

Notice of the Meeting of the

Waihemo Community Board

at the

Waihemo Service Centre, Tiverton Street, Palmerston

on

Monday 23 January 2017

at

7.00pm

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Waihemo Community Board

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Waitaki District Council

Waihemo Community Board

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waihemo Community Board held in the Waihemo Service Centre, Tiverton Street, Palmerston on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.15pm

Present

Mrs Dennison (Chair), Mrs McGregor, Mrs Watson, Mr Brown, Mr Roy, Cr

Wheeler

Apologies

In Attendance

Mayor Kircher

Cr Garvan

Mr Hope (Chief Financial Officer)
Mrs Tanner (Policy Officer-Governance)

Mr van der Spek (Recreation Manager) for Recreation Update

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1. Public Forum

Mr Peter Lawson attended and spoke on roading. Mr Lawson has issues with Ainges Road and thanked Council for the work to date. By the end of the bridge the road has ceased to be graded and is getting increased usage by four wheel drive vehicles that are causing damage to the road. Mr Lawson has gravelled the road and SouthRoads did the approach to the bridge which has washed away again. Mr Lawson urges something be done about dangerous rural roads. Mr Lawson would like 0.8km of Ainges Road graded when the grader is there.

Mr Jason Gaskill and Ms Sara Matchett attended on behalf of Tourism Waitaki and spoke on the Tourism Strategy which is being developed and is progressing well. The draft Strategy will be workshopped with Council shortly. Dates and locations to consult with the public on what is expected within the Tourism Strategy will be advised before January. Ms Matchett is collating the information into a manageable format. Tourism Waitaki will meet with the Community Board about specifics over the course of the project. Mr Gaskill would like this completed prior to June 2017 and explained this is a 3-5 year strategy.

Mr Gaskill also spoke on signage and advised this is being worked on now and depending on the installers, could be completed before Christmas. This includes the town boundary sign in Palmerston. Macraes sign is quite old and is still being worked on.

Maps of the district are being drafted and will be circulated to Board members for feedback before final print.

Board members visited the Katiki Point lighthouse and consider it would be good for Tourism Waitaki to pursue the possibility of this being a ticketable item. Mr Gaskill will look into this.

Mrs Wheeler tabled correspondence from Trevor Norton entitled 'Tidying up Hampden: The Enhancement of a Dunny.'

2. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED WCB16/70

Mrs McGregor/Cr Wheeler

"The Waihemo Community Board confirms the minutes of Waihemo

Community Board meeting dated 3 October 2016."

CARRIED

RESOLVED WCB16/71

Mrs McGregor/Mr Roy

"The Waihemo Community Board confirms the minutes of Waihemo

Community Board meeting dated 31 October 2016."

CARRIED

3. Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the Month of October 2016

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of October 2016.

RESOLVED

WCB16/72

Mr Brown/Mrs Watson

"The Waihemo Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

4. Recreation Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 20 September to 31 November 2016.

Mr van der Spek updated the Board on problem areas of concern to residents where mowing has not been done. Mr van der Spek encourages anyone with concerns to contact Council so these issues can be addressed. Downers are adding additional resourcing to assist with mowing. Wet ground conditions are making it difficult to mow some areas. Mill Domain will be re-mown shortly.

Mr van der Spek advised that Council understood residents would handle the planting around the Hampden toilet with assistance from Council. Hampden toilets will be opened prior to Christmas.

RESOLVED

WCB16/73

Mr Brown/Cr Wheeler

"The Waihemo Community Board agree that the Hampden Toilet be painted in 'desert sand' colour and planting undertaken in consultation

with the Recreation Unit up to a total of \$3,000."

CARRIED

RESOLVED

WCB16/74

Mr Brown/Cr Wheeler

"The Waihemo Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

5. Assets Update

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

Mr Hope will follow up with inconsistencies within the Assets Update eg grading of roads where not all the roads mentioned have been graded.

RESOLVED

WCB16/75

Mr Roy/Cr Wheeler

"The Waihemo Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

6. Report on Separate Rate Accounts and Funds Available for Distribution for Community Projects

The report outlines separate rate accounts and funds available for community projects.

Amenity Rate accounts information will be included in the next report.

RESOLVED WCB16/76

Cr Wheeler/Mrs McGregor

"The Waihemo Community Board receives:

- The schedule detailing movements in separate rate accounts within the Waihemo ward, and the balances pertaining to those accounts at 30 September 2016, noting that some reports normally tabled are not currently available; and
- The report detailing movements in funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward."

CARRIED

7. Verbal Updates: Chairperson's Report; Community Board Member Area Reports; Councillor's Report

Kathy Dennison

- Attended two Tourism Waitaki meetings along with other Board members. Thanked all Board members for attending the Moeraki lighthouse visit.
- There are residents concerned with the public behaviour around penguins.
- Board members will be visiting Waihemo Wastebusters and have more visits planned in the area.
- There is a Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting next Tuesday at 6.15pm. It would be good if Board members are able to attend.
- Wednesday night 14 December is the Mayor's Christmas function.
- Spoke with officers about developing amenity rate projects. Would like to re-instate the amenity rate projects list.
- Have had a few queries about electric car charging sites in the area.
- Mrs Dennison wished everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas.

Jan Wheeler

- Since being elected I have learnt a lot about Council processes and procedures.
- 15 October Palmerston Field Days were amazing.
- 19 October attended Inaugural Council meeting followed by a welcome function with Mayor, Councillors and partners.
- 26 October attended first Council meeting and workshop.
- 27 October Moeraki Village map and sign meeting with business people.
- 28 October met with Trevor Norton and discussed Hampden toilet painting and landscaping.
- 31 October attended Inaugural Waihemo Community Board meeting.
- 9 November attended Extraordinary Council meeting.
- 14-15 November Councillors Bus Trip through Waitaki Valley visiting attractions and were updated on Council issues through the area. Overnight at Lake Ohau Lodge.
- 20 November contacted Tourism Waitaki to discuss district maps.
- 21 November Jason Gaskill, Tourism Waitaki, held two strategic planning meetings at Palmerston Isite.
- 21 November visited Rosalie Goldsworth at Moeraki lighthouse penguin colony.
- 30 November attended Council meeting.

