



# Summarised Workshop Notes

of the

## Thames Community Board

### Workshop

Date 9 October 2015  
Venue Kuranui Room

#### Present

R Simpson                      LG Yates                      DR Connors                      PL French  
CL Cassidy

#### In Attendance

##### TCDC Staff

	Item(s)
Greg Hampton - Area Manager	All
Larissa Doherty - Community Coordinator	All
Ian Smith - Water Services Manager	2.1
Darren Teulon - Water Services Engineer	2.1
Paul Dufty - Pool Manager	2.2
David Hammond - Chief Executive Officer	2.5
Marlene Perry - Community Development Officer	2.3, 2.6

Workshop commenced: 12.30pm

# 1 Workshop Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

Apologies received from Strat Peters and Sandra Goudie for non-attendance.

## 1.2 Items not on the Agenda

- Kopu Bridge Funding Proposal
- Financial support for The Treasury
- 2016/2017 Annual Plan Projects
- Area Manager Update

# 2 Workshop

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## 2.1 Water Demand Strategy

To present the Water Demand Strategy and discuss how it affects the Thames Ward.

### Key Discussion Points

- Fact sheet for Thames South was tabled.
  - The Strategy is an alternative to finding new sources of water and making better use of what we already have.
  - Thames has all the metering in place which is an advantage.
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## 2.2 Thames Centennial Pool July to September 2015 Quarterly Report

To report on the activities and performance of the Thames Centennial Pool for the period July to September 2015. To update the Board on the work carried out over the closed period.

### Key Discussion Points

- A lot of work has been done over the two week close down period.

To report on the activities and performance of the Thames Centennial Pool for the period July to September 2015.

### General

The pool has been closed on a number of occasions this quarter due to a range of reasons including leaks, burst pipes and a fire.

The fire brigade was called to the woodchip storage area fire and the ambers extinguished. After investigation by Living Energy's engineer (the installer) it was found that the fire started due to ash clogging the fire tubes. The Pool Manager has been shown the procedure for cleaning the tubes and the frequency of which they need to be cleaned.

Ongoing Lifeguard and Instructor training has been held this quarter to keep up with industry best practice.

An Aqua Fitness class has been started after work on a Thursday night and it is proving to be very popular with great numbers turning up and giving it a go.

### Squad

Squad numbers have held very well over the winter months and now that winter sport has finished more swimmers are enrolling in the Squad programme at the Junior Development and Development Squad level.

The Club has also brought a great selection of dry land training gear for the Squad swimmers to train with before hitting the pool.

### Learn To Swim

Excellent enrolment numbers this quarter for the busy Term 4 lessons with the programmes having been marketed through all schools in the area and via the pool e-newsletter.

Class numbers have been down over winter with children struck with an abnormal amount of sickness.

The Thames Valley Swim Academy continues to provide swimmers from around the region and out-lying areas with the opportunity to swim at the Thames Centennial Pool during the winter period,

### Revenue Breakdown

July-September 2014		July -September 2015	
Retail	\$ 1,240.80	Retail	\$ 1,473.00
Admission	\$ 3,656.00	Admission	\$ 4,881.50
Aquatic Programmes	\$ 21,671.75	Aquatic Programmes	\$ 20,549.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,568.55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,904.00</b>

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## 2.3 Balloons over Waikato

To inform the Board of the opportunity to have 'Balloons over Waikato' visit Thames on Friday, 18 March 2016 to put on a 'glow show' between 5pm and 7pm with tethered balloons going up between five and ten metres.

### Key Discussion Points

- The Board does not wish to consider funding the event.

- Pass the opportunity on to the local business community to consider supporting.
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## **2.4 Criteria for the one-off contestable 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Discovery of the Thames Gold Fields fund**

For the Board to consider the criteria it would like to set for the fund in preparation for the 2 November meeting..

### **Key Discussion Points**

- Draft criteria was tabled for discussion before it goes to the 2 November 2015 Board meeting.
  - Suggested that the opening of the fund be announced at the opening of Women of Empire on 16 November 2015.
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## **2.5 Local (Community Board) and Economic Development Memo to Community Boards from the Chief Executive Officer**

To provide guidance to assist the Boards thinking about the local economic and community development functions in the Thames Board area.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- There are different expectations about community empowerment around Council
  - Should Council be in the social service space or only economic development?
  - Thames Community Development Officer is the link between community groups and the Community Board.
  - Expectations of each community in the District are different.
  - There is a gap currently in the strategic leadership of social development activities.
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## **2.6 Kauaeranga Valley Model Driving Dam Remedial Work**

