



## Minutes of forum held 25 September 2017

**Present:** Sarah Gibb (Community Waikato), Dianne Burgess, Robyn Atherton (Te Awamutu Health Shuttle), Desiree McKenzie (Te Kuiti Community House), Brent Nielsen (Age Concern), Jan Meredith, Val Sparks (Paeroa Community transport), Wayne Thomson, Alicia Leef (North Waikato Transport Trust), Dallas Honey (Waikato DHB), Laurie Franks (Tairua Care and Friendship), Lisette Balsom, Haven Walsh, Carol Foothead (Waikato Regional Council), Gerri Pomeroy (CCS Disability), Kim Linklater (Wintec), Kiri Campbell (Whangamata Community Services Trust), Bridget Burdett (TDG), Dennis Turton (Trust Waikato), Kay Kristensen (WDHB).

**Apologies:** Ngaire Atmore, Kim Jacobs (St Johns), Anne Marie Spicer (Hauraki District Council), Amanda Banks (CCS Disability), Jason Sebastian (Red Cross).

### National Transport Assistance

- Denise Anderson from Waikato District Health Board gave a presentation on the National Travel Assistance Scheme.
- The objective of the presentation was to increase understanding and awareness of the Scheme and show how service providers can access the funding.
- Please see attached power point for presentation slides.

### Waikato Regional Council – project updates

#### South Waikato research project

- Waikato Regional Council are starting a project to:
  - provide local evidence of where investment in transport and accessibility can improve wellbeing of people of greatest need, and
  - inform regional strategic planning, by providing evidence linking investment in public transport to wellbeing outcomes for individuals, communities and the region.
- Bridget Burdett (TDG) is contracted to carry out research in South Waikato for WRC.
- A survey is being developed to gain a broad perspective of the nature and extent of trip making and participation. It will be web based and paper based to capture all demographics. The purpose of the survey is to link information about who people are to their transport choices, levels of participation, and subjective assessment of wellbeing.
- Focus groups to gather more detailed information will be held in Oct/early Nov.
- The project will be presented as a report to Waikato Regional Councillors to inform decisions on the Access and Mobility Case, the Regional Land Transport Plan and the Regional Public Transport Plan.

#### Public transport network reviews

Waikato Regional Council is supporting several district councils to review their public transport services. Participants were encouraged to get in touch with these councils if they would like to be involved in the processes. The Councils reviewing their services are:

- Thames-Coromandel District Council
- Taupo District Council
- Waipa District Council
- Waikato District Council

**Next meeting** November 27 2017. Please email through any agenda item suggestions to Sarah Gibb or Lisette Balsom.

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