



Rangitāiki River Forum Rārangi Take (Agenda)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the next meeting of the Rangitāiki River Forum will be held in the Mataatua Room, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane on:

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 10:30 AM

The Rangitāiki River Forum is a permanent joint committee made up of representatives from:



Maramena Vercoe
Chairperson, Rangitāiki River Forum
30 March 2021

Rangitāiki River Forum

Membership

Chairperson	Maramena Vercoe (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa)
Deputy Chairperson	Vacant (tba)
Tangata Whenua Members One appointed representative each: Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa Hineuru Iwi Trust Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa	Karito Paul (Alternate) Bronco Carson Jose Miki (Alternate) Clifford Te Riini Paora Hunia (Alternate) Miro Araroa Tuwhakairiora O'Brien (Alternate) Vacant (tba) Ngapera Rangiaho Whakaeke Ritete Ngatoru Wall (Alternate)
Council Members One appointed members each: Whakatāne District Council Taupō District Council Up to five appointed members: Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Cr Alison Silcock Cr Wilson James (Alternate) Cr Kylie Leonard Cr Anna Park (Alternate) Cr Bill Clark Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti Cr Stacey Rose Cr Kevin Winters
Quorum	Three iwi members and three Council members and must include a Ngāti Whare member and a Ngāti Manawa member.
Meeting frequency	Quarterly

Other iwi and local authorities through consensus of the Forum, may join the Forum.

Vision

Te Mana o Te Wai – The First Right to Water is to the Water.

Mission

Te Reo o Te Wai - Te Mana – The voice of the Water, restoring Te Mana o Te Wai.

Purpose

To protect and enhance the environmental, cultural, and spiritual health, wellbeing and sustainable use of the Rangitāiki River and its resources, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Scope

The Rangitāiki River Forum's scope covers the geographical area of the Rangitāiki River Catchment including the Rangitāiki River, Whirinaki River, Wheao River and Horomanga River as referenced in the following Settlement Acts: Ngāti Whare Claims Settlement Act 2012; Ngāti Manawa Claims Settlement Act 2012; Tūhoe Claims Settlement Act 2014; Hineuru Claims Settlement Act 2016; Ngāti Tūwharetoa Claims Settlement Act 2018.

This is a permanent joint committee under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), and co-governance partnership between local authorities and iwi that share an interest in the Rangitāiki River, and must not be discharged unless all of the appointing organisations agree to the discharge.

Role

- Prepare and approve the Rangitāiki River Document for eventual recognition by the Regional Policy Statement, Regional Plans and District Plans.
- Promote the integrated and coordinated management of the Rangitāiki River.
- Engage with and provide advice to:
 - Local Authorities on statutory and non-statutory processes that affect the Rangitāiki River, including under the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - Crown agencies that exercise functions in relation to the Rangitāiki River.
- Monitor the extent to which the purpose of the Rangitāiki River Forum is being achieved including the implementation and effectiveness of the Rangitāiki River Document.
- Gather information, disseminate information and hold meetings
- Take any other action that is related to achieving the purpose of the Forum.

Decision Making

The Forum must make its decisions by a vote at a meeting and must seek to achieve consensus, be consistent with and reflect the purpose of the Forum and acknowledge the interests of iwi in particular parts of the Rangitāiki and its catchments.

Power to Act

The Forum has the discretion to determine in any particular circumstance whether to exercise any function identified and to what extent any function identified is exercised.

Power to Recommend

To the partner organisations on any matters within the Forum's delegated role as it deems appropriate.

Rangitāiki River Forum members report directly to their respective organisations.

Recommendations in reports are not to be construed as policy until adopted.

Rārangi Take

Agenda

- 1. Karakia Whakatuwhera
Opening Prayer**
- 2. Ngā Hōnea
Apologies**
- 3. Wāhanga Tūmatanui
Public Forum**
 - 3.1 Mr Hakahaka Hona – Revitalising waka ama on the Rangitāiki awa**
 - 3.2 Mr Heyden Johnston – Social and environmental concerns at the Rangitāiki River mouth**
- 4. Ngā Take Tōmuri
Items not on the Agenda**
- 5. Raupapa o Ngā Take
Order of Business**
- 6. Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua
Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**
- 7. Ngā Meneti
Minutes**

**Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti
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- 9. Whakaaturanga Presentations**
- 9.1 Update on Glass Eel Research on the Rangitaiki Awa - March 2021**
- Presented by: Siobhan Nuri – PhD Science Masters Student, and Dr Eimear Egan - Freshwater Fish Ecologist, NIWA
- 9.2 Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan Consultation 2021-2031**
- Presented by: Councillors Bill Clark and Toi Kai Rākau Iti, supported by Councillor Kevin Winters, Councillor Stacey Rose and Chris Ingle - General Manager Integrated Catchments
- 10. Whakahoutanga Kōrero Verbal Updates**
- 10.1 Forum Members' Verbal Updates**
- This is a standing item to enable Forum members the opportunity to provide an update on activities and matters of interest.
- 10.2 Update on Resource Consent Application RM187-0211 - Renewal of Non-Scheme Erosion Protection Works within the Bay of Plenty Region**
- Presented by: Chris Ingle, General Manager Integrated Catchments
- This verbal update is a follow-up from the presentation that was received by the Rangitāiki River Forum at its meeting on 4 September 2020.
- 11. Ngā Take Tōmuri Hei Whakaaroaro Consideration of Items not on the Agenda**
- 12. Karakia Kati Closing Prayer**

Rangitāiki River Forum

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing:

Friday 4 December 2020, 10.30 am

Venue:

Rangitāiki Cosmopolitan Club, 9 Bridge Street, Edgecumbe

Heamana

Chairperson:

