



# Summarised Workshop Notes

of the

## Thames Community Board

### Workshop

Date 22 June 2015  
Venue Kuranui Room

#### Present

S Peters                      LG Yates                      DR Connors                      PL French  
CL Cassidy

#### In Attendance

	Item(s)
<b>TCDC Staff</b>	
Greg Hampton - Area Manager	All
Larissa Doherty - Community Coordinator	All
Jan McNeil - Property Officer	2.1
Paul Davies - Legal Counsel	2.1
Chris Muller - Parks Officer	2.2
Marlene Perry - Community Development Officer	2.6, 2.7

**Workshop meetings are held solely for information and discussions and no resolutions or decisions are to be made**

**Workshop commenced:** 1.05pm

## 1 Workshop Conduct

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### 1.1 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 2 Workshop

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### 2.1 Proposed Thames Properties for Disposal

The Board was updated on the properties that have now been investigated and advised next steps.

#### Key Discussion Points

- 112 Barrett Road - further investigation by a property expert on what options are available including whether to lease or sell.
- 402 Hill Street - further investigation into historic value.
- 601 The Terrace and Lot5 DPS76651 - further investigation into historic value of water race area.
- 200A Mary Street - retain in TCDC ownership
- 9 Arthur Road, Ngarimu - not required by Council, progress disposal.
- 354A Thames Coast Road - Formally designate as road/accessway
- 17 Te Mata Creek Road - Board to visit the site. No further action from Property until advised.
- 82 Tapu Coroglen Road.- no further action as unsaleable
- Thames Wharf Area - three parcels newly identified that are to be fully investigated

Action - Community Coordinator to provide the Boards feedback to the Property Officer.

Action - Community Coordinator to arrange for the Board to visit 17 Te Mata Creek Road

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### 2.2 Shortland Cemetery Health and Safety Issue

The Board was informed about the health and safety issue with ring barked trees and what is being done to protect both people within the cemetery and the grave sites.

#### Key Discussion Points

- The trees in question were probably ring barked 15 years ago and they are now dead
- It is likely to be a costly exercise (approximately \$30,000) to remove the trees so permanently restricting access to that part of the cemetery is one of the options.
- To fell the trees would involve removing the memorials in the fall zone, taking down the trees and then reinstating the memorials.
- Once the arborist comes back with the fall zone then the number of memorials that may be affected can be calculated.

Action - Parks Officer to confirm mitigation options and costs

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### 2.3 Lease proposal Totara Cemetery

The Board was presented with a lease proposal received from an adjacent land owner.

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### **Key Discussion Points**

- The Board does not wish to consider approving the lease.

Action - Community Coordinator to advise the land owner that the Board will not be progressing the lease proposal.

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## **2.4 T3 Permaculture Workshop Debrief**

The Board discussed any ideas and opportunities it wants to pursue as a result of the workshop.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- A letter of thanks to go to T3 for organising the permaculture workshop.
- The Board members identified the following ideas and opportunities:
  - Recycling bins in the newly developed Civic Centre plaza area
  - Solar panels on Council buildings
  - More recycling bins available for events and promoting events be 'zero waste'.
  - Better signage on availability of community gardens and orchards
  - Setting up 'table swap' within Thames township for people to take excess produce
  - Partnership to get charge units for electric vehicles in the town.
  - That Council considers hybrid or electric vehicles in their fleets.
  - That Council considers sourcing the vehicle fleet from Thames Toyota.
  - Communication through Council mediums about responsible power consumption.
  - Council representation on the Social Enterprise Energy Trust that is to be set up.
  - Communicate more with the public about the Thames Urban Development Strategy
  - Enhance the cycle ways
  - Support lessening the use of plastic bags in Thames.
  - Investigate having a central hub for community services.

Action - Community Coordinator to arrange letter of thanks.

Action - Suggestions to be developed and presented at a future workshop

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## **2.5 2015/2016 Grants**

The Board considered if it wished to identify any themes or priorities for this round of grants.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- A one-off contestable fund has been allocated to cater for any 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of the Thames Gold Fields funding applications.

Action - Programme and criteria to be drafted and presented to the next Board meeting.

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## **2.6 Thames Promoter Role/Position**

The Board considered how the role is to be procured and governed.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- Area Manager to work with Board Members Cassidy and Simpson and Councillor Connors to finalise the procurement and governance of the role.

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## 2.7 Community Development Officer Update

The Community Development Officer provided a written update for the Board to take away.

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## 2.8 Relocation of "No Engine Braking" Sign to North of Kopu Settlement

The Board considered whether it felt that moving the sign was beneficial after a letter had been received highlighting an issue with the noise created by trucks braking when using the Kopu roundabout

### Key Discussion Points

- The Board is in favour of moving the sign.

Action - Community Coordinator to advise the Roading Manager to arrange moving of the sign.

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## 2.9 Response from Thames Rugby and Sports Club Regarding Richardson Signage on Club Rooms Roof

For the Board to discuss the points raised by the Club and consider whether it should revisit the decision to decline the request.

### Key Discussion Points

- To be discussed at the next workshop.
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## 2.10 Southern Coromandel Pest Control 2015

The Board was informed of the Planned DoC aerial pest control to be undertaken in Spring 2015.

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## 2.11 Port of Thames Development Project

To present the Board with the Thames Sailing Club proposal and a high level Council assessment of the proposal.

### Key Discussion Points

To be discussed at the next workshop

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Workshop Closed at 4.26pm

