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As discussed at our last KRRR AGM, the advice by Environment Waikato was not to swim in the Kuaotunu river and river mouth after a storm. The issue is therefore very important not only in respect of the stream but also the beach as effluent is noticeable there as well! Perhaps it's time to call on TCDC & Environment Waikato to waive consent fees for anyone who will upgrade their sewerage system, and for farmland streams to be planted out either side by our community in consultation with farmers.

I have heard of KTown referred to as PooTown due to village smells from the creek and river close to the village. Have noticed early morning smells myself. There is something wrong down there.

There are a lot of houses very close to stream banks and the properties have a high water table. However to date testing has proven domestic sewage not a big contributor more problem with cattle, wild life and birds

This needs urgent attention and a proper report instead of adhoc solutions. The upper reaches must be fenced and planted by farmers. They are not playing their part and need to be encouraged. Sheep and beef farms are the worst. Where there has been proper fencing and planting they are beautiful. I see Waikato rivers and streams returning to their glory by dairy farmers and small block owners fencing them but farmers in our area continue to plunder the eco system, many pretending to be eco friendly in other areas.

This is an important check that everyone is playing their part, farmers with fertilisers and animals in or close to streams, septic tanks properly maintained, etc.

Residents should submit and/or approach the Regional Council if they have a specific interest, not part of the scope of a Community Plan.

Water quality is a national problem, improvements come at a cost to all residents and ratepayers. Monitoring without knowledge of options, technology and costs is an exercise in frustration which pits town against country, resident against visitor.

I would like to think our children and grandchildren are safe swimming in local streams

Same comment as previous.

Yes definitely improved monitoring but realistically sewerage treatment unlikely to be feasible below a certain scale of development - which is another question,

Kuaotunu Stream is a disgrace - sometimes the smell is enough to prevent people having picnics at the reserve. I don't know what the problem is but many people believe it is septic systems. Also the fencing in the paddock upstream is ridiculously close to the banks so cattle are walking in water after any rain. And there has been no planting to improve the banks. This probably applies to the Petoone Stream. Testing is sporadic and no-one seems to test when the smell is bad. Our community is so outspoken about the use of chemicals, etc but don't seem outspoken enough about clean waterways.

We could lead the country in waste management.

I'm not sure if the occasional smell from the river/stream/estuary is man made but it'd be great to positively impact it.

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NZs rivers are a disgrace and I think continued better control of discharges is sensible - we had a septic tank for half our time and then with the rebuild had to install a sewage plant \$20,000 15 years ago....hugely more complex and troublesome than the septic tank...but of course we didn't know if the tank was leaking or had issues...a difficult one but for much of the land it is close to the water table and so sensibly discharge needs to be managed

Waikato Regional Council should be paying for this they charge the Rate payers a considerable some of money each year while those that visit pay nothing!!!!

Our boundary is 1/3 creek. We are continually clearing it of debris which flows down from the hills and creates silt piles.

Maintenance being of the utmost important part.

Would need more information. Does this mean regulation, testing?

WRC are paid to do this

clean water and quality of will be our most powerful defense against the plunder of Growth and stupidty

seepage into the streams is no good where the children are playing

Waikato regional council do regular tests

Clean water ways are the life blood of a healthy environment and safe clean usable beaches. If we want to maintain New Zealands number on foreign exchange generator (tourism) we have to protect our waterways

Highly important. The leaching into ground water from septic is ridiculous. Perhaps we could harness the methane and use that as a power source?

Long term plan looking for sewerage systems for the village

I am disappointed that monitoring of the above has been so slack up to date. The increase in resident population should put this issue at the top of council's priority list!

As above

Monitoring water quality is important when the water comes from streams and is used for human consumption.

Absolutely vital.

We have to improve the stream and hopefully stop the dreadful summer bad smells.

I'd like to understand the current process for monitoring water quality before establishing an opinion.

Used to be able to swim in the kuaotunu river. Wouldn't these days

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An issue nationwide whose importance cannot be overstressed. We already have WRC publically acknowledging our waterways in Kuaotunu are compromised, but offering no positive solution. Increased popularity/overflow summer population/aging sewer systems and high rain fall are all adding to our problem. The stream and onflow to sea of sewage is disgusting. No more development, we can't cope with what we have

Keeping the river clean for children to swim and fish. Drain to be kept clear/maintained by NZ Roads Board from toilet block to Kawhero Drive entrance.

Have lived here for 23 years and seen a lot of development in a short time including now a Restaurant and Cafe I wonder daily where all the sewage really ends up .

It is very important that this is done but I am not aware of how much is done at present.

Given our better appreciation of how important these areas are to the overall ecology and the known poor state of many waterways. Farming practices could be included in this list.

Of the up most importance

That shouldn't even be a question. Like asking should the main road to Whitianga be maintained and looked after.... However it is good to bring it to people's attention . And if that say no that 3 days of no drinking water should probably change there minds.

Consider fencing DOC owned, council managed reserve.