Maramena Vercoe – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa

Ngā Kopounga

Members:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Cr Bill Clark, Cr Toi Kai

Rākau Iti, Cr Stacey Rose, Cr Kevin Winters

Hineuru Iwi Trust: Ivy Kahukiwa Smith

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare: Jose Miki (Alternate)

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa: Tuwhakairiora O'Brien (Alternate)

Te Kotahitanga o Tūwharetoa: Whakaeke Ritete

Whakatane District Council: Cr Alison Silcock, Cr Wilson James (Alternate)

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa: Karito Paul (Alternate)

Te Hunga i Tae Ake

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Chris Ingle – General

Manager Integrated Catchments, Yvonne Tatton –

Governance Manager, Micah Butt – Senior Māori Resource

Management Advisor, Charles Harley – Team Leader Eastern

Catchments, Mieke Kapa – Land Management Officer

(Eastern), Kataraina O'Brien – Kaiwhakahaere Kotahitanga,

Shari Kameta – Committee Advisor

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa: Maxeen Newton – Pou Taiao

Whakatāne District Council: Teryll Leper

Ngā Hōnea

Apologies:

Te Waiti Rangiwai (Deputy Chair) – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare

Miro Araroa – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

Ngapera Rangiaho – Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua

Clifford Te Riini, Paora Hunia (Alternate) – Ngāti Tūwharetoa

(Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust

Cr Kylie Leonard – Taupō District Council

1. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Tuwhakairiora O'Brien.

2. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from: Te Waiti Rangiwai, Ngapera Rangiaho, Miro Araroa, Cr Kylie Leonard, Clifford Te Riini and Paora Hunia tendered at the meeting.

Rose/Winters
CARRIED

3. Ngā Take Tōmuri Items not on the Agenda

3.1 Rangitāiki River Forum COVID-19 Response

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki River Forum COVID-19 Response and accepts it as an Item not on the Agenda. Notes the reason why this item was not on the Agenda is that the information was not available at the time the agenda was published, and the reason why it cannot be delayed is that it is relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic environment and needs consideration by the Forum.

Winters/Kahukiwa Smith
CARRIED

4. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business

The Chair advised of the following changes to the order of business:

1. Agenda Item 10.3, 'Southern Generation Limited Partnership Verbal Update' would be received earlier in the agenda to accommodate the early departure of the presenter.
2. Agenda Item 10.1, 'Forum Members Verbal Update' would be the last verbal update item discussed.

5. Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6. Ngā Meneti Minutes

Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Confirmed

6.1 Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes - 4 September 2020

Matters Arising

1. Minute 7.1, Forum Members Verbal Updates (agenda page 13) – it was noted that an amendment was made to the first bullet point of Cr Bill Clark’s verbal update after the draft minutes were circulated in September.
2. Minute Item 12, Deferred Items (agenda page 19) – The Glass Eel Study update would be deferred to the next meeting in March 2021, as the presenters were unable to attend this meeting.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

1. Confirms the Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes - 4 September 2020 as a true and correct record.

Rose/Vercoe
CARRIED

7. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

Ngā Whakatau e Hiahiatia Ana Decisions Required

7.1 Adoption of Revised Terms of Reference and Standing Orders and 2021 Dates

Presented by: Yvonne Tatton, Governance Manager

Key Points:

- Clarified key changes proposed to the Forum’s Terms of Reference and Standing Orders arising from feedback from members at a workshop held in October 2020.
- Standing order 4.3 Language would enable translation services to be arranged for more formal addresses, as opposed to general meeting discussion where an informal summary could be offered by members.
- Including a webcasting (livestreaming) provision would provide the option of livestreaming meetings in the future, if the Forum wished to do so.
- Livestreamed recordings of meetings would become a public record.

Key Points - Members:

- Standing Order 4.3 Language provisions would provide non-fluent te reo Māori speaking members the opportunity to consider and make decisions on matters raised and made provision for te reo Māori as an

official language of Aotearoa-New Zealand. Comments raised encouraged all to learn and gain further understanding of te reo Māori.

- Accepted the proposed Standing Orders, subject to the following changes:
 - 4.4 Webcasting (Livestreaming) – amend to be by agreement of the Forum. It was noted that presently, the Forum did not wish to livestream its meetings, as recordings could be subject to misinterpretation via online platforms.
 - 10 Tikanga - include appropriate wording to recognise that the business of the Forum will incorporate tikanga Māori as and where appropriate.
- In regard to Quorum requirements:
 - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa Board and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare Board had expressed their wish for the status quo (both a Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Whare appointed member) to be maintained. Reasons for this were to maintain the recognition and mana of their founding Treaty Settlements, and both partners had appointed alternate members to attend in the absence of the appointed member.
 - Members noted respect of the founding Treaty Settlements, time and effort to attend and coordinate meetings, and members' obligations to ensure representation at meetings.
 - Local Authority members acknowledged this was a matter for iwi members to decide and would abstain from voting on the quorum membership.
- In relation to 13.5, Absent without leave – members supported retaining the provision to recognise members' responsibility to attend meetings and tender their apologies.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Adoption of Revised Terms of Reference and Standing Orders and 2021 Meeting Dates.**
- 2 Approves the Rangitāiki River Forum's Terms of Reference as amended under Attachment 1.**
- 3 Authorises the BOPRC Governance Manager, as the administering body, to make any necessary formatting and minor grammatical changes to the Standing Orders document as required.**
- 4 Adopts the Rangitāiki River Forum's 2021 schedule of meetings as listed below:**
 - **Friday, 5 March 2021**
 - **Friday, 4 June 2021**
 - **Friday, 3 September 2021**
 - **Friday, 3 December 2021**

**Winters/Silcock
CARRIED**

- 5 Adopts the Rangitāiki River Forum's Standing Orders as amended under Attachment 2, subject to the agreed amendments at the meeting and a further amendment in regard to the Quorum for Meetings as follows:**

- (a) The Quorum must include a member appointed by Ngāti Whare and a member appointed by Ngāti Manawa.**

**Vercoe/Kahukiwa Smith
CARRIED**

Councillors Kevin Winters, Bill Clark, Stacey Rose, Toi Kai Rākau Iti and Alison Silcock abstained from voting.

