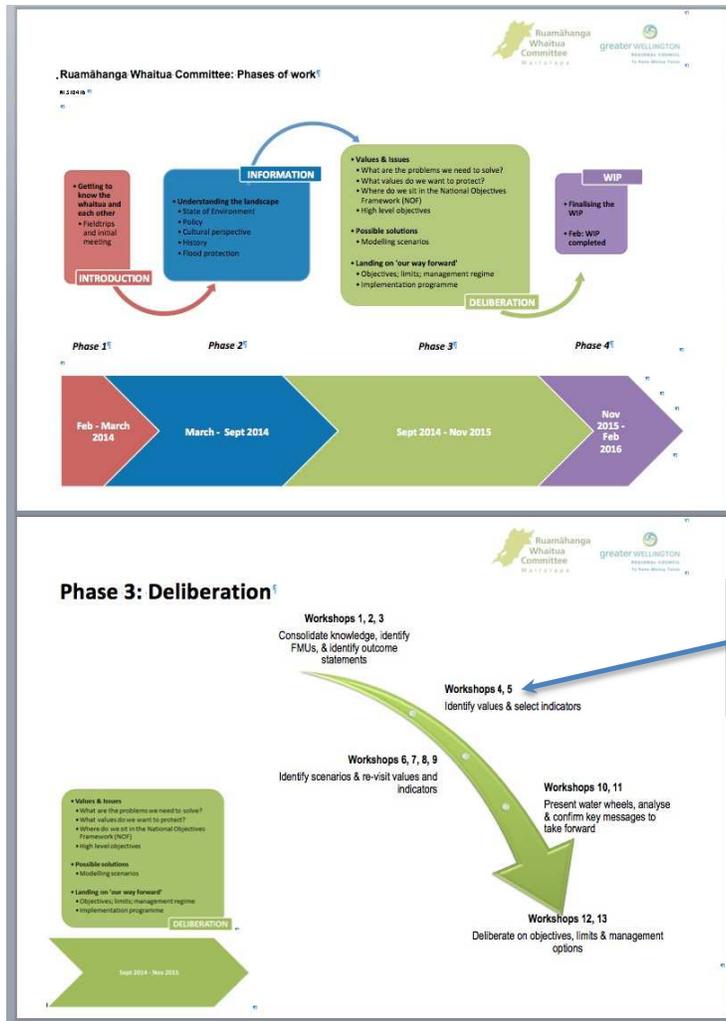


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 - Workshop 6

May 4 2015 4:00pm – 8:15pm

Featherston Community Centre



Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held May 4 2015.

Contents These notes contain the following:

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 - 1. Debrief from Pirinoa community engagement
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 - 3. General business

A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees Mike Ashby, Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Esther Dijkstra, Rebecca Fox, Peter Gawith, David Holmes, Chris Laidlaw, Colin Olds, Philip Palmer, Ra Smith.

Kat Banyard, Brigitte De Barletta, Emily Greenberg, Horipo Rimene, Michelle Rush, Alastair Smaill, Andrew Stewart, Natasha Tomic.

Apologies: Vanessa Tipoki, Siobhan Garlic, Russell Kawana, Mike Grace

B Workshop Purpose

Workshop Purpose The workshop purpose was:
To discuss and confirm values, names, groupings and descriptions.

This purpose was achieved, subject to further discussion and confirmation in respect of aspects of three value groupings:

- Economic Use
- Public Health
- Wairarapa Culture

A presentation from Michael Bassett-Fox, Wairarapa Water Use Project was deferred to the next RWC meeting.

D Workshop Notes - Debrief from Pirinoa community engagement

Summary

Approximately 70 members of the public attended a RWC community engagement event held in Pirinoa. This represented a good cross section of the community.

Whilst the focus of the meeting was on the lower valley, there were some questions, and some discussion, related to water management in other parts of the catchment.

The main activity at the meeting was discussion of three questions:

- 1) What were the waterways like in the past and how were they used?
- 2) What are important issues currently facing your area's waterways?
- 3) What would you like your waterways to be like in the future?

This was conducted in nine breakout groups, comprising 6-8 people each. A RWC and project team representative helped facilitate each group.

Overall, the meeting was seen as highly successful and useful.

What worked well?

- Having RWC members personally invite people, e.g. ringing them up
 - Personal approach also meant some participants were better informed ahead of the purpose of the meeting.
 - RWC members involved in running each break out group
 - Groups staying together for all three questions
 - RWC members reporting back from each group
 - Having a good introduction to set the scene and explain the purpose (introductory notes had been pre-prepared)
 - Having three clear questions to focus discussion around
 - Explaining the collaborative approach as part of the introduction
 - Committee sharing information from other parts of the valley
 - Being able to hear the history from the older people present, e.g. hearing about the former dairy factories and the discharges they made into the waterways; hearing about the valley scheme and what it has meant (good story for farming; more mixed for water quality and coastal functions).
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What didn't work so well?

