

Agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board to be held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016**, commencing at **6.30pm**.

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Board in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Board.

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Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	GJ Ion Chief Executive
Date	22 February 2016
Prepared By	RJ Gray Council Support Manager
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1462432
Report Title	Confirmation of Minutes

1. Executive Summary

The minutes of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 15 February 2016 are submitted for confirmation.

2. Recommendation

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 15 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3 Attachments

Minutes



MINUTES of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016** commencing at **6.30pm**.

Present Mr K Clewlow (Chairperson)
 Cr J Gibb
 Mrs E Gouk
 Mr WF Hansen
 Mrs K Kohu
 Mr H Lovell
 Mrs J Ross
 Cr MR Solomon

Attending Ms S Duignan (General Manager Customer Support)
 Mrs RJ Gray (Council Support Manager)
 Mr & Mrs Lambie

TCBI602/01 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

TCBI602/02 CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

TCBI602/02/1 **Resolved: (Ms Ross/Mrs Kohu)**

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 15 February 2016 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

TCBI602/03 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

TCBI602/04 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Kohu/Ms Ross)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 7 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

TCBI602/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

TCBI602/05/1 Ngaruawahia Structure Plan Update [TCBI512/06/1]

A question was raised regarding the Lovell land area which was redirected to the Structure Plan discussion to be held at the March meeting.

TCBI602/06 REPORTS

TCBI602/06/1 Discretionary Fund Report
Agenda Item 6.1

Resolved: (Crs Cr Gibb/Ms Ross)

THAT the report of the General Manager Strategy & Support – Discretionary Fund Report to 4 February 2016 – dated 5 February 2016 be received.

CARRIED on the voices

TCBI602/06/2 Survey Result – Engagement with Community Boards
Agenda Item 6.2

Following discussion on the report it was noted that the Raglan Community Board would hold a workshop (Annual Refresher) and invite all members of the community boards, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors of the Boards and the Executive Team members. Members expressed support of this event.

Disappointment was expressed in the small number of respondents to the Survey for Engagement with Community Boards.

Resolved: (Mrs Gouk/Mr Lovell)

THAT the report of the General Manager Strategy & Support - Survey Result – Engagement with Community Boards – be received.

CARRIED on the voices

TCBI602/06/3

Taupiri Issues and Works Report
Agenda Item 6.3

Tabled: Public Walkway: 138 Great South Road, Taupiri

Additional Items discussed:

- 123 Great South Road: Acacia trees growing through power lines on Council land.
- Weeds in the gardens on Te Putu Street (intercepts with SH1 onto Gordonton Road (triangle on right hand side) - oriental grass and replace with stones.
- Gordonton Road slip road - garden on inside has been let go. Entire lane needs spraying.
- Pathways long grass.

The General Manager Customer Support advised that Council would agree to fence the walkway referred to in the report.

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Ms Ross)

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support – *Taupiri Issues and Works Report* – dated 1 February 2016 be received.

CARRIED on the voices

TCBI602/06/4

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The Chair spoke of the progress with the Mangawara Bridge, to commence approximately June/July 2016 with completion approximately December 2016/January 2017.

The Chair asked that copies of the Ngaruawahia, Taupiri, Horotiu, Te Kowhai and Glen Massey Structure Plan be printed and given to members for consideration prior to the next meeting.

The Chair circulated a calendar from Chorus and had been advised that they have a system where they can paint structures around town, electricity boxes etc. The Chair is to liaise with Jo Seddon, the Stakeholder Communications Manager.

TCB1602/06/5 Councillors' Report
Agenda Item 6.5

Cr Gibb and Cr Solomon provided a brief overview of current Council issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.47pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2016.

Mr K Clewlow
CHAIRPERSON

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Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	TG Whittaker General Manager Strategy & Support
Date	03 March 2016
Prepared by	SJ Jenkins PA Strategy & Support
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1470767
Report Title	Discretionary Fund Report to 29 February 2016

1 Executive Summary

To update the Board on the Discretionary Fund Report to 29 February 2016.

