

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT	Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara meeting notes
WHEN	Monday 4 May 2020, 2-4pm
WHERE	Zoom
ATTENDEES	Kara, Louise, Tui, Roger, Pat, Sam, Zoe, Quentin, Ros, Jonny, Pete, Naomi, Sean
APOLOGIES	Anya, Gabriel, Wayne, Hikitia
PROJECT TEAM	Tim, Phill, Glen, Emily O., Kat, Sharyn, John, Mark, David, Helen, Onur, Angela, Emily T.

Agenda

1. Karakia and welcome
2. Committee check-in
3. Approve meeting notes
4. Te Kāhui Taiao update
5. Co-chairs report
 - a. Progress of the last fortnight
 - b. Direction and influence of the Committee
6. Structure and process for upcoming work programme
 - a. Fortnight cadence and two-month structure
 - b. Example policy issue run-through (wastewater) – dimensions of small group work toward recommendations
7. Karakia and closing

Actions

- PT to provide info on current plan policy settings and previous WIPs into future rounds of small group discussions on each issue.
- Emily to send link to the [Ruamāhunga](#) and [Porirua WIP](#).
- PT to support an opportunity for the Committee to engage with the community such as the Aotearoa Townhall format.
- PT to consider how Committee will meet under Level 2.
- TKT to update on timelines of when their commissioned work will be available.

Review of current actions:

- PT to follow up on science subgroup actions.
- PT to provide updated memo on Pinehaven Stream modelling in response to Pat's queries.
- PT to provide a memo on the list of technical reports the Committee will receive.
- PT to provide response on GW's role in rural land ownership.
- Emily to provide tech support on SharePoint.

- Committee to provide feedback on small groups to co-chairs.

Discussion

Louise opened with a karakia followed by a check-in round.

Meeting notes from 20 April 2020 to be approved with the addition of the following action:

- Committee members to let co-chairs know if there are any topics they would like to discuss during Committee meetings.

Co-chairs update

- PT has been working on a design process toward developing the WIP. Many of the issues TWT is addressing have been considered through the Ruamahanga WIP, Te Awarua-o-Porirua (Porirua) WIP and the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP). TWT to sense check whether the recommendations in WIPs are relevant to TWT and how they apply in the context of this whitua given the differences between the areas.
- TWT does not need to traverse what has already been covered but can build on the recommendations from previous WIPs. PT to provide info on current plan and policy settings to inform future rounds of small group discussions on each issue.
- TWT to consider gaps or advancing recommendations in the WIPs. Recommendations need to be tight and action focussed (e.g., avoid using terms like “investigate”). Committee advised to read WIPs with attention to topics that relate to list of TWT issues. Emily to send link to the WIPs <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Whaitua/Porirua-WIP-web.pdf>.
- Providing direction on water take and quantity will be a key area of the Committee’s decision-making not covered in the Porirua WIP. It will need to be considered in the context of te mana o te wai. Political leadership, the responsibilities of the regional council and local authorities, and water conservation will be important points in a conversation on this topic.

Committee discussion:

- Suggestion that small groups adopt the discipline of recording 4-5 main ideas at the end of each session. The PT can then work on drafting recommendations and providing advice on these ideas to be discussed with the full Committee.
- Future Committee meetings can be focussed on making progress on issues that have been discussed in small groups, updates from Committee members on engagement with their communities and progressing leadership statements.
- Aotearoa Townhall online sessions could provide a platform for the Committee to discuss water with the public, share stories, provide info, answer questions, and advocate for change. PT to support an opportunity for the Committee to engage with the community such as the Aotearoa Townhall format.
- PT to consider how Committee will operate under Level 2. Consider meeting in person again or continue on Zoom, or taking a hybrid approach.

Update on Te Kāhui Taiao

- Vanessa Tipoki and Hannah Rainforth from Perception Planning have been contracted to support TKT’s work programme. TKT is expediting the process of preparing information to support the Committee’s discussions. TKT to provide a timeline of when info will be available.
- TKT is currently working on an analysis of values and issues related to mana whenua interests. They will be looking at the current state of specific values across the whitua and how they can be improved. This info will be added to a database to support implementation beyond the development of the WIP.

- TKT intends to have a mana whenua chapter in the WIP with aspirations integrated throughout the document.