For the Board to consider supporting the Kauaeranga Valley Model Driving Dam Remedial Work as presented by Rotary Thames and Department of Conservation.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- Rotary would like to help to get the dam going again.
  - DoC would also like to partner in getting the work done.
  - At this point in time it is relatively easy to fix, but if it gets left too long it will be beyond repair.
  - The plan would be to have the dam operational every Sunday.
  - DoC will accept the dam as an asset and maintain it.
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## **2.7 Update on DoC changing status of Kauaeranga Valley to 'Iconic'**

For the Department of Conservation to be able to give an update on the progress of lifting the Kauaeranga Valleys status to iconic.

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**Key Discussion Points**

- The heritage assessment has been done.
  - Will be advanced after March 2016.
  - For DoC an 'iconic' site is one that has national significance.
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**2.8 Libraries Quarterly Report July to September 2015**

To report on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua)

**General**

Building relationships with communities is central to our success in remaining relevant. We must understand our customers, build relationships with them, understand how to add value to their lives and then deliver.

The reality of our future is this: either we grow our innovative capacity or we lose our credibility and relevance. Declining circulation confirms the changing role of libraries and the challenge to the way we deliver services.

The following highlights showcase both past, present and upcoming initiatives designed to connect people in the community for positive experiences and creative endeavours.

**Highlights**Adult reading programme

Held over a six week period, in August and September, this challenges people to extend their reading by trying new authors and genres. It provides social opportunities to share experience, make recommendations and meet new people.

Approximately 60 adults across the district completed the programme. This included some that had participated in previous years as well as a good proportion of people new to the programme. Most read an average of four books in that time.

Feedback from participants indicated our aims had been achieved: most commented how much they had enjoyed trying new authors, and having the chance to meet others. All wanted to participate again in the future.

School holiday programmes

This is currently underway and with a theme of Prehistoric Worlds. Attendance has been high at each library with around 30 children sitting on the grass at the Thames Library making prehistoric rocks. The other two libraries had similar numbers at their events.

Three more events are scheduled during the school holidays with all showing good registration numbers.

Creative writing

Emma at Tairua Library facilitates a junior creative writing group of seven children. Aaron Dunn, local songwriter, worked with this group to produce a melody for a song they wrote collaboratively.

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A recording of the children singing the song will be made through Tairua School and it will be performed at the end of year school variety show.

### Arts strategy

Inspired by TCDC's Arts Strategy Emma has organised a 'Creativity Season' offering an opportunity for people of all ages to ignite their creative fire.

Based in Tairua Library an astounding diversity of workshops, discussions and activities relating to creativity will be facilitated entirely by passionate Coromandel Peninsula people.

The programme encourages everyone to have a go, with guidance and support from the local creative community. The library offers a welcoming and accessible venue for facilitating creativity through its extensive community-based programme and selection of quality books and online resources.

This will be the first in a number of initiatives designed to build relationships and add value to our communities through curating our community and library resources

### **Membership and circulation**

Membership as a percentage of population by library:

Thames	68%
Mercury Bay	64%
Tairua	68%
Whangamata	22%

Membership as a performance indicator (as determined by LIANZA) is a minimum of 55% for libraries with urban populations and 35% for those with rural populations.

Circulation compared to this quarter last year:

Thames	-9%
Mercury Bay	-7%
Tairua	+5%
Whangamata	status quo

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## **2.9 Kopu Bridge Funding Scope Proposal**

The Board was presented with the Giblin Group proposal.

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## **2.10 Financial Support for The Treasury**

For the Board to consider whether it wishes to financially support The Treasury

### **Key Discussion Points**

- Suggested that the Board consider provision of solar panels at the Carnegie Building which would improve a Council asset and in turn help lessen the operational costs of the Coromandel Heritage Trust

- A report to be provided to the Board on the options.
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## 2.11 2016/2017 Annual Plan Projects

The Board agreed on the projects to have Project Initiation Documents produced ready for the Board to decide whether they should progress to the next stage of the 2016/2017 Annual Plan process at its 27 October workshop.

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## 2.12 Area Manager Update

- Thames Promotions role has been shortlisted to two proposals with interviews scheduled for 14 October
- A ROI for the construction of Thames Indoor Sports facility came back with eight prospective tenderers registering their interest. Four tenderers have been selected and have confirmed they can meet the timeframes. Plan is to award in December and start construction April 2016.

Workshop Closed at 4.30pm