Heather McGregor

- 10-12 October attended the RSA National Conference marking 100 years of the RSA.
- 13 October attended East Otago Field Days in Palmerston.
- Palmerston Schools Reunion Labour Weekend.
- 21 November Waitaki Tourism Strategy and also Board visit to Moeraki lighthouse.
- Centennial Park and playground was decorated with toilet paper from public toilets.

- A small group of Dunback residents have planted donated native seedlings at Dunback Domain.
- Town lawn mowing have received a few calls about mowing of town lawns and will follow up with Mr van der Spek.
- Kelly's Canter and Paddy's Market were well supported along with the re-introduction of the Golden Oldies Rugby game between Waikouaiti and Palmerston. A netball game has also been introduced.
- Palmerston School Reunion was very successful. The Reunion Committee, after everything was finalised, were able to make substantial donations to East Otago High School and Palmerston Primary School which was greatly appreciated by both schools.

Carol Watson

- Attended Field Days and Careers Expo at East Otago High School.
- As contact person for Civil Defence, I was contacted to let residents know there was a tsunami alert. People need to understand the process should there be a tsunami alert.
- Attended Tourism Waitaki meeting and also visited Moeraki lighthouse.
- Contacted by a resident with a leaking sewerage pipe concern so hopefully this has now been fixed.

Ken Brown

- Beginning of new Board so getting to know how the Board will work together.
- Attended Tourism Waitaki workshop and Moeraki lighthouse visit.
- Waihemo amenity rates projects. It would be good to get a list up and running again so the Board's projects can be prioritised.

Paul Roy

- Attended Moeraki lighthouse with other Board members.
- Few dealings regarding the state of Macraes cricket pitch.
- Liaising with Mark Renalson about roads in general. Mark has been doing a good job.

RESOLVED

WCB16/77 Mrs Dennison/Mr Brown

"The Waihemo Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

Mayor Kircher

- Outlined concerns nationwide about the process around Civil Defence tsunami alerts
 following the recent earthquake in Kaikoura. There was a lack of communication
 nationwide which became clear a few days after the earthquake ie residents were given an
 alert but then no further information became available for quite some time.
- Freedom Camping bylaw has had a bit of a negative impact in that people are unsure of where they can freedom camp. These issues are being addressed.

Cr Garvan

Involved in Oceana Gold Hearing. The Company are positive about the future of the mine.
They do have some concerns about the Dunedin District Plan that could impact their
consents. Cr Garvan suggested the Board look into the Dunedin District Plan restrictions
and the implications for Oceana Gold.

Mrs Dennison tabled the following:

- Puketapu Scout Group wrote and thanked the Board for the donation of \$500. This assisted nine scouts and one leader to attend the recent Scout Jamboree.
- Information from Otago Regional Council, Rural Otago's water update Waterlines.

8. Items for Information

To provide Waihemo Community Board members with a copy of the following items for information:

- Mayor's and CEO's report 26 October 2016 Council meeting.
- Health and Safety update 5 October 2016 Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

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Mr Roy/Mr Brown "The Waihemo Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.
Confirmed this day, 23 January 2016 at Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston.
Chairperson

From

Regulatory Services Manager

Date

23 January 2017

Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the Month of November 2016

Recommendation

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the information.

Summary and Purpose

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of November 2016.

31 Goodwood Settlement Road	Erect new lean to	\$30,000
Craig Street, Palmerston	Change pergola to covered verandah	\$12,000
19 Gilligan Street	New two bay carport	\$14,000
17 Runbrake Street	New Skyline garage	\$27,945
Craig Street, Palmerston	New Versatile garage	\$28,000
104 District Road	New pole shed	\$61,180

Lichelle Guyan

Regulatory Services Manager

Thunes Cloete

Community Services Group Manager

From

Regulatory Services Manager

Date

23 January 2017

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67 Macraes Road	Dwelling alterations and garage	\$260,000
131 Limeklin Road	Dwelling alterations	\$12,000
2 Stour Street	Demolish and build new dwelling	\$480,000
41 Sutherland Road	Construct 3 bay pole shed	\$7,856
22 Mill Road	New conservatory	\$18,000
29 Mull Street	New garage	\$23,000
31 Craig Street	Dwelling alterations, install woodburner	\$3,000

Lichelle Guyan

Regulatory Services Manager

Thunes Cloete

Community Services Group Manager

From

Assets Group Manager

Date 23 January 2017

Assets Update

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Summary and Purpose

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

Roading

Council programmes works around the festive season to ensure sites are tidy and town sweeping is up to date to make the district as presentable as possible. Currently there is a bit of a hiatus on other works as we have caught up with most activities.

Unfortunately we are still needing to attend to Haven Street every 3 to 4 weeks and spent just under than \$6,500 in December alone for stabilising, metalling and grading works.

The increase in CRMs has been attributed to the recent rains and a recent change of route by the logging trucks servicing the Taieri Peak Road area.

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Customer Requests	 6 requests received for blocked drains/culverts 8 requests for unsealed pavement maintenance (2 for grading) 2 requests for sealed roads – potholes 1 request for sign vandalism 1 request for the widening of the bridge on Pringles Road
Road Maintenance	 Access to the quarry at Smillies Peak is still being negotiated with the land owner by Downer, so currently no aggregate is available from this source. Alternative supplies close by are being investigated to meet the shortfall. This has delayed the programmed metalling for the Ward roads around Palmerston. It does not affect planned maintenance in the Macraes and Hampden areas. 30m of edge break has been carried out on Hillgrove-Moeraki Roads. Spot metalling has been completed on Wilson Street. A repair of a washed out area of Brookland Road has been completed. Footpath and street cleaning has taken place. Roads graded: Butter and Egg, Hay, Kaika, Kemp, Lighthouse, Macraes, Moonlight, Nenthorn, School, Te Karita, Trotters Gorge and Tenby Street. Edge marker posts have been replaced on Horse Range Road.
Bridges and Structures	 Dunback Swing Bridge will be completed this month. The bridge was open for use before the Christmas break. Routine maintenance has been carried out on bridges and structures

Water

Moeraki Water Supply

A tank failure at the Moeraki high level reservoir on Boxing Day resulted in all eight tanks requiring draining in order to install the necessary pipework to bypass the failed tank. This was a significant setback as maintaining storage in Moeraki over Christmas and New Year is critical.

