



TE KAUNIHERA-Ā-ROHE O TARATAHI  
**CARTERTON**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# AGENDA

## Water Race Committee Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 3 February 2021

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Carterton Events Centre  
50 Holloway Street  
Carterton

Chair B Deller

Cr R Cherry-Campbell

Mayor G Lang

Cr J Greathead

J Booth

J Eastham

D Ellison

J McFadzean

N Wadham



**Notice is hereby given that a Water Race Committee Meeting of the Carterton District Council will be held in the Carterton Events Centre, 50 Holloway Street, Carterton on:**

**Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 2:00pm**

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**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

*Mai i te pae maunga, raro ki te tai*

*Mai i te awa tonga, raro ki te awa raki*

*Tēnei te hapori awahi ai e Taratahi.*

*Whano whano, haramai te toki*

*Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!*

**2 APOLOGIES**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES



### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2020

#### 1. RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2020 are true and correct.

**File Number:** 124621

**Author:** Casey Spencer, Democratic Services Coordinator

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2020

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY STREET, CARTERTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Chair Brian Deller, Mayor Greg Lang Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Member John Booth, Member Jill Eastham, Member David Ellison, Member John McFadzean, Member Neil Wadham.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jane Davis (Chief Executive), Dave Gittings (Infrastructure, Services and Regulatory Manager), Melvin Pike (Water Race Overseer), Tony Pritchard (Asset Engineer), Elisa Vorster (Communications and Engagement Coordinator), Geoff Palmer (Accountant), Casey Spencer (Democratic Services Coordinator).

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

The meeting was opened with a Karakia lead by Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell.

**2 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cr Jill Greathead.

Member Neil Wadham / Member John Booth

**CARRIED**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

Natasha Kyd from Wairarapa Water Ltd gave the Committee an update on the Wakamoekau Community Water Storage Scheme they are currently working on.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2020**

**MOVED**

That the Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 19 August 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Member John Booth / Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell

**CARRIED**

**6 REPORTS****6.1 WATER RACE ACTIVITIES AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2020****1. PURPOSE**

For the Water Race Committee to be informed and updated on the management of the Water Races for the period 1 August 2020 to 30 September 2020.

**MOVED**

That the Committee:

**Receives** the report.

Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell / Member Neil Wadham

**CARRIED**

**6.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****1. PURPOSE**

To present the financial result of operational activity on water races for the twelve months to 30 September 2020.

**MOVED**

That the Committee:

**Receives** the report.

Member John McFadzean / Member John Booth

**CARRIED**

**7 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES****7.1 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES OF THE WATER RACE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2020****MOVED**

That the Public Excluded Minutes of the Water Race Committee Meeting held on 19 August 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Member David Ellison / Member Neil Wadham

**CARRIED**



**7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

The meeting was closed with a Karakia lead by Chair Brian Deller.

**The Meeting closed at 2:34pm**

**Minutes confirmed: .....**

**Date: .....**

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## 6 REPORTS



### 6.1 WATER RACE ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021

#### 1. PURPOSE

For the Water Race Committee to be informed and updated on the management of the Water Races for the period 1 October 2020 to 27 January 2021.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANCE

The matters for decision in this report are not considered to be of significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy.

#### 3. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is as shown on the attached maps. The races are on low flows with 20 interventions by the Water Race Officer to remedy items such as flooding through blocked pipes and weed growth, and requests for more water.

Of note still is the increasing issue of tree roots for both race networks.

#### 4. SERVICE REQUESTS

Carterton District Council registered six service requests for maintenance of the water race network during this quarter.

Two were for overflowing races, two were for blocked races, one was for discoloration with a strong odour, and one was for no water in the race.

#### 5. IRRIGATION

It has been noted that there are irrigators still drawing water from the races, one at Chester Road and another at Gladstone extracting by pump for a vineyard.

#### 6. WATER RACE ABSTRACTION APPLICATIONS

Carterton District Council has received an application for abstraction from Centerport for the suppression of dust at log marshalling yard on the Kiwi Rail site. The Water Race Officer and the previous Operations Manager arranged for a supply from the retention dam near this site and it appears that Centerport has not taken up this option.

