

Agenda & Actions: Ruahine Users Group Meeting (RUG)

Agenda

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

Date:	25/07/2022	Chair:	Demelza Low
Time:	19:00-21:00	Minute taker:	Dan Tuohy
Venue:	Dannevirke NZDA & Teams Meeting		
Attendees:			
Apologies:			

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Topic - Welcome, Karakia, Introductions & Apologies

Karakia

Ka toro ki runga, ka toro ki raro
Kia marangi mai nga
maramatanga A kui ma, A koro ma
Hei aratakina i a tatou
kia manawatlki Ki nga mahi katoa

Draw strength from above

Draw strength from below

Let the knowledge and understanding of our predecessors wash over us

So, we may Follow their spirit of perseverance and apply it to our work today

Achieving great things

Topic - Community Group Updates

Topic - DOC Heritage and Visitor (H&V) Update Last 4 months

- 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 (new deck and rails)
- Swingbridges - infill mesh installed
- Deerford Loop - arborists cleared track of windfall trees etc.
- A Frame - replaced broken window

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- 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.

Other updates:

- Takapari Road - decision made to close 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.
- Sunrise carpark - revised bid has been submitted, expecting to hear back whether successful Sep 2022.
- Aranga hut - working with Aorangi Awarua Trust regarding the hut.

Topic - Biodiversity Update

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Topic – Access to Forest Park

- Mokai Access - An options paper was produced by Dan, Steve Sutton (Rec advisor and Dave Bishop (SLM) to be presented to Jack Mace (LNI Director). It recommended a few options that the Department would like to pursue in order to regain public access. Jack's 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

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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 EDC 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 awaiting for the hearing to be announced.

Topic - General Business

Next Meeting

November-set date

7 November, 2022

Set location:

Dannevirke

Who would like to Chair? Take Minutes

All Agreed DoC should

Karakia whakamutunga

Ka whakairiia te tapu Ki a
watea ai te ara Ki a ruruki
whakataha ai Ki a ruruki
whakataha ai

Haumi e! Hui e! Taiki e!

Clear the obstacles So the path
is clear To return to everyday
activities

Meeting finishes

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