

JOBS FOR NATURE

Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions

Governance Group Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2023, 1804 pm, Horowhenua District Council (Ante Room) and online.

MINUTES

In Attendance

Governance Group: Rachel Keedwell (Co-Chair), Sam Ferguson, Dean Wilson, Bernie Wanden, Lisa Gooch, Bryan Smith, Online - Quentin Parr, Jonathan Proctor, Clinton Hemana (Co-chair), Di Rump.

In attendance: Shannon Johnston, Logan Brown, Jon Roygard, Charlotte Minnis.

1 Welcome

Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dean opened with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Siobhan Karaitiana, David Allan, and Daniel Haigh.

3 Conflicts of Interest

No new COI were registered.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes from the 29th June and the 4th August 2023 meetings were provided.

The 29th June 2023 minutes are to have the xx in the COI replaced with Chair of Horowhenua takiwa prototype for Di Rump.

RESOLVED: Subject to the change noted above the Governance Group accepts the meeting minutes from the 29th June 2023 meeting.

Rachel/Sam
CARRIED

RESOLVED: The Governance Group accepts the meeting minutes from the 4th August 2023 meeting.

Rachel/Sam
CARRIED

5 Project update – summary tech assessment

A verbal update was provided by Logan on the project including a summary of the main findings of the technical assessments that have been drafted to date including:

- Air discharge;
- Flood modelling;
- Groundwater modelling;
- Water quality modelling;
- Restoration plan;
- Freshwater ecology;
- Terrestrial ecology;
- Contaminated soil.

6 Quarter 1 reporting 2023-24

Logan talked briefly to the Q1 report.

RESOLVED: The Governance Group accepts the quarterly report for submission to the Ministry for the Environment.

Rachel/Clinton
CARRIED

7 Consenting update

Shannon provided a brief verbal update on the wetland design and consenting process.

s 7(2)(g)

ACTION: Project team to provide the governance group with an outline of how the water abstraction/recirculation will operate and set another meeting in late November to discuss.

8 Project risk additions

There is a risk that if the consent application is accepted in early 2024, construction could begin soon after and there will not be enough time for nurseries to prepare plant orders for the project.

RESOLVED: The Governance Group endorses the recommendation to place a plant order for 16,300 plants suitable for the wetland complex through Horizons normal procurement processes.

Dean/Bernie
CARRIED

ACTION: Project team to place an order for 16,300 plants.

9 Health and Safety – Sample bottle handling

The Hazard Management Plan for Sample bottle handling was included in the meeting pack.

10. Other business

Funding opportunities:

There was a general discussion on other funding opportunities to enable the completion of the wetland project. General notes from the discussion:

- There are lots of funds out there however, the majority are for smaller projects that require smaller amounts of money;
- Some of the larger ones include the DOC – Natural Heritage Fund, Tindall Foundation, and Macpac;
- Feedback from Di was that the Lake Accord was to be the mechanism to seek additional funding and that the Accord should be the body applying to funding bodies for this work.

Rent of the Arawhata property:

Due to the power connection we are limited to who the property can be rented to. We are currently in discussions with the current lessee around renting it to them. The house requires a few upgrades to meet the Healthy Homes standards.

Sub-division potential of the Arawhata property:

Work on this has been paused until the resource application is processed. It would involve the house and the minimum amount of land to meet regulatory requirements i.e. septic fields etc.

11. Karakia

Dean closed the meeting at 2008 with a karakia.

Action Summary

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| 1 | Project team to provide the governance group with an outline of how the water abstraction/recirculation will operate and set another meeting in late November to discuss. | Logan |
| 2 | Project team to place an order for 16,300 plants | Logan |

Appendix 1 - Register of Interests

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Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Governance Group

Register of Interests

Rachel Keedwell	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Sam Ferguson	
Position	Horizons Regional Council Councillor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Private home – [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a)

Bernie Wanden	
Position	Horowhenua Mayor
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Fellow Rotarian with Geoff Kane

Aoife Broad	
Position	Ministry for the Environment lead contact
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	

Di Rump	
Position	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority CE
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	Chair of Horowhenua takiwa protoptype

Clinton Hemana	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trust Chair
Responsibilities	Co-chairperson and voting member
Interests	NA

Dean Wilson	
Position	Lake Horowhenua Trustee
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	NA

Bryan Smith	
Position	Ministry for the Environment
Responsibilities	Non-voting member
Interests	NA

Jon Procter	
Position	MTA board member
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	

Quentin Parr	
Position	Te Runanga o Raukawa representative
Responsibilities	Voting member
Interests	