7.2 Appointment of Chairperson

The Chair vacated the chair and the Forum's Committee Champion Chris Ingle assumed the chair to facilitate the voting process for appointing a Chairperson.

Key Points:

- Recommended Voting System B as the simplified voting system.

Key Points - Members:

- Alternate member Jose Miki, on behalf of Deputy Chair Te Waiti Rangiwhai, confirmed that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare wished to re-nominate Maramena Vercoe to the Chair, as Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare were not ready to take on the position of the Chair at this time.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

1 Receives the report, Appointment of Chairperson.

2 Selects System B as the voting system to elect the Chairperson.

**Rose/Winters
CARRIED**

3 Elects Maramena Vercoe as the Chairperson of the Rangitāiki River Forum effective from the next meeting of the Rangitāiki River Forum.

**Miki/Rose
CARRIED**

Hei Pānui Anake Information Only

7.3 Implementation for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

Presented by: Micah Butt, Senior Māori Resource Management Advisor

Key Points - Staff:

- Subsequent to the report, Council had directed staff at a Council Workshop in November to bring the notification date of a plan change forward from December 2024 (statutory deadline) to July 2024 to ensure the statutory deadline was met.
- NPSFM process would provide Iwi/hapū the opportunity to identify cultural values.
- Encouraged Iwi partners to look at the suite of changes under new section 80A Freshwater planning process of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Further information would be provided to Iwi/hapū via the engagement process.

Key Points - Members:

- Acknowledged the range of potential options for Iwi to engage.
- Noted support for: kaitiaki reference groups for practitioners, involving Iwi/hapū within compliance and monitoring roles and funding the input of kaitiaki practitioners.
- Encouraged Iwi to submit on the Regional Council's Long Term Plan budget for NPSFM engagement, which would be out for submission in March 2021.
- NPSFM was a truncated process that would be important for Iwi/hapū and the Forum to engage and be involved in the process.
- NPSFM implementation had no recourse via the Environment Court and would be decided by the Government appointed Freshwater Hearing Commissioner, which was a significant change.
- Supported the opportunity to meet with other co-governance committees to gain an understanding of wider views, collective aspirations and goals.
- Ngāti Rangitihi would be signing their Deed of Settlement and should be included in discussions.
- Sought further understanding of the process to enable the Forum members to provide leadership and a framework that could assist Iwi/hapū/whānau in the process.

Items for Staff Follow Up:

- Liaise with the Forum Chair to arrange a meeting with the co-governance committees.
- Provide a simplified NPSFM brief to facilitate a workshop with hapū/kaitiaki environmental representatives and practitioners within the Rangitāiki River catchment.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Implementation for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.**
- 2 Provides guidance on preferences for involvement in the engagement approaches outlined in Te Hononga.**

**O'Brien/Iti
CARRIED**

7.4 Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme: Annual Work Plan 2020/2021

Charles Harley, Team Leader Eastern Catchments noted that the report had been deferred from the previous meeting, but had been discussed during the 4 September Forum Workshop.

Key Points - Members:

- Hearing Panel Recommendations following the Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaw 2020 Hearing had been completed and were to be reported for adoption to the Regional Council Meeting on 17 December 2020.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme: Annual Work Plan 2020/2021.**

Clark/Rose
CARRIED**7.5 Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme: Annual Report 2019-2020****Resolved****That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme: Annual Report 2019-2020.**

Clark/Rose
CARRIED**7.6 Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme: July - October Dashboard Report****Resolved****That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme: July - October Dashboard Report.**

Clark/Silcock
CARRIED**Change to Order of Business**

Agenda item 10.3, Southern Generation Limited Partnership Verbal Update was received next to accommodate the early departure of the presenter.

7.7 Southern Generation Limited Partnership Verbal Update

Presented by: Craig Rowe, Area Regional Manager, Southern Generation Limited Partnership

Key Points:

- Peter Mulvihill, General Manager Project Development and Delivery was unable to attend the meeting and would be retiring in two weeks' time.
- Annual sediment survey of Lake Aniwhenua was being completed as a requirement of the Aniwhenua Dam consent. The survey file note would be filed with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) and could be made available upon request.
- Phase One of the Lake Aniwhenua Walkway Project was progressing well with landowner engagement and preliminary work in progress for consent.
- Lake weed spraying in front of the reserve would be completed and lake lowering scheduled in April 2021.
- Options for expanding the spray programme would be discussed with BOPRC in the following week.
- Resource consent for removal of sediment in Paparoa Stream was due to expire at the end of 2020. SGPL were consulting with key iwi and Tonkin & Taylor had been engaged to undertake the consent process.

- Regarding the removal of sediment downstream of Kopuriki Bridge and options to prevent upstream flooding – work would be undertaken in March 2021 and expertise sought from BOPRC for a river management consent.
- Expressions of interest for contract tender had been advertised in October, however no tenders had been received, which could potentially be a result of access challenges. SGPL would be pursuing contractor engagement further.
- SGPL were continuing to work with Ngāti Manawa staff on the downstream trap and transfer programme.
- SGPL were continuing to financially support the upstream elver programme that was run from the Matahina Power Station by the Kokopu Trust and Trustpower.
- An upstream elver pass was being built by Pioneer Energy staff for install to the Aniwhenua Barrage and was expected to be commissioned by year end.

