



## Notes from forum held 25 November 2019 At Community Waikato

**Present:** Sarah Gibb (Community Waikato), Dianne Burgess (Te Awamutu Health Shuttle), Marnie Goodman (Tairua Care & Friendship), Desiree McKenzie (Te Kuiti Community House), Ray Miller & Alicia Leef (North Waikato), Bridget Burdett (MRCagney), Jo Mako (Te Kauwhata Community House & WDHB Consumer Council), Julie Taverner (St John), Jenna Wetere (Red Cross), Amantha Bowen (Total Mobility)

**Apologies:**

Regina Manders (Putaruru Red Cross), Brent Nielsen (Age Concern Hamilton), Nigel King (Waikato Regional Council), Gerri Pomeroy (Disabled Persons Assembly), Kim Jacobs (St John), Moetu Togia (South Waikato District Council), Tricia Dawson (Thames Health Shuttle), Val Sparks (Paeroa Volunteer Drivers)

**Facilitator and Note taker:** Sarah Gibb

### 1. Community Transport Symposium review

This event was held on November 12 at Distinction Hotel in Hamilton. 120 attendees.

Bridget Burdett presented her draft report from the symposium to the forum and feedback was provided to finalise the report. We discussed what next for the report, agreeing to send it out to Regional Councils, NZTA, DHB's. The report can be seen on our website <https://www.waikatocommunitytransport.org.nz/symposium>.

Also there, is the graphic overview of the symposium, as recorded and drawn by Interactionz. It is also broken up into sections: local, regional, global etc. We are very appreciative of all the presenters and at today's forum we were able to thank Alicia from North Waikato and Bill from Tairua with gifts of petrol vouchers. Minister Julie Anne Genter had a presentation prepared but after hearing our local presenters chose to just address the audience and engage in a Q & A session.

The symposium attendees were asked "What would more support from government look like?" Resounding response was: More funding, more appreciation and more awareness

### 2. Forum meeting dates for 2020

- Monday March 23
- Monday June 22
- Monday September 21
- Monday November 23

All 1.00 – 3.00pm at Community Waikato

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