



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Subcommittee of:	Assets and Services Committee
Chairperson:	Colin Olds
Membership:	One councillor, one external appointee, three representatives from Moroa Water Race area, two representatives from Longwood Water Race The councillor appointee will oversee Council's interests in current and future consents.
Appointments 19-22:	Colin Olds, Cr Rebecca Fox, Jim Hedley, Justine Thorpe, Paul Harvey, Frank van Steensel, plus one vacancy Longwood Water Race Mayor Alex Beijen (ex-officio)
Meeting Frequency:	Minimum of three times per year
Quorum:	Four members

1. Purpose

For Council to meet its consent conditions to extract water from the Waiohine and Tauherenikau Rivers that feed the South Wairarapa water race network, a number of conditions need to be met. An oversight group or committee must act as an interfacing agent between water race users and Council.

The purpose of the Subcommittee is to oversee the following:

- To assist in the governance and management of the Longwood and Moroa Water Race systems.
- To assist in the provision of an effective interface and communication mechanism for dialogue between water race users and Council.
- To assist in the on-going review of the relevance and functionality of both the Longwood and Moroa Water Race systems existing and future design; including their general purpose, operating and maintenance principles and management. This includes the establishment of and any future application of a formal process for the closure or correction of channels.

- To provide user-based consideration into all resource consents, by-law amendments, code of practice documents, rating requirements and any other related matters as needed.

2. Delegations

The Committee is delegated the Power to Act:

- From time-to-time to represent users and Council at relevant district forums such as Fonterra, Federated Farmer, Greater Wellington Regional Council and others as the Subcommittee deems appropriate or necessary.
- To review and agree an annual water race report, as prepared by officers, for release to all water race users.

The Committee is delegated the Power to Recommend:

- To make recommendations to the Assets and Services Committee on how properties with water races are to be rated, resource consent applications, by-law amendments and code of practice documents and any other matter falling within the purpose of the Subcommittee.
- To prepare recommendations on all water race matters for consideration by the Assets and Services Committee. Recommendations are to be provided to the Committee no later than January of each year (this date will enable SWDC to factor any required activities into Annual Planning processes).
- To consider implications and make recommendations to the Assets and Services Committee on Greytown urban waters and storm water channels.

3. Membership

At the end of the triennium, Council officers will write to water race users seeking expressions of interest in being appointed to this Subcommittee. Council officers, the Mayor the councillor appointee and Chair will select representatives from submitted expressions of interest giving preference to candidates who have not served more than two terms.

3.1 Chairperson

The chair will be appointed by the Mayor, or if an external appointee the Council, for the period of the triennium.