Key Points - Members:

- Pleased with the progress being made towards sediment removal at Kopuriki Bridge and the upstream elver pass.
- On behalf of the Forum, the Chair requested that thanks and recognition be conveyed to Peter Mulvihill for his work and contribution.

8. Whakaaturanga Presentations

8.1 Rangitaiki River Reconnection Project Update

Presentation - Rangitaiki River Reconnection Project: Objective ID A3694702

Presented by: Mieke Kapa, Land Management Officer (Eastern)

Key Points:

- Project vision was to reconnect and restore a fresh water flow and ecological and cultural pathways between the Rangitāiki and Tarawera rivers from Okorero to Te Awa o te Atua near Matatā.
- Overview of the historical landscape of the lower Rangitāiki River prior to drainage and current landscape.
- Project benefits would improve mauri/cultural values, water quality, terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna.
- Progress included: approval of business case and early investigation stage, initial conversations held with landowners, channel survey completed, and commencement of design model and legal advice on landowner status.
- Viability of the project would depend on legal and consent related matters, hydrological issues and funding.
- Next steps would be to: meet with iwi/hapū/landowners/key stakeholders, followed by modelling, source funding and further engagement with the Forum.

Key Points - Members:

- Supported the project and the considerable benefits it would provide, and working with tangata whenua.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the presentation, Rangitāiki River Reconnection Project Update.**

**Clark/O'Brien
CARRIED**

9. Whakahoutanga Kōrero Verbal Updates

9.1 Trustpower Limited Verbal Update

Presented by: Ryan Piddington, Environmental and Regulatory Services Manager,
Trustpower Limited

Key Points:

- Environmental Manager Chris Fern had resigned recently from Trustpower.
- Preliminary science and initial engagement had commenced with Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Whare on the 2026 consent renewal process work programme. Senior Environmental Advisor Lisa Mead would be leading the programme.
- Sought consideration of how the Forum wished to engage with Trustpower on the consent renewal process.
- Trustpower were working with the Kerrison whānau to support the Kokopu Trust's continuation of the trap and transfer programme.
- Progress on the fish transfer trial system had been delayed and impacted by staff changes and COVID-19. However, Trustpower were still committed to the project with a key focus to revisit the schedule for staged testing and implementation in the New Year.
- Environmental data and erosion monitoring had been submitted to the Regional Council in November 2019.

In Response to Questions:

- Confirmed that Trustpower had the appropriate flood emergency management and monitoring plan in place for the Matahina Dam.
- Discussions were taking place with Southern Generation on downstream tuna migration for the upcoming season.

Key Points - Members:

- Emphasized the importance the Forum and Iwi partners placed on the continuance and implementation of the fish passage trial system.

9.2 Climate Change Adaptation Regional Workshop 19 October and Forum Forward Planning Discussion

Presented by: Chris Ingle, General Manager Integrated Catchments

Key Points:

- The Workshop was held primarily for the region's local authorities to share perspectives and seek a consistent approach on climate change.
- A presentation had been provided by Nicki Douglas on Te Arawa's climate change action plan.

- Climate change adaptation would start to become a significant part of the Regional Council's work into the future.
- Opportunity was open for Iwi partners to talk to the Regional Council and be involved where interested.
- Discussion on forward planning for the Forum would be deferred to a future time.

Key Points - Members:

- The climate change workshop had been insightful and attended by four of the seven councils, including representatives from Ngāti Awa.
- Further workshops would be held with local authorities.
- The initial workshop had provided councils with a line of sight in regard to risk assessment and climate change plans.
- Looked forward to further discussion at the governance level.

9.3 Forum Members Verbal Update

Cr Kevin Winters – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Council had held several workshops on its Long Term Plan (LTP), reviewed its financial strategy and priorities, therefore was confident that the LTP was robust
- Would be seeking more funding for the environment, volunteer sector, pest control and biodiversity across the region.

Jose Miki

- No update to report.

Ivy Kahukiwa Smith

- Hineuru iwi and hapū groups were discussing waterways in the Mohaka catchment with Hawke's Bay Regional Council, which had highlighted the cultural and spiritual values and the importance of Te Mana o te Wai.
- Re-establishment of tītī on Titiokura maunga had occurred following the gifting and translocation of the manu from Little and Great Barrier islands. Department of Conservation had recently monitored the site returning positive results.

Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Encouraged and looked forward to receiving considered submissions from Iwi and hapū on the Council's Long Term Plan.

Cr Stacey Rose – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Climate Change Adaptation Regional Workshop on 19 October had provided an insight into the impacts of climate change on the environment and sea level rise.
- Emphasized the importance of iwi/hapū/whānau submitting to Council's Long Term Plan.

Tu O'Brien

- Regarding the proposed whitebait regulations:
 - Department of Conservation had compiled a good report on submissions with decisions to be released in 2021.
 - Ngāti Awa hapū representatives had made submissions and raised concerns in regard to the consultation process and blanket regulations to prohibit upstream pegging and whitebaiting at river mouths.

- Considered that the Department of Conservation (DOC) should be tailoring the regulations to suit each region and awa (river).
- NIWA's Glass Eel Research Study was still in progress on the Rangitāiki awa.
- Siobhan Nuri (NIWA Masters student) had presented her Glass Eel findings to the New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society Conference on 1-4 December 2020.
- Climate change impacts on tuna heke was a concern for iwi.
- Recommended that the Regional Council introduce new sub-contractors to local whanau before they carry out work along the river to prevent any issues arising.
- Ngāti Awa had undertaken a tītī harvest on Moutohorā Island recently as maintaining cultural traditions and skills was a key imperative.
- Ngāti Awa were liaising with Fonterra on their stormwater consent application.

