of service, work plans and budgets for the next 10 years.

Through the LTP we can take a planned approach to our activities, balancing the need to provide good quality services and the needs and aspirations of our communities, with the community's willingness and ability to pay.

Formal consultation on the proposed content of the LTP is done using a consultation document (not a full draft of the LTP); the requirements for this are outlined in the LGA Section 93C.

The LTP is subject to an audit process over both the consultation document and wider project deliverables including the final plan.

The LTP is required to describe:

- what we do - the activities/services we undertake and fund, detailing the level of service for each and the key measures we will use to show we are delivering on that service.
- why we do it - what outcomes we intend to achieve, the legislative and community mandate that exists.
- what each activity costs and how it is funded.
- how we manage our finances, our infrastructure, and coordinate our resources.
- the impact on all rates.

### **Our process and your involvement**

The LTP project involves many process and content pieces, many of which overlap or are dependent on each other, before getting to the final LTP document that is adopted at the very end.

The key building blocks for the LTP are described in the table below. A project report is provided to the Performance and Strategy Committee at regular intervals to update the Committee on the key building block outlined below.

<b>Key Building Blocks</b>		<b>Where it's at / what's the plan</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Community Outcomes and Strategic Direction setting</b>	The Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities were workshopped with Council, Community Board and Committee Chairs and Mana Whenua representatives in April 2023. After public consultation on the Community Outcomes, Council adopted both the Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities on 7 June 2023. These will be used to provide direction to staff when planning work programmes and will be included in the LTP proper.	<b>Completed</b>

<b>Key Building Blocks</b>		<b>Where it's at / what's the plan</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Groups of Activities structure</b>	The Groups of Activities (GOA) structure has been endorsed by ELT. Activities have been presented under the structure at all Activity Management Plan workshops and will be formally adopted by Council in 2024.	<b>On track</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Significant forecasting assumptions</b>	The significant forecasting assumptions were workshopped with Council on 15 May 2023 to enable staff to use them in their planning and budgeting. A review of the assumptions will be completed post the new Government forming. The assumptions will be formally adopted by Council in 2024.	<b>On track</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Significance and engagement policy</b>	This policy determines how to assess the level of significance of decisions that Council makes, and also sets out how and when communities can expect to be engaged with. Staff have done a high-level review of the document and at this point no significant changes have been identified, the policy will come to Council for formal adoption by the end of 2023.	<b>On track</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Budgeting process</b>	The budgeting process will set CAPEX and OPEX for each of the 10 years of the LTP. Budget managers will start inputting budgets in November 2023.  There will be many opportunities for elected members alongside community board and committee chairs to feed into the budgeting process, when full budgets are presented in late January 2024.	<b>On track</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Financial and funding policies</b>	There are various financial and funding policies that will be reviewed through the LTP project. These include a review of Council's fees and charges, the Revenue and Financing Policy and several rates remission policies. A workshop was held with Council on 30 May 2023 and a survey distributed to Councillors in September, with a subsequent workshop held in October.	<b>On track</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial Strategy</b>	The financial strategy describes the significant factors impacting the council that have influenced the strategy (e.g. changes in population and land use, and expected capital expenditure needed to maintain levels of service). It also sets out limits on rates increases and borrowing.	<b>On track</b>

