

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

10 AUGUST 2016

AGENDA ITEM D4

REPORT ON WATER RACE USERS GROUP (WRUG) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of Report

To request members receive the terms of reference for WRUG and approve adoption.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve terms of reference.*
3. *Consider if the group would benefit from a councillor as a representative and if so, nominate a representative.*

1. Executive Summary

The Water Race Users Group (WRUG) is being formed to provide a conduit with SWDC with the Water races users on Longwood and Moroa. The original Iwi representative has resigned due to other time commitments.

The group has drafted the appended terms of reference.

2. Background

The purpose of the Water Race Users Group (WRUG) is to provide a forum for discussion and the exchange of information and to create and maintain channels of communication between both Water race users, Greytown urban community, South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC), and Iwi on any issues or developments arising from the operation of the Water Races.

The group was formed in May 2016 and has had a couple of meetings to prioritise items.

3. Appendix

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference WRUG

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NAME:

The name of the group is the – SOUTH WAIRARAPA WATER RACE USERS GROUP (WRUG)

STATUS:

The South Wairarapa Water Race Users Group (WRUG) is an advisory group established by the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) to assist in the continuing governance and management of the Longwood & Moroa Water Race systems.

KEY ROLES:

Key roles of the WRUG include, but are not limited to;

1. Assist in the provision of an effective interface and communication mechanism for dialogue between water race users and SWDC & their representatives.
2. The on-going review of the relevance & functionality of both the Longwood & Moroa Water Race systems existing design today & into the future; their general purposes, operating & maintenance principles & management. This will include the establishment and any future application of a formal process for the closure or correction of channels.
3. Provide user based consideration into all Resource Consent, By-law, Code of Practice and rating requirements and any other related matters.
4. Representation from time to time on behalf of users and Council at relevant district forums such as Fonterra, Federated Farmer, GWRC and others as the group deems appropriate or necessary.
5. Specific consideration to all Greytown Urban waterways and storm water channels as per all previous points; to consider implications and make recommendations as required.

MEMBERSHIP:

Representation [As set up – with review after x years?]

How to be decided [To follow from agreed representation framework]

ACCOUNTABILITY:

As an interfacing agent WRUG has a responsibility to both water racer users and the SWDC to aid in achieving the outlined aims.

REPORTING:

The group shall report as necessary to both parties, but not less than yearly in the month of February. This date will enable users and SWDC to factor any required activities into Annual Planning processes as may be required.

REMUNERATION:

[To be considered later]

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Administrative support will be provided by SWDC.