Cr Wilson James – Whakatane District Council

- Whakatane District Council's Long Term Plan process would be commencing next year.

Cr Alison Silcock – Whakatane District Council

- Galatea community group would be appointing trustees for the Lake Aniwanui Walkway Project.
- Highlighted lake weed as an ongoing safety issue at Lake Aniwanui and the need for a longer term solution.

Whakaeke Ritete – Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tuwharetoa

- Primary focus for TKNT was on its people and Lake Taupō and its 62 tributaries.
- TKNT were investing in a retirement home and potential nursery investment that would provide employment and sustainable environmental benefits for local iwi/hapū.

Cr Bill Clark – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Sought Whakatane District Council's consideration to provide and improve public amenities on both sides of the Thornton river mouth.
- Would like to see a survey on people that frequent the river mouth to support a future proposal.

Karito Paul (Alternate) – Te Rūnanga on Ngāti Manawa

- A lot of mahi and activity was occurring along the river and catchment, i.e. wetland development, pest control, planting, stakeholder engagement.
- Sedimentation issue was increasing, mainly due to forest harvesting.
- Acknowledged Trustpower and Pioneer Energy, wider catchment issues.

Maramena Vercoe – Te Rūnanga on Ngāti Manawa

- No further update to report.

10. Ngā Take Tōmuri Hei Whakaaroaro Consideration of Items not on the Agenda

10.1 Late Item - Rangitāiki River Forum Covid-19 Response

Tabled Document 1 - Rangitāiki River Forum COVID-19 Response: Objective ID A3685483

Presented by: Maramena Vercoe, Forum Chairperson

Key Points:

- The Forum Chair and Deputy Chair had reviewed Ngāti Whare's COVID-19 response plan to determine an appropriate response for the Forum.
- Considered an appropriate focus for the Forum during a COVID-19 response would be to maintain the status of water quality monitoring and access to mahinga kai, as a source of kai for Iwi/hapū and their people.
- COVID-19 legislative processes were anticipated to draw to a close at the end of December, however considered it appropriate for the Forum to consider this matter.
- Iwi, hapū and communities were best placed to support their own communities.

Key Points - Members:

- Comment was noted in support of the COVID-19 response, noting that during COVID-19, Iwi/hapū had gone through a process of taking ownership to provide for their communities and incorporating the management of mahinga kai as an essential service, which had involved discussion with the police and relevant agencies.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Notes and receives the report, Rangitāiki River Forum COVID-19 Response and accepts it as an Item not on the Agenda. Notes the reason why this item was not on the Agenda is that the information was not available at the time the agenda was published, and the reason why it cannot be delayed is that it is relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic environment and needs consideration by the Forum.**

**Rose/Kahukiwa Smith
CARRIED**

11. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Tu O'Brien.

1:47 pm – the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Maramena Vercoe
Chairperson, Rangitāiki River Forum

Pūrongo Ki: Report To:	Rangitāiki River Forum
Rā Hui: Meeting Date:	9 April 2021
Kaituhi Pūrongo: Report Writer:	Maramena Vercoe, Rangitāiki River Forum Chairperson
Kaiwhakamana Pūrongo: Report Authoriser:	Maramena Vercoe, Rangitāiki River Forum Chairperson
Kaupapa: Purpose:	To seek endorsement of a joint submission made to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Chairperson's Report

Executive Summary

This report seeks endorsement from the Rangitāiki River Forum (Forum) of the joint submission made to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 for a shared resource to support the Co-Governance Chairs of the Forum and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.

Recommendations

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report.**
- 2 Endorse the submission made to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (attached as Attachment 1).**

1. Purpose

The attached submission was prepared jointly by myself on behalf of the Rangitāiki River Forum and the Chairman of the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority; requesting a shared resource for both river forums to ensure both Chairs are well supported, going forward.

My thoughts were also that the work programme for the Rangitāiki River needs to be further developed to reflect the Te Ao Māori perspective, and more specifically to provide for matters such as:

- Te Mana o te Wai;
- Three Waters and particularly the NPS for Freshwater;
- Enhancement of habitat for our native tuna populations; and

- Preparing for hydro dam re-consenting in the near future.

Our programme needs to be a work programme co-designed by the full Rangitāiki River Forum membership, rather than one developed and resourced by the councils.

I seek the endorsement of the Forum members for the submission attached.

Tuhinga Tautoko Attachments

Attachment 1 - Rangitāiki River Forum and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Chairs'
Submission to BOPRC Long Term 2021-2031

Tena koutou ngā mema o te whanga nui o te kaunihera a rohe, tena koa whakaae mai ki tenei tono a Te Awa o Rangitāiki me Te Maru o Kaituna.

Greetings to the members of Bay of Plenty Regional Council, please accept this joint submission on behalf of the Rangitāiki River Forum and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority as a joint submission by the Chairpersons on behalf of our respective forums.

Re: BOPRC Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission: Rangitāiki River Forum and Te Maru o Kaituna

Introduction

Regional and District Councillors and Iwi representatives serve alongside us as members of these forums and participate in co-governance decision making, thereby being the respective voice of the Rangitāiki River and the Kaituna River.

Background

Both river entities have been through an establishment phase and prepared their river plans that identify the various issues that pertain to each river. Several work streams have resulted from these plans. The work is ongoing and now involves the new NPS Freshwater implementation process.