#### 7. CONSIDERATIONS

##### 7.1 Climate change

None

**7.2 Tāngata whenua**

None

**7.3 Financial impact**

None

**7.4 Community Engagement requirements**

None

**7.5 Risks**

None

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

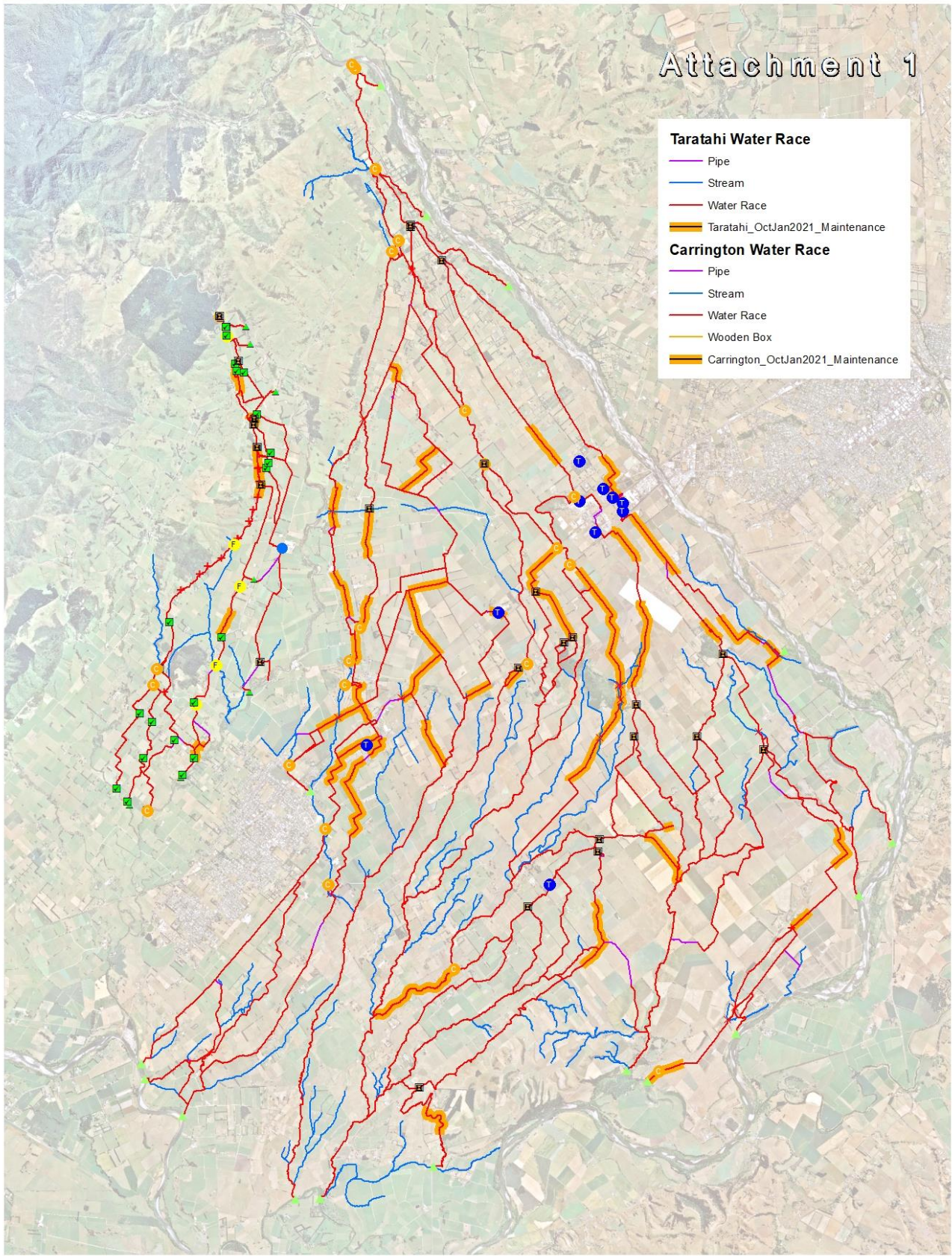
That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

**File Number:** 124733

**Author:** Tony Pritchard, Asset Engineer

**Attachments:** 1. Maintenance Map [↓](#)





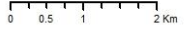
# Attachment 1

**Taratahi Water Race**

- Pipe
- Stream
- Water Race
- Taratahi\_OctJan2021\_Maintenance

**Carrington Water Race**

- Pipe
- Stream
- Water Race
- Carrington\_OctJan2021\_Maintenance

 CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL	 Date: 28/01/2021	Taratahi - est. 39.2 km Carrington - est. 2.9 km	<b>Water Race cleaning                  October to January 2021</b>	DISCLAIMER: The Masterton, Carterton, and South Waikato District Councils accept no responsibility for actions or projects undertaken or loss or damages incurred, by any individuals or company or agency, using all or any of the information presented on this map. The Councils do not provide interpretation of this information or advice on how to interpret or utilise this information. Your own independent and appropriate professional advice should be sought. The information displayed on this map may contain errors or omissions or may not have the spatial accuracy required for some purposes.	 Scale = 1:50,000 Drawn By: tony
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## 6.2 REVIEW OF THE WATER RACES POLICY

### 1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to review the current Water Races Policy (**Attachment 1**) for the Taratahi and Carrington water races.