2 Recommendation

THAT the report of the **General Manager Strategy & Support – Discretionary Fund Report to 29 February 2016** – be received.

3 Attachments

Taupiri Community Board Discretionary Fund Report to 29 February 2016.

TAUPIRI COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND 2015/2016

	GL 1.208.1704
2015/16 Annual Plan	1,624.00
Carry forward from 2014/15	6,076.00
Total Funding	<u>7,700.00</u>
Expenditure	
01-Dec-2015 Taupiri Bowling Club Inc. - cost of re-painting the windows of the Club's facility and the fence surrounding the bowling green area	500.00
Total Expenditure	<u>500.00</u>
Income	
23-Feb-16 E Gouk	412.32
Total Income	<u>412.32</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>87.68</u>
Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)	<u>7,612.32</u>
Commitments	
07-Dec-15 Bouquet of flowers to H Lovell	50.00
07-Dec-15 New Year function	250.00
Total Commitments	<u>300.00</u>
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments) as of 29 February 2016	<u>7,312.32</u>

Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	S Duignan General Manager – Customer Support
Date	23 February 2016
Prepared by	C Birkett Monitoring Team Leader
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1465425
Report Title	Freedom Camping Bylaw

I Executive Summary

During the review of the Public Places Bylaw controls relating to Freedom Camping were removed as it is more appropriate to include these in a separate Freedom Camping Bylaw. Council has resolved to draft a new Freedom Camping Bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act). Under this Act, freedom camping is permitted on public land except in areas where it is restricted or prohibited by a bylaw.

In order to identify these restricted or prohibited areas within the district, feedback is being sought from Community Boards on problems or issues associated with freedom camping that they are aware of. This will assist Council in deciding if it is appropriate for controls to be put in place. Prior to putting any controls in place, Council must be satisfied that the control is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

- (i) to protect the area:
- (ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:
- (iii) to protect access to the area;

An analysis has been undertaken of common issues that may be associated with freedom camping (appendix 1). A draft response form has also been included (appendix 2) which includes examples to give you some guidance in providing feedback. This information will be used to help develop the bylaw. A response will be needed prior to 21 March 2016 to feed in to the development of the bylaw, however there will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft bylaw between 20 April and 20 May as part of the public consultation process.

2 Recommendation

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support – Freedom Camping Bylaw – be received;

AND THAT the Community Board provides feedback to Council prior to the 21 March 2016 on areas that it considers should be included in the bylaw as restricted or prohibited.

3 Background

The current controls for freedom camping are contained in the following bylaws:

- Waikato District Council Parking, Traffic and Public Places Bylaw 2007
- Waikato District Council Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2008
- Franklin District Council Public Places Bylaw 2007

These bylaws are currently under review and the clauses relating to freedom camping have been removed from the proposed bylaws. It has been identified that it is appropriate to manage the issue of Freedom Camping through the creation of a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Legislative Framework for Bylaw

In August 2011 the Government introduced new Freedom Camping legislation - the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act). Under the Act, freedom camping is permitted on all public land controlled or managed by a local authority, unless the local authority prohibits or restricts freedom camping under the provisions of Section 11 of the Act. Section 12 of the Act stipulates that a local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in its District.

Prohibited areas is the term used to describe locations where no camping may take place. Restricted areas are locations where camping may occur subject to certain conditions. This could include restrictions on the number of freedom camping vehicles, specifying the maximum number of consecutive nights of freedom camping in the same area by the same camper(s), or requiring campers to be self-contained.

Council can only make a bylaw restricting or prohibiting freedom camping in a local authority area if the bylaw is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

- To protect the area
- To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area

- To protect access to the area

Meaning of Definitions for Local Authority Area and Freedom Camp

The Act defines a local authority area as an area of land that is within the district or region of a local authority and that is controlled or managed by the local authority under any enactment, but is not permanently covered by water.

