

Tirau Community Board Meeting

PUBLIC BUSINESS AGENDA

A Tirau Community Board Meeting
will be held in the Hub, War Memorial Hall,
Main Road, Tirau
on Tuesday 21 March 2023
Commencing at 5.30pm

OUR VISION

“Healthy people thriving in a safe, vibrant and sustainable community.”

Attendees

Members	Chairperson	J Wanden
	Deputy Chairperson	G Singers
		G Bond
		K Slater
Council Representative		K Purdy
His Worship the Mayor		G Petley
Staff	Chief Executive	S Law
	Interim Executive Manager Corporate	M Booth
	Interim Executive Manager Operations	J Hassall
	General Manager Assets	T Anderson

Agenda Confirmed by:

S Law
Chief Executive

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Document Information

Report To:	Tirau Community Board
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Author:	J Wanden
Author Title:	Chairperson
Report Date:	Thursday, 16 March 2023

Purpose

1. To present past minutes.

Recommendation

2. That the Tirau Community Board:
 - a) confirms the minutes of the public business of the Tirau Community Board held on Tuesday 7 February 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Attachments

Unconfirmed Tirau Community Board public minutes – 7 February 2023

Tirau Community Board Meeting

PUBLIC BUSINESS MINUTES

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	Deputy Chairperson	G Singers
		K Slater
		G Bond
His Worship the Mayor		G Petley
Council Representative		Cr Purdy
Staff	Chief Executive	S Law
	Interim Executive Manager Corporate	M Booth
	Interim Executive Manager Transformation	D Lascelles
	Interim Executive Manager Operations	J Hassall
	Group Manager Assets	T Anderson

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda is as circulated.

3. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence requested.

4. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Reports

6.1 Tirau Community Priorities

Report was taken as read.

T22/02 Resolved

G Bond / G Singers

1. That the Board:
 - a) receives Report 2023-615552, Tirau Community Priorities.
 - b) approve the Chair to provide a report on these matters to the South Waikato District Council for consideration in developing its 2023-24 Annual Plan and the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan.

Carried

6.2 Service Levels for Tirau Ward

Report is taken as read.

T22/03 Resolved

G Singers / G Bond

1. That the Tirau Community Board receives Report No 2023-615595, Service Levels for Tirau Ward.

Carried

CBEC Zone 2 Representative Voting

Report is taken as read.

That Tirau Community Board:

- a) receives Report 2022-CBEC Zone 2 Representative Voting Form. **G Singers / K Slater**

Carried

- b) Nominates an appointee Phil Thomas **G Bond - Lapsed**

- c) Nominates an appointee **G Singers / K Slater**

Carried with G Bond abstaining.

Meeting closed at 6.25pm

6. Reports

6.1 Reserve Naming Process Report – Parks, Reserves

Document Information

Report To:	Tirau Community Board
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Author:	Phil Parker
Author Title:	Parks and Reserves Manager
Group Manager Lead:	Ted Anderson
Report Date:	Friday, 10 March 2023

Purpose

3. To inform the Tirau Community Board of Council's process for the naming of reserves.

Recommendation

4. That the Tirau Community Board:
 - b) receives Report 2022-619330 Reserve Naming Process Report.
 - c) provide to the Parks and Reserves Manager two or three names to take forward for further consultation.

Executive Summary

5. The Council has the authority to name or rename a vested reserve.
6. The process for naming or renaming of reserves is outlined within the 2020 Reserves Management Plan (RMP) and is described below.
7. The Board can propose names to the Parks and Reserve Manager at any time and to facilitate further consultation two or three names should be put forward.

Context

8. The currently named Ōkoroire-Prospect Reserve (Lot 2, DPS 540082) was created by the Crown on the 1990 subdivision of railway land. Lot 2 was initially vested in the Matamata County Council in 1974, and later vested in the South Waikato District Council by order of The Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.
9. In 2020, the Reserve was classified under the Reserves Act 1977 as a Recreation Reserve.
10. Under s16(10) of the Reserves Act, Council, as a Territorial Authority, has the authority to name or rename a reserve.

11. With its reserves classified under the Reserves Act, Council uses the objectives of the Reserves Act as its guiding principles in the management of its reserves. One of those objectives is to “facilitate greater involvement of the public in reserves administration and decision-making”.
12. To give effect to that principle, as part of the reserve naming/renaming process Council will seek public feedback of Council’s preferred naming option(s), which will then be provided to Council for their ratifying of the reserve intended to be named/renamed.

Discussion

13. The Reserve naming process in Council’s 2020 Reserves Management Plan is as follows:

10. Policies

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7. Naming

When new reserves are created or when existing reserves have names that are poorly related to the locality, purpose or nature of the reserve or to its community use it is desirable for the reserve to be named, or renamed, to ensure ease of identity and consistency.

It is important to recognise local iwi’s consideration as a reserve can be a space of cultural significance in and of itself or have a particular site of cultural significance within the reserve which may be best reflected in the naming of that reserve in Te Reo Māori.

All reserves vested in or administered by Council will be named through a formal resolution of Council following consultation with Tangata Whenua and interested parties.

Naming will generally be initiated at the time of vesting and will be publicly advertised with a one-month period for comment.

Where an existing reserve is known by the community by a local rather than the official name, signage that recognises both names will be considered.

