



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

Date: Friday, 12 June 2015
Time: 12.30pm
Meeting Room: Rooms 1 & 2, Level 26
Venue: 135 Albert Street, Auckland

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
Viv Dostine	Northern Equine
Trish Fordyce	NZ Forest Owners Assoc
Richard Gardner	Federated Farmers
Chris Keenan	Horticulture NZ
Brian Mason	Landowners & Contractors Protection Assoc Inc
Callum McCallum	Aquaculture 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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5 Heritage Incentives Framework Update (12.40 – 1.10pm)

Tanya Sorrell, Team Leader Built and Cultural Heritage Policy, will provide an update on the Heritage Incentives Framework.

6 Queensland Fruit Fly Update (1.10 – 1.20pm)

Brett Butland, Biosecurity Manager, will provide an update on the Queensland Fruit Fly situation.

7 Animal Management Bylaw Update (1.20 – 1.50pm)

Emma Pilkington, Policy Analyst, Social Policy and Bylaws will provide an update on the Animal Management Bylaw.

8 Rural Broadband Update (1.50 – 2.20pm)

Robert Lundberg, Digital Advisor, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy, will provide an update on the rural broadband rollout.

9 Land and Water Forum Update (2.20 – 2.40pm)

Gael Ogilvie, Manager Environmental Services, will provide an update on the Land and Water Forum.

10 Meeting with Watercare regarding water consents in the South (2.40 – 2.55pm)

Chris Keenan will provide an update regarding a meeting with Watercare.

11 General Business

1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 1 May 2015, as a true and correct record.

4 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Animal Management Bylaw Update

File No.: CP2015/11008

Purpose

1. To update the Rural Advisory Panel on the Animal Management Bylaw and to seek the panel's views in relation to keeping stock for school agricultural days. The Panel's feedback will be presented as part of the report to the Regulatory and Bylaws Committee at its August meeting.

Executive Summary

2. Emma Pilkington, Policy Analyst, Social Policy and Bylaws will be present for this item.
3. A memorandum to the Panel is appended as Attachment A. This contains the options for school agricultural days under the new Animal Management Bylaw 2015.

Recommendation/s

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the Animal Management Bylaw Update.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Animal Management Bylaw Memorandum and Options	9

Signatories

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Memo

4 June 2015

To: Rural Advisory Panel Members
cc: Paul Wilson, Team Leader (Acting), Social Policy and Bylaws
From: Emma Pilkington, Policy Analyst, Social Policy and Bylaws

Subject: Keeping stock for school agricultural days

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to update the Rural Advisory Panel on the adoption of the new Animal Management Bylaw 2015 and to seek the panel's views in relation to keeping stock for school agricultural days.

Animal Management Bylaw 2015

On 30 April 2015 the Governing Body adopted the new Animal Management Bylaw 2015. After considering public submissions, the hearing panel recommended the introduction of property sizes to regulate keeping stock, such as quarter acre and half acre sections, instead of a land-use zone approach. Amendments to the proposed bylaw included:

- enabling the keeping of poultry on properties larger than 2000 square metres (in addition to hens and quail on smaller properties)
- enabling the keeping of other stock on properties larger than 4000 square metres (the proposal had been to require a licence to keep stock on all residential zoned land)
- enabling the slaughtering of poultry where those poultry are allowed to be kept under the bylaw,
- enabling the slaughtering of any other stock on properties larger than 4000 square metres, and
- ***to direct staff to report back to the Regulatory and Bylaws Committee by 1 September 2015 on options for keeping stock involved in school agricultural days.***

Keeping stock for school agricultural days

As directed by the Governing Body, council staff have developed options in relation to keeping stock for school agricultural days under the new Animal Management Bylaw 2015. Such events include rural pet days at schools where children learn animal handling and bring a pet such as a goat, chicken, lamb or calf to their school agricultural day.

This memo seeks the views of the Rural Advisory Panel on options contained in Attachment A, and feedback received will be presented to the Regulatory and Bylaws Committee at their August meeting. Feedback can be presented verbally at the June Rural Advisory Panel meeting or emailed to Emma.Pilkington@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by 26 June 2015. Alternatively, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 09 890 8281.

Yours Sincerely

Emma Pilkington
Policy Analyst, Social Policy and Bylaws

Attachment A: Options for school agricultural days under the new Animal Management Bylaw 2015

Option	Description	Effect of option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1 - No amendment to the bylaw	This option would involve the licensing of keeping stock on properties that are smaller than 4000 square metres.	A licence would be required to be obtained from individual households keeping stock for school agricultural days.	Licences enable the council to meet with animal owners and proactively ensure stock will be contained and that manure will be disposed of.	Each household keeping stock would need to pay a licence fee of \$240 to cover the cost of the visit.
2 - Maintain a list of school agricultural days and exempt stock owners from requiring a licence	This option would involve the council maintaining a list of school agricultural days in the region. Families keeping stock for registered school agricultural days would be exempted from requiring a licence. Animal owners would still need to contain animals and ensure they do not cause a nuisance to neighbours, as required under the bylaw.	Individual households keeping stock for school agricultural days would be exempted from obtaining a licence. Schools would be required to inform council of their school agricultural day.	This option would enable the council to support schools in educating parents about responsible animal ownership such as containment and disposing of manure where appropriate.	Relies on the responsiveness of schools and parents to inform the council of school agricultural days and to keep animals in a responsible way that doesn't cause issues with neighbours.
3 - Exempt stock owners from requiring a licence	This option would involve exempting animal owners from requiring a licence where they are keeping stock on properties smaller than 4000 square metres for school agricultural days. Animal owners would still need to contain animals and ensure they do not cause a nuisance to neighbours, as required under the bylaw.	Individual households keeping stock for school agricultural days would be exempted from obtaining a licence, and would have no implications for schools.	This option would not require any action from schools and there would be no compliance costs for parents.	This option may result in a lack of awareness that households need to ensure stock are contained and that animals don't cause a nuisance to neighbours, as required under the bylaw. This may lead to complaints to the council that could otherwise have been avoided, and which may raise concerns that further regulation is required.