The Act establishes that freedom camping is permitted on all Council controlled and managed land that is within “200m of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour or within 200m of a formed road”, not just land set aside for reserves. Therefore this includes:

- road reserves along residential streets in urban areas
- land on which Council assets are situated
- land managed by Council in the interim (such as land subject to Treaty Settlement)
- land that has been leased or issued with a licence to occupy and subject to renewal

The Act, defines 'freedom camp' as to camp (other than at a campground) using a tent or other temporary structure; a caravan; a car, campervan, house truck, or other motor vehicle. Freedom camping does not include:

- temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle
- recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions
- resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue

4 Discussion and Analysis of Options

4.1 Discussion

An analysis of some of the issues commonly associated with freedom camping and possible regulatory options has been identified in Appendix I. In order to aid in the development of the bylaw feedback is being sought from Community Boards on where issues or problems have occurred and what method of control they feel is needed. This feedback will be given to Council and will aid in the formation of the bylaw which will be put out for public consultation as part of the special consultative process.

Raglan is an example as it is a popular holiday destination town and is an area that has experienced problems associated with freedom camping. Council currently undertakes enforcement action in Raglan and without any controls being implemented it is expected additional issues relating to freedom camping will arise.

Freedom Camping has also been identified as a potential issue in the Port Waikato area. Council officers do not currently patrol this area and there have only been 3 formal

complaints in the past 3 years made to Council regarding freedom camping. However anecdotal information suggests that this area is frequently used during the summer and white baiting seasons.

4.2 Options for Community Board

Option 1 – Do not provide feedback regarding areas that may be experiencing problems or issues associated with freedom camping.

Should the Board identify that there are no recognised issues associated with freedom camping then no feedback is required. Council is only seeking feedback where there is an issue or problem associated with freedom camping occurring. There will also be the opportunity to make a submission on any proposed bylaw in the future as part of the special consultative process.

Option 2 – Provide feedback on areas that require protection under the Freedom Camping Act 2011

Should the Board identify that there are issues or problems associated with Freedom Camping then the Board could report back on where the issues are and the type of issues experienced and the frequency of those issues. The Board may also wish to make a recommendation on the type of control that it feels should be put in place. A draft feedback form has been developed and is attached (Appendix 2). There will also be the opportunity to make a submission on any proposed bylaw in the future as part of the special consultative process.

5 Considerations

5.1 Legal

There are certain powers in the LGA and other statutes (regulatory and enforcement) which assist Council with the management of freedom camping.

Under the Reserves Act 1977 there are provisions that prevent camping on reserves. Section 44(1) of the Reserve Act 1977 identifies that no person shall use a reserve, or any building, vehicle, boat, caravan, tent, or structure situated thereon, for purposes of permanent or temporary personal accommodation unless it is authorised by a reserve management plan. The Waikato District Council has identified that freedom camping is permitted in the Sports Park Reserve Management Plans at the following reserves subject to the controls identified:

- Onewhero Domain - Permit freedom camping in self-contained vehicles only for a maximum of three nights in a designated area subject to the area not being required for events.
- Te Kauwhata Domain - Permit freedom camping in self-contained vehicles only for

a maximum of three nights in a designated area in the upper car park subject to the area not being required for events.

Under the Reserves Act 1977 the only action the Council can take when freedom camping occurs is to prosecute (there is no infringement regime). Undertaking a prosecution is a complex process and is not commonly used as an enforcement tool. There are significant costs that can arise from undertaking a prosecution. The Crown Law office prosecution guidelines establish that there are two tests that should be considered; one is the evidential test (must be sufficient to provide a reasonable prospect of conviction) the other is the public interest test (is it required in the public interest).

6 Conclusion

Council is seeking the feedback from Community Boards on areas that the Board feels should have some controls put in place for freedom camping. This is a pre-consultation process in engaging with key stakeholders in determining the scope and nature of problems or issues that are experienced associated with the activity of freedom camping .

7 Attachments

Appendix 1 – Examination of issues often associated with Freedom Camping

Appendix 2 – Feedback form

Discussion of issues and non-regulatory and regulatory management options

Table 1 below sets out identified issues associated with freedom camping in the Waikato District and considers a range of regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms and options for managing the issues. Some of the issues can be addressed via a number of options; including through a bylaw under Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. However, some issues identified cannot be regulated under the Act and alternative management options are considered.