The high water demand from consumers resulted in the reservoir tanks being unable to re-fill, reducing the pressure in the network and consequently limiting the supply of water to elevated consumers. Multiple loads of water were tankered to consumers over the period.

Officers will, in the next 2-3 months, assess options for the replacement of the failed tank and other site improvements such as telemetry. A hydraulic model of the Moeraki water supply has been developed and will be used to further identify any necessary reticulation improvements.

H2OurHealth Project

The contract for the construction of the 34km pipeline from Oamaru to supply the Herbert-Waianakarua and Hampden-Moeraki water supplies will be released for public tender within the next month.

Four landowner agreements are yet to be signed however verbal agreement has been received.

<u>Dunback Road Tank Supplies</u>

Design has been completed to determine the most appropriate connection point for each property.

Quotes will now be sought from a local contractor and a suitable payment method confirmed with the Council finance team. Landowners will be contacted following this.

Stoneburn Water Supply

In November following consultation with key representatives, Council resolved not to reappoint all water supply subcommittees.

The Stoneburn Water Supply subcommittee has been replaced with an Operational Liaison Group made up of supply consumers who volunteer their time to operate and maintain the water supply.

Officers are working with the Operational Liaison Group to clarify roles and responsibilities and address health and safety risks.

Neil Jorgensen

Assets Group Manager

From

Recreation Manager

Date

23 January 2017

Recreation Update

Recommendation

The Waihemo Community Board receives the information.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 1 December 2016 to 12 January 2017.

Comment

- Macraes Domain Drainage Work is yet to be carried out to rectify the stormwater drain causing
 wet ground conditions. This stormwater drain is owned by the community as part of the Macraes
 pavilion.
- Dunback Domain Camping Dunback Domain has been very busy over summer. The contractors had to clean the toilets and remove rubbish twice a day with over 200L of rubbish including, we believe, rubbish from the bowling club. The increased toilet usage caused the septic tank to overflow and require pumping out. Council has a project to refurbish these toilets in two years. It is recommended that camp fees and provision of rubbish facilities is reviewed before next summer along with the possibility of having a camp manager to ensure payments. It is noted that DoC currently charge \$8 per adult and \$3 per child for similar style campgrounds and do not provide rubbish facilities.
- Palmerston Cemetery Sign This will be progressed in February.
- Palmerston Cemetery Planting is well underway, with the remainder to be completed in the autumn. The carpark signs have been installed. Grading of the tracks will be udertaken soon.
- Palmerston Showgrounds Council has provided \$3,000 of soil to top up low areas and assist the A&P Association with damage repairs. The society has removed high points and spread this into low points but have not been able to completely remediate the damage.
- The A&P Association would like Council to install perimeter drains and install additional drainage work to reduce the likelihood of this occurring again. We have asked them to consider the likely cost of such work (subject to extent of work this might cost \$60,000), possible alternative venues for A&P shows, the frequency of such rain events and the likelihood of such rainfall events occurring in conjunction with A&P. Any Council (Waihemo ratepayer) funding should be put forward as a project in Council's Annual or Long Term Plan.
- Palmerston Squash Club Proposal Officers have not heard back from the Squash Club.
- Moeraki Hall Reserve locals are requesting that this area has an increased level of service to manage the undesirable species in this area. Meantime a working bee is proposed.
- Moeraki Lookout Memorial Rock The Waianakarua Lions would like to erect a memorial to fishermen that have been lost at sea. Officers have agreed the proposed location, with a different basalt rock type now proposed by Lions members.
- Moeraki Kiosk Replacement has been priced and will cost \$3,000 funded through depreciation.

- Moeraki Fencing Renewals The Lookout is not very accessible due to the stock fences and gates required by the leasee to manage stock. It has been suggested the existing setup be replaced with a new purpose built enclosure for \$4,000.
- Dunback, Hampden Streetscapes Concepts have been instigated as a starting point for discussion with the relative communities. Council officers will set up meetings with communities.
- Hampden Cemetery the leasee of the land around the Hampden Cemetery has expressed concern about the extent of erosion from the river mouth and along the length of his property.
 Officers will raise this with Council as part of Council's Long Term Plan.
- Hampden Hall New Toilets Are up and running. The landscaping plan is yet to be completed by the Community.
- Reserve Improvement Fund \$12,000 is available for Improvements. \$3,000 has been committed to the A&P Society work on the Palmerston showgrounds. Officers request the Community Board identifies two priority projects that we can plan and price prior to bringing these back to the Board for consideration. Officers suggest the following could be considered:

o Moeraki beach stairs

\$5,000+

o Additional picnic tables at Hampden Beach

\$3,000 each installed with pad

o Moeraki Lookout fencing

\$4,000.

Erik van der Spek Recreation Manager

Thunes Cloete

Community Services Group Manager

From

Policy & Communications Manager

Date

23 January 2017

New Zealand Community Board Conference May 2017

Recommendation

Waihemo Community Board to consider who will be attending the New Zealand Community Board Conference, being held in Methven from 11-13 May 2017.

Summary

Information has been received from Local Government NZ, advising that the New Zealand Community Board Conference will be held at the Heritage Centre, Methyen from 11-13 May 2017.

Purpose

To advise the Chairman and Members of the Waihemo Community Board of the Biennial Community Board Conference to be held in Methven from 11-13 May 2017. Registration for Board members attending the Conference along with further information will be available nearer to the date.

Background

The New Zealand Community Board Conference takes place every two years. The biennial conference was introduced in 1997 to bring together the community boards of New Zealand to share practice and to help improve the understanding and work of community boards.

The conference usually takes place over two days and is host to the Community Board awards.

Comment

Local Government NZ will advise when registrations are required. This memo is to provide information for consideration by Community Board Members.

Significance and Outcomes

Participation of Members at this conference will give ample opportunity for discussion and the chance to work through a number of major issues, as well as providing members with some useful tools to take away to assist in the local community.

