

August Chairman's report OTCB

I attended the Pokeno future Spatial planning workshop as part of the Auckland Hamilton corridor held in Pokeno. A very interesting meeting with various Govt. WRC and WDC staff involved.

The meeting was chaired by Ernst Zollner with support from Vishal Ramduny from the WDC.

A lot of work has gone in as to what Pokeno could look like in the future and what infrastructure would be required to pull the whole thing together. This also led to the area between Pokeno and Tuakau where industry could be set up.

I couldn't help but think that Tuakau has all the infrastructure there, it just needs the district wide plan to come about for it all to happen.

We were privileged to have Ernst come and meet the board in Tuakau and give a good brief as to where he felt Tuakau fitted into this corridor and the role that he felt rail would play in it.

I notice that some council projects that should have been long ago dealt with, nothing is happening. Two that come to mind are, the concrete wall at the Glen Murray tennis courts that fell over in a storm about 18 months ago and still nothing done to replace it. Second is the section of highway 22 between the Matakītaki Rd and the Waikaratu Valley Rd by the Microwave station. I am concerned that it will take a total road failure with the resulting closure of the road before anything is done.

I also note that the road from the Tuakau bridge to Port Waikato is having a lot of double yellow lines painted on it. Is this really the right way to be going about reducing the speed on this road ?