



Agenda for a meeting of the Pōkeno Community Committee to be held in the Pookeno Community Hall, Corner Great South Road and Market Street, Pookeno on **MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2024** commencing at **7.00PM**.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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5. PUBLIC FORUM

NZTA Presentation – Jenni Wild 11

Haupai Montgomery – Marae Discussion *Verbal*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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8.4 Toilet Block Renewal

8.5 CCTV Cameras

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

In lieu of the standing Enhanced Annual Plan Agenda item, a Community Drop-In session to discuss the Enhanced Annual Plan is taking place at 4.30pm before the meeting.

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To	Pokeno Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	Tuesday, 2 April 2024
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior 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 Pokeno Community Committee held on Monday, 26 February 2024.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee held on Monday, 26 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – PCC Minutes, Monday, 26 February 2024

POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Monday 24 February 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall.

Present:

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Janet Baillie, Bronwyn Heath, Cecilia Heta, Jasbir Kaur, Ian Leader, Mike Holroyd

Councillor: Kandi Ngataki

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC),
Various members of the public

Apologies:

Councillor Vern Reeve, Constable Borrell, Mayor Jacqui Church
Moved Allen Grainger
Seconded Janet Baillie

Confirmation of Status of Agenda

Moved Ginny Bullock
Seconded Cecilia Heta

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

Confirmation of previous minutes 04 December

Moved Bronwyn Heath
Seconded Kandi Ngataki

Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 13 February

Changes to spelling of Jasbir Kaur (Mr J Kaur) to Mrs J Kaur and incorrect spelling of Mike Holroyd's surname

Moved Kandi Ngataki
Seconded Janet Baillie

A brief introduction from each of the Committee members took place.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public asked if there has been any advice from WDC regarding the spelling of Pokeno (Pookeno/Pokeno)

No advice has been received from WDC. It was mentioned that Haupai Montgomery from the local iwi had advised that the current spelling was preferred

Perhaps putting a macron over the “o” would be acceptable to everyone

Ian Leader advised there will be a meeting on 27 April at 10.00 am at the hall regarding plans for a marae in the dog park on Avon Road. Cecilia Heta advised that interested people should contact Haupai Montgomery. She said that Pokeno wants their own marae with be for the use of all residents. Any use of the Pokeno Reserve in Avon Road must to be notified to residents by law.

A comment was made that the Community Facebook page needs to be updated. Helen Clotworthy advised that she has been on holiday for all of January and is now working to update the page

A question was raised regarding the cancellation of school buses between Pokeno and Tuakau. There has been no change in the decision. Mike Holroyd advised that another public meeting will be happening shortly. However Pokeno is not the only rural area where school buses are being withdrawn. Suggested that children could walk the 10k to Tuakau subject to traffic speeds or just not send the children to school. Car sharing as an alternative was also suggested.

Children are not allowed to stand up in buses and so using current public buses will not be sufficient spaces for the children

Mike is going to advise email addresses of Minister of Education, Andrew Bayly, MP and Waikato Regional Council so that the public can bombard them with emails – perhaps they might change their mind!!

A member of the public asked why there are no advance notices of the road works in the main street on the north side of Pokeno but there is a large sign on the southern entrance to Pokeno. Cost was a factor but Allen Grainger is going to speak to the manager of the works to see if a sign can be erected on the northern side

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Out: Nil

REPORTS

Councillor Kandi Ngataki's report



Councillor Report
PCC Feb 2024.docx

LONG TERM PLAN UPDATE

Email from Tony Whitaker (COO of WDC)

I wanted to give you with an update on our proposed plans for the upcoming 2024/25 financial year.

Background

As you may be aware, Waikato District Council, like many other council across the country, are currently facing significant financial challenges in preparing it's 10 year budget for the Long Term Plan 2024-2034. This is result of a number of issues including inflationary pressures and also significant changes driven by the central government, particularly in the areas of water reform and infrastructure funding through the Water Service Act Repeal Bill. The central government passed the Water Service Act Repeal Bill on 16 February 2024, which repeals the previous government's water services legislation. Subsequent legislation, implementing Local Water Done Well, will progress in a two-stage approach. The first bill, establishing the framework and transitional arrangements, is scheduled to pass by mid-2024. A second bill, providing for the long-term replacement regime, will be introduced by December 2024 and enacted by mid-2025.

