


Agenda & Actions: Ruahine User's Group Meeting (RUG)

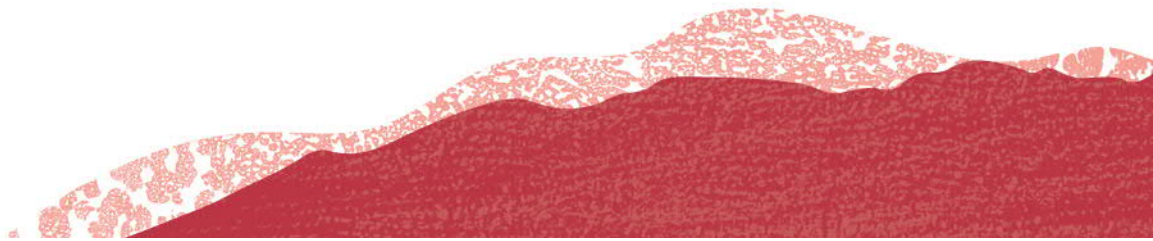



Date:	25/07/2022	Chair:	Demelza Low
Time:	19:00-21:00	Minute taker:	Dan Tuohy
Venue:	Dannevirke NZDA & Teams Meeting		
Attendees:	Megan D (FMC, BCT), Matthew S (HBRC), Peter D (Kawhatau Group), Janet W (RWP, PNTMC), Lisa W (Mauri Oho), Jean G (MTSC), John B (FMC), Iain P, Gordon, Vince, Mike C, Gary (NZDA), Julia M (NTC), Rod S (FMC)		
Apologies:	Kevin Ross, Moana Smith-Dunlop, Anthony B, Phillip Hansen		

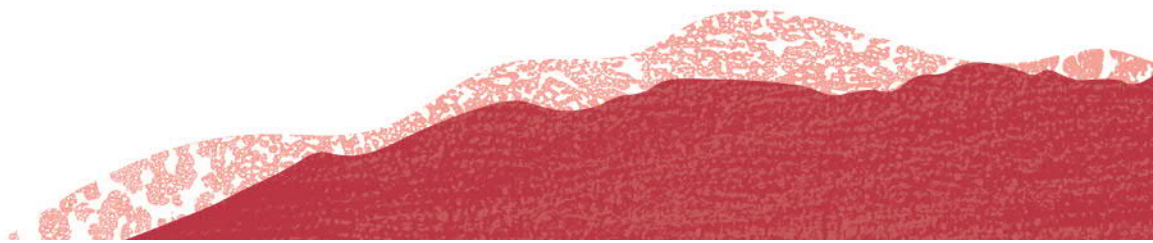
Agenda

- Welcome, Karakia, Introductions & Apologies
- Community updates
- DOC Heritage & Visitor updates
- DOC Bio updates
- Access
- General business
- Set next meeting

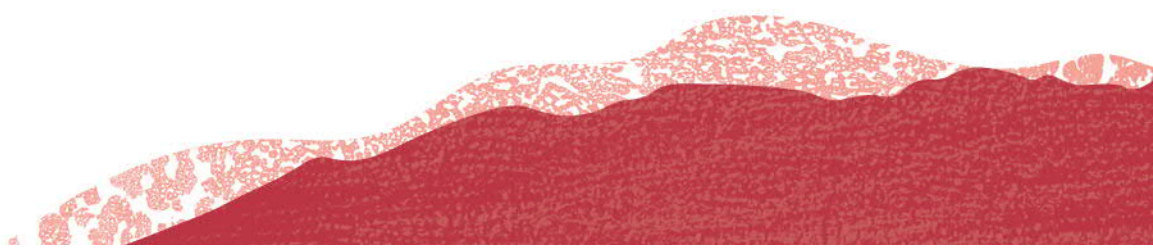
19:00	<p>Topic – Welcome, Karakia, Introductions & Apologies</p> <p><u>Karakia</u></p> <p>Kā toro ki runga, kā toro ki raro</p> <p>Kia mārangi mai ngā māramatanga</p> <p>Ā kui mā, Ā koro mā</p> <p>Hei aratakina i a tātou kia manawatīti</p> <p>Ki ngā mahi katoa</p> <p>Draw strength from above</p> <p>Draw strength from below</p> <p>Let the knowledge and understanding of our predecessors wash over us</p> <p>So, we may Follow their spirit of perserverance and apply it to our work today</p> <p>Acheiving great things</p>
19:10	<p>Topic – Community Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZDA – Te Ekaou and Forks Huts. Work done on the huts and track work between the huts. Huts good clean out. Forks due for a paint – have discussed with BCT. Also did jobs around Alice Nash and installed some DOC signs.• PNTMC – Cleaned up around Mid Poh and Leon Kinvig huts and provided a report to DOC. Talked to Demelza & Megan about a fire at Mid Poh hut. People are keen for a wood fire here. <p></p> <p>PNTMC Hut Maintenance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCT – Happy about a list coming of jobs to do from DOC. If anyone is interested in getting BCT funding or volunteering for BCT get in touch with Megan for dates. Keen to start doing track work with volunteers. Bivouac August 9th 5pm for the volunteer evening in Palmy.• Mauri Oho – Some of their team had their first walk to Parks Peak Hut and tidied and stacked firewood. Went to Herricks for lunch and a tidy up. Replaced mattress covers etc. at Upper Makaroro Hut.• RWP – Newsletter handed out for the bi-annual work update. Whio are looking good in the Northern Ruahine, lots of breeding success. Nice to have a dog survey next year if possible. Waiting on the national Whio recovery plan. Dan to chase up with Jess and Andy G. Lisa asked about a report from DOC about the number of Whio sightings seen in the last year. <p>Action: for Dan to chase this</p>