Issue	Description of issue and impact	How do we know this is an issue	Non-regulatory options	Regulatory options
<p>Health issues such as unsanitary conditions e.g. due to human waste and toilet paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human waste and toilet paper result in loss of visual amenity, degradation of the environment, pollution of water and the environment and may result in unsanitary conditions and public health issues. The disposal of human waste in public places is offensive to local residents and visitors. There are on-going costs associated with the clean-up and maintenance of non-designated campsites. 	<p>Observations by Council officers of human waste and toilet paper.</p> <p>This has been observed in all areas (urban and scenic) where freedom camping activity occurs</p>	<p>Provide more public toilets, particularly in areas where freedom campers are most likely to camp and maintain 24 hour access to public toilets.</p> <p>Review whether sufficient waste dump stations are provided; identify gaps in provision.</p> <p>Produce and distribute brochures informing visitors and freedom campers of the location of waste disposal stations and public toilets.</p> <p>Erect signs.</p>	<p>Freedom camping bylaw -</p> <p>Protect the health and safety of people who visit the area by prohibiting freedom camping in some areas and or restricting freedom camping in some areas.</p> <p>Restrict access to certified self-contained motor homes.</p> <p>Issue infringements under section 20.</p>
<p>Rubbish or litter</p>	<p>Rubbish and litter discarded in public places is unpleasant for residents and visitors.</p> <p>There are on-going costs</p>		<p>Provide and promote rubbish disposal in areas where there are issues with rubbish or litter and in areas where freedom campers are most</p>	<p>Litter Act 1979 -</p> <p>Infringement notices can be issued if a littering offence has been observed by a Warranted Officer, any</p>

	associated with the clean-up and maintenance of public places where freedom camping occurs.		likely to camp, including by: providing more rubbish bins, erecting 'no littering' signs, emptying bins more often. Promote and encourage a 'carry-in, carry-out' approach. Continue to produce and distribute brochures encouraging visitors and freedom campers to act responsibly and informing visitors and freedom campers where they can dispose of rubbish and recycling.	Council staff, or if a Warranted Officer has investigated and has reasonable cause to believe an individual is responsible for the offence and has not rectified the matter. Public places bylaw – Prohibit the placing or leaving of litter in Councils' public places bylaw. Freedom camping bylaw Issue infringements under section 20.
Damage, destruction or injury of native flora and fauna	Native flora and fauna are damaged in popular freedom camping areas due to poor practice and or to the scale of freedom camping which occurs in a particular area.	Observations of damage by Council officers, including damage to Pohutukawa trees, including removal of limbs to use for fires. There are known areas in the District which are known breeding grounds for rare and protected species.	Restrict access, such as by fencing native flora and fauna in areas which are popular for freedom camping. Promote and encourage responsible freedom camping and respect for the environment. Erect signs.	Reserves Act 1977 – Utilise provisions in Section 94 of the Act to prosecute. Public places bylaw – Prohibit damage, interference, destruction or removal of natural features, animals or plants. Freedom camping bylaw - Issue infringements under section 20.
Environmental Degradation	Freedom camping exacerbates environmental issues such as coastal erosion.	Evidence that communities value their environment and landscapes.	Restricting access, such as by fencing areas prone to coastal erosion and areas containing waahi tapu.	Freedom camping bylaw Restrict or prohibit freedom camping in fragile areas, such as unstable coastal areas and

