

Chair Report

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Committee

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Another year with good farmer engagement and activities.

I would draw your attention to the KCRC stakeholder update for a comprehensive report on the activities undertaken by KCRC over the last 12 month.

Website has been updated. Currently an underutilised resource this has the potential to see more traffic as farmers develop there farm plans further, they could be used to provide some catchment context for areas where they are the only available water tests.

New contract with MPI ending 30 September 2025 \$327K

The next two years are likely to be busy for farmers from a regulatory point of view.

We have FW-FP rolling out now in the Waipa, currently stalled on the start line as WRC and others try to interpret the legislation. Farmers in that catchment have 18months from 1Aug to get a submitted for certification farm plan done. We are currently working hard with QCONZ and WRC to develop a digital version of a FW-FP. It's a work in progress. The Mokau and Awakino catchments have 18 months from the end of this year so hopefully things will be clear as to what is required from farmers by then. A lot of our farm planning work will be able to be utilised in the FW-FP but there are some new concepts in there which will require support if farmers are to have a hope of developing their own plans. There are still some concerns and questions about the FW-FP, namely, content, level of support for farmers and availability and quality of farm certifiers. All questions that need to be solved rather quickly. Catchment groups are certainly seen as part of the answer by many, and this may hopefully prove to be the case.

PC1 is rattling along to Court in late September till November with a decision maybe early next year.

I think KCRC has an ever more important role to play in supporting our farming community through some challenging times ahead. It will be important to keep the momentum on farm moving even though the scale of what can be achieved may need to be scaled back in the current economic climate. It is also important that we get together and share our problems and successes with each other.

Thank you.

Any questions?