

Rural Round-up

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Welcome to the first edition of Rural Round-up, a quarterly newsletter from the Hastings District Rural Community Board.

The Rural Community Board is an important governance group at Council, there to represent those in Hastings' rural communities.

It was first formed in 1992, not long after the 1989 amalgamation of Havelock North and eight of the 10 old ridings (areas) of the former Hawke's Bay County Council, as well as part of Taupo County, to form the Hastings District Council.

Made up of six members, four are elected by the rural community of Hastings representing the rural subdivisions of Maraekākaho, Kaweka, Poukawa and Tūtira, and two are council appointees.

The Board looks after rural matters for which the council is responsible; such as rural roads, berms and culverts, bridge repairs and maintenance and rural halls.

It also sets the vision for the rural community as part of the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan and hears submissions on rural subjects, and also considers and gives guidance on the setting of rates.

If you know of anyone who may like to receive this letter, please encourage them to sign-up for a digital copy at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/rural-community-board

Giving back to the community

The Patoka Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade gave back to its community recently, donating \$3200 to be split evenly between the East Coast Rural Support Trust and Bennett Family Education Trust.

The money was raised by Patoka Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade fireman and Rural Community Board chair Nick Dawson when he ran the 2018 Hawke's Bay marathon intending to raise funds for a defibrillator for the brigade and Patoka community.

This year, however, the brigade successfully applied for funding for a defibrillator from the Royston Health Trust so decided to give back to their community.

This month, a cheque for \$1600 was presented to East Coast Rural Support Trust trustee Kevin Mitchell.



Patoka Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade fireman and Rural Community Board chair Nick Dawson hands over a cheque for \$1600 to East Coast Rural Support Trust trustee Kevin Mitchell.

The remaining \$1600 was donated to the Bennett Family Education Trust that was set up by the East Coast Rural Support Trust after the tragic loss of Kereru farmer Phil Bennett in a tractor accident on the farm in September this year.

The trust was established as a way for the community to support the Bennett children with their ongoing education needs.

Tūtira titbits

Save the Date: The Tūtira Hall has some pine trees in logs suitable for firewood and there are plans to hold a working bee (all are welcome!) in January to cut the wood up for firewood and sell it for funds for the hall.

The annual Tūtira School Market Day is being held on November 14 at Tūtira School, on the corner of State Highway 2 and Matahorua Road.

Sports centre update: The restoration of Waikare and Districts Sports Club Inc, locally known as The Complex, is 90 per cent complete. Local fundraising efforts to carry out the renovations were supported by Provincial Growth Fund funding, and to date the interior work is done and it is now weatherproof in time for an indoor netball league that will start this summer.



Rural recycling facility for Waipatiki

A drop-off recycling facility is to be installed at Waipatiki for a one-year trial, in place of the temporary bin that has previously only been in place over the summer period.

Responding to community requests for a recycling service/facility year-round, the Rural Community Board has approved putting in a recycling facility for 12 months.

During that time the numbers of people using it, and the rates of contamination and illegal dumping (to be less than 2.5 per cent of total content at all times) will be assessed to determine whether it becomes a permanent fixture, and to also assess other options that could have a wider reach of the Eskdale area.

Recycling in four easy steps: Go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Waste/Recycling-in-4-easy-steps.pdf



Maraekakaho Hall

Rural halls workshop and networking event

To support the district's 21 rural halls, the rural halls sub-committee with support of Hastings District Council staff, will be hosting a rural halls workshop and networking event. The aim is to better equip and support committees and groups to manage their individual halls. The evening will also see the launch of the rural halls maintenance funding round and the rural halls health and safety toolbox.

Where: Clive Community Hall, 162 Main Rd, Clive.

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 5.30pm to 8pm

Agenda:

5.30-6pm	Network/welcome	Rural Halls Subcommittee
6pm-6.20	Basic governance	Department of Internal Affairs
6.20-6.40pm	Health and Safety	Hastings District Council
6.40-7pm	Building Code basics	Hastings District Council
7pm-7.30	Funding opportunities	HDC/DIA
7.30-8pm	Closing/networking	Rural Halls Subcommittee

Please RSVP to ruralhalls@hdc.govt.nz to confirm attendance and detail how many of the committee/group will be attending (3 max per hall). Light dinner/afternoon tea will be provided.

CCTV security camera for Taihape Road

A surveillance camera is to be installed on Taihape Rd, near Matapiro Rd, as a trial to assess the effectiveness of security cameras as a rural community crime prevention tool.

In March this year, the Rural Community Board considered a request by Police to install cameras in 14 rural locations in an effort to deter criminal behaviour, and detect and capture evidence that may help solve crimes.

Given the expense and logistics of such a large roll-out, the board has agreed that one camera be trialled at Taihape Rd to test the effectiveness and community benefit.

At a total cost of about \$22,985, the majority will be allocated from the Rating Area 2 unsubsidised transport budget and through the Rating Area 2 2019/20 surplus.

To properly assess the benefits of such cameras, the Board asked that a robust measurement system be developed, and that if the trial was effective a more permanent and appropriate funding regime for any further CCTV cameras be explored by the Board through the Long Term Plan and in consultation with the community.

Rural Hawke's Bay – Restricted Fire Season

At 8am on October 12, rural Hawke's Bay entered a restricted fire season.



A restricted fire season means any open-air fires need a permit. To find out the fire season status of your location and whether or not you need a permit, go to www.checkitsalright.nz

Information on how to light a fire safely can also be found at www.checkitsalright.nz

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