



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

Date: Friday, 2 May 2014
Time: 1pm
Meeting Room: Civic 15 Meeting Room
Venue: 1 Greys Ave

Rural Advisory Panel OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson South
Deputy Chairperson North
Members

Cr Bill Cashmore	Franklin Ward Councillor
Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board Member
Thomas Grace	Rodney Local Board Member
Marie Appleton	Rural Women NZ
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 and 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

2 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 4 April 2014, as a true and correct record.

3 Additional items for consideration, not on the agenda

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

4 Sites of significance to mana whenua

Rural Advisory Panel member, representing the Independent Māori Statutory Board, Glenn Wilcox, and John Duguid, Manager Unitary Plan, will present to the panel regarding sites of significance to mana whenua in the Unitary Plan.

5 The Sea Change Project

Dominic McCarthy, Team Leader Coastal Management will update the panel on the project.

6 Aquaculture update

Rural Advisory Panel member Callum McCallum, will update the panel on the aquaculture industry.

7 Best practice working collaboratively

Rural Advisory Panel member, Chris Keenan will present to the panel on 'working collaboratively'.

8 Rural Advisory Panel recommendations regarding community and environment incentive awards

Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) agree that by joining with the other regions of NZ in advocacy for the Ballance Environment Awards, that the benchmarked outcomes for environmental best management in rural Auckland will be enhanced.
- b) recommend to the Budget Committee that provision be made for the inclusion of the Ballance Environmental Awards in the Long Term Plan budgeting allocation process.
- c) request that officers work with the Trust and regional councils to further improve the awards.

9 General Business