

# Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee – Meeting 2 Notes

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9:30am-4:00pm Wellington City Council

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## Attendees

### **Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Committee:**

Anya Pollock, Gabriel Tupou, Wayne Guppy, Louise Askin, Pat van Berkel, Peter Matcham, Quentin Duthie, Zoe Ogilvie, Hikitia Ropata, Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Morrie Love, Paul Swain, Roger Blakeley, Tui Lewis, Naomi Solomon, Peter Gilbert (attended from midday).  
Apologies: Jonny Osborne.

### **Project Team:**

Tim Sharp, Jon Gabites, Arpan Mukherjee, Jane Clunies-Ross, Paula Hammond, Phill Barker, Shane Parata, Anna Martin, Richard Sheild (GWRC), Helen Bolton (WCC), David Burt (HCC), James McKibbin (UHCC), Paul Gardiner (WWL)  
Apologies: Mark Heath, Emily Osborne (GWRC), Onur Oktem (WCC)

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## Action points

**Project Team** to provide the Committee:

- brief summary of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua timeline and types of issues they addressed.
- process diagrams presented at meeting (these are included in Appendix).
- list of the relevant organisations to the project and how they are linked.
- a list of significant events related to water governance at a regional and central government level.
- further thoughts on the communications approach.
- set up a discussion group/workplace and a shared drive for the committee.
- further clarity on the role of the facilitator and chair and how they will interact.
- link to sign up for WWL newsletter.
- an opportunity to learn about WWL, how it operates and how it is governed.

The Committee, via a **subcommittee**, is to develop a proposed set of committee operating agreements. Kara will organise with the Project Team.

**Committee members** to cast their nominations for the chair to Emily Osborne by the end of 15 March 2019.

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## Decisions reached

- Accepted the Terms of Reference
  - Co-Chairs: After discussion, the Committee unanimously supported the appointment of one mana whenua co-Chair and one other co-Chair from the Committee.
  - Eligibility: After discussion, the Committee agreed that elected city or regional councilors will not be eligible for the co-Chair role.
  - Chair role: The co-Chair leads the meeting and hands over to presenters or facilitators for particular sessions. The co-Chairs are involved in designing meetings with Project Team and/or facilitator to shape outcomes and approach to meetings and sessions. The co-Chairs will share the same responsibilities and duties and will work together to see these fulfilled.
  - Facilitator: Delay the contracting of facilitator support until co-Chairs are elected. Facilitator will be chosen to be a light and flexible role and suit the approach of the co-Chairs if necessary.
  - Chair election process confirmed, detailed in notes below.
  - Kara to lead a subcommittee to develop a document with operating agreements.
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## Meeting notes

Kara Puketapu-Dentice opened the meeting with a karakia. Wayne Guppy introduced himself to the committee. Tim Sharp chaired the meeting.

### Session 1: Overall process

*Tim (Whaitua Programme Manager, GW)*

Committee accepted the Terms of Reference, and can develop an addendum of its own “operating agreements” should this be needed.

Task ahead:

- Proposed Natural Resources plan provisions will be specific to this whaitua.
- Scope will include coastal areas and the harbour to the extent that freshwater impacts influences these environments.
- Timeframes have not yet been determined as it is up to the committee to decide, however, regional councils are required to implement the NPSFM by 2025 and some objectives must be met by 2040.
- The committee has committed to completing its work in 2 years. This reduces the capacity for extensive modelling and there will be more reliance on expert advice than in previous whaitua processes. Modelling case studies on some (rather than all) catchments/streams may be necessary. This is appropriate where catchments have similar characteristics.
- The committee will be championing initiatives for behavioural changes, while recognising that information will never be complete or perfect.
- The committee is responsible for raising the profile of water and whaitua with the community to ensure that it is a community-led process. We need to think about how to mobilise and communicate with the community we want to reach.

Kawa/Tikanga:

- “We manage peoples’ activities so the system can manage itself.”
- The aquifer system is an example of kawa; tikanga is what we do that affects the system.

### Session 2: Reflection on meeting 1

*Phill (Senior Policy Advisor, GW)*

What stood out?

- The power of “co”.
- How do we shift peoples’ hearts and minds?
- The importance of ownership and ownership of responsibility.
- Behavioural change is underpinned by financial decisions.
- Spirit of the day (Wairua) was good for setting up how we deal with conflict in the future.
- The committee is open to different perspectives but recognises this may become more difficult.
- Look back on the Ko Wai/Purpose words later in the process to self-assess.

### Session 3: Public and stakeholder engagement

*Phill (Senior Policy Advisor, GW)*

- Post-it notes listing what groups/communities/clubs and sectors people are connected to. See Appendix. Further work on this will follow, including identifying gaps.
- Committee members need to identify meetings and pop up events which can be piggybacked off.

