

# **Raupo Drainage District operations report – September 2020**

**Meeting:** Raupo Drainage Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 16 September 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Wayne Crump, Land Drainage Co-ordinator

## **Purpose/Ngā whāinga**

To update the Committee on the operations and financial position of the Raupo Drainage District.

## **Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga**

That the Raupo Drainage Committee:

- a) Notes the 'Raupo Drainage District operations report – September 2020' report.

## **Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero**

### **Drain spraying**

The second round of drain spraying began in the middle of March spraying areas of concern in sections one and two of the district. The recent weather had assisted rapid weed growth while the bottom of the drains were still dry and cracked open. The main round began in mid-April (with the main canals being completed first) and continues.

### **Machine Cleaning**

Machine cleaning has been completed on part of the top section, of drain No 39 from the Burton property (Robertson to Access roads) to the Fenny property. Cleaning and the deposit of cleanings has been completed on the landowner's property. Further cleaning will require traffic management to clean from the road in areas not accessible and to cart the cleanings away. Culverts have been hand cleaned and cleanings will be taken away at this time. Levels were taken between the various culverts to ensure the correct fall and any further improvements would require the lowering of some culverts.

Machine clean is still to be done in the Fenny property drain No35 from SH12 to No 1. Damaged culverts are to be replaced at this time to provide spray access. Machine cleaning is required at drain No 102 (Domain road) into No 45 Wilson Landing road. Machine cleaning is required at drain 107 SH12 To Tekowhai road

### **Flood Gates**

Repairs have been made to the sluice gate on Drain No 3 at the Hodgson / Access roads intersection due to vehicle damage. Repairs have been completed to the door lifting assembly of Flood gate No 6 (Tramline)

### **Stop Banks**

A further section of stop bank widening and raising (156 m) has been completed between Simpson road and Wilson Landing road. This now leaves a further 105 m to complete this section of sea wall. Ruawai Transport supplied 3157 tonne of lime stone stripping at \$7.00 tonne delivered (\$22,099). A further 112 tonnes of crushed limestone was required on the running track area. Digger hire to strip back the area, spread and compact the stripping, and reinstate the stop bank and running track was 100 hrs (\$12,000). Sections of stop bank on G Canal near the old dump site (Mapau Road) and Flood gate No 11 (Reid property entrance) have been built up to prevent over topping during spring tides.

A heavier forestry type gate has been installed at Flood gate no 39 (Westlake road entrance). This gate was cost shared with the Ruawai Cycle way group. Closure of the stop access to vehicles from Westlake road to Simpson Road has been advertised and completed. The existing stop bank gates have been closed and spalls placed behind the gates to prevent access.

### **Rental House**

Discussion was held at the last meeting regarding the Raupo rental house, and the legal requirements for ceiling and underfloor insulation by 30 June 2019. Ceiling and under floor insulation was installed in the house in February 2011 at a cost of \$1943.91 which included a government subsidy of \$1943.91. The installation of home heating will be required by 2021.

### **Raupo Drainage District rates and rating systems**

Council staff have received several enquires and complaints in relation to the structure of the rating system for the Raupo Drainage District. A preliminary investigation was conducted by staff and a few gaps and inconsistencies of the structure have been discovered. This matter is now being investigated in more detail and a report will be provided by relevant staff at the November meeting of the Committee, with a view to provide more clarity around the current structure and any potential improvements that could be made.

### **Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā**

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

### **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

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A	Financial statements 2019 - 2020