

JOBS FOR NATURE

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions

Community Stakeholder Group meeting

Wednesday 16th February 2022, Rimu Room, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Levin (and via Zoom).

NOTES

In Attendance

Community Stakeholder Group members:

Dean Wilson (Co-Chair) (first 45 minutes of meeting), Sam Ferguson (Co-Chair), Jay Clarke (Zoom), Michelle Sands (Zoom), Adam Duker, Christine Moriarty, Geoff Kane, Charles Rudd, Vivienne Bold, Phil Teal, Trevor Hinder, David Blakiston, Dan Tuohy, Coralee Matena, Roger Collingwood (first 45 minutes of meeting).

Present: Roger (last name unknown)

Support:

Staci Boyte, Logan Brown.

Apologies:

Mike Campbell.

1 Welcome

Sam opened the meeting with a karakia at 6:05 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3 Previous minutes

Minutes accepted by the group with small changes to be made to some of the text.

4 Project update

A brief project update was provided by Staci. Progress on the wetland design was described and an update on the consenting timeframes was provided. Proposed timeframe for input into the design will likely be late March.

Phil offered to support with information during the consenting process.

Jay asked if we are considering nutrients and bacteria from non –native birds within the lake.

Roger raised concerns around costs and efficiency of funding. He suggested intervention options for clearing out the sediment from the area next to the weir in the lake and dredging that had been used in the past.

Jay highlighted that the project ensured vegetable production could continue in the catchment and that more money will be required in the future to fulfill the community vision.

There were some concerns about the project potentially running over budget and the project team were asked to share budgets.

6 Values

The current project objectives in addition to a proposed outcomes, values and guiding concepts as provided by HortNZ were circulated ahead of the meeting as a starting point for the discussion around the Community Stakeholder Group's values for the project.

Key themes raised by the group were visibility, transparency and communication. Other values and considerations put forward included

- Public engagement
- Balance of land uses
- Enduring community asset
- Being outcomes focused (sampling/testing the lake)
- Incorporating race course drain in design
- Considering on land activities – changes on farm
- Other lake outputs – measuring other sources of pollution and sharing data
- Wellbeing measures
- Ecological corridors between lakes
- Local snail – may be able to have a new habitat
- Freshwater improvements
- Preserve food production
- Reciprocity

7 Final terms of reference

No comments made. Terms of Reference considered final.

8 Next meeting

23rd March confirmed for the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7 30 pm.

Action Summary

1 Project team to share high level budgets

Staci

Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

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Register of Interests

Sam Ferguson	
Organisation/Position	Horizons Regional Council Councillor and project Governance Group member
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson
Interests	

Dean Wilson	
Organisation/Position	Lake Horowhenua Trustee and project Governance Group member
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson
Interests	

Jay Clarke	
Organisation/Position	Woodhaven Gardens Ltd
Responsibilities	
Interests	Vegetable growers immediately adjacent and upstream of the wetland.

Michelle Sands	
Organisation/Position	HortNZ
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Adam Duker	
Organisation/Position	Dairy NZ
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Christine Moriarty	
Organisation/Position	HEKA
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Geoff Kane	
Organisation/Position	Federated Farmers
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Coralee Matena	
Organisation/Position	Federated Farmers
Responsibilities	
Interests	

David Blackison	
Organisation/Position	Forest and Bird
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Charles Rudd	
Organisation/Position	
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Vivienne Bold	
Organisation/Position	Hōkio Progressive Association
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Phil Teal	
Organisation/Position	Fish and Game
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Mike Campbell	
Organisation/Position	Federated Farmers
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Trevor Hinder	
Organisation/Position	WECA
Responsibilities	
Interests	

Dan Tuohy	
Organisation/Position	Department of Conservation
Responsibilities	
Interests	