## Session 4: Communications

*Jon (Community Engagement Advisor, GW) and Tim (Whaitua Programme Manager, GW)*

- It is important that communication is led by the committee on multiple channels including social media, engagement platforms and local news.
- First step is to agree on the committee's purpose (as per action point above), then a brand will be created from that, separate to GWRC, TAs and WWL.
- Good to use the language of the river.
- Need to clearly articulate the objectives and purpose of the committee.
- Chairs will be the public voice of the committee.
- The process for sharing thought pieces, questions or other documentation from a committee member to the rest of the committee should be on a sharing platform set up by the project team. This gives people the ability to read it/answer questions should they choose.
- All meetings need to have Wi-Fi access so that documents can be opened during committee meetings.
- Request for presentations to be sent in advance of committee meetings for those who cannot attend.

## Session 5: Ko Wai

*Jane (Policy Advisor, GW)*

- The project team presented on their grouping of words and phrases from the committee during meeting 1.
- It was agreed that a subcommittee should start the process of creating a document detailing operating agreements that will be shared with the wider committee.

## Session 6: Committee Chair

*Tim (Whaitua Programme Manager, GW)*

*[NB: These notes were distributed to the Committee on 13 March 2019 to assist thinking on nominating a Chair].*

A memo was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting on the Chair role and recommended election process. Discussion was held on the memo recommendations. Questions and clarification on the respective tasks and roles of any facilitators and how that would affect the duties of the Chair/co-Chairs were discussed.

Points raised:

- Potential for confusion between who gives direction to the meeting between multiple roles.
- Important for the Committee to feel ownership of their process rather than to a facilitator.
- Facilitator engages members in dialogue if necessary. Chair should oversee the decision making.

- Facilitator may be needed to manage more difficult conversations during meetings and design effective workshop sessions for complex or special content.

Co-Chairs discussion:

- Reasons of caution included potential for personality tensions, different styles of approach to between meetings, and possible media confusion in representation.
- Advantages included: clear demonstration of Te Tiriti, fulfilling a partnership model to co-governance, will only work with meaningful intent – tokenistic won't work, issues of debate between co-chairs and in the Committee are proactively addressed, spreads the workload.
- Gender balance should be taken into consideration in the election of Co-Chairs.

Election process:

- Four iwi reps will elect mana whenua Co-Chair. Mana whenua took leave to caucus and elected Kara Puketapu-Dentice as mana whenua Co-chair.
- Self-nomination and of others is allowed and nominations will be made by end of day 14/03/2019.
- Nominees will be collated and emailed to Committee members on 15/03/2019.
- At next meeting (11 April 2019) the mana whenua Co-Chair and then remaining nominees will address the Committee on their proposed approach.
- After, voting will be by blind ballot and the nominee with the highest number of votes will be appointed. If the margin between the top two nominees is less than two either a second ballot round will be taken for only the top two nominees or they will caucus to decide.

## Session 7: Looking ahead

*Tim (Whaitua Programme Manager, GW)*

Field trip suggestions:

- Wainuiomata
- Hutt Aquifer
- Kaitoke
- Stuart McCaskill lakes
- Makara

Sites of significance to mana whenua suggested:

- Orongorongo tunnel
- Coastal lakes at Pencarrow – lots of historical sites around this coast
- Hutt River
- Urban streams such as Naenae, Stokes Valley etc.

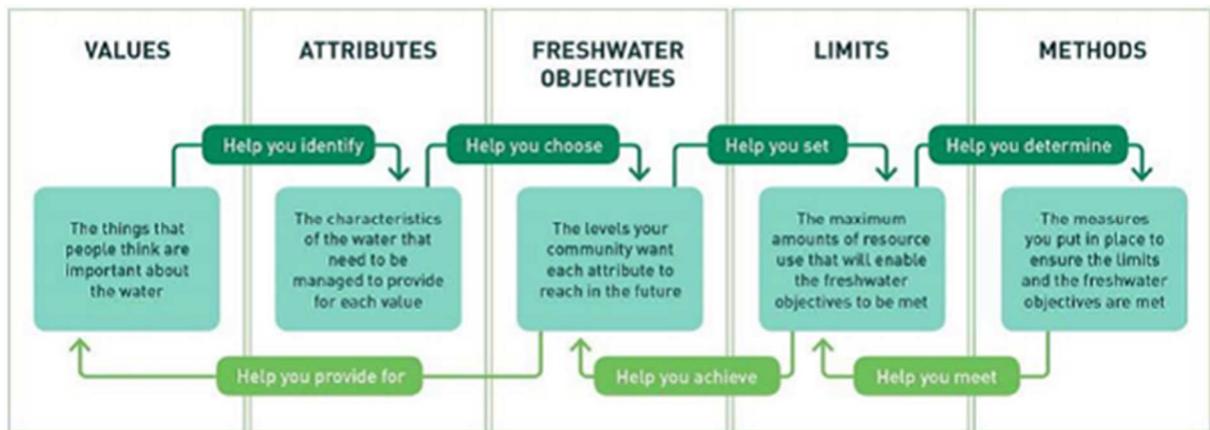
Morrie Love closed the meeting with a karakia.

