

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT	Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara meeting notes
WHEN	Monday 8 June 2020, 1-3pm
WHERE	Zoom
ATTENDEES	Louise, Kara (until 2pm), Anya, Zoe, Pat, Sea, Roger, Quentin (until 2.30pm), Pete, Tui, Jonny (until 2.10pm), Sam (1.30-2.30pm), Ros (1.30-2.24pm)
APOLOGIES	Gabriel, Hikitia, Naomi, Wayne
PROJECT TEAM	Tim, Phill, Emily O., Kat, Denise, Matt, David, Emily T., Onur, Helen, Sharyn, Mark, John

Agenda

1. Karakia and welcome
2. Committee check-in
3. Approve previous meeting notes
4. Co-chairs report and update
5. Small groups breakout and organising
6. TKT update
7. Current Whaitua implementation presentation
8. Overview of Round 1, process for Round 2
9. Project team report back
10. Close and karakia

Actions

- Roger to take the lead on planning the Aotearoa Town Hall with support from Zoe and the C&E subgroup.
- Sean to report back on the Mayoral Taskforce's timing and when it might be possible to connect with the Whaitua Committee.
- Matt to share information on Mahi Waiora.
- Policy Subgroup to meet on Monday 15 June to refresh the list of issues and the invite will be open to all Committee members.
- Committee members to provide feedback on Small Groups to the co-chairs.
- Science subgroup meeting to be scheduled to explore the Expert Panel outputs and reports.
- The 2019 report and values report to be completed as a priority, aiming for this week.
- PT is preparing a memo on GW's role on rural land ownership.
- PT to organise a session discussing information requests and Committee role on peatlands for interested Committee members.
- Co-chairs and PT to prepare a proposal for meeting in person or continuing on Zoom for the Committee's feedback.

Discussion

Kara opened with a karakia followed by a brief check-in round.

Meeting notes from 18 May 2020 to be approved with the following change:

- Add point to breakout discussions about talking with CEOs and mayors.

Co-chairs report

- There has been good traction with the small group discussions on issues. In response to the packages of information that the Project Team is preparing for Round 2 discussions, consider further questions for Round 3.
- A group of Committee members had a discussion about how to foster more [debate and diversity](#) of perspectives within the Committee and through engagement with the community (link to notes on SharePoint).
- Idea to have “8pm sessions” that bring in members of the community to talk about their works and are voluntary for Committee members to attend. For example, the Committee could meet with Eugene Doyle from Owhiro Bay.
- With regard to leadership opportunities, consider devolving leadership to the community as a strength for long term gain.
- Aotearoa Town Hall – Roger willing to take the lead on planning with support from Zoe and the C&E subgroup.
- Mayoral Taskforce – The information phase is coming to an end. The Whaitua Committee’s work is currently ahead of the Taskforce. The scope of each group is quite different but they have shared interests. Sean to report back on the Taskforce’s timing and when it might be possible to connect with the Whaitua Committee.

TKT update

- Meeting held at Zealandia on 29 May 2020.
- Progressing work on the mana whenua values table and evaluation framework.
- Currently discussing when and what TKT will be bringing to Whaitua Committee discussions.

Small group breakouts and organising

- Committee members were sorted into their small groups to discuss when and how they would prefer to meet now that we are in Alert Level 1 to inform the meeting schedule.

Current Whaitua Implementation presentation

[Powerpoint presented by Matt Hickman](#) (Environmental Policy Manager, GWRC)

- What is the status of the Ruamāhanga and Porirua WIPs and how can we address barriers?
- Understanding the complexity of implementation and what it means in practice.
- It requires transformation of how we manage land and water, which includes organisational, behavioural and cultural change. It’s a long-term journey and institutional alignment is key.
- The notification deadline for the NPS-FM is 2024. GW is currently somewhat behind schedule with this shorter timeframe and will require new resourcing to speed up the process. Expecting to have 3 WIPs (Ruamāhanga, Porirua and Te Whanganui-a-Tara) ready for drafting and notifying together.
- Need to consider how we organise and operate at an FMU/subcatchment scale. The Mahi Waiora project is a prototype of catchment and environment groups working together. Matt to share further information on Mahi Waiora.
- Shared a table of how WIP recommendations align with current GW activities.

- The current WIPs are having an influence even though they haven't gone through the plan change process yet (e.g., Plimmerton Farm development planning).

Q&A:

- The WIP is received by the Regional Council rather than adopted and then the regulatory components go through the RMA plan change process to become operational.
- Good timing for the TWT Committee. Consider what recommendations apply from the previous whitua committees and focus on areas that are particular to this whitua.
- Suggestion that it would be useful to have a regular report on progress of whitua implementation on the GW website for ongoing engagement beyond the end of the WIP.

Overview of Round 1, process for Round 2

- So far, the Committee has discussed 12 issues in 8 weeks. Each small group has discussed three issues.
- The purpose of Round 1 is to shift away from presentation mode into deliberations. The Small Groups support a topic-based way of working and allowed Committee members to explore what is meaningful to them about the issue, what vexes them, and identify pathways ahead.
- This process has been instructive to the Project Team to understand the Committee's thinking and prepare material in response for Round 2.
- For Round 2, a memo with a further evidence base is provided to inform the discussion. The Project Team will send the memo one week prior to the Small Group meeting.
- Some more complex issues may require 3 or 4 sessions, others may be finished after Round 2 if recommendations emerge.
- The Policy Subgroup will meet on Monday 15 June to take a fresh look at the list of issues and the invite will be open to all Committee members. Some issues are cross-cutting, some issues have been covered in other Small Group discussions, and some issues may be merged for Round 2. Other issues may need to be added (e.g., wetlands, lakes and aquifer protection).
- Co-chairs and PT are considering the feedback loops from Small Group discussions to the full Committee. Idea to have a structured 6 minute pecha kucha style report back from each Small Group to bring a recap of the issue and present decision-points back to the full Committee.
- Committee members to provide feedback on Small Groups to the co-chairs.
- Consider allowing time for Committee members to share updates on their engagement during Committee meetings or in a separate session.

Project Team report back

- Draft framework from TKT expected by 1 July.
- Science subgroup meeting to be scheduled to explore the Expert Panel outputs and reports.
- The reports on wastewater and stormwater are currently being peer reviewed, which include costs and mitigations.
- The 2019 report and values report will be completed as a priority, aiming for this week.
- A memo on GW's role on rural land ownership is underway.
- PT to organise a session discussing information requests and Committee role on peatlands for interested Committee members.
- Co-chairs and PT to prepare a proposal for meeting in person or continuing on Zoom for the Committee's feedback.

Louise closed the meeting with a karakia.