- Some meeting participants who were not farmers felt unable to speak up freely
- A concern that there wasn't enough discussion on water quality matters
- Some people continue to perceive that RWC members are there representing specific sectors

Improvements for next time

- Think about how we might better draw rural and urban viewpoints together
 - Schedule a debrief of the meeting for the whole committee as close as possible to the Community Engagement event (but not at it)
 - Be clear in how we introduce ourselves individually – be clear that we are not representing a sector or organisation; that we are representing the community in a collaborative process.
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Additional value information

Two new ‘values’ matters came up at the Pirinoa meeting. These were:

- Concerns about sedimentation in the lakes, including Lake Onoke
 - Concerns about the impact of sediment on the coastal marine area and fishing resources in the adjacent coastal areas.
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C Workshop Actions and Next Steps

Actions

Values Groupings Finalisation (with respect to intent / content – word-smithing still to come)

Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity

Revisit the term ‘equity’ in the description.

ACTION: Emily; Aidan, Ra, David

Revisit the suggested term ‘equity’ with a view to making sure it is clear what is meant by the term in this context. Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

Wairarapa Culture

Revisit the title.

ACTION: Natasha, Mike A, Mike B, Esther

Revisit whether the title should be Wairarapa, or Ruamahanga Whaitua. Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

Public Health

Revisit the description.

ACTION: Andrew, Rebecca, Colin, Peter

Revisit whether sewerage treatment should be referred to – is this the value or is it a management activity? Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

NB: See **Section D** below to check what the revised titles

and descriptors are.

Other Information Sought

- RWC members requested historical depth data on Lake Onoke
 - They also wanted to know when the next sediment levels measurements would be taken for Lake Onoke
 - How far back our monitoring data go?
ACTION: Kat to coordinate with Natasha, Alastair re answers.
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D Workshop Notes - Values groups and descriptions

Value Groups The proposed revised value groupings suggested in the paper prepared by the Project Team were accepted.

Note: There was some debate about whether there was a need for a separate “**Wairarapa Culture**” value grouping, as some were of the view that the unique characteristics that made something about “Wairarapa” needed to flavour all the value groupings. It was agreed, for now, to continue with having this grouping.

Value Group Titles and Descriptors RWC members split into groups, each group working on one or two value groupings. The task was to:

1. Discuss and confirm the description of the value (changing it as necessary)
2. Discuss and confirm the title for the value grouping (make sure it reflects all of the dimensions of the value description)
- 3 Report back to the main group.

Participants were then given some time to look at all the titles and descriptors and discuss them with others keeping in mind the extent to which the title and descriptor:

- enables the community to see their value (see their own ‘dna’ in it)
- makes clear what the value is all about
- is described for the Ruamahanga Whaitua.

The revised titles and groupings, in respect of content and intent are described below, with changes shown in track changes (blue).

NB: ALL are still subject to final word-smithing.

Natural Character – Connection

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To tātou awa – we are shaped by the natural character of our waterways

Assurance that our water is okay, what it looks like, sounds like,

smells like, feels like to us

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed

Māori Use and Mahinga Kai

Māori Use including Mahinga Kai

He tāonga te wai/ He wai ū – the life giving inheritance of water that identifies and sustains mana whenua and the role of iwi as kaitiaki for our waterways.

Wairarapa, wairua, ngā wāhi whakawātea, wai tohi, wai ora, wai tuna, wai pātiki etc.....

Glistening waters, spiritual waters, cleansing waters, baptismal waters, life giving waters, eeling waters, floundering waters etc
[Food gathering, fishing](#)

[Management of food/resources](#)

[Harvest of raupo, watercress](#)

[Plant use](#)

[Attenuation i.e. wetlands and attenuating water and water flow](#)

[Non-exclusive, e.g. native fish sanctuary, as well as trout fisheries, e.g. predatory perch can affect trout as well as native fish](#)

[Meets the social and spiritual needs of its stakeholders](#)

[“Māori Use” includes ahu whenua – about the management of water for food managing.](#)

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed

Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity

Sustainable Economic Use Brings Resilience and Prosperity

Water sustaining our livelihood, water growing people and communities.

Income, employment and innovation. Farming, industry, navigation, commercial fishing.

Water is life/gold/taonga
Reliability of water supply

In the Wairarapa:

- our water storage can improve security of supply
- our water isn't owned by anybody
- our water is managed by everyone
- our livelihood is tied to water quality and quantity

- our wellbeing is tied to water quality
- we value the efficient use of water
- we value equity

Comment – the sub group discussing this noted navigation would probably be recreation.

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed subject to clarification as to exactly what ‘equity’ means in this context

ACTION: Emily; Aidan, Ra, David
Revisit the suggested term ‘equity’ with a view to making sure it is clear what is meant by the term in this context. Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

Public health and Wellbeing

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Wai ora – Water for our health; spirit, mind and body

Drinking water, sewerage treatment

DECISION: Review whether sewerage treatment is about the value, or simply about an activity. Consider **where** human health concerns occur as part of this. Revise as necessary to highlight what the value is for this grouping.

ACTION: Andrew, Rebecca, Colin, Peter
Revisit whether sewerage treatment should be referred to – is this the value or is it a management activity? Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

Our Wairarapa-Ruamahanga Whaitua Culture

Our histories, our heritage, our whakapapa.

