



Ōtorohanga Community Board

# AGENDA

THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021

**4.00pm**

Members of the Ōtorohanga Community Board

Board Member Neville Gadd (Chair)  
Board Member Kat Brown-Merrin  
Board Member Alan Buckman  
Councillor Katrina Christison  
Board Member Peter Coventry  
Councillor Rodney Dow

Meeting Secretary: Mrs Natasha Eynon

# ŌTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board will be held at St. Davids Community Hall, Cnr Ranfurly and Turongo Streets, Ōtorohanga on Thursday 6 May 2021 commencing at 4pm.

3 MAY 2021

**Tanya Winter**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**TO:                         CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS ŌTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD**

**FROM:                    GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING**

**DATE:                    06 MAY 2021**

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### **Relevant Community Outcomes**

- Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
  - Foster an involved and engaged Community
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### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from the Ōtorohanga Lions Club to rename the Ōtorohanga Domain to the 'Ōtorohanga Lion's Domain' in recognition of the work done in the community by the Lions Club, particularly in and around the Domain.

### **Staff Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Ōtorohanga Community Board recommend to Council that the Ōtorohanga Domain be renamed the 'Ōtorohanga Lion's Domain'.

### **Background and Current Situation**

At a recent Lions Club meeting, it was discussed by the Club how they could get recognition for the work done in Ōtorohanga and the surrounding area for many decades. After looking at the projects that they had undertaken, it became apparent that a lot of them were around the Ōtorohanga Domain, and this led to the idea to rename the domain.

These projects include:

- In July 1975 the first working bee was held at the Caravan Park.
- The Lions were instrumental in the building of the heated swimming pool.
- Donations to the new cricket practice pitch and nets.
- The Lions were heavily involved in the development of the mountain bike track and continue to support the maintenance of the track.
- Lions have also made donations to the new St John Building and Beattie Home Dementia Centre.

### **Significance and Engagement**

It is likely, that there will be a high-level of community interest, and should the renaming be approved in principle by the Community Board and Council, it is recommended by staff that consultation takes place. Such consultation to obtain community feedback over a two-week period, which would take place outside the LTP consultation period and would include, but be limited to:-

- Advertising in the King Country News.
- Posting on the Council Facebook page.
- Advertising on the Council website.
- Small laminated signs at the domain.

## **Financial Considerations**

The costs of such a decision, are relatively minor in nature, but still significant and would involve the cost of the consultation process outlined above, estimated at \$1,200 in staff time and advertising costs, plus appropriate signage which is likely to cost in the region of \$1,500. Should elaborate or higher specification signs, be decided upon, or more community consultation required, these would increase the cost accordingly. There will be budget available in the Ōtorohanga Parks and Reserves Sundry Reserve Improvement account which could cover the costs of the signs with the Community Consultation costs allocated to that cost centre in the 2022 financial year. Consideration could also be given to the Lions Club providing the signage.

## **Options**

### **Option 1: Rename the Ōtorohanga Domain the Ōtorohanga Lion's Domain**

#### Advantages

- The Ōtorohanga Lions Club are recognised for the work they have done in the community.
- A renewed sense of commitment from the Lions Club to helping maintain the domain.
- Community appreciation of the Domain, and hence, community support will be increased along with associated community enjoyment and care when using the domain.

#### Disadvantages

- Some members of the community may not be supportive of the idea which could generate a negative feeling against the Lions Club, and/or, Council.
- The cost of the work means this money would not be available for other projects.

### **Option 2: Do not rename the Ōtorohanga Domain the Ōtorohanga Lion's Domain**

#### Advantages

- The funding requested for this project would be available for other projects.
- The status-quo remains and there is no risk of ill-will being generated.
- The Lions Club might be disappointed and this could impact on decisions they make around their involvement in community projects in the future.

#### Disadvantages

- An opportunity to acknowledge and support an organisation which has done so much for the Ōtorohanga Community is lost.
- The opportunity to improve the public awareness and appreciation of the domain is lost.

**R H Brady**

**GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING**

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**