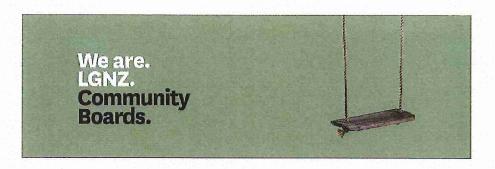
Financial Considerations

The cost of attendance at the conference and accommodation is yet to be advised. Accommodation is traditionally arranged with various hotels/motels close to the venue.

Mike Roesler

Policy & Communications Manager

Attachment: LGNZ Community Board Conference Information



Brought to you by the Community Board Executive Committee

Dear member

Here is the latest update from the Community Board Executive Committee.

In this issue	December 2016
Important to note	Community Board Conference
Nominations for the election of a new	To be held 11-13 May 2017 in Methven.
Community Board Executive Commitee	
close Friday 16 December.	

Community Board Executive Elections

The Community Boards' Executive Committee (CBEC) held its last meeting on December 6 and 7 and nominations for the election of a new Committee are currently being sought. CBEC meets four times a year and is responsible for the following:

- 1. providing advice to the National Council of LGNZ on matters involving community boards;
- keeping the National Council of LGNZ informed of current and future issues of concern to community boards that may have implications for local government generally;
- 3. providing advice to LGNZ and EquiP on the training needs of community boards; and
- 4. advocating on behalf of community boards and promoting good practice.

Representatives on CBEC are elected on a Zone basis and anyone wishing to stand for election must be nominated by a community board member from their Zone. Nomination forms have been sent to all councils. Please forward nomination forms to LGNZ by Friday 16 December.

For more information please contact LGNZ Principal Policy Advisor Mike Reid.

Biennial Community Board Conference Methven, May 2017

Arrangements are well underway for the 2017 community board conference Making 1 + 1 = 3 which is scheduled to be held in Methven from 11-13 May 2017. The conference follows the very successful Bay of Islands' conference held in 2014. Amongst the confirmed speakers is Sam Johnson who is



New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2017 Making 1 + 1 = 3

11 - 13 May 2017, Heritage Centre, Methven | www.nzcbc2017.co.nz

internationally recognised for his work in leading the student army following the Canterbury earthquakes. For more information <u>click here</u>.

Community Board Best Practice Awards

Applications can be made for the Community Board Best Practice Awards which will be awarded at the CBEC conference dinner on the 12 May 2017. Applications close on the 17 March 2017. This year there are three categories as well as a supreme winner. The categories are:

Leadership: this category is focused on community boards which are exercising their leadership mandates in order to make improvement to their communities. Such as:

- · a successful advocacy campaign resulting in beneficial change
- · partnering with one or more agency to improve local services
- utilising local papers or social media a to successfully address a local issue.

Enhancing Communities: focuses on projects, programmes or initiatives which have been funded, commissioned or undertaken by a community board which have enhanced the quality of life and/or environment of their community. Projects which may have:

- · contributed to harmonious relationships and stronger community networks
- · developed local or neighbourhood amenities
- strengthened local cultural identity.

Engaging Communities: is concerned with community boards that have taken an innovative approach to consultation and engagement, such as:

- taken an innovative approach to engaging with local organisations, such as Maori organisations, Hapu, business associations or community organisations;
- increasing the participation of groups within their communities that have traditionally been under-represented in local affairs, such as young people and new residents.

For more information about the awards click here.

Training workshops for Community Board Chairs

In February/March 2017 CBEC is repeating the community board chair and deputy chair training workshops that proved very popular in early 2016. The workshops run from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturdays with a registration cost of \$100 per participant. The draft schedule involves training workshops on the following dates:

- Taupo, 11 February
- Christchurch, 25 February
- · Gore, 11 March
- Wellington, 25 March

The workshop programme includes understanding standing orders; tips for chairing meetings; relationships between boards and councils and an update on policy issues impacting on the performance of boards.

For more information please contact LGNZ Principal Policy Advisor Mike Reid.



The Community Board Good Governance Guide

The first governance guide for community boards is now available. The Guide, which was commissioned by CBEC, puts in one place all the information community board members, chairs and support staff need to know about running an effective community board. Topics covered by the Guide include:

- Getting started; which includes the role of appointed members, community board declarations and remuneration;
- Relationships with your council; which deals with the role of the chief executive in providing support to a community board, funding community boards and tips for building and maintaining effective relationships;
- Conflicts of interest and how these should be handled at a community board level;
- Roles and functions and the different approaches that can be taken to empower community boards, such as delegations.



To request a copy of the Guide please contact LGNZ Principal Policy Advisor Mike Reid.

Waihemo Community Board

Verbal Updates:

- Chairperson
- Area Representatives
- Mayor
- Councillor

From

Policy Officer - Governance

Date

23 January 2017

Items for Information

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Summary

The following reports present information prepared by the Mayor, Chief Executive and Human Resources Manager.

Mayor's and Chief Executive's report to 30 November 2016 Council meeting.

Purpose

The purpose of this information is to bring Community Boards up to speed with matters considered by Council over the preceding period.

Community Boards and Community Board Chairs may have already received this information.

Margaret Tanner

Policy Officer - Governance

Mike Roesler

Policy & Communications Manager

Waitaki District Council Memorandum

From

Mayor Gary Kircher

Date

30 November 2016

Mayor's Report

Recommendation

That Council receives the information.

Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors and the public up to date with a number of issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting.

What's been happening?

In a departure from my usual Mayor's Report, I am covering several different issues briefly, but then focussing on one principal issue - the response to the recent tsunami threat after the Kaikoura earthquakes.

Strategic Beginnings

The Councillors and I have been keen to get a quick start to the term, and consequently have held two strategic planning sessions. The first of these was a Councillor-only session where we all had the opportunity to set out our individual goals and aspirations for the next three years, as well as air any concerns or appreciation for the any of the great number of activities that the Council carries out. This was a very valuable session, as it helped set the scene for the rest of the discussions. Some of the topics that featured regularly included tourism, recruitment of a new Chief Executive, Council-owned property, and major projects.

For the second session, we were joined by the senior managers, and went into more detail on a number of topics. They added in some of the issues which they felt were important, and we had a very good, interactive session. For a new Council, I felt there was a very high level of goodwill, ability, and a real sense of having a common direction. It bodes well for the term ahead of us! There will be a couple more sessions to further discuss the issues that we didn't have time for, and we will schedule those soon.



