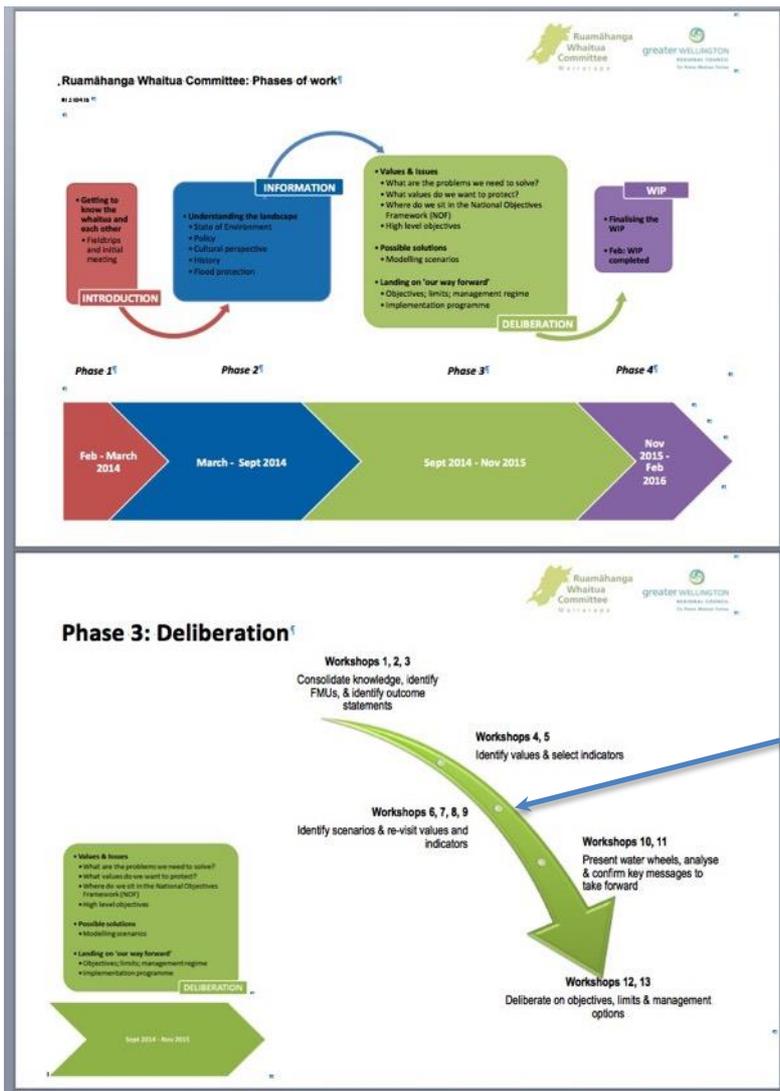


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 - Workshop 20

April 26 2016 4:00pm – 8:00pm

South Wairarapa Working Men's Club, Greytown



Workshop 20

Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held 26 April 2016 at the South Wairarapa Workingman’s Club, Greytown.

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A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Peter Gawith, David Holmes, Mike Ashby, Russell Kawana, Ra Smith, Philip Palmer, Andy Duncan, Colin Olds, Esther Dijkstra, Vanessa Tipoki, Rebecca Fox

Alastair Smaill, Michelle Rush, Natasha Tomic, Horipo Rimene, Mike Grace, Jon Gabites

John Bright

Apologies: Chris Laidlaw, Kat Banyard, Murray McLea, Hayley Vujcich

B Workshop Purpose

- Workshop Purpose** The workshop purposes were:
- To review and confirm the wording of outcome 7 (Originally Ko Wai, No Wai, Mo Wai)
 - To discuss and confirm our understanding of the issues for Ruamahanga Whaitua
 - To discuss and confirm the following matters for the next burst of Community Engagement:
 - “The What and Why” (the purpose, the information we want to share, and the questions we want to ask)
 - The “Who”
 - The community (including specific segments) and stakeholders
 - The information sharing / questions that apply to each

The “How” and “When”

- The methods we intend to use
- The expected timing
- To understand how the representative farm data is being extrapolated and used in the modelling
- To discuss the matters arising from the RWC Committee only meeting held on April 4, and to identify any improvements for the future.

The purposes were achieved.

Workshop Agenda

The agenda is below.