Proposal to Council

After careful consideration, Council will consider a proposal at a Council meeting on Wednesday, to prepare an enhanced Annual Plan being for one year only (i.e. for the 2024/25 financial year). This proposal delays the Long Term Plan (LTP) by one year, effectively making it a nine year plan (i.e. 2025-2034 LTP). This is an option recently provided by the Government to support those needing time to reintroduce Waters back into their LTPs.

Our proposal is influenced by various reasons, including the need to leverage confirmed QV rating revaluations, secure subsidies from Waka Kotahi for the district's roading programme, and gain a better understanding of water infrastructure requirements, central government policy, and affordability implications.

What this means

Moving to an enhanced annual plan will give us more time to address immediate changes and challenges around water infrastructure, await official confirmation on funding from Waka Kotahi in September 2024. It also will provide us with more time to engage with our

communities regarding services, activities, projects, and associated costs at a time that we're experiencing escalating costs and community affordability challenges.

Process to date

We understand you might be wondering about the significant investment already in the LTP process. We can reassure you that the hard work to date won't go to waste as it will be needed for both the enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25 and subsequent LTP.

We're simply proposing to switch our process as we await further clarity on the government's plans and other outlined issues. If supported by our Mayor and Councillors, we will spend the next financial year engaging with central government to explore alternative solutions to help ease the financial burden on ratepayers.

Next Steps

We acknowledge that the financial challenges facing the Council will continue in the short to long term. We consider proposing an enhanced Annual Plan process ensures the best outcomes for our communities. We acknowledge and appreciate your support of the process to date.

Attached is a media release issued today for your reference. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

We're currently work on updating a communication toolkit to support you to answer any questions you may get from your communities before our consultation period. There will also be another media release issued following the Council meeting this week.

We'll keep you updated on next steps.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Meeting to be convened to discuss this with WDC on 25 March at 6.00 pm

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's report

 [PCC Financial Report 5 December 2023 - 26 February 2024](#)

Events

Round the Pokeno Fun Run 17 March starting at Totara Park

Facilities

Quotes have been requested for the skatepark at the Pokeno Sports Ground. WDC has \$480K to contribute towards this and so it will be necessary for additional funds will have to be applied for through the Lotteries Commission and similar organisations.

Communications

Website is being upgraded and up to date information is currently being added

KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES

Will Gauntlett (WDC) advised that we should go to WDC website to see all planned Works and Issues and Capital Projects in the Pokeno area on the Home Page.

He said it is useful that the Key Works has reduced in number in the agenda and was advised that as these are completed/actioned new items will be added

Pokeno Sports Park

Topsoil to be laid and sowed on both fields. Carpark is well under construction and should be completed by deadline of 31 March

Munro Road

First part of the project is widening of the shoulder, footpaths to improve safety. Second project will be widening of Munro Road Bridge, pedestrian bridge and remaining part of the roading in 2024/2025 subject to design considerations

Roundabout at Pokeno and Great South Roads

This has been put on hold due to budgetary constraints prompting a review of its design. Report to WDC is underway and outcome will be advised in due course

Market Street Hub

New properties in Market Street and Regina Street have been purchased by WDC and a meeting was held recently to get ideas of what Pokeno would like to see, including railway station/bus terminal. Outcome will be advised in due course

Toilet block

These are built and just waiting on consent for installation

GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions have been asked again regarding Ford Street and having “Residents only” signs. WDC advise that it is a public road and therefore cannot have residents only signage. This was disputed and Will Gauntlett agreed to take it back to council as it is only used by residents and their visitors. However quite a few “boy racers” have started to speed up to the turnaround at the top of the road, do wheelies and then speed back down the road. Residents are very concerned.

Cecilia Heta also raised the issue regarding the layby on Pokeno Road which is badly lit. WDC are considering changing use of red paint/markings at the vehicle crossing. Apparently drivers are using the layby to speed through the intersection when the lights are red. Danger to local children is high. Will to report back to PCC at the next meeting

Chairman is to send letter of thanks to Ric Odom, Tricia Burns, Barry Birchall for their contributions to the last PCC committee.

