



I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel will be held on:

**Date:** Friday, 7 March 2014  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Civic15 Meeting Room,  
**Venue:** 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland

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## Rural Advisory Panel

### OPEN AGENDA

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#### MEMBERSHIP

**Chairperson**  
**Deputy Chairperson North**  
**Deputy Chairperson South**  
**Members**

Cr Bill Cashmore	Franklin Ward Councillor
Thomas Grace	Rodney Local Board Member
Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board Member
Bill Bourke	Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
Wendy Clark	Federated Farmers
Trish Fordyce	NZ Forest Owners Assoc
Richard Gardner	Federated Farmers
Chris Keenan	Horticulture NZ
Brian Mason	Landowners & Contractors Protection Assoc Inc
Callum McCallum	Acquaculture Industry
Andrew McKenzie	Beef & Lamb NZ
Bill Millar	Fonterra
Helen Moodie	Dairy NZ
Roger Parton	Rural Contractors NZ and Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
Geoff Smith	Equine Industry
Peter Spencer	NZ Forest Owners Association
Bronwen Turner	Western Rural Property Owners
Keith Vallabh	Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Assoc
Cr Penny Webster	Rodney Ward Councillor
Glenn Wilcox	Independent Māori Statutory Board

(Quorum 10 members)

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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **PURPOSE**

- To identify and communicate to the Council the interest and preferences of the rural based industries and rural communities of Auckland in relation to:
  - the content of the strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws of the Council, and
  - any matter that the Panel considers to be of particular interest or concern to the rural based industries and rural communities of Auckland.
- To advise the Mayor and the Council's Governing Body and local boards, of the Council processes and mechanisms for engagement with the rural based industries and communities in Auckland.
- To deliver recommendations for accelerating the social, economic, environmental and cultural performance of the rural part of the Auckland Council region.

### **SCOPE**

To provide a forum for consideration of issues affecting the rural part of the Auckland Council area and recommendations to Council including (but not limited to):

- Driving economic growth
- Food and fibre production and associated food and beverage processing (value adding) and equine based activities
- Research and development support
- Environmental resource issues including quarrying and aggregate production
- Ecological, landscape and coastal values
- Service delivery
- Rural infrastructure, including transport
- Biosecurity
- Amenities and open space
- Transport
- Rating.

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**1 Apologies**

An apology has been received from Andrew McKenzie, Bruce Parris will attend in his place.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 31 January 2014 Rural Advisory Panel meeting.

**3 Additional items for consideration, not on the agenda**

Opportunity for identification of any other matters requiring consideration by the Panel.

**4 Local Board Plans (1.15pm – 1.35pm)**

Karen Titulaer, Senior Policy Advisor, Local Board Services will present information regarding Local Board Plans to the Panel.

**5 Role of Rural Industry Group (1.35pm – 2.05pm)**

Further discussion on the role of the Rural Industry Group, led by Phil Brown – Land and Water Advisory Team Manager and Gael Ogilvie – Manager Environmental Services.

**6 Heritage Incentives Policy (2.05pm – 2.20pm)**

Raewyn Sendles, Principal Specialist Natural Heritage will be present to address the panel regarding the Heritage Incentives Policy, particularly, to receive support and guidance from the panel as part of the planned process is to contact landowners who have accessed these grants and incentives previously in the rural sector.

**7 Balance Farm Environment Awards (2.20pm)**

**8 General Business**

- Land and Water Forum
- Next month topics