4:00	Welcome, Introductions, Karakia	Peter, Ra
4:05	Outline of purpose and confirm proposed agenda	Michelle
4:10	Ruamahanga Whaitua – identifying the key issues	Michelle
5:00	Outcomes - confirmation of wording for Outcome 7	All
5:10	Community Engagement Planning	Jon, All
6:30	DINNER	
7:00	Representative Farm Data – its use in the Modelling Framework	John
7:20	The Freshwater Policy Process – Identifying committee questions	Alastair
7:30	Committee Only Session – Matters Arising	Peter
7:55	Communications – Stories / Messages from Tonight	All
8:00	Karakia and Close	Ra

C Ruamāhanga Whaitua – identifying the key issues

Dimensions of what RWC understood to be an ‘issue’

To begin the issues discussion, RWC members spent some time clarifying what they meant by ‘issue.’ The term was seen as having the following dimensions:

- Things that affect quality (e.g. sediment), quantity, or allocation
- What the community is telling us
- Things that affect the resource per se, e.g. climate change
 - Future issues

- How we're coordinating the management of rivers etc. Central government, local, regional roles and functions
 - Who has control? Things we are doing to control.
 - Land management – land use change as an issue.
 - Time frame issue – when do we want to get a water resource to a certain quality?
 - How bad is the issue?
 - What's the problem? Where are the problems?
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The key issues for the RW

RWC members then took time to identify the actual issues. To provide a focus for this, they asked: What are the issues we need a clear understanding of for when we go out for the next round of community engagement? The following are the matters identified:

- Water quality:
 - Periphyton bottom line – eastern hills and Parkvale stream
 - Phosphorus levels in Lake Wairarapa
 - Toxic N levels in Parkvale Stream
 - Trophic state in Lake Wairarapa and Lake Onoke
 - Many areas do not meet 'swimmable'
 - NOF levels
 - Sediment/erosion issues
- Water quantity:
 - Limits
 - Allocation of groundwater
 - Minimum flows
 - What happens at minimum flow?
 - Reliability
 - Technical efficiency
 - Allocation efficiency
- Natural character/habitat
 - Highly modified and degraded river and lake system
- What the problem is, how bad is it and where – hard data – verified measurements
- What the trends are showing across the board?
- What the current situation is (weather this year)
- Low flow in streams and rivers
 - How the system is built – MALF
 - Management response to water levels
 - Ecosystem health/life support
 - Capacity e.g. ecological flow
 - What happens at low flow?
- Water allocation – ground water recharge, groundwater pollution, taking 2 lots of water out of the one bucket
- People who have access to groundwater without the need for a

consent/permit – both domestic and other e.g. sub divisions with bores – no information on the bores – how much is being taken from these [note: we might have info on this. Need to find out]

- Want to know the number of takes that are on a register (but don't need consent) and any hard knowledge of their use
- Is what's happening illegal?
- Is there a good reserve left? How much is left? What happens when we don't fully recharge? Including confined/un-confined aquifers.
- Efficiency of use – what is efficient? E.g. per household in urban space and how it's used in rural e.g. irrigation – full when shouldn't be in case it gets cut off
- Allocation efficiency – resource is fully allocation – if you are not in you can't get in
- Allocation to iwi – if water becomes available through efficiency – to whom does it go?
- Highly modified and degraded state of rivers/lakes – loss of natural state
- Honeydew – crack willows – dead eels – related to climate conditions and poor recharge – climate has exacerbated these things

Where to next

RWC members agreed that it would be useful to create a one pager 'cheat sheet' of the key issues, perhaps also a map depicting the issues, so that RWC can develop a single agreed 'message' about the issues to use when engaging with the community.

D Outcome Confirmation

Review of Outcomes against values

The wording of Outcome 7 was reviewed again at the request of some committee members. As part of this, some final adjustments were also made to other wording.

RWC members also agreed to refer to the outcomes from now on as 'desired outcomes' and to inform the community of these.

The confirmed wording was (with the changes made this round in **bold**):

Vision:

Wairarapa – Where Water Glistens

The future is **engaged communities, proactive in** the long term sustainability of the catchment as a whole

Outcomes:

1. We are all connected to the water so we are all equally responsible for creating a more natural state
 2. Holistic land and water management creating resilience
 3. Enhancing recreational and cultural opportunities
 4. Sustainable economic future
 5. Improving water quality
 6. **Sustaining** ecological enhancement
 7. **Ko wai, No wai, Mo wai.**
Explanation: Waterways connecting communities – The people, Who are you? Who are you for? Who do you belong to?
Build a sense of identity between people and water
 8. Safety and security of (drinking) water supply.
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E Community Engagement Planning

Overview

This session continued the work started at the previous meeting to plan RWC Community Engagement for the next round. The matters confirmed were:

- The Community Engagement purposes
 - The community segments and stakeholders to be engaged with
 - The methods to be used
 - The first cut at a list of questions to be asked in the course of the engagement.
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Community Engagement purposes

Ruamahanga Whaitua – Overall Community Engagement Purpose

To involve the community in a process that informs policies around fresh water.