This establishment phase has taken up to 9 years and with the challenges that now confront us, and with the passage of time, we find that some changes are required so that both river co-governance entities can move into a development phase. That Development Phase can be characterised by building strong leadership, robust advocacy and capability that extends across the region that is visible in all communities.

The administrative arrangements that support our work currently rely heavily on the staff of the regional council. While this has worked well to date, it is not the optimal arrangement.

Our proposal

The optimal arrangement would be an independent secretariat that serves both river co-governance, reporting directly to each Chair. We believe it would be efficient to share this resource between the two chairs, as there is some commonality of purpose and function. We are also in discussions with the two harbour¹ co-governance chairs, with the view of potentially sharing resource with those two joint committees as well.

Independent support to the co-governance Chairs is needed so that the Chairs have a committed resource towards delivery of outputs and effective efficiencies. The tracking and reporting to iwi members on progress of the Rangitāiki river forum work stream and *Te Tini a Tuna* "Kaituna action plan" between meetings will help towards meeting preparation. As Chairs our role is additional to our roles in paid work and iwi/hapu responsibilities. An independent secretariat will enable us to delegate management tasks to them while we can maintain our focus on the work programme designed to deliver our respective objectives.

It has become clear to those who serve on these forums that these river forums/entities will not reach their full potential unless this sort of independent support is progressed.

¹ The Tauranga Moana Advisory Group and the Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum.

Independent expert RMA advice is needed because in some situations a Council officer will not be able to provide that same level of independence, and nor should they be expected to. We are keen to maintain some autonomy and distance from the council in terms of the advice we seek however to date we have not tested the role of the fora through the functions as legislated in the Ngati Manawa Treaty Settlement Claim Act 2012 or the Ngati Whare Treaty Settlement Claim Act 2012.

As Chair of the Rangitaiki River Forum I would like to include a work programme for the forum that would include:

- Preparing the forum for the re-consenting of hydro dams;
- The Capture of Te Mana o te Wai from concept to delivery;
- The three waters programme particularly freshwater;
- Provision for improving the tuna habitat in the river environment; and
- Providing support to our communities regarding matters of concern to them.

The Treaty Rights of iwi/maori/hapu regarding freshwater is a Kaupapa that requires engagement and korero with the people despite the fact that the matter is yet to reach the debating table.

Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority representation is across WBOPDC, RLC, TCC and BOPRC all have dedicated resource and staff, Iwi authority membership are Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust, Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue, Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust, Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust/Te Kapu o Waitaha joint seat. Iwi authority participation is fixed through a meeting fee and travel reimbursements.

Recently, Te Maru o Kaituna has approved its long-term plan *Te Tini a Tuna Kaituna Action Plan* www.kaituna.org.nz which aligns projects to achieve outcomes within our catchment. Having a dedicated secretariat, to help co-ordinate from a tangata whenua perspective is essential but also advantageous to the regional council in respect of co-ordinating meetings, updating project profiles, input into the Kaituna newsletter/panui including wider community communications.

Conclusion

As the Chairs of the Rangitaiki River Forum and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, we wish to acknowledge the work that the regional council and staff have done to assist and support appointed members towards achieving our relevant objectives and goals.

However, as Chairs we now request our own resource to co-ordinate the mahi, and the reporting of progress with that mahi, from the Chair's own perspectives.

We therefore request a new secretariat resource be provided via the Long-Term Plan, ensuring the future success of the two river entities (and potentially in the future harbour advisories) in providing a voice for these important environments.

We request the right to speak to this submission at the LTP hearings.



Maramena Vercos
Chair of the Rangitāiki River Forum



Terekaunuku Dean Flavell
Chair of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai - Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.



Pūrongo Ki: Report To:	Rangitāiki River Forum
Rā Hui: Meeting Date:	9 April 2021
Kaituhi Pūrongo: Report Writer:	Shari Kameta, Committee Advisor
Kaiwhakamana Pūrongo: Report Authoriser:	Yvonne Tatton, Governance Manager Chris Ingle, General Manager, Integrated Catchments
Kaupapa: Purpose:	To confirm the appointment of a new member onto the Forum and consider the appointment of a new Deputy Chairperson.

Change in Membership and Appointment of a Deputy Chairperson

Whakarāpopototanga Executive Summary

This report seeks to advise and confirm the appointment of Bronco Carson as the (interim) member appointed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare (TRONW), following the resignation of Te Waiti Rangiwhai from TRONW.

Following Te Waiti Rangiwhai's departure, the Rangitāiki River Forum (Forum) are also asked to consider appointing a new Deputy Chairperson for the Forum.

Ngā tūtohutanga Recommendations

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Change in Membership and Appointment of a Deputy Chairperson.**
- 2 Confirms the appointment of Bronco Carson onto the Rangitāiki River Forum as the (interim) appointed member for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare.**
- 3 Selects System B as the voting system for the election of a Deputy Chairperson.**
- 4 Elects _____ as the Deputy Chairperson of the Rangitāiki River Forum.**

1. He Whakamārama Background

Notice has been received from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare (TRONW) of the resignation of Te Waiti Rangiwhai (Forum's Deputy Chairperson) from TRONW, taking effect on 5 February 2021.

Following Te Waiti Rangiwhai's notice of resignation, TRONW Board has made the following interim measures for its representation on the Forum:

1. Bronco Carson: TRoNW Trustee: interim representative
2. Jane Nicholas: TRoNW Trustee: Observer
3. Jose Miki: TRoNW Alternate

Subsequent to the departure and resignation of the Forum's Deputy Chair, the Forum is asked to consider the appointment of new Deputy Chair.