### 2. SIGNIFICANCE

The matters for decision in this report are not considered to be of significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy.

### 3. BACKGROUND

The Water Races Policy was due for review in 2019 and was delayed due to the possible impacts of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP). The delay in review did not change the status of the policy however, the PNRP process through the Environment Court is ongoing and time to its completion, particularly where aspects of the PNRP interact with the water races, is unknown.

Council are already deep into planning for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and any substantive changes to the Rates or Charges will need to be made immediately to be able to incorporate into the Plan.

### 4. PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN AND WATER RACES

The PNRP has designated the majority of the water races as Highly Modified Rivers or Streams (HMRS) and discussions over the remaining sections of water races remain. A designation of HMRS has long term maintenance and water quality implications that may impose considerable extra costs on maintaining the water races in their current form.

Mediations and potential court processes are difficult to predict in terms of its continuance although it is likely that the outcomes will be known within the 2021 calendar year.

It is timely therefore that committee members are reminded of the current policy while keeping in mind the progress of the PNRP.

### 5. NEXT STEPS

No changes are recommended for the Water Races Policy at this point until the PNRP is finalised and its full impacts can be assessed. When the outcome is formalised then potential changes to rating or charging for the water races can be considered as part of the 2022 Annual Plan.

**6. CONSIDERATIONS****6.1 Climate change**

There are no climate change implications for his paper.

**6.2 Tāngata whenua**

There are no Tāngata whenua implications for this paper.

**6.3 Financial impact**

There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

**6.4 Community Engagement requirements**

There is no community engagement required for this paper.

**6.5 Risks**

There are no risk implications for this paper.

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Agrees** to continue with the current Water races Policy.

**File Number:** 124731

**Author:** Dave Gittings, Infrastructure, Planning and Regulatory Manager

**Attachments:** 1. **Water Races Policy (Current)** [↓](#)



**Carterton District Council**  
**Water Races Policy**

The following policy relates to the Taratahi and Carrington Water Race schemes and should be read in conjunction with the Council's water race bylaws.

**RATES & CHARGES FOR WATER RACE SERVICES**

The Taratahi and Carrington Water Races provide water for stock use, non-potable domestic use, and (irrigation purposes on a case by case basis).

Costs associated with the maintenance of the water race systems are met by targeted rates.

A targeted rate on a differential basis, calculated on land area, on rating units within the Taratahi & Carrington water race system classified areas as follows:

- Class A Land area 200 metres either side of the centreline of the water race  
Class B Land area from 200 to 500 metres either side of the centreline of the water race.  
Class C Land area able to be irrigated from water drawn from natural water course fed from a water race system, calculated from conditions of the applicable resource consent.

A targeted Rural Water Service Rate per rating unit on land situated in the Taratahi or Carrington Water Race Classified Area.

Each property unit is liable for the payment of rates where the property is serviced by the water race system (see fig's 1 & 2)

**EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYING WATER RACE RATES**

1) Where the property is within a water race area and stock water is unable to be supplied to that property or it is impracticable to do so, then:

- a) The property shall be exempted from payment of stock water rates.
- b) Application for such exemption must be in writing and not be retrospective prior to the current financial year in question.

2) Where a property separates two parcels of land by way of right of way (ROW) or other access way, and where a water race traverses the ROW or other access way, and conditional there is no draw off or access to water from the ROW or access way, then that property will be exempt from payment of water race rates, (see fig 3).

**IRRIGATION FROM WATER RACES**

Taratahi & Carrington Water Race Scheme Conditions:

- Application for an irrigation permit must be made in writing to the Operations Manager.
- A flow monitoring device shall be installed at all abstraction points to the Council's requirements before irrigation commences.
- There is no guarantee of water for irrigation use.

- That the water race that irrigation is proposed to be taken from is of sufficient size so there shall not be detrimental effect to downstream users.
- All Illegal Irrigation. Any person irrigating without a permit or approval of the Carterton District Council shall be required to cease immediately and the Council may at their discretion proceed with prosecution.

