



Hearings Committee
Minutes for the Greytown Memorial Park Water Bore Hole Proposal
19 July 2023

Present:	Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Councillors Alistair Plimmer, Kaye McAulay, Rebecca Gray and Pip Maynard.
In Attendance:	Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter
Also in attendance:	Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Stefan Corbett (General Manager Partnerships and Operations), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Adam Mattsen, Charles Barker, Owen Jeffries and Justine Jones (Wellington Water Limited).
Submitters:	Jo Woodcock, Louise Brown (Chairperson, Greytown Community Board) and Graeme Gray.
Conduct of Business:	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 12.31pm to 2:53pm except where expressly noted.

1. Karakia Timatanga – opening

Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Submissions Hearings

The Committee heard submissions from Jo Woodcock, Louise Brown (Chairperson, Greytown Community Board) and Graeme Gray.

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Jo Woodcock – Greytown Resident

Ms Woodcock spoke in opposition to the proposal and provided a brief history of the Memorial Park Baths and its meaning; concerns regarding the impact of the proposed work on the community and key users including storage and recreation area; the consultation process and engagement with the community.

Ms Woodcock recommended that future proposals be advertised in the Greytown Grapevine publication.

Members queries included: ideas for alternative options to the Memorial Park; whether key users such as sports clubs/groups were contacted during the consultation period for feedback, and to provide the last paragraph of her verbal submission.

Louise Brown – Chairperson, Greytown Community Board

Ms Brown, on behalf of the Greytown Community Board (GCB), spoke in opposition to the proposal, noting concerns including: the consultation process and that a large group of people had not heard about the proposed changes; the location and planned disruption during peak times (including ANZAC Day); and the exploration of other alternatives to the Memorial Park; and consideration of the placement for the new pavilion.

Ms Brown noted the GCB had raised questions and toured the Waiohine Water Treatment Facility to further understand the issues and realities of the proposal and work required. Ms Brown also noted there are other bores at Waiohine Water Treatment facility which she stated were not at full capacity and thought this required further investigation.

Members queries included: whether the park was only meant to be a backup option, not intended for permanent water supply use, work required to increase flow for further use of the Waiohine bores, and whether the GCB supported long term removal of water treatment/the bore from the park entirely.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/01) to allow Graeme Gray to speak to make a verbal submission.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Mayor Connelly)

Carried

Graeme Gray – Greytown Resident

Mr Gray spoke in opposition of the proposal, noting he had not seen anything relating to the consultation until only recently. Mr Gray informed he had met with the previous Partnerships and Operations Manager a year ago and a different plan for the water bore was relayed.

Mr Gray shared his concerns about the swimming pool (previous leaks and repairs completed, fragility of current infrastructure and potential damage from bore drilling) and the lack of alternative options in the proposal.

Mr Gray recommended the committee obtain a second opinion on the proposal.

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Members queries included the proximity of water bore to sewerage lines and whether Mr Gray thought the risk of losing water supply to Greytown is higher than the issue of the placement of the bore in the Memorial Park Baths.

Mayor Connelly read out William Sloan's written submission received at the meeting (provided to the Hearings Committee by Ms Woodcock).

Written submissions were also sent to the Hearings Committee directly via email from Gary Hewson (Greytown Football Club) and pictures from Vicki Eckford (RSA).

Members acknowledged all the submitters for taking the time to provide feedback on the proposal.

5. Greytown Memorial Park Bore Hole Submissions Summary Report

Mr Edwards, Chief Advisor-Drinking Water, Wellington Water Limited (WWL) spoke to matters included in the report and gave a presentation to provide further back to the proposal and address queries raised by the submitters.

Members queries included: clarification regarding previous communication from WWL on the status and operation of Bore 4 at Waiohine Water Treatment facility; what happens if Waiohine Water Treatment facility is unable to operate and if Featherston's water is not supplied by this facility; the current pipeline size and ability to provide effective supply; the water supply in relation to Greytown's population growth; potential damage to the swimming pool from bore drilling and consideration of any costs for repairs – and would WWL indemnify Council and cover costs; impacts of town boundary increases on hydraulic pressure; strategic view of bore placement; why options outside of the Memorial Park were not considered as part of the proposal; whether WWL were happy with the consultation process and the outcomes of this; whether any local water experts were canvassed as part of the consultation process; if there was a long-term view to put the bore in the Memorial park, complete the upgrade, then remove the bore when that is finished; why there could not be an intermediary pump system, rather than installing a new bore; and the lack of costings in the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:36pm.

6. Deliberations

Members discussed concerns relating to the consultation and lack of respect to the community; the need for application of a strategic approach to water supply across Greytown and Featherston, including alternative options and investigation beyond the Memorial Park; the lack of costings and understanding of the Memorial Park's meaning

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and impact on the community users; the need for consideration of previous investments (Waiohine); the limited amount of community engagement and feedback in the consultation process; and the possible use of citizen jury to decide ways forward in cases like this.

Members acknowledged WWL for taking the time to work with the GCB to tour the Waiohine Water Treatment facility and for their expertise.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/02) to:

1. Note that 4 submissions were received as part of the community consultation process on the proposed Soldiers' Memorial Park – New Bore and Pump.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried
2. Recommend to the Infrastructure and Community Services Committee not to progress the proposed recommendation in the report for the Soldiers' Memorial Park – New Bore and Pump.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Mayor Connelly) Carried

7. Karakia Whakamutunga – closing
Mayor Connelly closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:53pm.

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