

Community Led Development Programme Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Otematata Residents Association, 11 November, 2023

It is with much gratitude to the Department of Internal Affairs that this report is presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Otematata Residents Association.

Also gratefully acknowledged for their guidance and support are, the Waitaki District Council, The Ahuriri Community Board, the Otematata Residents Association, co-funders who have supported these projects, the members of the CLDP Group, and the people of the wider Otematata Community itself. The Community Led Development Programme has provided Otematata with a wonderful opportunity and for that we are very grateful.

Four years since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Internal Affairs, we now entering the 5th and final year of the Community Led Development Programme.

During this time and following the wishes of the community, the CLDP/ORAI groups identified the projects and commenced planning for the Community Park and Playground Upgrade, Village Beautification, and Wetlands Development. Negotiations with numerous stakeholders led to the securing of funds, engagement of planners, and engagement of a project management company to oversee the letting and management of the main tender. i.e., the Community Park, The Village Centre, and Beautification Development on the North Side of SH83.

The first three years of the CLDP Programme, including all plans and associated details, have been well documented in the ORAI website, and in reports at each of the monthly ORAI meetings, so for the purposes of this report the focus will be on the achievements of the 2022-2023 period.

Key achievements since the last ORAI Annual General Meeting include:

2022 Planning for playground extensions was completed, finance was secured, and the playground installed by Playgear Ltd Dunedin.

2022 Planning for the Community Park, Village Centre, and Beautification on the Northside of SH83 was completed by Baxter Design Ltd, Queenstown.

2022/23 Project Management Company, TSA Management, was engaged to manage the construction phase of the development as follows:

- Projects were taken to tender through the GETS process and the project awarded to Paul Smith Contracting.
- Budgets were finalised and finance secured, with negotiation and modification from the Department of Internal Affairs.
- Consents, approvals, and arrangements for sustainability were granted and /or agreed.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the Golf Club enabled the CLDP/ORAI to provide financial support for the Golf Club irrigation system, in return for the use of water to support the CLDP beautification project on the North Side of SH83..
- Development of the Park and Village Centre (as per agreed plans) commenced in July with a completion date of November 2023.

Ongoing Projects include:

- Community Park and Village Centre Plans provide the detail around completion of ongoing projects which include a community BBQ and BBQ shelter, additional seating, bollard lighting defining the pathway, and corten steel panels for effect and shelter. Some of these items are

subject to supply, and in part by co funding support, however it is intended that they will be installed in the very near future.

- Development of the new Wetlands Peninsular Track is progressing as planned and will further enhance the outstanding asset that already exists.
- Work on the North Side of SH83 has now commenced and it is noted that this part of the project is generously co funded by the Department of Internal Affairs (initial planning and water access) and the Waitaki District Council. (provision of materials and construction)
- 2024 projects will be confirmed after current projects are completed and a final financial statement confirmed.

Aligned to this, four members of the CLDP Group have attended a National Hui in Wellington, the Spring Fling was held as an acknowledgement to the Otematata Community, and the Family Day in the Park provided a fun occasion for all to enjoy.

The efforts of all involved with making these projects a reality are gratefully acknowledged.

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