**Rural Community Board July News**

**Elections**

Interested in local body politics? Nominations open July 15 and close August 12th.

Rural Community Board is made up of 4 elected members and 1 appointed Councillor - The area covers - Kaharoa, Mamaku, Paradise Valley, Kaingaroa, Rerewhakaaitu, Reporoa, Waikite Valley, Ngakuru, Upper Atiamuri and Horohoro. The diversity of this area makes it a unique challenge covering everything from NZ’s largest papakainga, villages, rural residential, lifestyle, tourism, businesses and pastoral farming.

There are 3 members not returning to the Board so there is an opportunity for those interested in making a difference to the wider rural network to continue the good engagement the Board has established.

Time commitment is approximately 5 to 10 hours per week. A mix of reading, researching, attending various meetings, workshops, on-going learning opportunities. (I completed my RMA Commissioner and Chair accreditation as an example)

The Chair role is probably double and depending on the structure of the new council there is possibly Council Committee meetings to attend.

Get along to the July Board meeting as this is the 2nd to last one.

**Next Board Meeting July 18th at 1.00pm Committee Room 1, Council Civic centre.**

Agenda:

1. BOPRC - covering the new rating system with Cr Kevin Winters.
2. Elections with Board members and Governance covering off some of the details
3. Multicultural Society – Particularly important for those who are from outside of NZ and wanting support and connections across the district. Margriet Theron will be covering off what the Society does in the way of events and opportunities.
4. Awaiting a response from Waka Kotahi to come along and discuss the issues of our state highway networks. An invitation was extended after our last meeting but we are yet to hear back.

All welcome to come along and hear from our 2 fabulous guest speakers.

Shirley

Chair, Rural Community Board.