

## Kaihū River Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the SEED  
Fosters Arcade  
42 Victoria Street  
Dargaville  
on Thursday 23 May 2024, commencing at 10.30am

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor John Blackwell  
Ratepayer Representative Bryce Wyatt

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso  
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Officer, Nicole Basher  
KDC Land Drainage Coordinator, Wayne Crump  
John Greensmith  
John Murray  
Colin McDonald  
Kieran Gilmour

#### Part Meeting

Krista Franklin

The meeting commenced at 10.30am.

### Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

### Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

KDC Councillor Ash Nayyar  
NRC Manchurian Wild Rice Project Officer, Nancy Chaves  
Alayne Fitness

### Record of Actions – 16 November 2023 (Item 3.1)

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Officer, Nicole Basher

Moved (Blackwell/Greensmith)

### Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 3.2)

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Officer, Nicole Basher

**Agreed action points:**

- John Greensmith to become a Ratepayer Representative for Area 3 (F)
- NRC Rivers team to organise a site visit with John Blackwell to Colin McDonald's property

*Secretarial note: The group, in the 2024-2025 tender for machine cleaning, would like the specifications for the long reach machine to be increased to a 17m reach.*

### **Kaihū River Budget Report (Item 3.3)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso

**Agreed action points:**

- Nicole to generate and distribute a map of the targeted rating areas for Kaihu
- NRC Rivers to develop a budget to put forward to the group

*Secretarial note: There was a discussion surrounding the amount collected through rates, the cost of works (machine cleaning and MWR control) and inflation.*

### **Works update 2023-2024 (Item 3.4)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso

### **Drone Inspection and proposed work programme 2024-2025 (Item 3.5)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso

*Secretarial note: There is the possibility to fly the drone further upstream than the 2023 flight which ended at Parore Road bridge. NRC will investigate how much further upstream is possible to fly for the 2024 flight.*

*NRC will get quotes to extend the machine cleaning upstream (on a clean as needed basis from Parore Road Bridge to Mamaranui Bridge). Also to assess what an hourly rate as opposed to meterage would look like.*

### **Manchurian Wild Rice control (Item 3.6)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Officer, Nicole Basher

*Secretarial note: There was a brief discussion on whether we should be spraying just the rice grass encroaching on the rivers channel, not that which is situated on land.*

### **Upcoming Kaihū River cross section survey (Item 3.7)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso

### **Any other business (Item 3.8)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers Manager, Joseph Camuso

*Secretarial note: There was a discussion as to why the meeting was open to the public and not instead a private meeting. It was explained to the members that all NRC's working party/group meetings are open to the public to attend (unless there are specific grounds under LGOIMA for the public to be excluded).*

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 12.20pm.**

Unconfirmed