A strategic bunch...





The Waitaki District!

Waihemo Community Board

The new Waihemo Community Board was sworn in at their inaugural meeting, and there are a couple of changes around their table. It is another good mix of experience and skills, and I look forward to working with the new board for the next three years. The Ahuriri Community Board had one of their members unavailable for their first meeting, so I hope to feature them in my next report.



Back Row: Heather McGregor, Carol Watson, Paul Roy, Jan Wheeler (Councillor) Front Row: Kathy Dennison (Chair), Ken Brown (Deputy Chair)

Learn To Ride Bike Park

The bike park has commenced, and will progress quite quickly! It has been a popular project since first being moofed almost two years ago, and it is excellent to see it coming to fruition. I want to acknowledge the good work that has gone into the project by a number of people, including Recreation Manager Erik van der Spek, who helped get the project together, and Councillor Tavendale who has helped with the design and been instrumental in gaining extra funding.

This facility will add to our already popular harbour playground, and adds a significant attraction for our smaller citizens and visitors. It wouldn't have happened without the support of Councillors and I'm confident that it will be very successful.



The layout takes shape!

28th Oamaru Victorian Celebrations

We have just had Oamaru's principal event, the annual Heritage Celebrations, a week ago. Although some of the events were affected by rain, earthquakes, and floods, we can perhaps be thankful that pestilence stayed away! Numbers may have been down for some of the events, but most ran very successfully thanks to the good organisation and preparedness of the various volunteers. Thanks go to the organisers and teams of volunteers for yet another splendid program which brought good numbers of visitors to North Otago.







Photos from the Network Waitaki Heritage Celebrations Fete

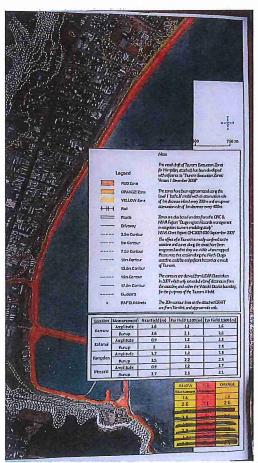
Emergency Management Debrief

The rest of my report is dedicated to the topic of emergency management and in particular, a report into the 14th of November event that caused so much damage around the Kaikoura and Hurunui districts. There has been a considerable amount of concern around coastal Waitaki about the local response to the general tsunami warning, and I gave an undertaking to look into the situation and report back on it. I have talked to a number of people involved in the event, and this information forms the basis of this report. It is not intended to be comprehensive, but it will pinpoint the areas where we did well, and where we need to improve. The following report describes my findings:

It was only a couple of months ago that there was a national exercise based on a scenario very similar to the situation faced on the morning of the 14th. Operation Tangaroa was an exercise that had a tsunami threat working down the South Island, and so that exercise was very fresh in the memories of those taking part. This was of course the point of any training exercise, but little did the participants know just how soon they would be going through the same situation for real!

The main earthquake occurred just after midnight on the 14th of November. It was enough to wake many people in North Otago and a good number didn't go back to sleep, as they sought information on what had happened and where. The subsequent tsunami risk was raised by the national Civil Defence headquarters, and our Emergency Management Officer, Ewen Graham, received the call. Ewen went to the Emergency Management Office and opened the building, where he gathered further information. It was shortly after 1am that he rang the Civil Defence controller and gave him a briefing. The decision was made to call in the Communications personnel, as well as the representatives of the NZ Police, Fire Service, and St John, who duly reported to the EMO.

The situation continued to be monitored, and the EMO was prepared. Maps showing the risks of inundation of various wave sizes were studied, and the latest information compared to them. In this case, the threat was reported to be a potential wave of 1-3 metres in height. The maps showed there were risks in very low-lying areas, but that the majority of areas were safe, including almost all of Oamaru.



The map for Oamaru. I am recommending that this map is updated and fine-tuned with the latest information, along with maps for the rest of coastal Waitaki to then be available online.

The immediate action was to ensure that those people in the most at-risk areas were aware of the threat, and in those cases ask them to evacuate. In this situation, the Police are responsible for directing any evacuations. Accordingly, the following areas were checked and people asked to leave for higher ground:

Waitaki river mouth (cleared by Civil Defence volunteers)

Police car sent to:

Oamaru harbour

Kakanui River mouth

All Day Bay cleared

Hampden Motor Camp advised

Moeraki low-lying areas cleared

Kaik 1 cleared

Katiki Straight campers cleared

Shag Point village advised

Kakanui town north of river to bridge (cleared by Fire Service)

Shag River whitebaiters moved (cleared by Civil Defence volunteers)

Goodwood low-lying area (cleared by Civil Defence volunteers)

As Mayor, I was woken with a phone call from the EM officer about 4.15am, and given an update. The Controller had decided he wasn't needed in the office. I ascertained that the risk was low and that the threat was being dealt with appropriately, and so determined that there was no need for me to go to the office at that stage, given our relative responsibilities.

During this time, the Comms personnel completed various tasks, passing on to the public the information they were receiving on the tsunami threat, and posting it on the Council's Facebook page, and the WDC website. General information was available on the national CD website and via the media.

The following message was the first on our Council Facebook page:

Monday 14 November 2.50am: Tsunami warning following earthquake. Please stay off beaches and away from shore areas. More information to follow.

Comms didn't add anything to the post until 4.13am, when a further comment raised a number of concerns and questions from members of the public as follows:

Waitaki District Council 4.13am:

We are contacting people in low-lying areas but are not evacuating anyone at this stage.

Jessica Fogarty

What areas would you class low lying areas? I'm next to the mill is that one?