A question was raised about the logs from the felled macrocarpa tree at the Avon Road Dog Park. Requests have been made to the chairman for permission to cut them up for firewood. This has been denied and it is suggested that the logs are sent to a sawmill and special signs created for areas around Pokeno (parks, etc). In the meantime a request was made to move the logs to a secure place (Market Street) to prevent theft.

Tennis Club

Bronwyn Heath advised that lights have been delivered and will be installed this week so the courts can be used year round.

Club rooms are very heavily booked by local groups for all sorts of activities including a church group on Sundays

MEETING DATES 2024. 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall

Monday 08 April

Monday 20 May

Monday 01 July

Monday 12 August

Monday 23 September

Monday 04 November

Monday 16 December

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Ian Leader

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

SH1 Papakura to Drury project

Pokeno Community Committee
8 April 2024



SH1 Papakura to Drury project

Project overview:

A \$655 million project being delivered as part of the NZ Upgrade Programme.

The project includes:

- an additional lane in each direction
- wide shoulders for future bus services
- a shared walking and cycling path along SH1
- interchange improvements
- improved access across SH1
- improved safety, environmental and amenity features.



SH1 Papakura to Drury stages



KEY:

- Stage 1A — Under construction
- Stage 1B1 — New bridge structures completed across NIMT railway. Main construction to begin in 2024.
- Stage 1B2 — Design being finalised, construction start date TBC.
- 1 State Highway 1
- Rail line

Community information days

- Held quarterly at Drury Hall and shared with other project teams working in the area (e.g. KiwiRail and Waihoehoe Road upgrade project)
- Last info day on Saturday 24 February was attended by 275 visitors – the most successful / busy to date
- Next info day scheduled for Saturday 18 May, from 10am to 1pm at Drury Hall.



Stage 1A – Construction progress



Stage 1A coming up - ¹⁶Timeframes subject to change

- Complete Southbound road widening and drainage works north of Papakura Interchange in April
- Open the new Papakura (Beach Road) Southbound on-ramp late April / May
- Works will continue on Beach Road between Elliot / Chichester intersection and the motorway overbridge following opening of new on-ramp including traffic islands, asphaltting and ITS works
- Complete current Northbound road widening in late April / early May – followed by new Traffic Layout to create work area in middle of the motorway to install final sections of the box culverts
- Completed
 - current extent of the NIMT bridges at Drury Interchange
 - Papakura northbound off-ramp rebuild