Key Building Blocks	Where it's at / what's the plan	Status
	<p>The review of the financial strategy has begun, and elected members had their first opportunity to input into this at a workshop on 15 May 2023, alongside the infrastructure strategy.</p> <p>Based on the current Annual Plan process, it is clear that delivering existing levels of service will cost more than anticipated (due to inflation, increased in asset values etc.). Any increase to levels of service will need to be offset by reductions/savings in other areas if Council is to stay within rates and debt limits.</p>	
8	<p><b>Infrastructure Strategy</b></p> <p>The infrastructure strategy is a synthesis of the significant infrastructural issues that are likely to arise over the next 30 years, including their financial and non-financial consequences, and the principal options for managing them.</p> <p>A high level workshop was held with elected members on 15 May 2023, alongside the financial strategy, the initial draft of the strategy has been drafted, however capital funding is yet to be populated as this will happen post budgeting.</p>	On track
9	<p><b>Development contributions policy</b></p> <p>The development contributions policy (DCP) enables the council to set charges for new developments to contribute to the growth-related costs of building infrastructure to support the increased demand.</p> <p>The DCP is not a policy required to be reviewed as part of the LTP process, however it is included here as the review will occur alongside the LTP development. The LTP will set in place the CAPEX for the upcoming 10 years, so the DCP levies have strong interdependencies with the LTP.</p> <p>A workshop was held with the Development Agreements Committee on 12 June 2023, followed by a presentation to Council on 20 June. The workshops sought direction from Council on potential options that could be investigated through the review of the policy. This was followed up with an online poll for councillors. The P&amp;R</p>	On track

Key Building Blocks		Where it's at / what's the plan	Status
		<p>Committee formally approved the scope of the review on 22 August 2023.</p> <p>The next milestone is for the draft policy to be workshopped with elected members at end of November.</p>	
10	<b>Activity and asset planning</b>	<p>Activity management plans describe the activities, services and outcomes Council is delivering to the community.</p> <p>Asset management plans focus on the physical assets, covering condition, lifespan, resources needed to manage the assets, cost of replacing the assets.</p> <p>A number of council workshops have been held on asset and activities management plans which community board and community committee chairs have been invited to participate in.</p>	<b>Monitor</b>
11	<b>Consultation and engagement</b>	<p><b>Formal Consultation</b> Formal consultation on the LTP's consultation document will be undertaken in March-April 2024. Alongside this Council will also consult on the Development Contributions Policy and Fees and Charges, with subsequent hearings and deliberations to be during May 2024. Information will be provided to Councillors, Community Boards and Committees on how they can prompt the engagement activities and encourage their communities to have their say.</p>	<b>On track</b>

### Next steps

Key messages about our LTP process and the pressure facing our Council are currently being prepared, once confirmed these will be circulated to Councillors, Community Boards and Community Committees, so that elected officials can begin conversations with their communities about the LTP and encourage the public to participate in the engagement process in early 2024.



<b>To</b>	<b>Pokeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Schedule of Meetings 2024</b>
Date:	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee’s approval to a proposed schedule of meetings for 2024.

## **2. Executive summary**

### **Whakaraapopotanga matua**

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The Pokeno Community Committee agreed to a meeting schedule whereby the Committee meets on a six-weekly meeting cycle (which aligned with the Council schedule of meetings).

This meeting cycle will enable staff to have sufficient time between meetings to address actions and fully report back to the next Committee meeting.

Following confirmation of availability of Committee members in 2024 it is proposed to meet from 7:00pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 13 February (Community Committee Elections),
  - Tuesday, 26 March,
  - Tuesday, 7 May,
  - Tuesday, 18 June,
  - Tuesday, 30 July,
  - Tuesday, 10 September,
  - Tuesday, 22 October,
  - Tuesday, 3 December.,
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If approved, staff will arrange for meeting invitations to be circulated to Committee members and other stakeholders.

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

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**THAT the Pokeno Community Committee approves the schedule of Committee meetings for 2023 as follows:**

- **Tuesday, 13 February (Community Committee Elections),**
- **Tuesday, 26 March,**
- **Tuesday, 7 May,**
- **Tuesday, 18 June,**
- **Tuesday, 30 July,**
- **Tuesday, 10 September,**
- **Tuesday, 22 October, and**
- **Tuesday, 3 December.**

**noting that each meeting will be scheduled to commence at 7.00pm.**

### **4. Attachments** **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Nil

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<b>To</b>	<b>Pokeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Pokeno Works and Issues Report – December 2023</b>
Date:	4 December 2023
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, EA to General Manager Community Growth
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, Acting General Manager Community Growth