Like · Reply · 2 · 14 November at 04:20

Ebony Kenneally

Yes can you tell us how close to the sea is WHAT is classed as low lying areas

Like · Reply · 14 November at 04:29

Larina Smith

Please we are close

Like · Reply · 14 November at 04:32

Waitaki District Council

Low lying areas are around Oamaru, adjacent to Oamaru Creek, Oamaru Harbour and up to Smash Palace

Like · Reply · 14 November at 04:38 · Edited

Wendy N Scooter

What about near waitaki river?? Alot if ppl left wondering

Like · Reply · 14 November at 05:52

Waitaki District Council

This isn't considered low-lying but we wouldn't want people going there. For people living in that area, the message remains the same - we're not evacuating anyone but keep monitoring this page for

Like · Reply · 1 · 14 November at 06:00

The only other post on the Council page was at 12.19pm, notifying the public that the alert had been

The feedback I received from a range of people was critical of the response. Many people were left totally unaware of what was happening and concerned that there were no alarms or sirens sounding in what they had been told was a tsunami alert. This was not helped by the news that Dunedin had officially declared. There was a lack of understanding about what should happen, and the vacuum of information was then filled with concerns, bordering on fear, and a feeling that the authorities were doing nothing, or worse, that they lacked any coordination,

From all of this information, I am suggesting the following recommendations:

- 1. That a proactive educational program is put together to help the public understand what they should do during a similiar threat in the future. This should include information that the police are responsible for any evacuation, and where the threat is assessed as serious, that there will be emergency service vehicles dispatched and if necessary, sirens will be sounded as well as a door-to-door evacuation actioned. A public release of the maps showing tsunami wave risks should be published online and in newspapers as appropriate.
- 2. That more communications channels are used. We no longer live in a world where people can just turn on their local radio station and find out what is going on in their location. Many people look first to the internet, and particularly social media for their information. This is interactive media, and our Comms personnel should be actively checking local pages and distributing information on as many of the community pages as possible. Radio Waitaki has just relaunched in North Otago, and its owner is happy to be called in to provide immediate assistance on live radio. They broadcast on 104fm.
- 3, That proactive information is shared with the public. Given the amount of feedback indicating that people were not aware of how they might be evacuated, it is important to proactively let them know that police and/or the fire service will actively evacuate people if a threat is deemed likely. Having said that, if people are in low-lying areas and they think they should leave, then that is what they should do.
- 4. That the on-duty Controller should report to the office as soon as possible during major events, to ensure all appropriate actions are being taken.

As I indicated earlier, I have not been able to identify and verify all information, but believe this is a reasonable summary of what occurred in this situation. The public is relying on us to act effectively and professionally. It is very important to stress that I am firmly of the belief that people were safe at all times during the event, and that anyone at risk was identified and appropriate actions were taken. However, as an organisation, we can do better with our communication and with ensuring that our people are more prepared and knowledgeable about what to do in an emergency situation.

Thank you.

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14 October	Meeting with John Baster, Harbour St
17 October	Meeting with Oamaru Race Course Committee
18 October	Mayor & CEO Catch-up
18 October	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust meeting
19 October	Inaugural Council meeting
20 October	Tom Garbutt's 96th Birthday Celebrations
20 October	Friends of the Oamaru Public Gardens Meeting
21 October	Meeting with Don Patterson, public art
21 October	Observatory Retirement Village Trust Meeting
21 October	Meeting with Colin Jackson re grandstand development
21 October	Oamaru North School Assembly
21 October	Meeting with Mark Smith, OWCT
23 October	Oamaru RSA Welfare Trust Luncheon

Mayor & CEO Catch-up 25 October Meeting with Hampden Landowners 25 October Meeting/presentation with Otago Community Trust 25 October Meeting with George Kelcher, Road Metals 25 October **Council Meeting** 26 October Councillor Briefing 26 October Meeting with John Walker, Whitestone Contracting 27 October A2O Shareholders Meeting, Omarama 27 October A2O Official Partner's Meeting, Omarama 27 October **Cultural Facilities Fundraising Group Meeting** 31 October Meeting with Recreation Centre Trust 31 October Waihemo Community Board Inaugural Meeting 31 October 1 November Mayor & CEO Catch-up Meeting with Dougal McGowan, Otago Chamber of Commerce CEO 1 November Meeting with John Brimble, Sport Otago 1 November Ahuriri Community Board Inaugural Meeting 1 November Business After 5 event 1 November Meeting with James Porteous, Queenstown business 2 November Executive Committee Meeting (Informal) 2 November Meeting with Tourism Waitaki and OWCT 2 November St Kevin's College Senior Prizegiving 2 November Waitaki Boys' High School Senior Prizegiving 3 November Meeting with Michael Sandri re event potential 4 November Meeting with Cr Jan Wheeler 4 November Meeting with Craig Stobo re public art 4 November Meeting with Heritage NZ and Phoenix Mill Trust and volunteers 4 November Meeting with Ross Pickworth, WCL 4 November Zone 5 & 6 Dinner, Dunedin 6 November Zone 5 & 6 Meeting, Dunedin 7 November Waitaki Girls' High School Senior Prizegiving 7 November Mayor & CEO Catch-up 8 November Meeting with David Harbourne, UK author 8 November Meeting with Deborah & Peter Duncan, asbestos issue 8 November **Extraordinary Council Meeting** 9 November Councillor Briefing 9 November Youth Council 9 November Youth Council Dinner 9 November CDEM Meeting, Alexandra 10 November Highlands 101 Official Welcome Function, Cromwell 10 November Otago Mayoral Forum Dinner, Clyde 10 November Otago Mayoral Forum, Alexandra 11 November Victorian Fete Volunteers' Meeting 13 November Ahuriri Ward Bus Tour, Strategic planning sessions 14-15 November Council Workshop 16 November Meeting with Select Contracts re Adventure Park 16 November Meeting with Michael Sandri and John Crombie re A2O Ultra Run 16 November Rural & Provincial Meeting, Wellington 17-18 November Art Competition Judging, Rendell on Reed 18 November Heritage Celebrations Magic Show, Loan & Merc 18 November Heritage Celebrations Grand Street Parade 19 November Rendell on Reed 21st anniversary celebration 19 November Heritage Celebrations Hoedown 19 November Victorian Fete 20 November Mayor & CEO Catch-up 21 November Meeting with Rooney Earthmoving 21 November Waitaki Industry Trained Graduates event 21 November

Mayor Gary Kircher

Waitaki District Council Memorandum

From

Chief Executive

Date

30 November 2016

Chief Executive's Report

Recommendation

That Council receives the information.

Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors up to date with issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 26 October 2016. The layout of this report is designed to mirror in part the KPI's set by Council for the CEO for 2016. These reflect our six key community outcomes. A number of the comments are simply reporting back to Council on matters which have arisen over the last few weeks.

1. Affordability

Annual Plan

This process is underway for our 2017/18 budget and work has already started with budget holders. There is a report to this meeting on our Annual Plan timeframe and consultation process. A workshop is planned for 14 December 2016 and we expect decisions on the Draft Annual Plan to be made available in mid-February.

Managing our Internal Debt

This is being managed and reported by our Chief Financial Officer at the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FAR) meeting. A workshop was held with Councillors earlier this month where a number of options for dealing with the Internal Debt and with Endowment Reserves were discussed. Further options will be developed and brought back to Council for your consideration.

Manage Investments

Our cash investments and their returns are reported on at the FAR meeting.

3. Opportunities for new and existing businesses

Regulatory Services

The building team have reluctantly farewelled Kevin Piper. Kevin was one of our new recruits who joined us earlier in the year. He was approached by his former employer Auckland Council and has moved back to Auckland. This leaves us short-handed in the Building Team and we have immediately commenced a recruitment process to try and replace him.

Replacement of Building Inspectors is a challenge. South of the Waitaki River there are currently 26 vacancies for building inspectors. At this early stage we have not got a suitable pool of candidates to recruit from so this vacancy will take some time to fill.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) are in the office this week at our invitation, working with the building team to complete an informal audit on our Territorial Authority functions such as building warrant of fitness and notices to fix. They are also supporting our drive to lift performance by reviewing our Building Consent Authority (BCA) functions to identify areas of priority prior to the International Accreditation NZ (IANZ) audit next June. We appreciate MBIE taking this opportunity to assist us and we look forward their feedback.

Property

The property team are continuing to work on the sale of land and property. There have now been seven sections sold in our Omarama Subdivision leaving only four unsold — one with negotiations underway. As you can see, interest in these sections has certainly picked up over the last few weeks and at this rate all of these could well be sold by the end of the summer.

Alps 2 Ocean

I attended a Joint Committee meeting and Shareholder meeting in Omarama on 27 October. At the same time I met with Tourism Waitaki and representatives of the Mackenzie District Council to discuss product development and joint marketing opportunities. Following this we had a meeting with all the operators involved with the trail.

Quality Accommodation

There has been interest in the development of quality accommodation within Oamaru and work is continuing with interested parties on this. We are about to advertise for expressions of interest for the site on the Marine Parade Esplanade adjacent to McKeown & Graham. Two parties have expressed interest in this site.

Encourage Business growth in Waitaki

Select Contracts work on the zip line proposal is now well advanced and we are hoping to receive their report prior to Christmas. We met with them on 16 November to discuss their draft report and progress to date. We have yet to receive the business case financials.

Tourism Waitaki are also well advanced on their Harbour Precinct attraction.

Business Visits

25 October

Laser Plumbing

21 November

Rooney Earthmoving Ltd.

5. Our Distinct Environment is Valued

District Plan Review

Workshops have been held regularly with Council on the review. At our recent strategic planning session the idea of having another round of community workshops was raised. I discussed this with Mike Searle who stated that he had the original records of those meetings which were held in all the major communities in the district. I suggested that these be shared with the Community Board's initially so as they could review the feedback received, as we suspect that many of the ideas and concepts raised at those meetings may well be just as relevant today as they were back then.

Shag Point Reserve

Many thanks to Jane Matchett who has just been given credit for an initiative at Shag Point which I have just heard from a member of the community. An extract from her email is included below:-

"For a year now Jane has been collecting seeds from the surrounding area and growing them on. Yesterday (Sunday) we organised a Reserve working bee to plant these along with several other trays of natives that had been donated. A good group of residents turned up and lead by Jane we had a very successful planting bee and planted more than a hundred plants with shelters to enhance the area which is becoming more and more popular with tourists.

Jane did all the seed collecting and plant growing and the working bee outside of her regular job hours and the public relations for the council/community relations are immeasurable, if you have an award for star of the week then we suggest she definitely deserves it."

6. We Maintain a Safe Community

Health and Safety

The position of Health & Safety Officer has been filled. Colleen Myers joins us on Monday 5 December 2016 and will be working both with both Council and with the Waitaki District Health Services Company on enhancing our Health and Safety practices and procedures.

7. Other

Civil Defence Event - the Kaikoura Quake

Following the 14 November earthquake event I have taken some time to talk to those involved to build a picture of how our Council performed in its operational and community guidance roles under the new Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) structure. This has included conversation with our Group Manager Chris Hawker, Ewen Graham and our local staff involved.

I am confident that operationally the processes undertaken were carried out effectively. Our local Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was manned with a small number of staff, to meet the level of risk that our community faced at that time. That risk was low given the tsunami warning of 1 to 3 metres. Information was disseminated as it came to hand, through the formal CDEM channels. Local emergency services were mobilised and any members or visitors to our community that were identified in risk areas were evacuated by emergency services.

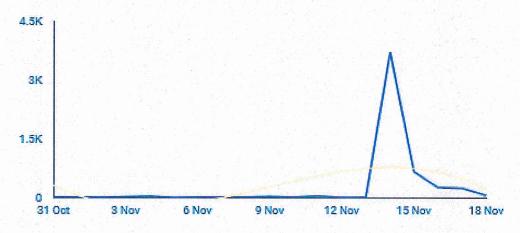
Councillors have given feedback that there were areas where we can improve our performance for our local community, particularly around the availability and timeliness of local information communicated, and the use and range of media available to us to achieve this.

As a result, we have developed a simple communication message (copy attached) to raise community awareness which we will publish this week in our local paper to:-

- provide clarity and direct people to the official information channels (one source of the truth);
- provide insight about the information provided during an event;
- provide some guidance as to how members of our community can take steps to keep themselves safe in such an event.

I have included below for your information a copy of the graph showing the huge increase in hits on our Emergency Management Otago website over the period off this event. It is our intention to ensure that this site is the one which becomes the main link for information in an official sense — and will be linked direct from our Waitaki District Council site.

How are site sessions trending?



