

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 8 February 2022
Time: 1.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: Horowhenua District Council
126-148 Oxford Street
Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

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If you need help or support in any areas of your mahi, work programmes, event etc. please come along to the meeting prepared under this agenda item to speak to this.

Community Wellbeing Report

File No.: 22/31

1. Purpose

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing Committee activities, and provide an update on the district wide Community Development work programme that directly contributes to the outcomes of the Community Wellbeing Framework.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 22/31 Community Wellbeing Report be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Issues for Consideration

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Thank you to the members of this Committee for meeting with the Community Wellbeing Committee Chairperson Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons and Social & Community Development Manager Michelle Rogerson. The conversations clearly indicated that the Community Wellbeing Committee meetings are essential for the ongoing wellbeing of our community. There were a wide range of opportunities discussed as well as suggestions of how this Committee works together and how we are connecting to our community networks. A workshop is planned for the February 2022 meeting and the outcomes will be reported in the May 2022 report.

COMMUNITY HUBS

Over the last two years while Covid-19 has been in our communities, several community hubs have had concerns about a downturn in income and ability to remain sustainable. To date all our hubs are still operating after receiving support from Council, MSD and other funders. With the onset of Omicron and vaccine mandates, the hubs are predicting they may struggle to remain sustainable. The Community Development Team raises this as a red flag and will continue to closely support, monitor and report any pending closures of these valuable community services.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Welcoming Communities

Officers are continuing to build the Horowhenua Welcoming Communities plan. Officers are working alongside the community to collect data, stocktake the local current situation, identify local champions and opportunities to build capacity in local organisations.

The Plan is based on the 8 standards of the National Welcoming Communities programme:

- Inclusive leadership
- Welcoming Communications
- Equitable Access
- Connected and inclusive Communities
- Economic Development, Business and Employment
- Civic Engagement and participation

- Welcoming Public Spaces
- Culture and Identity

December 2021

Red Cross and Council identified key stakeholders to form a former refugee settlement network. The network meetings will commence in April 2022 (being closer to the arrival of the former refugees).

January 2022

Planning and production of a Welcoming Communities video is underway to lead off the official launch of the Horowhenua Welcoming Communities programme in March 2022. The music video includes many of our partners, stakeholders and ethnic community groups highlighting a positive diverse community.

January 2022 – Welcoming Communities Hub

As we have been building the Welcoming Communities plan, the Community Development Team has identified that a centralised hub for new comers to connect, create, participate and obtain information would be a valuable community resource. The team is working alongside Te Whare Mahana Community Hub in central Levin to create a purposeful place that will become an important home for Welcoming Communities activities and service provision. The hub could include health and wellbeing services operating on a hot desk basis, implementation of language and cultural programmes and workshops to build capability of local organisations.



Pic 1. Te Whare Mahana Community Hub – Pasifika Sewing Programme, January 2022

February 2022

The Community Development Team are planning creation of a ‘welcoming pack’ that offers accessible and translated local information.

- Health services (medical centre, specialists, counselling etc.)
- AA and CAB (assistance on obtaining a Driver’s Licence or how to convert a foreign driver’s licence)
- Council services (rubbish collection etc.) and Council facilities (libraries, iSITE, pools)

- Education
- Entertainment and social gathering or clubs (main sports club, Te Whare Mahana, ethnic groups gatherings)
- Some 'kiwi'isms' or basics to help settle into Aotearoa (Kiwi expressions and culture, Māori Tikanga etc.)
- Civil Defense Emergency information

March and April 2022

- Launch of the video, introduction and invitation to the community to encourage involvement in the Welcoming Communities programme and support of diverse communities.
- Declaration and commitment event. This event is centred around the District Mayor and Iwi signing a declaration that Horowhenua will be an official Welcoming Community. It is hoped that this event will attract a diverse range of cultural communities from the Horowhenua including keynote speakers, cultural performances and international food. The type of event will be determined by Covid-19 Framework settings.

Horowhenua Former Refugee Settlement

Immigration NZ has confirmed that the intake for the Horowhenua Former Refugee Resettlement expected for November 2021 has been delayed. A potential for arrival is July 2022, however this is yet to be confirmed.

MBIE tender for the Refugee Settlement Support Services 2022-28 opened on 17 January 2022 and closes 21 February 2022. The finalised outcome of the local service provision for the resettlement of former refugees in Horowhenua is expected on or before May 2022. The start date for the Refugee Settlement Support Service contact is 01 July 2022.

Education Horowhenua

In the July 2021-June 2022 financial year, there was one (1) Education Horowhenua meeting held. The December meeting was cancelled due to a number of the members being unavailable. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24 February 2022. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings affected by Covid-19.

Age-Friendly Communities

In the July 2021-June 2022 financial year, there have been four (4) Older Persons Network meetings held. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings affected by Covid-19. Zoom meetings for the sector have attracted limited engagement.