Structure and process for upcoming work programme

Fortnight cadence and two-month structure:

- Emily presented the structure for the next two months, including a fortnightly cadence. Each cadence includes the following meetings:
 - A TWT Committee meeting on Monday afternoon
 - Four small group meetings, which enables every Committee member to participate in a discussion on an issue
 - A Te Kāhui Taiao meeting every Friday morning
 - Subgroup meetings to be held on an as needed basis – comms and engagement subgroup will meet within the coming fortnight.
- Issues will progress in a non-linear way. This means the Committee will not complete round 1 discussions on all issues before moving to round 2. Some issues may advance more quickly while others will track more gradually depending on when information is available to inform small group discussions. Some issues or small groups may be merged or discussed at full Committee meetings.
- The Committee’s deliberation and decision-making phases are expected to continue to the end of 2020 with draft recommendations being tested with stakeholders. The WIP is expected to be written-up in early 2021.
- Each issue folder in the small groups library on SharePoint has a discussion document for Committee members to contribute their ideas and comments on a topic beyond what is captured in the meeting notes.

Example issue run-through:

- Tim presented slides to illustrate the process from current small group meetings to draft recommendations at the end of 2020, using the issue, “Wastewater gets into urban streams and the harbour (at all flows)” as an example.
- Information sources for the Committee to consider during its deliberations:
 - Kawa impacted
 - Biophysical science info
 - Mātauranga Māori and mana whenua knowledge
 - Presentations from Committee meetings in 2019
 - Community knowledge from summer events, online and direct engagement
 - Current PNRP policies and rules
 - NPS-FM requirements
 - Expert Panel scenarios
 - Mana whenua evaluation framework and Mātauranga Māori advisors
 - Financial implications
 - Social impacts and equity issues
 - Values expressed in the Ngāti Toa statement
 - Recommendations from the previous WIPs
 - Examples from other regions and internationally
- Areas of Committee’s influence:
 - Policy
 - Investment
 - Integrated planning
 - Communications and engagement
 - Strategic relationships
 - Leadership

- Mana whenua response
- Community response

Breakout discussions:

The groups discussed the question, what catches your attention from the info presented and makes you want to explore this further?

Group 1: Tui, Pat, Jonny, Tim, Kat

- We've spent a lot of money on projects e.g. building the tank at Silverstream for storing wastewater, that haven't been successful at fixing the problem.
- What are our Councils doing now to fix this problem and what is the difference between what the different Councils are doing? How do we drive change to business as usual e.g. making ideas like green infrastructure the new BAU?
- We know there are lots of illegal cross connections but how big is the problem? Would fixing them fix the problem? We need more investigations such as that done in Karori where a house by house analysis was done of 500 homes.

Group 2: Roger, Quentin, Naomi, Zoe, Glen

- We need to know the source of wastewater in our waterways. We know it can be caused by leaky pipes and cross-connections but need to be precise about the problem to consider options for policy intervention such as regulatory, education, or community responses.
- We need to consider practical solutions and what councils can do, e.g. fixing cross-connections as part of rates bill, ensuring there are plumbing standards for new houses and developments, and using different coloured pipes for wastewater, stormwater and drinking water.
- Apply the discipline of policy analysis to the problem: define the issue, how are kawa affected, address barriers to solutions, consider policy options, the cost-benefit ratio, and make a recommendation.

Group 3: Louise, Sam, Pete, Ros, Phill

- Supportive of all the information types presented. The round two on an issue has to be well informed. Across the information types, would really want to see the community views coming through, more of them through Committee members and well collated from engagement.
- Also wants to hear more from community views, though appreciates that a wide cross section is very difficult to achieve and there is a risk of like-mindedness in one's own networks, it is nonetheless valuable to hear from a range of perspectives. There are important questions caused by Covid, for instance how are rates and spending going to be affected. What are peoples thinking about rates spend priorities across the range of issues for the cities?
- All of the information sources presented are what they would expect to see and will be valuable information. Personally likes data especially to hone in on the public economics. What is the true cost of action and inaction? Not just the \$\$\$. Leadership challenge just discussed is the biggest, as a whaitua getting the necessity of spending money on water in to the awareness of the public and well as Councils' priorities.
- Is interested in information on the recent topics of laterals and cross connections. If these issues were sorted, the how much does this cost and how much is the problem solved?

Sam closed the meeting with a karakia.