

Water Race Ratepayers' Newsletter

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Welcome to this first newsletter

This newsletter is to keep water race ratepayers up to date with discussions and developments from the Water Race Subcommittee about the district's water races.

Water Race Subcommittee

As part of the committee structure review, the Mayor Alex Beijen has re-established the Water Race Subcommittee.

Members of the Subcommittee are:

- **Colin Olds (Chair) – Mob: 027 432 9951**
- Justine Thorpe (Moroa Water Race rep)
- Paul Harvey (Moroa Water Race rep)
- Frank van Steensel (Moroa Water Race rep)
- Jim Hedley (Longwood Water Race rep)
- Vacant (Longwood Water Race rep)
- Cr Rebecca Fox (Council representative)
- Mayor Alex Beijen (Ex-officio).

The work ahead

Over the next three years, the Subcommittee will be reviewing the Council's service delivery for water races, and seeking to understand which ratepayers would like to continue to participate, and what is an equitable rating methodology.

Changes in national environmental standards are almost certain to have an impact on the relevance and functionality of water races in the future.

The Water Race Subcommittee will be the interface for discussion between Council and water race users to address these matters.

The Subcommittee will be going on a fieldtrip to familiarise themselves with the water races and then meeting to develop recommendations.

Extensive consultation and engagement with water race users will follow before the end of the year.

For the Subcommittee Terms of Reference, to view minutes of the first and future meetings, get water race flow rate information, visit

swdc.govt.nz/water-races.

A note on Longwood resource consent

The current resource consent for the Longwood Water Race expires in April 2020. Council is currently re-applying for this consent.

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