

RMCA 3 Waters Meeting Notes 28/4/17

Present (as per my count)

Paul Carr

Tamzin Moore Dawn Smith

Bubs Smith

Anne-Marie Westcott

John Strevens

Steve McGill

Neil Walbran

Bhrent Guy

John Vincent

James McKenzie

Jo Bouchier

Robbie, Boomerang Club

Brad McGlynn

Cathy Guy

Terry Steven

The Resource Consent Application (RCA) has been lodged. Submissions will be required to further support the RCA. Tamzin will circulate a suggested form . RMCA to circulate to Clubs

There has been much work done on the Wetland design with the purpose of trying to make it look as natural as possible. There are 90K of plants going into the wetland the plants are being grown now and construction will take place during the Summer of 17/18.

Update on recent Capital Projects

Two projects have been completed the Buffer Tank and the Sand Filter Sludge tank.

These are major projects to update the Wastewater Treatment Plan (WTP) It is upgraded by Smart electronics to a cost of \$190k. This improves its operation significantly. The Buffer Tank has steadied the daily flow, to release it on a more controlled basis, therefore less operator input is required, leading to less cost. All programming can be modified remotely, actually from Auckland. There is a communications link to Taumaranui. Also there is an alarm system being put in so operators can address problems remotely.

The main filters have been overhauled and rebuilt and the site has been upgraded safety wise. Presently, at peak there are 352 cubes going through the system, which is down from peaks of 2500 cubes going through the system previously. This is a result of the Quickwins project.

Nitrification breakdown has been significantly improved.

The current Asset Management Plan (AMP)

The capital structure may have to be changed. What might it look like?

There could be Local Body costs recovery. Metering may be coming in which would have the structure, property boundary to dwelling, owner/occupier cost. Property boundary to outwards, Local Body cost.

The current cost of the buffer tank upgrade is \$200k

Dawn Smith DOC's accountant for this project has handed out indicative figures showing projected stakeholder contributions (RMCA to obtain this in more legible form) . This

projection is based on the 2004 Memorandum of Understanding (MOA). Costs will be spread over the life of each asset.

The graph shows the Capital charges. This is based on the payment Option A shown in the meeting agenda.

Local Body Recovery Model (LBRM)

DOC is going to base this on the Mt Cook Model the link is available to check this.

PWC did the Mt Cook model there are similarities but differences between their situation and our local situation. We would need to give them a scope of works model. It is important to get a new model, but the Capital charge and new modelling will run side by side. Best case scenario is that there will be the new charges in May this time next year.

Long Term Community Plan (LTCP)

This will include terrain, Parking, Lighting etc. There is a model produced for the Mt Cook area and DOC is likely to use this as a basis for our area. Paul and Tamzin will be doing this over winter.

AMP

Additional Chapters of the AMP are also going to be done. The LTP needs to be wider than the local area. It will include both Iwikau and Whakapapa Villages. Including; Roads, Footpaths, Lighting, electrical reticulation, Amenities, parking and Eruption Plan, Solid waste and recycling.

Three Waters Costs

Costs for Drinking Water Wastewater and Stormwater are set out in Powerpoint (RMCA to get costs) The Three Waters spend is done, the next spend goes into roading and carparking.

Stakeholders need to know the prioritisation, when will we get the drafts circulated?

DOC is to work out the drafts with Stakeholders. DOC will have to ask the Government for money to do this. The whole picture must change. RMCA signals that our Club Licenses need to change to generate more income to meet costs.

Stakeholder Contributions

Options are in the Agenda. The MOA had 2 options; 1. This was pay all costs up front, 2. Pay over a 20 year span. There is now a third option which is loosely termed pay as you go, which is still based on the MOA, it is essentially paying on a proportional basis as the costs are incurred. This method is to DOC's mind the easiest to administer.

Local Body Costs Recovery (LCBCR)

The meeting posed the question as to whether it was a good idea to engage an external body to look at this aspect and report on it. Other stakeholders from our area such as the Chateau and the Skotel, agreed, and RMCA Club members who were also in attendance at the meeting agreed as well. John Strevens from Skotel provided some suggested terms of reference as did Neil Walbran. Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) have done the Mt Cook LTCP and so therefore it was seen by the meeting as a good proposal to utilise their services as an outside body to formulate this. Mt Cook has gone to a user pays basis, and this was seen as a possibility our area should investigate.

John Strevens emphasised the need to get funding from other sources than ratepayers e.g. Central Government, which DOC says it is actively involved in trying to do..

As far as cost are concerned neither the Skotel, Roam, nor the Chateau see utilising bed numbers as a fair method of allocating costs.

It was agreed that a Communication Plan was needed for all Stakeholders. The possible cost for a PWC report were estimated at \$20 to \$30 K, some even thought \$50 K, so there would need to be very clear terms of reference.

Meeting Concluded