	 <p>Ruahine Whio News #12.pdf</p>
<p>19:30</p>	<p>Topic – DOC Heritage and Visitor (H&V) Update</p> <p>Last 4 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daphne hut – moved toilet, service, reroute around windfall between Daphne & Howletts • Ellis hut – phase 1 of renovation complete: Timber cladding at one end has replaced, doorsill replaced, window repaired. Further work planned to make it watertight. • Rangiwahia hut – added screen to weatherproof door, repaired woodshed floor, topped up metal on stairs, service. • Longview hut – flew in firewood, new signs installed, service. • Sunrise hut – flew in firewood, new signs installed, service, windfalls x2 days • Swamp track – cleared windfalls • Waipawa Forks – dead standing tree beside hut felled • Smiths Stream hut/tk – service, new signs installed • Rockslide biv – removed wasps nest/ Inspection flights/BCT recce northern Ruahine huts • Umutoi bridge upgraded • Swingbridges – infill mesh installed • Deerford Loop – arborists cleared track of windfall trees etc. • A Frame – replaced broken window. • No Mans Road – work by Higgins on road started 11/07. • Coppermine track – closed due to large slip. Have started clearing reroute around slip, will reopen soon. • Poh Base – plumbing work done (cisterns replaced, shower mixers replaced, header tank ballcock replaced). Fridge/freezer replaced. • Plus work at front country sites – Manawatu Gorge, Bruce Park, Papaitonga, Simpsons Reserve etc. • Volunteer hut warden started in May – Brett Gillies • DOC team changes. Shaun Ruddle has left DOC. Mike Christie has moved to DOC Whanganui. New Ranger started 25/07 – Lucy Rattray. Currently recruiting for 2x rangers. <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takapari Road - wish to close/access control road during winter. Wished to have a gate put up before winter, but the funding that was earmarked for this purpose was removed. Will need to fund out of this year's budget – obtaining quotes. Suggestions welcome. NZDF engaged to see if they will repair the road. They will recce the road and advise whether this is something they wish to support.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned about a call being heard of someone threatening to burn down A Frame hut if the road was locked. Not sure where it came from as he had heard it second hand. If anyone has info on this, please pass on to DOC. • Some trampers were also wanting to stay at A Frame and there were people there asking for money to stay there, so they went back to Stanfield. If anyone has info on this, please pass on to DOC. • Sunrise carpark – revised bid has been submitted, expecting to hear back whether successful Sep 2022. • Aranga hut – DOC working with Aorangi Awarua Trust regarding the hut.
<p>19:50</p>	<p>Topic – Biodiversity Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobby Robson has left DOC Palmy to pursue a DOC bio ranger in Geraldine • Pete Bird has a new role of Project lead, still in the Bio team. • Double set trap replacement (Ruahine Corner to Colenso and re-bar to Ikawatea traps) • Ground Goat control (Southern Ruahine and No Mans / Herricks area) • Wilding Pines (tussock tops and No Mans area) • Old Mans Beard known sites within the Park • Darwins Barberry (Gwavas Area)
<p>20:10</p>	<p>Topic – Access to Forest Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mokai Access – An options paper was produced by Dan, Steve Sutton (DOC H&V Advisor and Dave Bishop (DOC SLM) to be presented to Jack Mace (DOC LNI Director). It recommended a few options that the Department would like to pursue in order to regain public access. Jack was leaning towards a mixture of 2 options and DOC are working through these at present. A meeting was held between DOC, RDC and Walking Access to understand the paper road stoppage issue and David Bishop has spoken to RDC about the whole Mokai Access issues and 1976 agreement. RDC was to approach the Mokai landowner to have the padlock removed



from the gate at Mokai road end. DOC was up there last week and sent photos back to RDC of the gate still there and locked.



Awaiting to hear back from RDC as to next steps for the gate and padlock.

- Opawe Rd Access – DOC made a submission to the MDC and landowner proposal to close the paper road in lieu of a land swap. We have heard that the submissions have been seen and are waiting for the hearing to be announced.

20:30

Topic – General Business

- Triple X booking system, John raised the question about how many people have booked it. Demelza stated that not many people are booking the hut through the system, however, it aligns with many variables of the booking criteria, i.e., located close to a road end and within proximity of major cities etc. Ran out of time for further discussion, John and Demelza to discuss further after meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skylight over the deck at Cattle Creek hut gone. Mike had a contact who offered to repair this but was told by DOC that he couldn't do it because his working buddy did not have qualifications of working at heights (2x trained operations required under DOC Height Work SOP). DOC to repair this summer.
20:50	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>November – set date closer to the time – earlier rather than later (7th maybe) Set location – Dannevirke Deerstalkers clubrooms Who would like to Chair? Take Minutes? DOC Format suggestions – DOC giving information of what they have been doing, Community group updates, improving access and updates</p>
20:59	<p>Karakia whakamutunga</p> <p>Ka whakairiia te tapu Ki a watea ai te ara Ki a ruruki whakataha ai Ki a ruruki whakataha ai</p> <p>Haumi e! Hui e! Taiki e!</p> <p>Clear the obstacles So the path is clear To return to everyday activities</p>
21:00	<p>Meeting finishes</p>

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