Provisions for the appointment of the Deputy Chairperson are set out under the Forum's Standing Orders 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4:

- The Deputy Chair may be reappointed or removed by the Forum.
- The appointment is for a term of 3 years, unless the Deputy Chair resigns or is removed by the Forum during that term.
- The appointment must be decided at a meeting by vote and by the majority of members present and voting.
- The Forum must decide by resolution to use one of two voting systems (set out in section 2 below) when electing people to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions.

2. Voting System for election of Deputy Chairperson

The Forum must resolve to use one of the following voting systems, as set out in the Forum's Standing Orders:

“System A

- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the Forum voting; and*
- (b) *has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) *there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and*
 - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
 - (iii) *If no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
 - (iv) *In any round of voting if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*

System B

- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
- (b) *has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) *there is only one round of voting; and*
 - (ii) *if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot."*

It is recommended that the Forum selects System B as its voting system.

3. **The Voting Process**

The following provides the steps in the voting process:

1. Forum resolves to adopt a voting system and the procedure in the event of a tie.
2. The Chairperson calls for nominations for Deputy Chairperson (nominated and seconded).
3. Nominees may be allowed up to 10 minutes to make a presentation.
4. Voting for the appointment of the Deputy Chairperson as per the agreed system.
5. Deputy Chairperson declared elected.

In agreeing the voting process, ground rules are also agreed.

Ground Rules

- a) A member may nominate or second themselves.
- b) Any member may call for a Division – where the names of members voting for and against and any abstentions, are taken down in random order.

4. **Ngā Whakaarohanga Considerations**

4.1 **Ngā Mōrea me Ngā Whakangāwaritanga Risks and Mitigations**

There are no significant risks associated with this decision.

4.2 **Huringa Āhuarangi Climate Change**

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature and there is no need to consider climate change impacts.

4.3 **Ngā Pānga ki te Māori Implications for Māori**

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature where there are no significant implications for Māori associated with the decision.

4.4 **Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Community Engagement**



Engagement with the community is not required as the recommended proposal / decision [relates to internal Council matters only].

4.5 **Ngā Pānga ā-Pūtea Financial Implications**

There are no material unbudgeted financial implications and this fits within the allocated budget.

5. **Ngā Mahi Whai Ake Next Steps**

The Deputy Chair will assume the role for a term of three years until March 2024, unless they resign or are removed by the Forum during that term.