Our traditions, our social activities, our special places related to our waterways, then, now and in the future. Examples of our social activities include camping, weddings, baptisms, barbeques.

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed subject to clarification on whether to use Wairarapa, or Ruamahanga Whaitua in the title.

ACTION: Natasha, Mike A, Mike B, Esther
Revisit whether the title should be Wairarapa, or Ruamahanga Whaitua. Report back via email to whole committee prior to next meeting (suggested due date 22 May)

Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity

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Te Mana o te Wai; the unique identity our rivers, lakes and streams

Their flow, shape, form and colour

The life force of the water, the geology, plants, fish and animals

- [Wetlands](#)
- [Indigenous fish](#)
- [Water quality and quantity \(flow, depth\)](#)
- [Riparian systems](#)
- [Fish spawning](#)
- [In-stream habitat](#)
- [Lake Wairarapa](#)
- [The Conservation Estate.](#)

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed

Recreation

Recreation

[Water quality and quantity in the right places and at the right times that supports our health and wellbeing by allowing us to get wet, be safe and have fun.](#)

[Currently, swimming, fishing, wading, boating and māhi parekareka ki te wai \(enjoying yourself by the water\) are important recreational activities in the Ruamahanga Whaitua \(catchment\). Recreation supports our community's health and wellbeing](#)

DECISION: Content / Intent Agreed

General business and next steps

General Business

The following items were identified in the General Business discussion:

1. Update on WWUP
 2. Future community engagement meetings
 3. Future public meeting/forum at which to hear speakers who have been wanting to present to RWC
 4. Sharepoint site for RWC work
 5. Suggestion to have a permanent 'general business' slot on the agenda.
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**Update on
WWUP**

Not given due to time constraints.

DECISION: Invite Michael Bassett-Foss to present to RWC at its next meeting (which will be public) on **Monday June 15**.

**Future
Community
Engagement**

It was agreed that the following additional meetings be organised:

Gladstone date t.b.c

Note: Advertise in the Gladstone School Newsletter. Publicise in a manner to also reach participants from Martinborough, Masterton and Carterton.

Kopuaranga date t.b.c

Marae visit date t.b.c

Featherston, date t.b.c

Top of the catchment, date t.b.c

ACTION: Kat to organise dates for community engagement events

**Future public
meeting/forum
at which to hear
speakers**

It was agreed that this should be held, and that it should be held in the second half of the year. It should take the form of a seminar hosted by RWC. E.g. a panel of speakers, providing information on various topics and perspectives.

Note: Revisit the list of speakers compiled at the Carterton meeting earlier in the year, with a view to invite those people to speak, e.g. WWUP, TeamAg, Mike Joy etc.

Sharepoint

This is almost set up for RWC use. Kat will report back when it is.

Note: There is now a 'sign up' form on the RWC web page that enables people to sign up to the RWC email group, which enables them to get notices and the regular RWC newsletter directly.

**Permanent
'general
business' slot**

It was agreed to have this for all meetings.

Note: Re-send to committee members the process agreed for setting RWC agendas, so that Committee members know to whom, where and when to forward agenda items for upcoming meetings.

**Update on Next
Meeting**

The next meeting will begin the process of identifying attributes (indicators or measures) for the value groupings.

A background paper on attributes will be prepared and circulated ahead of the meeting. Participants were asked what immediate questions they had about attributes. These will be used to help frame what the background paper covers. The questions were:

- What is an attribute?

- What are examples of attributes – a range of them?
 - What does a good attribute look like?
 - How many can we have?
 - Is there an app?
 - Does it have to be in respect of something that is able to be influenced by regional plan rules / other regional council mechanisms?
 - What is a measure doesn't exist?
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Imauni, Habitat and Biodivers

- Te Mana o te Wai; the unique identity our rivers, lakes and streams
- Their flow, shape, form and colour
- The life force of the water, the geology, plants, fish and animals

- wetlands
- indigenous fish
- water quality & quantity (flow, depth)
- riparian systems
- fish spawning
- in stream habitat
- Lake Whararua
- Conservation estate.

Next Steps

Revisit 'equity' in economic use.

Revisit Water vs. Run Water

Revisit public health

- Value working vs. activities
- when do human health concerns occur?

with water
 range water quality
 what are you doing
 look like
 - how important water?
 & how far off?
 what is best to be added by any particular
 what if - more direct costs?

Ideas

Pub mtg - hosted by RWC
 in panel of speakers
 who can provide info.

- WWP
- optional for RWC
- Ag. Hist.
- revisit list from Carterton
- later in year?

WWP - M. B. F. to speak next meeting

Future ee

- top of catchment
- Gladstone
- Maize
- Peatthorpe

Makinborough / m.c.
 School reminder
 Green Past stat
 - reminder of process for
 capital items

Sheepmark
 sign up form on website

Q&A

What is historical
 depth data
 for L. Oke?

When will next
 sea level mts
 be taken?

What has been impact of
 catchment work of Nth
 Waik. farms?
 What about impact of
 diversion?

BASEL
 current data

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