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Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan - Community Engagement Forward Programme

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee regarding the forward work programme for community engagement between September 2015 and December 2015.

2. Background

The completion of development of flood risk management options is programmed for the end of this calendar year. This stage of community engagement will provide a final opportunity for the community to develop a range of options before a final option is proposed in December.

3. Programme

Event	Location	Date	Time	Target Audience
Information Booth	GWRC – Choice Room	Wed/Thu/Fri from 5 th October	1230- 1630	Masterton Community
World Café	TBC	10 th October	1330 – 1630	Masterton Community
Wairarapa A+P Show	Clareville Showgrounds	30 th Oct 1 st Nov	All Day	Wairarapa Community
Masterton Options Open Day	TBC	21 st Nov	All Day	Masterton Community

4. Community Drop-in information booth

An information booth has been set up in the Choice Room at GWRC offices in Masterton. This information booth will be opened to the public two days a week and is intended to support the engagement with the Masterton community during the project.

The booth contains snapshots of information presented at various stages of the project including;

- Historic photos
- Catchment values
- Flood maps
- Concepts for protection options
- Work in progress for option development

The booth will be run by an officer from the project team, on hand to answer questions or talk through aspects of the project.

The booth will be open from 1230 to 1630 on Wednesdays and Thursdays , and will be launched on the 5th of October. It will remain open until further notice.

The launch of this will be advertised in print media and by radio advertising.

5. World Café – 10th October 2015

A world café is a form of community workshop, where attendees are thrown together in informal groups to discuss and develop solutions to problems. The outputs of these are then reviewed by the project team and included in future design. The purpose of this World Café event is:

- To understand what people use the urban river environment for and what they value most about it;
- To discuss how the various options may impact on these values;
- For participants to have a greater understanding of the diversity of experiences and expectations that exist in their community about flood protection;
- To enable the community to be heard and their ideas appreciated and included in the project outcomes.

The event will be hosted in Masterton on 10 October. Groups of 4 will be made up from the attendees, who will work through reviewing the various options assembled by the Subcommittee and council officers. A series of open ended questions will be provided, primarily to serve as prompts to the groups.

This event will be advertised in print media and by radio advertising.

6. Wairarapa A+P Show- 31 October

The Wairarapa A+P Show is an opportunity to showcase the work in progress on the project. This will include development of rural options and the progress with identifying an option for the Masterton urban area.

GWRC will have a stall at this event, including information on a range of projects including the Te Kauru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan.

Attendance at this event will be advertised in print media.

7. Masterton Community Open Day

An open day has been programmed to a follow up from the Wairarapa A+P show at Clareville. This is currently proposed for 21 November. The purpose of this event is to showcase the development of the various options for the Masterton urban area and the shape of the preferred option that will be presented to the Subcommittee in December.

This workshop will be advertised in print media.

8. Other Engagement

The following are a list of other engagement activities that are occurring as part of this project:

- Private coffee meetings with rural home/landowner groups
- River management scheme committee meetings
- Flood hazard advisory responses
- Ongoing media article opportunities
- Advertising for events

9. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

9.1 Engagement

Engagement on these matters is not necessary.

10. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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