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To provide an update on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway. The report has been updated since the last Pokeno Community Committee meeting and the following items have now been removed:

- i. Pokeno Road Layby,
- ii. Main Street upgrade, Pokeno and the Great South Road/Pokeno Road intersection roundabout – Update,
- iii. Speed Limits painted on road (trucks exceeding limits), and
- iv. Great South Road and Pokeno Road Intersection Upgrade.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Works and Issues report for December 2023 from the General Manager Community Growth be received.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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### Pokeno Community Committee's Works and Issues Report – September 2023

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
1.	<p><b>One Way/No Exit Ford Street</b>            Can the “No Exit” sign colour be changed to be more prominent. Suggestions were made to show “No Right Turn” sign or “Residents Only” sign.</p> <p>Gorse growing through the fence behind the bus stop.</p>	Roding / WDA	<p><b>October 2023:</b></p> <p>No significant changes since previous update.</p>

## Capital Projects Update (as of 16 November 2023)

### Playgrounds and Sports Parks

#### **Pookeno Sports Park – Bulk Earth Works and Carpark Construction**

Bulk Earthworks is nearing completion with circa 6,000m<sup>3</sup> of fill left to import, place, and topsoiling and grassing works as weather conditions permit. The bulk earthworks are scheduled for completion mid-December 2023.

The carpark construction is subject to Waikato District Council Land Use Consent. We understand the granting of this consent to be imminent. Based on receipt of the consent the carpark works will commence this side of Christmas with completion scheduled for the end of February 2024.



*Pookeno Sports Park Earthworks*

#### **Pookeno Skate Park**

The skate park for Pookeno is just entering consultation stage at present as we analyse what is possible to deliver and what external funding may be available, so no design has yet been completed until consultation has taken place.

## Roading

### **Munro Road Resilience Improvement**

Upgrading the culverts beneath Munro Road between Pokeno Rd and Huia Rd, and raising the road to enhance its resilience against potential floods. Also adding a footpath to provide walking/cycling access to the park.

Detailed design has been completed, and consents have been applied for and are currently under review.

Physical works are scheduled to start in February, where the road will be closed off in its entirety.

### **Pookeno Main Street Re-development**

Our goal is to transform the main street into a welcoming space for everyone, with safer pedestrian access, reduced speed, increased parking, and attractive amenities.

The Main Street project is being priced by contractors and we aim to commence in November/Early December, with a view to completion by end of July 2024.

More details of traffic management plans will be discussed with the various stakeholders and business owners once the contractor is on board and pricing has been accepted.

### **Helenslee Road Minor Improvements**

The Helenslee Road Improvement Project has reached a significant milestone with the completion of its design phase. Two property owners have already signed agreements, granting permission for construction work on their properties. The project team aims to submit the resource consent application within the next two weeks. Pending approval, construction is anticipated to commence by mid-February 2024, marking a key step towards enhancing Helenslee Road infrastructure.

### **Pokeno Road - Bridge to Munro Rd**

The Pokeno Bridge to Munro Rd project faces limitations in completing the entire stretch due to flood constraints necessitating the replacement of the existing bridge. As a result, the project will prioritize delivering the first stage of the roading segment in the financial year 2023-2024 (to end of June 2024). This initial phase will include the construction of a footpath alongside the road.

The focus for the current year will be on completing the design for the main bridge and a pedestrian bridge to address the flood-related challenges and aim to complete the physical works of the bridges in the year 2024-2025, subject to the design outcome.



## Facilities

### Pookeno Toilet Replacement

The toilet manufacturing and installation contract was awarded to Modern Build Solutions, a local modular builder in Ngaruawaahia. Pookeno toilet detailed site-specific design has been finalised and submitted for Building Consent next week. Works are scheduled start mid-December.



*Toilet units being constructed in the Ngaruawahia factory.*