	<p>Poor freedom camping practices, such as disposal of human waste, results in pollution and impacts on water quality.</p> <p>Freedom camping can lead to damage or degradation of waahi tapu.</p> <p>The disposal of human waste, litter and or rubbish has a negative impact on traditional food gathering areas.</p>	<p>Giardia evidence in areas where freedom camping occurs (MOH, WRC, DOC).</p> <p>Fragile areas exist in our District.</p>	<p>Promote and encourage responsible freedom camping and respect for the environment and heritage.</p> <p>Erect signs warning of areas which are prone to erosion.</p>	<p>sensitive environments. Issue infringement notices under section 20.</p> <p>Limit the total number of campers that may stay in one area.</p> <p>District plan - Identify and promote the protection of waahi tapu through the district plan.</p>
<p>Camping in an area may place the safety of freedom campers at risk</p>	<p>Freedom camping in some areas may be unsafe, e.g. some areas are prone to flooding, coastal inundation or may be prone to land subsidence. Camping in these areas may place the safety of freedom campers at risk.</p> <p>Risks will differ depending on the nature of the issue (e.g. flooding or coastal inundation may only occur occasionally and are likely to be weather dependent, the risk of land subsidence may be constant or depend on a range of factors) and</p>	<p>Current Reserve Management Plans identify issues (including issues such as flooding and land subsidence) and as a result restrict some activities from occurring in the reserve.</p>	<p>Restricting access such as by fencing areas prone to coastal erosion, coastal inundation or flooding.</p> <p>Erect signs warning of areas where freedom camping may pose a risk to safety</p>	<p>Reserve Management Plans (developed under the Reserves Act 1977) – Prohibit camping on reserves where the safety of freedom campers may be at risk.</p> <p>Freedom camping bylaw - Restrict or prohibit freedom camping in areas where the safety of campers may be at risk – e.g. unstable coastal areas and areas prone to land subsidence, coastal inundation or flooding.</p>

	different approaches may be necessary.			
Annoyance to nearby residents	<p>Excessive noise disturbs the peace of residents adjacent to or near popular freedom camping sites.</p> <p>Taking of water from external taps at unoccupied dwellings or business premises, with the cost of the water used incurred by the owner or occupier of the dwelling or business.</p> <p>Damage to property and vandalism.</p>	<p>Complaints from members of the community.</p> <p>Council compliance officers receive abuse and threats from freedom campers when attending a freedom camping matter</p>	<p>Work with the local police in areas where freedom camping results in annoyance to adjacent or nearby neighbours.</p> <p>Facilitate and support neighbourhood watch groups.</p> <p>Use the Council website and brochures to encourage freedom campers to be respectful of residents near where they camp</p>	<p>Noise control under the Resource Management Act – Excessive noise direction notice under the RMA. Council enforcement officers can issue noise directions either verbally or in writing. If the notice is not complied with, the source of the noise may be seized.</p> <p>Police have the capability to respond to matters related to 'disturbing the peace'.</p> <p>Freedom camping bylaw - There could be scope to apply restrictions in areas address annoyance</p>
Loss of visual amenity	<p>Residents who live near to popular freedom camping areas may feel that there is a loss of visual amenity of the area as a result of the number of freedom campers using the area or the regularity of freedom campers using the area.</p>	<p>Community complaints through submissions to Council's processes and complaints to Council (e.g. Cliff Street, Raglan) regarding resident dissatisfaction with freedom camping in urban areas.</p> <p>Cumulative visual impact, e.g. number of vehicles and associated behaviour, such as</p>	<p>'Move on' strategy, where compliance officers request the freedom camper to move on.</p>	<p>Freedom camping bylaw - Restrict the consecutive number of nights freedom campers can stay in any one area.</p>

		clothes washing.		
Fire risk	<p>Public places, structures or buildings, native flora and fauna may be damaged or harmed by fires which are not appropriately managed.</p> <p>Fire may spread and cause damage to nearby private properties or residences.</p>	<p>Risk of damage to trees being used for fires.</p> <p>A fire restriction is normally in place during the summer.</p>	Inform visitors and freedom campers of the danger of fires.	<p>Freedom camping bylaw – Prohibit the use of areas where there may be a high risk of fire during the fire season.</p> <p>Prohibit the lighting of fires.</p>
Loss of revenue to camp grounds and other accommodation	<p>Commercial camping grounds are required to meet the Camping Ground Regulations 1985. These regulations prescribe minimum standards and compliance with these results in cost. The same standards are not required in public places where freedom camping can occur and this is perceived as unfair.</p> <p>Freedom camping results in revenue loss to commercial camping grounds and other accommodation providers.</p> <p>Freedom campers may stay near commercial camping grounds and use facilities for free.</p>	Commercial operators are concerned about the potential loss of revenue in allowing freedom camping to occur and the use of their facilities by persons freedom camping.	Inform visitors and freedom campers of the accommodation options in the Waikato District.	No options identified.