Papakura northbound off-ramp



Beach Road





Road widening southbound, north of Papakura Interchange





Northbound – night paving

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NIMT bridges

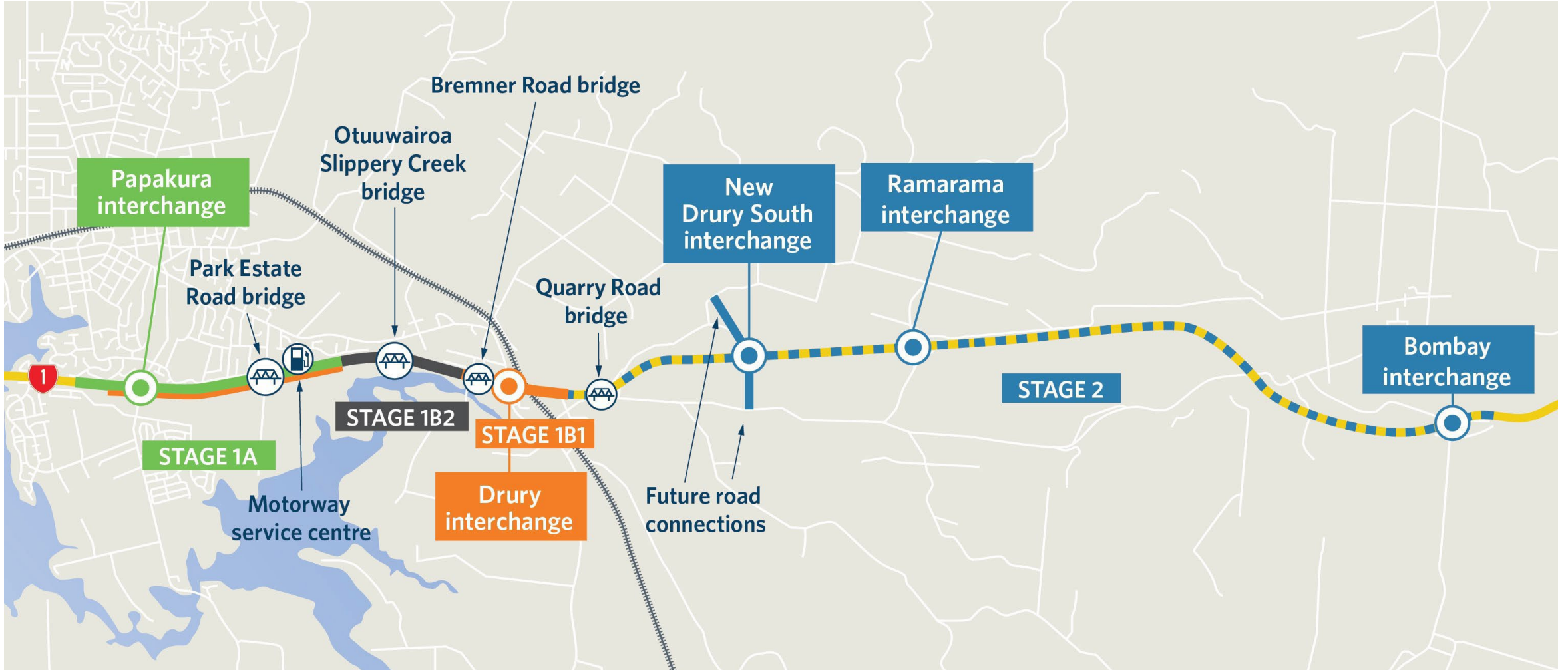




Stage 1B1 – what's coming later this year ²⁶ (currently in procurement phase)

- Full replacement and upgrade of Drury Interchange, including:
 - Raising and relocating the interchange across to the east
 - Signalising a realigned Victoria St / Mercer St intersection with SH22
 - A third lane on SH1 between Papakura and Drury in both directions (necessitating oak tree removal)
 - A new walking and cycling path alongside the motorway and on Great South Road
 - Motorway upgrades – safety and lighting improvements
- Replacing six bridges:
 - Three SH1 bridges over the NIMT railway lines (bridge structures complete)
 - SH1 bridge over Great South Road
 - Bremner Road bridges over SH1 and Ngaakooroa Stream
- Relocation of services – Waikato pipeline, sewer line etc. *Also 110kV power line.
- Stormwater treatment and landscaping etc.

SH1 Papakura to Bombay – stage 2 update



Stage 2 (Drury to Bombay) update

- Notices of Requirement (NoR) for future motorway upgrades lodged with Auckland Council mid-February 2024
- NoR land plans sent to all affected property owners prior to lodgement
- Follow-up meetings held with affected landowners as requested.
- Council expecting to publicly notify in mid-late May.



NoR community information sessions

Three information sessions have been held to inform the community and share the proposed NoR design for Stage 2.

- Drury Hall – the regular (and wider) info day held Saturday 24 February, 10am-1pm
- Ramarama Hall – evening session held Thursday 29 February, 6.30pm-8pm
- Franklin Markets – attended on Saturday 9 March, 8am-12pm.



Project contacts

- Website: www.nzta.govt.nz/p2b
- Email: p2b@nzta.govt.nz
- Phone:
 - 0800 741 722 – general queries
 - 0800 796 796 – construction queries
- Project site office: 25 Tegal Road, Drury.



Questions?

To	Pookeno Community Committee
Report title	Pookeno Works and Issues Report – April 2024
Date:	8 April 2024
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, EA to General Manager Community Growth
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Works and Issues report from the General Manager Community Growth be received.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

1. Works and Issues Report April 2024

Pookeno Community Committee's Works and Issues Report – April 2024

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
1.	<p>Pookeno Road Layby – the layby near the new traffic lights – Cecelia has had a few complaints re safety of the road. From those who live on Pookeno Road, coming from Tuakau. There are two entries a top one and the bottom one. The entrances are hard to see.</p> <p>Action: 3 May 2022 Consider options to increase safety/visibility of entry/exit into layby.</p>	Roading / LMC	<p>April 2024: Road marking is scheduled for 4 April (weather dependent). Once the marking has been completed, this item will be considered closed.</p>
2.	<p>One Way/No Exit Ford Street 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>Action: 24 February 2024 Residents have asked again for ‘Residents Only’ sign as road is only used by residents and their visitors. However, the road is being used by boy racers which is causing concern by residents.</p>	Roading / WDA	<p>April 2024: Verbal update to be provided by Roding Team at 8 April meeting.</p>

