

Te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara

Committee Meeting Five

General progress

This is meeting five which means we are almost one quarter of the way through our two-year process. To date, the Committee has focused on confirming how we will operate and the frameworks which will support that. The next step is to understand the key stages of our two-year process - which will be a focus of today's work.

The frameworks, policies and visions the Committee have developed, and are still developing, give us a shared lens to see and understand the current state of our Whaitua and build the necessary interventions. The second half of today's meeting will explore the work currently being led by the policy subgroup.

Keenly, the Committee has agreed that their responsibility goes beyond the development of the "WIP" and also includes capitalising on opportunities to influence decision makers and the public at large on water quality and quantity issues. This means that the Committee is committing to a process which is broader and more aspirational whilst also meeting the requirements of the NPSFM.

Because of the broadening of the scope, we need to consider how we best balance all of our (Committee and Project Team) time and resources. For this reason the Co-Chairs, alongside Tim and Phill, are looking at how we best utilise the subgroups, avoid repetition of work and ensure that we are weaving the work of each subgroup into the full Committee. The weaving of each subgroup back to the Committee is crucial as it will ensure alignment with our Foundational Framework and most importantly that key decisions are discussed with the entire Committee and receive their trust and confidence.

The following sections of this report provide a summary of key activities that took place throughout May and early June.

Subgroups

- The Policy subgroup had their first meeting on the 27th of May and laid the foundations for our possible policy approach which will be tested with the Committee today
- The Comms & Engagement subgroup had their second meeting on the 29th of May where they started developing key messages and reviewing comms material developed by the Project Team
- One further sub-group to be formed - science/technical
- The Committee is still at the stage of scoping how we want the sub-groups to operate and service the Committee – a terms of reference may need to be developed

Co-Chairs and Project Team

- Co-Chairs meet together monthly plus fortnightly with Tim and Phil to check in on progress and confirm the next month's agenda
- Committee members can either talk to the Project Team individually or use the Co-Chairs to feed thoughts/concerns/etc to the Project Team
- In future, we will use this section of the report to note comings and goings from the Committee and the Project Team

Committee's External Engagements

- A media release was made on 16 May focused on the election of Co-Chairs - the release has had positive feedback to date
- Kara was interviewed on 'Radio Waatea' - the interview was based around the role of the Whaitua with a particular focus on the role of Mana Whenua and holding the 'Co-Chair' position (which was taken very positively)
- The Committee made a submission to Wellington City Council re: "Planning for Growth" the submission was an articulation of our 'Foundational Framework' and a short covering note outlining the role of the Committee
- The Te Awarua o Porirua WIP will be launched on the 19th of June, at Takapūwāhia Marae – in attendance from the Committee will be Kara, Louise, and Roger
- On the 21st of June is an opportunity to share information to the public about Te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara at the 'Ahi Kaa Festival' – Jon Gabites will talk more to this event.