

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND OIL & GAS (NZOG) - SOUTH
TARANAKI COMMUNITY PANEL**

Held in Hawera – 3 March 2016 at 3.00pm

Action

PRESENT: Gerard Karalus (Normanby Lions); Leicester Cooper (Patea Planting Trust); Liz Harrison (Women's Refuge); David More (Nga Ruahine Iwi); Abbey Luff (Waverley Youth); Vicki Koubaridis (Waverley); Brent Dallison (Waverley); Mike Weren (Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust); Bryce Kaiser (Federated Farmers).

Anna Ririnui (NZOG)

Anaru Marshall (CEO of WISE Better Homes)

Andrew Ritson (Halliwells representative/Minute-taker)

APOLOGIES: None

BUSINESS:

Welcome to Bryce Kaiser who takes Bronwyn Muir's place on the Panel.

Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest

Mike Weren – a trustee of the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust

Liz Harrison - Chairperson of the START Taranaki Trust

Actions taken from/since last minutes:

The Panel members had two concerns regarding the WISE Better Homes Scheme: Is there any way to prevent landlords from raising the rental immediately after having their house insulated? And who are the other contributors to the Scheme in terms of funding? Please refer to the notes below on the presentation from Anaru Marshall.

Anna and David were going to provide some assistance with possible frameworks for decision-making on funding requests. Anna provided a framework by email and David provided his, but it was shortly before the meeting today – the Panel agrees to review and refine these hopefully before the next meeting.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

WISE Better Homes Initiative

Anaru Marshall, the CEO of Wise Better Homes, was present to discuss the scheme with the Panel – and in particular address any concerns.

At-risk people who would benefit most from home insulation are identified to WISE mainly by health providers such as Ngati Ruanui and Tui Ora. The scheme benefits mainly those holding Community Services cards.

Scheme uses its own tradesmen and ask for a Landlord contribution of \$575. Landlords get a great deal with this, as the average costs of doing the insulation work is \$3,100 – furthermore, the Residential Tenancies Act will require insulation. So far, Landlords increasing rent as soon as work is complete has not been a problem, although dealing with absentee Landlords who view their house purely as an investment has been a small problem.

After the initial work is complete, the Scheme relies on getting feedback from health providers – Anaru noted that the scheme has very positive relationship with midwives, who are often in the best position to see improvements to tenants' lives. The scheme is considering branching out to a “curtain bank” initiative (improvement of the thermal properties of curtains).

As to the issue of some of the funding concerns the Panel has had since the WISE Scheme was first introduced:

The TSB does provide funding, but that funding cannot apply to homes beyond the boundary of its funding area. Same with TET. TSB and TET have an arrangement whereby TSB will fund anyone in its area, except the TET area and vice versa. Anaru assured the Panel that funding provided by it will be managed to ensure it reaches the need in the Patea, Waverley and Waitotora areas.

WISE will provide a comprehensive report on each house worked on and get it to Anna Ririnui.

General Concern and possible future funding issues

Throughout the meeting and especially during the course of the discussion of the funding applications below, concern was raised

about a framework by which the Panel can ultimately make decisions about which causes to support. This may perhaps also extend to a simple application form that each applicant is required to fill out – there was feeling that it would be useful to have a uniform set of questions that each applicant would be required to answer. **It was agreed that each member would take time before the next meeting to consider Anna’s framework, plus David’s framework for this.**

Anna mentioned that the downturn in the Oil and Gas industry generally may have an impact on the funding available in the next financial year.

Bushy Park Trust

Gerard introduced this cause. He provided a summary sheet for it. Concerns that it was really outside the South Taranaki Boundary. Gerard noted that it does benefit the ST area: for example birds raised at Bushy park can come to the ST Area. Concern also that it already attracts solid funding. No funding awarded yet.

START TARANAKI – Manihi Beach

Liz introduced this cause and had a prepared summary for the Panel to review. The group had concerns among other things, about the placement of the fence. Some concern expressed that funds might better be used for fostering more fundamental character qualities. No funding awarded yet.

Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust

Mike introduced this cause and summary sheet provided. General consensus that it would be appropriate to give funding to this cause. No funding awarded yet.

In general it was felt that Panel members should be given until the next meeting to come up with more causes – and by then, the Panel should have more of an idea of a framework to help make decisions

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Anna handed out a draft list of things the Panel needs to consider for the sustainability report. Feedback is sought (from each panel member personally) about aspects of NZOG’s activities that are most important – ranked 1 – 5. Anna will send out an email about this – perhaps a dedicated meeting about this topic is justified.

WEBSITE

Some photos of Panel members still needed!

NEXT MEETING Suggestions for 2nd week of April. Halliwells to circulate email

MEETING CLOSED The meeting closed at 5.00 pm