Generally, a reserve will be named after the street or locality where it is sited.

Consideration will be given to naming a reserve after a prominent figure who has links to or has served the district in a public capacity, or after a person or family as an acknowledgement of their historical significance.

14. In addition to the above, staff recommend considering the broader implications of any proposed names. For example, there is a “Rose Street” in Tirau named after a local family but naming the park “Rose Park” may suggest that roses should be planted there which may have on-going operational costs.
15. The process, therefore, for the proposed renaming of the Ōkoroire-Prospect reserve will be:
 - Tirau Community Board (TCB) to provide a recommended option with supporting information for renaming the Ōkoroire-Prospect Reserve to the Parks and Reserves Manager.
 - Parks and Reserves Manager will seek iwi’s opinion on suggested name, and any other names deemed to be worthy of Council’s consideration that fits the RMP criteria.
 - Initial Report presented to Council by the Parks and Reserves Manager providing background of the Reserve, TCB’s desire to rename the reserve, informing of iwi’s opinion,

and any suggested alternative name provided by iwi, or any other naming recommendations for Council's consideration.

- Recommendation to Council to seek public feedback of Council's preferred naming option(s) for a one-month period.
 - Second Report presented to Council by the Parks and Reserves Manager outlining results of the public consultation, with recommendation to resolve to ratify the proposed renaming of the Ōkoroire-Prospect Reserve based on public consultation.
16. If ratified, new signage will be added to the Parks Capital programme to be erected within the Reserve.

6.2 Seasonal Pools Update

Document Information

Report To:	Tirau Community Board
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, 22 March 2023
Author:	Ebony Curtin
Author Title:	Customer Service and Library Manager
Report Date:	Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Purpose

2. To update the Tirau Community Board regarding the seasonal pool operations.

Recommendation

3. That the Tirau Community Board receives Report No 2023 – 619329 Seasonal Pools Update.

Discussion

It has been a disappointing summer across the Tirau and Putāruru War Memorial Pools, both in terms of unseasonal weather and staffing constraints. The Blue Light event at Tirau was a hit with the local community and saw record attendance numbers (251 across the day) for the season. Recruiting sufficient staff to operate the seasonal pools for 2022-23 has been challenging. There are nationwide staffing shortages across the aquatics industry and this issue has gained recent national media attention on several platforms as various pools around the country have had to reduce operating hours and wrap up summer seasons earlier than planned.

In recent years, the seasonal pools have frequently been staffed by (unqualified) pool attendants. It has also been typical for these facilities to have just one attendant on site for an entire shift. The safety of South Waikato tamariki and communities must be paramount, and recent efforts have focused on ensuring that the pools are staffed by lifeguards at a ratio to 1:50 (one lifeguard to 50 swimmers). The current arrangements also allow for a roaming guard to provide additional support and cover for breaks at the seasonal pools.

Recruitment for the South Waikato seasonal pools took place between August and October 2022. The roles were advertised through Council's usual channels, on posters in Council facilities, and via Council's social media channels and community Facebook pages. Sports clubs and local secondary schools were also approached.

Full (paid) training and qualification are provided to all applicants, and this is stated in advertising and recruitment materials.

A total of 12 lifeguards were needed to fully accommodate the seasonal and indoor pools at the commencement of the season. Interest in the seasonal roles was low, and only seven new lifeguards could be recruited; two from within the Putāruru community, and five from Tokoroa.

There are no lifeguards based in Tirau, and as such there is a real desire to see more young people from Tirau and Putāruru working at our seasonal pools.

As the majority of candidates for seasonal roles are secondary and tertiary students, the inevitable return to education in February also results in staff shortages toward the end of the season.

Vacancies for the 2023-24 season will be promoted at the 2023 South Waikato Future Career Pathways Expo and liaison with Matamata and Putāruru Colleges will also be undertaken to help with recruitment.

While staffing the pools has been a significant challenge at times, unpleasant weather and cooler temperatures have caused the bulk of the disruption to the season for 2022-23.

Four early closures have taken place so far and there have been 18 full day closures across November – February. All of these were weather related, bar two occasions tied to staff injury and staffing shortages because of illness.

Month	Days Open	Days Closed	Swimmer Visits/Month	Closure Details
November (opened 14 Nov)	15	2	66	2 weather related closures
December	27	6	439 (251 alone from the Blue Light event)	2 weather related closures 2 public holiday closures 2 weather related early closures
January	21	10	366	9 weather related closures 1 public holiday closure
February	17	8	163	5 weather related closures 1 staffing related closure 1 staffing related early closure 1 weather related early closure

A query was raised and has been responded to, in relation the early closure due to staff injury on 10 February. No further issues have been raised, and there should not be any other occasions where pools have closed ahead of schedule without good reason.

Conversations have been held with staff about adhering to advertised opening and closing times and seeking authorisation for any exceptions from the Leisure Services Manager.

7. Public Forum

Council Outcomes

- Growth - Activities and strategies that facilitate sustainable economic growth and lift community pride.
- Resilience - A resilient district with good infrastructure, services, a sound financial position, rates affordability and a healthy environment that has the ability to anticipate, resist, respond to and recover from significant change or events.
- Relationships - Strong relationships with Iwi and Māori, Pacific Peoples and community and business groups that can achieve growth and a resilient community.