Ruamahanga Whaitua – first round engagement purpose

To raise awareness and stimulate discussion around the values that communities in the Ruamahanga catchment associate with water.

To use the ideas gathered to confirm a set of values for freshwater in the Ruamahanga Whaitua catchment.

Ruamahanga Whaitua – second round engagement purpose

To inform the community and stakeholders of how their feedback from Round 1 was taken on board; what was the result; where the RWC is at, and the steps still to come

To hear the community's ideas for what they think will help achieve the vision and desired outcomes for the Ruamahanga Whaitua.

To use these ideas to help identify:

- the future scenarios to be modelled; and
 - the policy options and methods to consider when developing the Whaitua Implementation Programme, including innovations which may not be apparent now.
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Community segments & stakeholders to engage with

- Friends
- Family
- Social networks
- Colleagues
- Random people on the train
- Neighbours
- MP's
- Maori elders
- Country Women's Institute
- Federated Farmers
- Farmer's discussion groups

- Political parties
- Sporting clubs
- Recreation groups
- Water users
- Care groups
- Sustainable Wairarapa
- MRS
- Social networks
- Other zone committees
- School classes
- Banking people
- Rural professionals
- BOT's
- Traditional Maori groups
- Community boards
- Fonterra
- Councils
- Water use projects
- Team Ag
- Service clubs
- Media
- Environmental groups
- Fish & Game
- Youth under 30
- Maori – face to face
- Urban commuters – random people on the train
- Retirees
- Tourism operators
- Commercial fishers
- Probus
- Mums at home
- DOC
- Apiarists
- Vineyard Owners
- Horticulturalists
- Colleagues
- Lifestylers
- Water use projects
- Industrial processors

NOTE: It was acknowledged from the review of the last round of community engagement that urban folk, youth and kaitiaki were three community segments for which the RWC wanted to do better this time.

Questions to ask the community Developed by the

Water quality (Nutrients, pathogens, sediment)

- Are you willing to accept a different standard of water quality for different water uses? For each use, what water quality?
- Do we need to be able to swim everywhere all the time? If so

- where? How do we decide where?
- How do we allocate water quality?
 - What does water quality mean to you? Five senses. How would this be different in: rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, springs, estuaries?
 - For ecosystem services, are we willing to incentivise improved water quality? How do we do it?
 - If we have to improve water quality, how long can we take to do it?

Water use and allocation

- How could water be used more efficiently?
- At times of lower flow in summer are the restrictions put on water supply enough to ensure there is healthy aquatic life in our rivers/streams?
- At times of lower flow in summer are the restrictions put on water supply fair?
- Is your water supply reliable enough for you?
- If spare water became available who should get it?

River management

- How to manage rivers to increase flow?
- How do we manage water in the rivers to maximise water quality?
- How do we manage rivers for future flood control?
- How should the river bed be managed including gravel extraction?
- How do we safeguard community assets and households?

Next Steps to refine questions

It was agreed that the following process be used:

- a) The questions be written up and circulated back to RWC members for further checking
- b) The refined / checked set of questions be shared with Kaitiaki ahead of the Stakeholder workshop, and any revisions / additions be incorporated; and
- c) That this next iteration of questions be shared with Stakeholders (put up on the wall at the stakeholder workshop) with an invitation to them to review the questions, and add in any others
- d) That RWC then review the final set and discuss and confirm at the workshop following.

Next Steps for the Community Engagement Plan

The Committee agreed that Jon Gabites should now take the ideas away and develop them into an engagement plan for the next round.

Community Engagement

RWC agreed, that in addition to continuing the methods it used last time, for communications and engagement, which were:

Methods

- Facebook
- Webpage
- Newsletters
- Face to face meetings held geographically
- Media

That it also include

- “Bang the Table” as a method.
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F Representative Farm Data – its use in the Modelling Framework

Representative Farm Data – its use in the Modelling Framework

John Bright gave a presentation explaining how the representative farm data had been extrapolated for use in the modelling framework.

G Report back on committee only meeting

Report back from Committee only meeting

It was noted that the Project Manager had shared the relevant items from the meeting minutes of the committee-only meeting with the Project Team.

It was suggested, and agreed, that from now on:

We should include a “Communications” session at the close of each meeting, so as to allow discussion of what matters from the meeting the committee wants to share, and how this will be done (e.g. press release, Facebook etc.) and who will do it (e.g. committee person and/or relevant Project Team person).

ENDS

Appendix One: Bang the Table Presentation



Bang the Table
Presentation by Jon C

ENDS