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
3.	Pookeno/Tuakau Bus	WDC/WRC & Others	<p>April 2024: Work continues to be undertaken by partners Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Tuakau College, Franklin Transport Network Group and local MP Hon. Andrew Bayly on bus services for Tuakau College students from Pookeno from the start of Term 2 (29th April 2024).</p> <p>Waikato District Council has commenced planning and then construction of bus stops connecting footpaths and a crossing facility including a pedestrian refuge on Buckland Road opposite the College, these works will be completed no later than the end of June 2024 with updates on the possibility of early delivery dates as funding, planning and construction are finalised.</p> <p>Waikato Regional Council advises that a specific review of the Pookeno – Tuakau – Pukekohe public bus route will be undertaken as part of a planned northern Waikato public bus service review scheduled to commence mid 2024. Balancing the timed connection of commuter bus and rail connections at Pukekohe from Pookeno with the needs of school students will be a key consideration of this review.</p>

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
			<p>Tuakau College is also exploring the viability of allowing students to finish earlier in order to access the 3:18pm service in addition to the following service at 3:48pm</p> <p>Elected officials at both Local and Central government remain committed to finding an outcome that provides certainty for families while acknowledging that additional funding options remain limited.</p>

Capital Projects Update (as of 25 March 2024)

Playgrounds and Sports Parks

Pookeno Sports Park – Bulk Earth Works and Carpark Construction

Bulk Earthworks is complete with minor grassing and disestablishment works continuing this week.

The carpark is complete, sealed and line marked. An aggregate bund will be left across the site entry to restrict access until the Munro Rd Upgrade project is completed.

Planting will occur within the planting season in May. This will cover the swale drain area and internally within the carpark footprint.

A project opening is scheduled for Thursday, 2 May.

The carpark will remain closed as it will not be accessible with the upcoming Munro Rd Upgrade works, which will have Munro Rd closed for about three months from late March.

WDC are currently considering installation of bollards around the carpark to exclude vehicles from the fields, with works being undertaken whilst Munro Rd is closed.



Pookeno Sports Park carpark

Roading

Munro Road Resilience Improvement

Detailed design has been completed.

WRC consent has been received, with conditions around the stream bed planting for a culvert, and requirement to have an ecologist on site with establishing erosion controls.

Physical Works to kick off on site in April, and the road will be closed to through traffic.



Munro Road looking north from Pokeno Rd

Pookeno Main Street Re-development

Stormwater work is continuing with most of it expected to be complete in March.

Traffic signal ducting to is still to be completed and the town centre streetlight still needs to de-energized and come out to make way for works.

Kerb and channel is to be laid on the shop side of the Main St, and then we can begin laying pavers.

The temporary fence will remain in place until we've finished the roadside, kerb and channel, pavers, etc.



Main Street looking north

Helenslee Road Minor Improvements

Design is in progress and working through the resource consent application requirements.

There are some delays with finalising the design due to constraints with discharging the water through private property on the overland flow path.

Looking to start construction by either November this year, or early January 2025, depending on the outcome of the resource consent application.

Pookeno Road - Bridge to Munro Rd

Plan has changed to deliver the whole project in one go instead of delivering in stages due to the construction going on at Munro Road.

Design of Stage 1 is complete, and the resource consent application has been submitted.

Working through the Stage 2 design and resource consent requirements. Expecting construction to kick off in January 2025 at this stage, depending upon the outcome of resource consent application.

Great South Road and Pookeno Road Intersection Upgrade

The roundabout site is well underway. The milling machine rolled in and ripped the surface off the entire roundabout site enabling us to begin our work underground.

The site has been cleared of all vegetation and the old kerb and channel is gone.

We've also located the underground utility lines which is vital before anything more can happen.

We are continuing drainage works.



Great South Rd / Pokeno Intersection looking south

Facilities

Pokeno Toilet Replacement

Site works have been placed on hold pending community consultation around the location and detail of the proposed hub development.