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| **PROJECT : Working with rural communities** |
| **Project Owner : NRER** |
| **Team : NRER, Rural Support Trust, DairyNZ, Fonterra** |
| **Interdependencies :** **Whakatāne District Recovery project plan workstreams – community, built environment, economic, WDC, BOPRC** |
| **Tasks :** | **Milestones** | **Who** | **Progress** |
| See attached plan created by Rural Support Trust and DairyNZ and others | June-August | Rural Support Trust, DairyNZ, Fonterra, NRER | Several areas of the attached are underway by the various agencies. |
| **Sit. Report :** |

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**2017 Autumn Cyclone Recovery Action plan**

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| **Weaknesses/Vulnerabilities from storm impacts**  | **Threats** | **Opportunities** |
| * Re-grassing- cooler ground temperatures reducing growth therefore cover not established – adding to on farm feed shortage
* Staff issues and cover. Finding good staff in the area is also difficult.
* Many farmers don’t have a robust Plan B. What if another storm hits, feed they counted on falls through etc
* Feed supply in these two regions, particularly BOP is decreasing in availability
* Dropped stocking rates but no planning forward on how to recover and what the financial impact is
* Cartage cost and availability of feed is an increasing issue
* Cow condition could become an issue going into calving and mating
* Farmers are busy responding still and not thinking forward
* Contractor availability to fix farms up is in short supply
* Regulations and requirements are an extra burden e.g. consent, WorkSafe, animal welfare
* Land is still vulnerable to further flooding due to rivers changing courses, higher river beds from silt and gravel etc and as well high winds
 | Fatigue/stressEmployment issuesRelationship issuesFinancial issuesSafety issuesMore bad weather | Objectives:* Get the right conversation going
* Get people off the farm and make it fun
* Utilise the Fieldays
* Low cost, easy to organise given short time frame until calving starts
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| **Activities** | **Task** | **Update and When** |
| Vehicle to get the right pre-calving planning conversations happening:* Use Farmstrong 5 ways to wellness
* Add 5 key messages, ensuring both staff and managers are targeted: include worksafe message
* A3 laminated or similar posters for the cow shed
* Use at events etc
 | Mary has spoken to Gerard at Farmstrong who is looking into this.**Mary** to report back. | Tuesday 30 May on progress. |
| Sons of Bitches-* X4 shows (2 for each region)
* Target tickets first before advertising
* About $3500 per show
* Sponsored spot prizes
* Sponsored eats and drinks
* RST organise venue, ticketing, spot prizes, eats and drinks, health and safety, any messages, including worksafe
* RST work with Farmstrong on advertising
 | Mary has spoken to Gerard and two shows, one in each region have tentatively been scheduled. Farmstrong will pay half costs, awaiting email from Gerard once dates confirmed about the details**.** **Angela** to T-up conversation with Suzanne Osborne, Igor and Wanda to chat about detail from RST perspective. Waiting for date confirmation. | Awaiting confirmation of possible dates and email with details re costs and advertising etc **Mary** to follow-up if we haven’t heard anything by 30 June.30 May |
| Good Yarn workshops* If corporate ask them to organise venue and catering
* Can focus on Regional Professional’s over calving time
 | RSTs | Ongoing |
| Local BBQs* Target location
* Keep simple
* Have the right messages
* Have the right people present
* Consider a fun maybe competitive activity
 | **Wanda and Igor** as planned or tap into others that are organised by key stakeholders, including wider recovery groupRST to link into DairyNZ, local Council etc to advertiseDairyNZ to keep RSTs informed of upcoming opportunities and vice versaUltimately merge into attending existing Discussion Group events | Ongoing |
| DairyNZ discussion groups* Instead of creating a new event tap into existing DairyNZ discussion groups to disperse key messages and build support networks
 | **Sharon and Waikato DairyNZ counterpart (Phil Irvine) to keep Wanda and Igor** informed of upcoming discussion days (refer to events listing on DairyNZ website, notify of any opportunities out of the ordinary) | Ongoing |
| Fieldays* Disperse conversation posters and any other information
* Add key messages to Wanda’s powerpoint
 | **Wanda** to add messages to power point. Awaiting poster key messages from **Mary/Gerard.**  | By 9 June |
| Rugby Bus* Potentially get Waikato and BOP farmers together before or after the match
* Find sponsorship for tickets, bus and drinks and eats
 | **Wanda and Igor** Wanda has organised tickets to the rugby for free (**SUPERB!!)** 3 June.Wanda and Igor will catchup about transport and food etc. Arranging time for BOP and Waikato farmers and families to talk to each other. BBQ after? | ASAP  |
| Tech Transfer* Agronomy (someone from agriseed)
* Farm management planning (DairyNz or farm consultant)
* Animal health (vet nitrate poisoning)
* Soils
* River/environment planning
* Mental and physical wellbeing
 | **Set for June 9;** Specific workshop for affected farmers along the main riversJust making a preliminary confirmation of where we have got to for our event on 9 June:10:30 – 2:30 (with a lunch break!)Venue tbc, Awakeri or EdgecumbeCatchy name tbc ;)Facilitator: Kevin McKinleyExpert assistance/speakers: Chris Glassey, DairyNZ; Will Henson, Agriseeds; Jordyn Crouch, DairyNZAims: Prepare own feed budget, with best case scenario and at least one contingency planGet guidance on management of new grass areas to maximise productivity and persistence, and minimise animal health issuesIdentify any farmers that may need further assistance with budgeting or other supportGet off farm and enjoy a good lunch! | ASAP |
| Other ideas for back pocket:* Dinner/function for stakeholders, farmers, ETFG once ETFG has finished work - needs to be timely
* Dinner/Function for stakeholders, rural community around Christmas or early new year as a thank you
* Relationship support day out
* Barber/massage/manicure/cooking/health checks as activities that can be tacked onto events
* Drop in during calving, sensitively, with a view to leaving if folk are too busy right then, or putting gumboots and overalls on for a while if that’s most appropriate! Possibly with goodie bag – healthy snacks, a novel tool…
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