November 2022 meeting key points

- Meetings for 2022 will change from monthly to six weekly. The key reason for change is to reduce the number of meetings needing to be attended. Members reported attending up to 14 meetings over a 3-month period. The network member organisations only have limited staffing so decreasing the number of meetings reduces the strain on the workloads.
- Horowhenua Health Shuttle – has been operating for 13 years with some 13,000 people transported in that time, and are very conscious of future population growth. Demographic of the user group is very likely to increase demand for this service. The organisation would like to promote the service by establishing relationships with Iwi, Māori and Pacific People.

- Horizons Regional Council (Cr Sam Fergusson) – The Capital Connection replacement project is at business case development stage. Cr Fergusson is pushing for a review of Horowhenua local transport options.
- Adult Day Club (Neil Walton) – Like many local groups this club has to limit numbers under Covid-19 restrictions meaning some people who need the service are unable to participate in the programme. This causes concern as the activities provided promote social connectness and an opportunity to check the wellbeing of individuals. Additionally, organisations are requiring volunteers to be vaccinated which has reduced the number of volunteers. These volunteers are an essential part of being able to operate and there is no apparent solution for their replacement.

Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), there has been three (3) Youth Empowerment Project meetings held. The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings affected by Covid-19.

There was scheduled meeting for November 2021 as leaders are committed to studying for exams.

A key point from recent discussions

- yEP leaders would like to have more information in schools about vaccinations. Their peers are finding inaccurate or controversial online information and sharing it with others. The other information source is via parents, caregivers and family and although students may have another view, they can feel family pressure to conform to the family decisions. Leaders raised that under Alert Level 2 restrictions that School Nurses were unavailable. The leaders felt that the nurses could provide information and vaccines in college.

yEP 2022 Recruitment

Recruitment for yEP leaders will commence 01 February 2022. An invite for principals and education providers to elect students will be circulated hopefully attracting 12–14 leaders. For the last 2 years we have had only students from the two Levin colleges so the Community Development Team will be encouraging Te Ata Kura, UCOL and Horowhenua Learning Centre (HCL) to secure wider youth representation.

yEP planning for 2022 includes:

- I am Hope – presentation at colleges and tertiary education places
- SPYfusion – South Pacific Youth Cultural experience
- UENUKU – Rainbow Youth event
- Parliament Bus Trip With Local MP
- Youth Week 2022 ‘Our voices matter, and we deserve to be heard!’ 07-15 May 2022

Horowhenua Youth Services Network

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), four (4) Youth Services Network meetings have been held to date.

November 2022 meeting key points

- A presentation from Mid Central DHB (Joann Ransom) was well received by the network. Several members of the network expressed their concerns about SIQ and having a GP health care by your local primary care provider. A significant number of rangatahi are not registered with doctors for varying reasons; but the most common is medical practices not taking registrations because they are oversubscribed including the Horowhenua Youth Health

Service. If young people cannot access healthcare in normal circumstances, the ability for them to access health care in Covid-19 environment is cause for considerable concern.

- Youth services are noticing decreasing levels of mental health in young people. Increased anxiety caused by exams, transition from school to employment, Covid-19 and continual changes to routine. Youth services are finding it is taking many resources to keep young people connected and it is getting more difficult to access services.

Taitoko Vibes

Taitoko Vibes was a collaborative project between youth services to connect with young people providing fun activities at our local park. The programme run during November and December and was a resounding success with 80 young people attending the first week to over 150 attending by week 4. The regular activities included basketball, skate boarding, chess, badminton and other games. Local services participated in the activities having the opportunity to spark conversation with young people and whānau. A huge amount of positive feedback was received.

A highlight was week 3 when Kane from MSD organised the In-zone Careers bus to visit the event which was really engaging, with a number of young people taking the opportunity to obtain information.

Unfortunately once the Covid-19 Traffic Light System was implemented it meant that no more than 100 people could attend; and given our participants are young people under 18 were either unvaccinated or did not carry a My Vaccine Passport with them, it was collectively decided we did not want to turn people away so agreed to put the event on hold. The event is logistically challenging and resource heavy. Council or local service providers do not have the resources required to carry on the programme while in the Covid-19 Traffic Light System. In the future, we would like the initiative to be reinstated and provide youth activities and service throughout the Horowhenua district.





Access and Inclusion

This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), there have been two (2) Access and Inclusion Forum meetings held.

Forum meeting key points

- Cr Sam Fergusson (Horizons Regional Council) has finalised a survey that explores and builds information around transport is a barrier to accessing services, shopping, banking and maintaining positive social connectedness. Cr Fergusson would like to advocate for the Forum and has put together a survey to understand the needs of the Horowhenua community. The Community & Social Development Team together with the Access and Inclusion Forum consider this a key focus and will ensure wide engagement and distribution of the survey.
- The Access and Inclusion Forum continue to collaborate with the Crohn's & Colitis NZ Charitable Trust to implement the 'I Can't Wait!' campaign.
- The Forum have approached People First with their members participating in the Forum. The Community Development Team have attended a People First meeting and shared information about the Forum. Currently the Horowhenua group are not meeting but have indicated they will attend once the group is active again.
- The Forum would like to meet more regularly in 2022, increasing the number of meetings from quarterly to bi-monthly.
- The Access and Inclusive Forum collectively planned and delivered a "give it a go" event at parks, businesses and Council facilities in Levin. The event was a mini expo that encouraged people living with disabilities to give a number of activities a go. Approximately 80 attended throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The organisations registered 15 people on to programmes. Feedback from the day requested that events like this occur regularly throughout the year and have a more inclusive feel by inviting people with disabilities participate alongside community.



SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

Kahui Ako Muaūpokotanga

This annual event is in its third year proving very popular with over 250 teachers and education providers attending annually. Muaūpoko Tribal Authority arranges a full day of activities that is an opportunity to learn Muaūpoko heritage, local places and important kaupapa. The Community Development Team had prepared to deliver the Amazing Race and support the event. Unfortunately this event has been postponed due to Covid-19 event restrictions.

Waitangi Day 2022

Waitangi Day 2022 is cancelled due to Covid-19 event restrictions. The organisers wanted the event to remain inclusive.

COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Team are continuing to support a number of community led initiatives, placemaking, programmes, activities and events.

- Shannon (CLD) Community Network. Community groups and neighbours joined to celebrate Christmas with a party in Hyde Park. The afternoon attracted 80 people who all connected enjoying kai, games and fun. The Shannon CLD group had an activity that asked the question “in 2022 what should we do for our community?” The answers were written on baubles and hung from a tree in the park. The group meets monthly and at the February meeting, they will compile the aspirations collected, select one easy and one hard and put them into action.



Community Hubs

Officers are actively supporting several community hubs.

- Te Whare Mahana – there are concerns from the managing Board (Contact Inc.) that the hub would not be sustainable by the end of the year. Covid-19 has made an impact on the income and community groups that use the hub pay a minimal fee to deliver free or low cost community capability programmes. The hub houses eight full time tenants, all social service organisations three of which are especially for Pacific Peoples. The hub has a very strong focus on diversity and inclusion. Contact Inc. approached HDC Community Development Team for help; our team is looking to grow the focus with the hub becoming a community centre for Migrants, Former Refugees and other newcomers. The team will be looking at ways to fund the operations, programming and services. A Community Development Advisor is working full time at the hub alongside the coordinator to support positive growth.
- Shannon Kai Hub – the Kai Hub has increased its footprint securing tenancy of an adjacent building. The Kai Hub team has moved quickly to a contactless food provision model eliminating the need for users to produce vaccine passes.
- Hinemoa House Community Centre. Next update May 2022
- Foxton Beach Community Centre. Next update May 2022

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Round 2 of the Horowhenua District Council funded and/or administered contestable grants for the 2021-2022 financial year opens for application 01 February 2022 for Funding available early May 2022.

- Horowhenua Community Development Grant R2
- Horowhenua Creative Communities Scheme Grant R2
- Horowhenua Vibrant Communities Grant R2
- Shannon Community Development Grant R2

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2021/2022 financial year, the Community Development Team has delivered four (4) Capacity and Capability Building workshops. 50 participants have attended the workshops with 100% satisfaction reported.

Completed workshops and the preliminary schedule for the 2020/21 Capacity Building workshops are below, additional workshops will be booked as the year progresses.

Workshop	Date	Location	Participants
First Aid L1	05 July 2021	Te Whare Mahana	11
First Aid L2	22 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	18
Food Safety	29 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	19
St Johns Mental Health	22 October 2021	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom	11

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Exhibition Celebrates 70 Year Contribution by Kuia, to Whānau Wellbeing

The exhibition *Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i Te Ora o Te Awahou – 70th Anniversary Celebrations Exhibition* opened in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton on 09 October 2021. It tells stories of quiet achievement in the local area by generations of wāhine who have made countless efforts to support whānau, across the decades. At a time when a pandemic creates struggles and issues for

whānau across the nation, it seems more important than ever to commemorate the help and support that the Māori Women's Welfare League has provided to families in need, for 70 years.

Horowhenua economy stronger than pre-COVID-19 pandemic

Recently, Council heard that the district's local economy is thriving despite the challenge of a global pandemic. The Horowhenua New Zealand Trust (HNZT) Chair Antony Young and The Horowhenua Company Limited (THCL) Chief Executive Catriona McKay reported to Council's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee showing that across a range of economic indicators, Horowhenua has improved on nearly all indicators between 2018 and 2021. While still below the national average, the community are earning more, have increased job opportunities, and are exporting more than it did in 2018.

Encouragingly, economic indicators for Māori have performed particularly well year-on-year, with mean earnings increasing by \$4,443 over the last three years and employment opportunities for Māori increasing by 137 since 2018, a positive change based on historical performance.

Council votes to workshop Climate Change Action Plan initiatives

Council was presented with a Draft Climate Change Plan Action Plan outlining key initiatives for endorsement, including a stocktake of Council's greenhouse emissions and development and the establishment of a sustainability policy to provide a roadmap for Council. While Council sought more time to workshop the initiatives outlined in the Action Plan, there was an acknowledgement that climate change was an issue that could not be ignored.

Council committed to workshopping the topic before the next Council meeting, when they will make a decision on the matter. To view the Draft Climate Change Plan Action Plan visit www.horowhenua.govt.nz/CouncilMeetings.

Attachments


There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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