Whilst there is a national focus on ensuring better communication processes are carried out in emergency events across the country, I do believe we need to re-engage with our community at a local level now to reassure them of our local preparedness. This activity will be an important part of the preparation of the new Civil Defence Regional Plan which is being updated early in 2017.

Waitaki Provides Support

Two of our local Civil Defence team have been asked to assist support our neighbours in Kaikoura and Hurunui. Elton Crane is currently in Kaikoura working in a Public Information support role. He flew by helicopter into Kaikoura on Wednesday and will be there until Sunday. The Emergency Operations Centre which is located in the new Kaikoura District Council offices operates from 7am to 9pm so they are long days. There are still no showers or flushing toilets working in Kaikoura. Ewen Graham is also working for the Canterbury Support team and is likely to be away until early next week

Otago Civil Defence Re-Organisation

Our new Otago Civil Defence organisation commenced on 1 November. Along with other Otago councils in a review and restructure process of the provision of Civil Defence and Emergency Management in Otago. As a result of this process, Civil Defence has become a new shared service and will be managed and run from Otago Regional Council HQ under the leadership of Civil Defence Regional Manager Chris Hawker. This has meant that our two

positions (1.5 FTE's) have transitioned to be employed by ORC. Ewen has accepted a role in the new group and is positive about this change. Regrettably however, the position of Manager, Emergency Management was disestablished and replaced with a full time Emergency Management Officer. Jane Lodge decided not to apply for this position in the new organisation so her employment and involvement in Civil Defence has now finished and she is no longer working for us. Her farewell was held last week at the EOC.

Governance Support

The new Council are settling in with induction sessions being held. More recently we have done a Ward tour in the Ahuriri and included in our itinerary a familiarisation tour of the northern part of that ward travelling up the valley to Lake Ohau. On day two, following planning sessions at Lake Ohau Lodge, we visited Falstone Camp to see recent developments there, including the removal of the Kingdom Come film set. On the way back down to Oamaru we followed the Alps2Ocean Trail as much as it was possible in a bus.

Oamaru Library Re-Structure Process Underway
As part of our project to introduce RFID (Radio
Frequency Identification) for our book issues and returns
at the library we are starting a process which will result in
a few changes at the library and will ultimately result in
the library layout being altered to better suit the new
needs of our community. We expect this process to be
complete by the end of the first quarter of next year.



8. Council Controlled Organisations

Omarama Airfield Limited

The airfield company is undertaking a review of its strategic direction and is holding a number of workshops to discuss ideas and opportunities with key stakeholders.

The second of these was held on November 18 and was attend by 27 people being a mixture of Omarama residents and glider pilots competing in the South Island Regional Competition. The feedback was positive with some constructive ideas being offered for the continuing development of the airfield and an agreement from the participants as to the importance of the airfield to the Omarama community.

The Omarama Airfield Limited Board is also progressing the company's health and safety responsibilities and is currently putting in place a work stream to implement its health and safety plan. The most immediate requirements identified in the plan are now in place and the next step is to engage with airfield users to ensure that all parties understand and have provided for their obligations under the act.

Whitestone Contracting Limited

A session with the senior management teams of the two organisations, along with an independent facilitator Dominic Moran, met at the Opera House on Friday 28 October. It was a positive session with a number of suggestions made as to how we could work more closely together in the future. This is likely to result in further such sessions being arranged.

I last met with Whitestone Chief Executive Glenn Campbell to discuss the above meeting and to review company progress year to date on Thursday 24 November. Part of the discussions focussed on Health and Safety (H&S) and the implications and responsibilities that Council has to ensure that the company is meeting its H&S requirements under legislation. Opportunities to standardise a form of reporting to Council will be explored for each of our Council Controlled Trading Organisations.

9. Meetings Attended

25 October

Otago Committee Trust

26 October

Council Meeting

27 October

Alps 2 Ocean – Joint Committee Meeting; Shareholder meeting & Summit,

Omarama

28 October Whitestone Contracting Limited

31 October Canterbury Chief Executives Forum, Selwyn District Council

31 October Waihemo Community Board meeting

1 November Dougal McGowan

1 November Ahuriri Community Board meeting 2 November Executive Committee meeting (Informal)

3 November North Otago Irrigation Company Board Meeting

7 November Zone 5 & 6 meeting, Dunedin
9 November Extraordinary Council Meeting
10 November CDEM meeting, Alexandra
11 November Otago Mayoral Forum, Alexandra

14 & 15 November Councillors familiarisation tour, Waitaki Valley & Ohau

17 & 18 November Rural & Provincial Meeting, Wellington

22 November Met with Sally Jones – DoC Twizel Office re A2O and roading

22 November Met with DoC Managers Andy Roberts, Dave Winterbourne and Sally Jones

with Mayor Gary re various DoC matters which affect Waitaki.

23 November Simpson Grierson, Waimate & Mackenzie District Councils, Waimate 24 & 25 Novmber Canterbury Mayoral Forum – cancelled at late notice – Christchurch.

24 November Meeting with Glenn Campbell – Whitestone Contracting Ltd.

Michael Ross
Chief Executive

Attachment

Civil Defence Emergency – What you need to Know

Civil Defence Emergency

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, storms ... being prepared and knowing how a particular emergency is unfolding will help us stay safe.

Following last week's earthquakes and tsunami warning there is still a threat of a tsunami should there be a large after-shock. Perhaps, then, it's a good time to review what happens before, during and after a civil defence emergency.

We endeavour to provide timely information that will keep you and your family safe, however, we ask that you also take your own steps to ensure your safety.

Official Communication Channels



Stay up-to-date with latest news and announcements by tuning into your local radio station, TV, website or social media channel

Official Website and Social Media



www.otagocdem.govt.nz www.facebook.com/WaitakiDistrictCouncil

Take Action



If you believe your safety could be compromised please take action, eg self-evacuate/drive to higher ground. If possibe, stay in touch with official updates (a transitor radio can be useful).

Be Prepared



There are simple steps you can take to be prepared for a civil defence emergency.

Visit www.otagocdem.govt.nz to find out how.

Natural Hazards in Waitaki



Tsunami



Floods



Earthquake



Storm



Landslide

Getting ready for an emergency is as easy as 1,2,3 Go to www.otagocdem.govt.nz to find out how