**Next meeting: 11 April 2019 at Wellington Water Ltd.**

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# Appendix

## Process diagrams



## List of groups and stakeholders

This is the full list of the named groups. The project team will develop this with notes into a working document with some analysis which will be presented back at a future Committee meeting.

Play Centres	Wellington District Māori Council (Urban Māori)
Sunshine (Makara/Karori) Kindergarten	NZ Māori Council
Youth	Library Network
Rangatahi – Young People	Local Government
Student Associations	River Link Project (Piggy back)
Schools	Centre Port
(Primary to Tertiary)	NZTA
Karori west Normal School	Wellington Water – Strategic Partners
Wellington High	Instagram – Te Whanganui-a-Tara
Makara School (Environ School)	Neighbourly Social Media Sites
Te Puna Manaaki (Reo Hapū)	Generation O (Extinction Rebellion)
Universities	I Love Karori – Facebook
Polytech & Weltec & Whiteria & TWOA	Petone Dog Walkers – Facebook
Research Institutions (Universities, CRIs)	Wellington-Live (social media group) – sub-interest topics
Scouts	Churches/Religious Groups
Te Puna Wai	Karori Baptist Church
Kohanga	Developers
Marae	Builders
Marae – Nga Hau e Whoa o Paparangi	South Karori & Long Gully Landowners
Tapu Te Ranga Marae	Corporate Groups
Iwi/ Hapu/Marae	Business Improvement Districts
Ethnic Groups	Business Community – Wellington
Pacific Communities	Regional Chamber of Commerce
Multicultural Councils	Farmers & Foresters
Other Groups – Cultural – Ngati Poneke, Mawaihakonga, others, Waka Ama	N2 Farm Forestry Association
Iwi Mana Whenua, other organisations,	Professional Engineers – Engineering NZ
Te Runanga o Te Aitawa	Seaview Working Groups
Palmerston North Maori Reserve Trust	Insurance Industry
Ngati Toa	Resident Associations
PNBST	Community Boards & Panels
WTT	Karori Residents Association
Fisheries Trust Te Atiawa	South Karori Residents – Saddleback Grove
Kaitiaki Board	Karori Kaitiaki
Matiu	Island Bay Residents Association
Other Marae (Orongomai, Koraunui, Wainuiomata)	Oriental Bay Residents Association
DoC	Alex Moore Park Board - Johnsonville
Ministry of Education	Te Awakairangi
Ministry for Primary Industries	Belmont Resident’s Association
Ministry for the Environment	Swimming Lesson Whānau - Silverstream
DHBs	Mākara
Public Service Association	Mākara Peak Guardians
Wellington Zoo + crew	Mākara Community
Regional Council Land Management	Wainuiomata family
Experts (Nationwide)	

Eastbourne Community Board & NGOs  
Hill Road Community Group (Speedy's,  
Predator Free Wellington)  
Taita/Epuni/Pomare  
Stokes Valley  
Pipitea  
Waiwhetu  
Te Tetau o Te Po  
Wainuiomata Community Board  
River/Beach Users + Dog Walkers +  
Cyclists  
Shoppers  
Million Metres Streams Project (The  
Sustainable Business Network)  
Northern Suburbs Planting Groups  
Horoeka Reserves Stokes Valley  
Naenae Nature Trust  
Forest & Bird and branches  
Zealandia  
Predator Free Wellington  
Capital Kiwi Project + Predator Free  
Makara/Ōhāriu  
Remutaka Forest Park  
Manawa Karioi Inc  
EHF – Edmund Hillary Fellowship  
Climate Change & Renewables, electrical?  
industry, officials etc.  
Meridan Wind Farm Staff & Community  
Fund  
National Environmental & Conservation  
NGOs  
Volunteer Wellington  
Hill Country Erosion Experts and Farm  
Planning  
Water Sensitive Urban Design Experts  
Makara Beach Climate Change Response  
Group  
Makaracarpas River Care Group  
Tramping Clubs  
Reo 2 Go (Reo-focused collection of  
whānau)  
Change fitness/ Whānau Journey (Hutt)  
My Whānau – Carew, Duthie, Vanston  
(Some living in, others from or connected  
to...)  
Manaaki Ability Trust (Disability Sector)  
Te Whare Tāne (Men's Refuge)  
White Ribbon Ambassadors  
Māori Wardens  
Wanuiomata Rural Association

Wanuiomata Resilience Network  
(WREMO)  
Neighbourhood Support  
U3A  
Friends of the Hutt River  
Friends of Te Awakairangi  
Friends of Waiwhetu  
Community groups involved with Belmont  
Regional Park  
Lions & Rotary Clubs (Upper Hutt)  
Grey Power Association  
Probus/ Over-60 Grey Power  
Wellington Netball  
Awesome Women Network  
Social + Partner Dance Community  
Water Sports Clubs  
Service Clubs  
Sports Clubs  
How  
Let them know what we are doing  
Kanohi Ki Te Kanohi  
Social Media Groups  
Use our contacts  
Invite & put on agenda  
Use the school network to own  
streams/pals of rivers e.g. Science  
Teachers