



- Date:** 27 March 2017  
1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Venue:** Community Waikato, Victoria Street, Hamilton
- Present:** Desiree McKenzie (Te Kuiti Community House Trust), Laurie Franks (Tairua Care and Friendship), Dennis Turton (Trust Waikato), Wayne Thomson and Sheryl Batt (North Waikato Transport Trust), Anne Marie Spicer (Hauraki District Council), Dallas Honey (Waikato District Health Board), Sarah Gibb (Community Waikato), Lisette Balsom and Bill McMaster (Waikato Regional Council), Jason Sebastian (Red Cross), Emily Allison (Wintec)
- Apologies:** Bridget Burdett, Margaret Harrison, Brent Neilsen, Glen Wilson, Adrienne Bell, Kim Jacobs, Kim Linklater, Gerri Pomeroy, Moetu Togia, Norm Barker, Briar Hickling
- Facilitator:** Sarah Gibb
- Minutes:** Lisette Balsom

### **Introduction:**

Sarah opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

She described the background of the WRTF and why we get together. Sarah reiterated that in our region there is no one single transport model, they are each customised to the community they serve and their unique circumstances and requirements.

Sarah outlined a current objective of developing and updating the database of contacts and asked that the attendees spread the word.

Roundtable of introductions.

Paul Keesing, Waikato DHB, who sadly died last October, was acknowledged for his huge contribution to this forum and the community sector.

### **Taumarunui Community Transport Research:**

Presentation from Emily Allison from Wintec on Taumarunui Community Transport needs survey and recommendations

- Taumarunui and surrounds has a population of 4,500
- 88 respondents to the survey
- A current Total Mobility service very near to capacity and their funding is capped. Provided in partnership with King Country Energy.
- Cosmopolitan Club membership linked to provision of a courtesy van for members.
- No opportunity for people aged 65+ to use their supergold card, especially when compared to pensioners in urban centres who can also receive discounts at shops
- Report will recommend to look at public transport routes, expand total mobility, and audit services available in the community and whether they are fully utilised.

- Very interested in how other communities have worked out what their transport needs are, and with what resources?

### **Waikato Access and Mobility Programme Business Case**

Lisette Balsom from Waikato Regional Council provided an update on progress with this business case. Progress made identified key problems for access and mobility in the Waikato region, and objectives in addressing these problems.

- Next steps are to undertake a case study of a Waikato community- South Waikato suggested- to gain locally-specific evidence to inform the business case. Regional Council will also lead conversations with senior decision makers in partner organisations to create the level of buy-in required to continue to inform the business case where investment decisions need to be made.

### **Other updates**

North Waikato Transport Group has been able to promote their service on their community phone book, on the cover and inside with detail. At no cost in this case.



### **Next meetings**

The next meeting of the forum will be 26 June 2017.

Sheryl Batt will give a presentation at this meeting “North Waikato Community Health Shuttle – one year on!”

Any other agenda items for the next meeting should be sent to Sarah Gibb.  
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