Anti-social behaviour	Freedom campers engage in offensive or antisocial behaviour such as urination in public, intimidation, offences against persons, causing distress and reducing the enjoyment of other users	As per annoyance to nearby residents.	Work with the police in areas where freedom camping results in anti-social or offensive behaviour. Facilitate and support neighbourhood watch groups.	Public Places Bylaw – Prohibit behaviour which may intimidate, cause damage or nuisance, pollute or deface, including graffiti. Prohibit the consumption, injection or inhalation or distribution of any mind-altering substance. Liquor ban – Use Bylaw to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public areas where anti-social behaviour appears to be alcohol related.
Compromised access to or impact on general usage of public areas	The presence of freedom campers can deter use of a public area by local residents or day visitors due to use of available car parks by campers, obstruction of access, pollution of the site or because visitors may feel reluctant to intrude on a person's campsite e.g. manu bay.	Council officers' observations of compromised or obstructed access.	Promote and encourage responsible freedom camping.	Public Places Bylaw – Prohibit the obstruction of the entrances to or exits from a public place. Parking Bylaw – Could be used to regulate behaviour where a parking issue is resulting in compromised access. Freedom Camping Bylaw - Restrict or prohibit freedom camping in areas where freedom camping results in compromised access to local authority areas.
Traffic related safety issues	Vehicles being used for	Officer observation and	Work with the police in areas	Parking Bylaw – Could be

or hazards	freedom camping are parked in manner that causes safety issues, prevents or restricts safe access for other users, or are being driven in a manner which endangers other users in public places.	evidence regarding parking in dangerous situations that compromises not only the campers themselves, but the safety of others (e.g. at Whaanga Road).	where freedom camping results in safety issues.	used to regulate behaviour where a parking issue presents traffic related safety risk. Freedom Camping Bylaw - Restrict or prohibit freedom camping in areas where this results in compromised access to local authority areas or where the health and safety of people to may visit the area is at risk.
Lack of control of non-Council area	The public does not necessarily know what is Council land. The Council does not have effective tools to control impact of camping on other public land.	Community complaints to the Council relating to freedom camping on areas not controlled or managed by the Council – e.g. complaints about camping on state highways or Department of Conservation land.	Work to develop a collaborative approach with Department of Conservation, New Zealand Transport Agency, NZMHA, to freedom camping across all public areas in the District. Lobby Government	No options identified.

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Customer #

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Freedom Camping Feedback

Submission form *Please provide your feedback by 21 March 2016*

Name/organisation

Physical address

Postal address Postcode.....

Email Phone.....

Preferred method of contact Email Post

Age (optional) 16-24 25-35 36-50 51-65 66+

Ethnicity (optional)

This information will be used for statistical purposes only, to help us understand who is engaging with council.

Do you know any areas that need to protected from freedom camping?

Please complete the attached table on the next page.

Comments:

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Thank you for your feedback.

You'll receive an email or letter to confirm we've received your feedback.

Written feedback

Postal Address

Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544,
Ngaruawahia 3742 • Telephone 0800 492 452

Online feedback

- www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit
- consult@waidc.govt.nz

Submissions are public information. Your feedback will be used for purposes such as reports to Councillors, which are made available to the public, media and on our website. If you would like your personal information concealed, please tell us in your submission.

Freedom Camping issue being experienced	Area/location	Recommendation for Restriction (what type of restriction and why) or Prohibit area (why)
e.g. People are parking up overnight on what is a narrow road. Accidents have nearly occurred in the past.	e.g. Wharf Road between Smith Street and Saint Street	e.g. Prohibit freedom camping to prevent accidents occurring
e.g. Noise from freedom campers have disturbed nearby residents	e.g. Jill Street carpark	e.g. Restrict number of freedom campers on Jill street to three and stay to no more than two days. They must be self-contained.

