

Takapau Wastewater Project Update

Introduction

Kia ora Takapau residents, we wanted to take the opportunity to update you on longer-term projects that Central Hawke's Bay District Council has been working on in Takapau.

1. **Wastewater Upgrade Project:** The consent to change where the wastewater is discharged to was lodged and publicly notified late last year. A third pre-hearing was recently held on 28 June 2022 and Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC) anticipates consent being approved later this year.
2. **Mākāretu Ruataniwha Project:** A collaborative project with mana whenua focused on restoration of land area with cultural significance next to the Mākāretu River.
3. **Dump station:** A project to investigate, design and install a caravan/motor home dump station (location for environmentally responsible disposal of wastewater from caravans/motorhomes)

Read on for more detail, and feel free to reach out to Council if you have any queries on 06 857 8060, Fiona.clark@chbdc.govt.nz or check our website for further updates: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/projects/the-big-wastewater-story/takapau-wastewater-system-upgrades/>

Wastewater Upgrade Project Update

Over the past three years, CHBDC has engaged with the Takapau community and interested parties. This involved listening to concerns of existing discharge and discussing alternatives to the current discharge into the Mākāretu River. The consent that CHBDC has lodged applies for approval for a combined land discharge system. This will see a maximum of 30 ha of farmland irrigated and the river discharge only used when it is very wet, storage is full, and the river is in high (flood) flows. Site boundary planting will also be completed.

Following consent approval, CHBDC will be able to start procurement for the system components: pipeline to the irrigation site, irrigator and minor treatment plant improvements. First stage of irrigation to land is scheduled to commence in 2023. Additional storage capacity construction and second stage of irrigation to land will begin in 2024.



Mākāretu Ruataniwha Project Update

When Central Hawke's Bay District Council started looking at upgrading the Takapau Wastewater Treatment Plant, a Cultural Impact Assessment was completed by Jo Heperi. This cultural assessment discussed the relationship between mana whenua and the Mākāretu, the current health, and state of the river and the cultural values that are of importance to mana whenua.

On completion of this Cultural Impact Assessment, Central Hawke's Bay District Council engaged with mana whenua to discuss opportunities for collaboration close to the wastewater treatment plant that would focus on environment restoration and preservation of its cultural heritage and significance.

Restoration of an area next to Mākāretu River being taonga awa for mana whenua and the 'Crusher' swimming hole which was once a natural recreational resource of the Takapau Community and wider Central Hawke's Bay community has been progressing as the first collaborative opportunity. Hawke's Bay Regional Council are also working with us on this project.

Restoration of the area which will involve:

- purchasing native plants (combination of species such as Kāretu, Kahikatea, Ti Kouka and Harakeke for gathering). The Kāretu is an important focus, as it is contained in the name - Mākāretu, signalling that this river once had Kāretu, in abundance
- picnic tables with shelters
- a toilet
- car parks
- an entrance Pou and sign.



Takapau Dump Station project

Council has been working with the community to deliver on an action identified through the community plan. We have been recently secured a portion of funding through the Tourism infrastructure fund (TIF) and the Motor Caravan Association (MCA) to build a dump station in Takapau. In conjunction with the community and reference group involved in the formation of the Takapau community plan, we have discussed possible locations and identified a preferred location (being the reserve land on Meta St, to the east of the Scout Hall).

Next steps are:

- To confirm the use of the reserve land (completion and approval of the Thriving Places and Spaces consultation)
- Complete detailed design
- Procure a contractor to complete the works
- Commence physical works.



Takapau Dump Station - Concept Design