

# KORRA

KAIMAI OMANAWA  
RURAL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 17/08/20

7.00 PM / OMANAWA COMMUNITY HALL

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### ATTENDEES

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Contact tracing protocols for Level 2 were followed.

The Attendance Register records the following members as present:

Wayne Lowry, Lesley Pritchard, Graeme Mills, Bryan Smith, Jason Marra, Graham Dyer, Bryan Patterson, Aart van Zandwijk, Heidi Lowry, Stan Overton, Sharon Overton, Heather Fulton, Denise Kilgour, Brian Kilgour, Margaret Bennett, Dennis Ormsby, Steve Moorhouse, Denise Moorehouse, Karen Maisey, Chris Maisey, Paul Mildren, Anne-Marie Mildren.

On Zoom (video-conferencing):  
Ian and Vaughan Ashworth, Sarah Taylor.

Apologies: Debbie Mills

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### APPROVAL OF INAUGURAL MINUTES

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Motion: That the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of 17th of August 2020 be adopted as an accurate record.

Moved: Bryan Patterson    Seconded: Graeme Mills

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## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Team leaders of each region introduced. Ratepayers encouraged to contact these members about any local issues that they would like to be raised at following meetings.

Motion: That the Chairperson's Annual Report be received.

Moved: Wayne Lowry    Seconded: Denise Kilgour

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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Graeme Mills presented the last balance sheet. There is a current balance of \$610 from donations and membership.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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**Chair** - Wayne Lowry - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Graeme Mills*

**Treasurer** - Graeme Mills - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Bryan Smith*

**Secretary** - Lesley Pritchard - *Nominated by Graeme Mills, Seconded by Wayne Lowry*

**Committee Members:**

Jason Marra - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Wayne Lowry*

Graham Dyer - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Wayne Lowry*

Bryan Smith - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Wayne Lowry*

Bryan Patterson - *Nominated by Lesley Pritchard, Seconded by Wayne Lowry*

Denise Kilgour - *Nominated by Jason Marra, Seconded by Kerry Marra*

All accepted.

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## APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION

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Wayne presented the newly completed KORRA Constitution.

Motion that the Constitution be formally adopted.

Moved: Graeme Mills   Seconded: Chris Maisey. All in favour.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

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### Overview of the McLaren Falls concepts - Wayne Lowry

- Security cameras to be installed at the bridge and the carpark by the lake.
- Lighting the pedestrian bridge - to make it a feature tourist attraction to complement McLaren Falls Park. Rough estimate of cost: \$100,000.
- Old power station building. Give it a new lease of life to retain the history of hydroelectricity in the region? Perhaps a viewing platform or cafe on the roof.
- BECA have provided a plan of concepts for the whole area e.g. building a toilet block in the upper carpark.
- It will be necessary to get power and broadband access to the bridge area.
- Wayne envisages the creation of a joint TCC/WBOPDC McLaren Falls Development plan.
- His ideas have been presented to WBOPDC, TCC, Tourism BOP and Trustpower who have all been supportive.
- Dennis Ormsby pointed out that resource consents are very expensive. The original bridge at McLaren Falls was destroyed by a flood in 1963. With increased tourist traffic, a two lane bridge may be required in future.

### Neighbourhood Support

- Graeme Mills promoted the idea of setting up local Neighbourhood support groups. e.g. Ruahihi Rd - a group set up by Graham Dyer which includes 50 houses. This is probably the maximum number for a group.
- A great way of keeping your eyes and ears open and looking after your neighbours. He suggests starting with a social gathering.

- Contact Graeme Mills for any support required. e.g to get signs refreshed on letterboxes etc to convey the message that Neighbourhood support is active in our area.

### **Security Cameras**

- There has been talk on the Kaimai Community Facebook page about setting up security cameras in various locations. Wayne reminded everyone that it was necessary to capture activity that would be admissible in a court.

### **Changing the speeds on rural roads**

- How do you feel about the speed limits on rural roads in the Western Bay? Omanawa Rd will be reduced to 80 km/hr. McLaren Falls and Peers Rd were not included in the review.
- Graeme had some feedback from the Facebook page - some of which was offensive - and just suggested that residents make their own submissions to the Council.

Comments from the floor:

- 100km/hr is too fast for McLaren Falls Rd.
- All side roads off SH29 should be 80km/hr.
- Dogs, horses, kids - all need to be protected.
- Rules should be policed if they are implemented.

### **Summing up**

Newsletters will keep the members up-to-date and informed.

Thanks to Sarah Taylor for her contribution to Wayne's initial presentation about security cameras at McLaren Falls.

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**MEETING CLOSED**

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The meeting closed at: 7.40pm

KAIMAI OMANAWA RURAL RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION (KORRA)  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On 15 June 2020, 7pm Kaimai Hall, we came together for the first ratepayer's association meeting. We have achieved so much in such a short period of time. The current committee represents each of the different regions within the Kaimai Omanawa area. Bryan Smith represents McLaren Falls, Jason Marra Kumikumui Road, Graham Dyer Ruahihi, Graeme Mills Omanawa and Treasurer. Bryan Paterson is Marketing and Advertising, Lesley Pritchard, Secretary and myself, Chairman. Lesley's daughter, Nicky is providing the social media support. Setting up any organisation is hard work and we have created something that we should all be very proud of. If any of you have something you wish to raise, please contact your regional representative.

The motivation for the inaugural meeting was to improve community safety and security, and that is still our top priority. We are working with Neighbourhood Support to improve community safety and to become a more connected community.

Early in the development plan process, we recognised, that unlike other communities, we don't have a formal Community Plan lodged with the District Council. This has been a significant disadvantage to our area, when compared to the other areas in our region. Beca Engineering and Consultancy have kindly undertaken some preliminary development work on a concept plan for McLaren Falls. This concept plan will become the foundation for the McLaren Falls section of the Community plan. Other areas will also have their own sections addressing the issues important to them. However, this may be created independently.

The Community Plan will be an effective tool capturing and prioritising the aspirations of our communities and providing a 'roadmap' for the future.



Jason Marra, in conjunction with his company Fuel Agency have created all of the wonderful KORRA branding for us. Having such a professional brand enhances the reputation of our association. Thank you very much Jason.

Rural Broadband is designed to be delivered wirelessly. However, our hilly and tree covered topology interferes with the radio signals that provide the Rural Broadband and Cell phone coverage. Central Government recently released funds to improve Rural Broadband. We are working with WBOPDC to try for funding to improve our internet service.

Security cameras and lighting are a priority for keeping our area safe. We have lobbied WBOPDC and been advised that they do not have a security camera policy. Their policy workshop is set for the end of 2020. We are not satisfied with this timeframe or response and lobbying for change.

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The Kaimai region has long been the poor cousin, neglected and overlooked. The Ratepayers Association is the mechanism needed to instigate a necessary and long overdue change. A change to the way that our region is perceived. A change to the way we are treated. A change in the way we perceive ourselves. And a positive overall change in the communities we live in. If we want others to respect us, we must respect ourselves first.

The effort to create change is too much to sit on the shoulders of just a few. It needs a united effort and the support from our whole community. Thank you very much to all of you who are already members. We would not be here tonight without your support. We hope that many more of you will add your support by joining us in the near future. The deeper the roots, the greater the fruits.

Wayne Lowry

KORRA Chairman