

# Informal Workshop Notes

## Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Workshop

**Held:** via Zoom (Audio Visual Workshop)

### Heamana

**Chairperson:** Dean Flavell (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust)

### Heamana Tuarua

**Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

### Ngā Kopounga

#### Members:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Jane Nees (Alternate)

Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust

Nicki Douglas

Erin Thompson (Alternate)

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa

Piki Thomas

Rotorua Lakes Council

Nick Chater (Lakes Community Board)

Cr Tania Tapsell (Alternate)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Cr Grant Dally

Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Alternate) – late arrival

Tauranga City Council

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Commissioner Bill Wasley (Alternate)

#### Informal Members:

Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue

Maru Tapsell

Manu Pene (Alternate)

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Te Taru White

#### Te Hunga i Tae Ake In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager, Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Nassah Rolleston-Steed - Principal Advisor, Policy and Planning, Gemma Moleta - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Ashleigh Grant - Kaikarere (Communications Partner), Reuben Gardinder - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Moana Boyd - Senior Planner, Anaru Vercoe - Pou Whaingā

- Principal Advisor, Fiona Wood - Programme Coordinator  
Integrated Catchments, Clarke Koopu - Senior Advisor, Riki-  
Lee Ainsworth - Planner, Tone Nerdrum Smith - Committee  
Advisor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Katy McGinity -  
Senior Recreation Planner, Peter Watson - Reserves and  
Facilities Manager, Matthew Leighton - Senior Policy  
Analyst

External: Karla Kereopa - Ministry for the Environment Te  
rohe o Te Arawa waka - Relationship Manager

## **Ngā Hōnea Apologies:**

Geoff Rice (Alternate, Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust), Rawiri  
Kingi (Alternate, Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust), , Cr  
Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council -  
early departure), Cr Te Taru White ( Bay of Plenty Regional  
Council - early departure),

## **1. Chair's Opening of the Workshop**

Chair Dean Flavell opened the workshop with a karakia.

### **1.1 Essential Freshwater Policy Programme: Tangata Whenua Engagement and Freshwater Values**

*Presentation - TMoK workshop - Freshwater - 27 August 2021 PDF: Objective ID  
A3928774*

Presented by: Gemma Moleta - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Jo Watts - Senior  
Planner (Water Policy), Reuben Gardiner - Senior Planner, Anaru  
Vercoe - Pou Whaingā (Principal Advisor), Ashleigh Grant -  
Kaikarere (Communications Advisor)

[Mapping our treasured freshwater sites | Participate BOPRC](#)

11.56am - Erin Thompson **withdrew** from the workshop.

#### **Key Points:**

- Worked through the key points within the presentation, including the interactive engagement/participation tool on the Regional Council website
- Noted that there also was a 'by invitation only' freshwater engagement tool with higher levels of security around the information that was entered
- Demonstrated the confidential (log in/password) Tangata Whenua engagement tool for freshwater sites
- Confidential swimming spots were not identified nor displayed on the public site
- Information collected by Council on behalf of Tangata Whenua would not be used or distributed unless with specific approval and agreement

- The public site on Participate Bay of Plenty/BOPRC map could be added to and updated by all users, however the Tangata Whenua map had limited access
- Water quality monitoring sites were located throughout the rohe and if areas of concerns were identified, these could be added to the monitoring site list
- A range of avenues for Tangata Whenua involvement was applied
- Hapū was working with the University of Waikato to gather information via tools similar to the BOPRC engagement tool.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Conversations should take place on both a governance level (River Authority members) and Iwi/Hapū level to actively seek opportunities to enhance the collective benefit
- Suggested the possibility of an 'on the land' hikoi within the rohe for new Council staff and River Authority members to learn more about freshwater sites
- Important that Tangata Whenua had their own voice in the freshwater management space
- Queried if it would be a better option to support Tangata Whenua in developing their own tools to accumulate freshwater information, rather than this knowledge being held by Regional Council
- Queried if all freshwater sites had to be location identified, or whether it could be identified more generically as located within an area
- Recognised the importance of co-operation and information sharing in freshwater management
- Actively using social media for engagement could be both positive and negative.

12.57pm - Cr Scrimgeour **withdrew** from the workshop.

12.59pm - Cr Nees **withdrew** from the workshop.

1.04pm - Cr McDonald **withdrew** from the workshop.

## **1.2 Presentation: Te Puke-Maketu Reserve Management Plan Review**

*Presentation - RMP workshop with TMOK - 27 August 2021: Objective ID A3928648*

Presented by: Katy McGinity - Senior Recreation Planner and Peter Watson - Reserves and Facilities Manager, Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

**Key Points - Presentation:**

- The presentation outlined the following:
  - What is a Reserve Management Plan?
  - Why are we reviewing the Te Puke-Maketu Reserve Management Plan?
  - Linkages to Te Tini a Tuna - Action plan
  - Key issues identified to date
  - Proposed timeline and next steps
  - What else needs to be considered?

- A comprehensive list of all reserves included in the review would be provided [refer presentation]

The long term lease agreement for Whakaue Reserve was reflected in the Reserve Management Plan.

**Key Points:**

- Considerations included:
  - Reserve naming/duplication
  - Identification of potential sites for the new Te Puke swimming pool
  - Dog exercise area concept
  - Horse exercise areas.

### **1.3 Resource Management and Three Waters Reforms**

Presented by: Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy), with supporting comments from Commissioner Shad Rolleston – Tauranga City Council.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Provided an outline of the central government proposal for the new management structure for the nation's three waters, i.e. drinking water; waste water; stormwater
- The proposal introduced the establishment of four crown entities and Tauranga City Council saw some value in this proposal
- The co-governance approach in the model meant Iwi would be part of the governance structure
- Public engagement was challenging due to short timeframes and Covid-19 lockdowns
- Noted that this was a central government driven reform that local government was responding to, rather than the decisions falling within local government.

Links to Tauranga City Council Engagement on the Three Waters Reforms:

[Three waters reform - Tauranga City Council](#)

<https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/council/water-services/three-waters-reform>

1.46pm – Commissioner Rolleston and Commissioner Wasley **withdrew** from the workshop,

### **1.4 Te Tini a Tuna Action Plan Status Report**

Presented by: Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager and Fiona Wood - Programme Coordinator Integrated Catchments

**Key Points:**

- Sought feedback on how to present progress on the various projects within the Action Plan to best align with Members' preferences and make the information clear and easily accessible
- Monitoring reporting , e.g. as was done for Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum, could be provided on a regular basis to the Authority.

1.58pm - Cr Tania Tapsell **withdrew** from the workshop.

**Guidance Provided:**

- Include a progress 'wheel'
- Use traffic light reporting
- Provide a high level outline of projects, then a second layer 'drilling down' into action progress
- Identify who the lead agency was for each project and the level of funding provided towards its overall cost
- Add information regarding funding partners/alternative funding sources
- Include progress tracking on each project.

## **2. Closing Karakia**

Manu Pene provided a closing karakia.

**2.05pm - the workshop closed.**