Written feedback

Postal Address

Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544,
Ngaruawahia 3742 • Telephone 0800 492 452

Online feedback

- www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit
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Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	S Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	1 March 2016
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1467017
Report Title	Taupiri Issues and Works Report

1. Executive Summary

To update the Community Board on issues arising from the previous meeting and on contracts and projects underway in Taupiri.

2. Recommendation

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support – Taupiri Issues and Works Report – dated 1 March 2016 be received.

3. Issues Report – Status of Items Raised at Previous Meeting

	Issue	Area	Action
1	The Public walkway alongside 138 Great South Road is esplanade reserve classified under the Reserves Act 1977. The owner of 138 has planted a hedge on the boundary, given the narrowness of the access TCB members are concerned as to whether this was discussed with council – maintenance challenge. Bank on edge of water way has been re-contoured and planted as a garden – is this allowed?	Service Delivery	The landowner is entitled to erect a fence or plant a hedge of their choosing, the owner remains responsible for the ongoing maintenance of any fence or hedge that they install on the shared boundary. As part of the subdivision consent formal sign off processes it has been confirmed that there has been no encroachment of services or access on to the adjacent esplanade reserve.
2	Reinstatement of fence in and around Pukeko Lane pump station. The wider area was previously fenced for stock – this hasn't been reinstated,	Service Delivery	The vacant lot is privately owned. Staff have been in contact with the landowner's agent to discuss the feasibility of fencing the property. No response has been received to

	<p>comment please?</p> <p>Trees have been trimmed and trimmings tossed down the bank.</p> <p>Is a safety fence required by water way?</p>		<p>date. From a safety perspective it is not considered necessary to fence the waterway adjacent to the footpath</p>
3	<p>Weeds in the Te Putu Street gardens (intercepts with SH1 onto Gordonton Road) ornamental grass is blocking visibility, suggest this is replaced with stones.</p>	Service Delivery	<p>Work is programmed to remove and replace existing grasses with lower growing species during planting season. This will be undertaken with the clean-up of the entire interchange gardens and walkways. Work has begun on the interchange as of the 17th February and is estimated to be complete within a week.</p>
4	<p>Gordonton Road slip road – grass in the garden has been let go – requires maintenance</p>	Service Delivery	<p>Maintenance was undertaken 17th February with follow up planned the week of the 22nd February. This will be added to routine cyclic maintenance under Downer.</p>
5	<p>Gordonton Road slip road – Button Lane was the suggested name from the Community Board – please advise status</p>	Service Delivery	<p>Our records indicate that the road naming process had commenced. Councillor Gibb and Howard Lovell will shortly discuss the issue with the affected residents to assess the level of support for the road name and associated address changes. A decision on whether to proceed with the formal road name changing process will then be made based on the level of support from the residents.</p>

Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	S Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	1 March 2016
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1469569
Report Title	Taupiri Cemetery Fencing

1. Executive Summary

A new post and rail fence is proposed for the Taupiri Cemetery. The existing batten and wire fence is in need of replacement.

It is council's intention to re-fence the entire cemetery, replacing the existing white painted area of fencing at the road side of the cemetery also. The existing brick area of fencing will remain in place.

The replacement fence will be post and rail. An example of the proposed fencing is provided below.

2. Recommendation

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support – Taupiri Cemetery Fencing – dated 1 March 2016 be received.



Open Meeting

To	Taupiri Community Board
From	TG Whittaker General Manager Strategy & Support
Date	26 February 2016
Prepared By	RJ Gray Council Support Manager
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1465705
Report Title	Ngaruawahia, Taupiri, Horotiu, Te Kowhai and Glen Massey Structure Plan

1. Executive Summary

At the Taupiri Community Board meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016, it was agreed that a full discussion be held on the structure plan at this meeting with feedback provided to Council.

2. Recommendation

THAT the report of the **General Manager Strategy & Support – Ngaruawahia Structure Plan Update** - be received;

AND THAT the following feedback be provided to Council from the discussion held:

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3 Attachments

Nil