#### **WATER RACE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

- The Carterton District Council is responsible for race cleaning of designated main and lateral water races.
- Cleaning means maintaining a continuous flow of water within the water race system
- The Council undertakes cleaning and/or spraying along designated main races

#### **RELOCATION OF WATER RACES**

Relocation of water races may be permitted subject to:

- Relocation of the race shall not have a detrimental effect on any other water race users or the water race system operation.
- Application for relocation shall be made in writing to the Operations Manager and shall include:
  - a) Map showing existing and proposed works
  - b) Specifications for construction of work.
  - c) Non-refundable payment of the application fee.
  - d) No works can proceed until engineering approval of the works has been obtained from the Operations Manager.
  - e) All costs associated, including any supervision, with the relocation shall be at the applicant's expense.
  - f) If any leakage occurs from the relocated race, including anytime in the future, the applicant shall undertake all necessary repairs as directed by the Operations Manager.
  - g) A water loss test must be carried out in consultation with the Council representative prior to the water being fully diverted. If this is not undertaken the Council reserves the right to do this at the applicant's cost and all repairs that may be required are at the applicant's expense.
  - h) Where a water race relocation application is an enhancement to the scheme, then a cost sharing arrangement may be entered into between the Council and the applicant at the Council's discretion.

#### **CLOSURES OF WATER RACES.**

- 1) The water race network may be rationalised from the extremities of the Water Race Scheme on a race by race basis, in consultation with property owners, and in light of any other decisions pertaining to enhanced use of the scheme for irrigation and/or aquifer recharge for water supply and stream augmentation.
- 2) Any request by a property owner for a closure of a water race must be made in writing to the Operations Manager.

#### **NEW RACES OR ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES**

Installation of new races may be permitted:



- 1) Where new properties are requested to be served.
- 2) To serve additional areas of individual properties.
- 3) Conditions required to be met include:
  - a) Cost of all works including the associated supervision is at the applicant's expense.
  - b) Design and construction to the approval of the Operations Manager.
  - c) If any leakage occurs from the race, including anytime in the future, the applicant shall undertake all necessary repairs as directed by the Operations Manager.
  - d) A water loss test must be carried out in consultation with the Council representative prior to the water being fully diverted. If this is not undertaken, the Council reserves the right to do this at the applicant's cost and all repairs that may be required are at the applicant's expense.

### **CARRY OUT WORK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Where Council has been requested to carry out works on private property, at the completion of the relevant works Council shall invoice the property owner(s) to recover costs incurred.

### **LAND SUBDIVISIONS**

- 1) Where land subdivision is carried out within a water race area, a classification calculation to determine water race rates on the extent of new lot sizes and associated water race provision will be made.
- 2) The water race shall be piped at the developer's expense where any water race traverses a right of way or other access.
- 3) The developer/owners shall provide gates, in the fences adjacent to the water races, to allow the Council to access and maintain the water races. The location and size (normally 3.6m wide) shall be to the approval of the Carterton District Council.

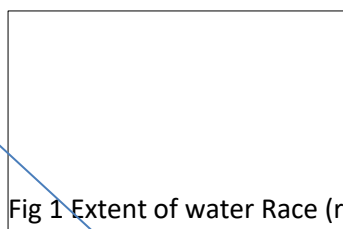


Fig 1 Extent of water Race (rateable)

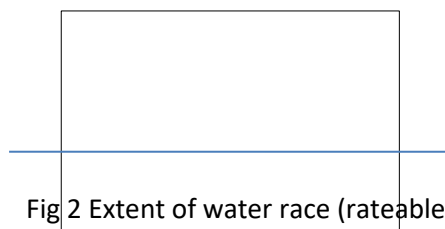


Fig 2 Extent of water race (rateable)

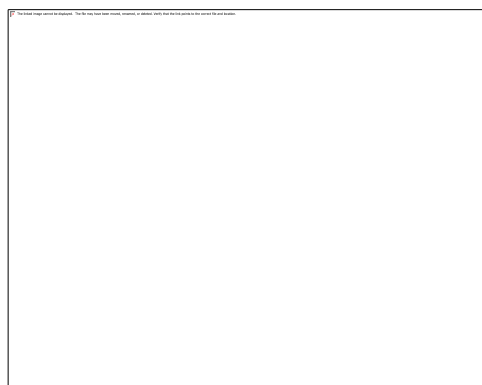


Fig 3 water race traversing access way (non - rateable)

**7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**