Rangitāiki River Forum Dashboard November 2020 – January 2021						
Programme Manager		Charles Harley	As of Forum Meeting	5 March 2021	Green	Programme highlights
Programme Sponsor		Chris Ingle	Previous RAG status	July – October 2020	Green	Rivers & Drainage - The Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaws 2020 were adopted by Council on 17 December 2020 with an operative date of 1 February 2021.
Category	Previous RAG Status	RAG Status Current	Comment on any RAG where status is not Green			Rivers & Drainage - Provincial Growth Fund funded wilding pine control was completed over an area of 1,238 hectares in locations along the Rangitāiki River - Omataroa to Te Mahoe, Waiohau, Murupara and Manganui.
Overall	Green	Green				Coastal Catchments – Freshwater Improvement Fund - Plants in Hinengawari are flourishing, with trees planted 6 months ago have grown from 0.5m to 1.7m in that time. The pest animal control has meant that dense beds of kahikatea seedlings have been established throughout Karamuramu.
Schedule	Green	Amber/Red	There is schedule slippage occurring on three projects across the programme			Biosecurity - Signing of second tier funding agreements with Operational Area leads in Wilding pine programme.
Scope	Green	Green				Biosecurity - Signing of contracts with service providers for wilding pine operations that BOPRC are the lead for.
Resources	Green	Green				
Budget	Green	Green				
No.	Annual Work Plan Projects 2020/2021					Programme updates
Shared			Scope	Budget	Schedule	Biosecurity – Work continues on a number of eradication pest species in the catchment, including Alligator weed, wilding pines and wallabies. RPMP adopted in December 2020. Operational Plan under development and will be presented to Council for adoption in March.
1	Te Hekenga o Tuna Plan		Green	Green	Green	Biosecurity – Upper Rangitāiki Wilding Conifer Programme - Signing of contracts with Operational leads and Service providers. Control operations began in Timberlands managed forestry.
Bay of Plenty Regional Council			Scope	Budget	Schedule	Biosecurity – Management of High Priority Species - Surveillance and/or control work undertaken at a number of sites in the catchment.
1	Biosecurity		Green	Green	Green	Coastal Catchments - Focus Catchment Upper Rangitāiki/Otangimoana – The Action Plan has been completed with the final Monitoring Plan in development, actions for the Action and Monitoring Plans are in progress; two EP's have been signed with another two in development; the Farmer Focus Catchment Group is established and working on nutrient projects with independent consultants.
2	Coastal Catchments Land Management		Green	Green	Green	Coastal Catchments - Lake Aniwanuiwa - sprayed in December covering a larger area of 18ha instead of the normal 8ha, the extra hectares were funded by Southern Generation as a one off. Drone monitoring post application has shown a decrease in weed infestation from January 2020.
3	Engineering		Green	Green	Green	Coastal Catchments - Provincial Growth Fund Project - Completed in November 2020 with an additional 80 km's of bait station networks being completed within the catchment than what was originally planned (Pūtauaki 30 km's was what was originally planned for the catchment and then an additional site of Omataroa with 80km's).
4	Integrated Planning		Green	Green	Green	Coastal Catchments - Freshwater Improvement Fund - Yet to determine whether a fence is necessary at Karamuramu and Hinengawari, the project team is aiming for a resolution by end of May. All pest animal management is in maintenance phase with many seedlings now growing in the understory. The Bird Monitoring survey was completed in Sept/Oct, Spotless Crane were heard at each wetland and an increase in bird species can be heard in the wetlands. Planting at Hinengawari and Rangipo were completed in winter 2020, the first plant releases were completed prior to Christmas, and contractors will review in the next month to determine further needs this year. Willow control is on track, a drone was utilised in November to target areas that were not completed from the ground during initial control. All other follow up weed control is complete for the year.
5	Rivers & Drainage		Green	Green	Green	Coastal Catchments - Te Hekenga o Te Tuna - The remediation of small structures in the Rangitāiki Catchment to provide fish passage is continuing through February and March and indications are that more than 50 structures will be remediated by the end of the financial year.
6	Science		Green	Green	Red	Compliance – currently undertaking compliance on some of the water takes on and from the Rangitāiki River; the Compliance team have also completed all 2020 dairy inspections that are farming near the Rangitāiki River.
Whakatāne District Council			Scope	Budget	Schedule	Engineering – River Scheme Sustainability Project - Scope prepared for investigation of saltwater intrusion into groundwater in the lower Rangitāiki.
1	Lake Aniwanuiwa (Aniwhenua) – Renewals budget (plus staff time)		Green	Green	Green	Integrated Planning – Review of the Regional Natural Resources Plan - A number of chapter reviews for the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan is under way.
2	Edgecumbe Reserves – Renewals budget (plus staff time)		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage – Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaws 2020 Review – Review of the Floodway and Drainage Bylaws 2008 is now complete with the Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaws 2020 adopted by Council on 17 December 2020 (operative February 2021).
3	Thornton Domain - Renewals budget plus staff time		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage – Performance Assessment of Rangitāiki River Critical Assets - Defect repairs progressing - initial focus on high priority sites.
4	Murupara Wastewater Treatment Plan receiving environmental monitoring - \$25,000 (plus staff time)		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage – April 2017 Flood Repair Project - 52 Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme sites completed, 91% of the high priority Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme sites completed.
5	Murupara Water Safety Plan Initiatives - \$300,000 (plus staff time)		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage – Floodway – Stage 6a - Construction works underway and making good progress. All major earthworks completed and work has commenced on seepage trenches. Project completion estimated early March 2021. Stage 6b - construction commenced late November with 50% of the earthworks and all culvert upgrades now completed; project completion estimated early April 2021. Stage 6c - design completed in November and contract has been awarded to Waiotahi Contractors. Culvert works are underway, with earthworks starting in early April once finalised Resource Consent received. Stage 7 stopbanks – Resource Consent received and works to commence February/March 2021.Stage 7 spillway – additional modelling completed and final design to commence post a planning workshop in mid-February 2021. On track for construction to commence November 2021.
6	Murupara Wastewater Network Inflow and Infiltration Strategy - \$100,000 (plus staff time)		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage - Rangitāiki River Capacity Review Modelling – Modelling complete and being reviewed.
7	Three Waters Strategy – staff resources only		Green	Green	Green	Rivers and Drainage – Floodwall Remedial Work – 87-109 College Road – design underway and on track for completion by July 2021; construction planned to commence October 2021. West Bank Road/Grieg's Road – project nearing completion. East Bank Road – Design and contract documentation complete; paper to Council in February to bring construction forward into 2020-2021 financial year. Consultation work scheduled to commence April 2021, subject to Council approval.
Taupō District Council			Scope	Budget	Schedule	Rivers and Drainage – Lower Rangitāiki River Lower Stopbank Raising - Project has been deferred to the 2021-2022 financial year as funding has been transferred to East Bank Road floodwall remedial works project. Anticipated that construction will now commence in October 2021.
1	District plan review		Green	Green	Amber	Rivers and Drainage – Provincial Growth Fund - Work completed - the Rangitāiki wilding pine eradication took place over three contracts. • Omataroa to Te Mahoe - treated approximately 500 trees over 45 ha; • Waiohau - treated 400 wilding pine over 73 ha of native scrub and forest; • Murupara/Manganui - treated 1548 trees over an area of approximately 1,120 ha.
2	Maintenance of the northern part of Taharua Road, Matea Road, Matea Bridge and Rangitāiki School Road		Green	Green	Green	Science – Rangitāiki NERM SOE Monitoring – Proceeding as planned.
3	Washed out gully on Matea Road		Green	Green	Amber	Science – Rangitāiki Catchment Fish Surveys – The survey work has been delayed and is unlikely to be completed this calendar year.
4	Biodiversity Strategy		Green	Green	Green	Taupō District Council – District Plan Review - Workshop held with the Forum on 13 October 2020 about Rural and Natural Values chapters. Council to re draft the strategic directions section to show how the plan will implement the objectives from Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki this will be sent to the Forum prior to the next workshop. TDC will contact Ngati Manawa to arrange a meeting to discuss how Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki objectives will be incorporated within the Council's work programme.
Taupō District Council - Biodiversity Strategy - Waiting for the release of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity before determining the scope of the project.						
Taupō District Council - Washed out gully on Matea Road - Works to be undertaken 1 March and completed by 10th March.						
Whakatāne District Council – Lake Aniwanuiwa - Sails installed over playground (shared cost between WDC and Galatea Reserves Committee). Upgraded toilets and landscaping of surrounding area. Positive feedback from community and users of the freedom camping area						
Whakatāne District Council – Edgecumbe Reserves - Playground completed last quarter. Management and work with Community board ongoing within budgets. Thornton Domain - Playground completed last quarter. Management and work with Community board ongoing within budgets. Liaising with community, campground, and police for managing CCTV and antisocial behaviour.						
Whakatāne District Council - Murupara Wastewater Treatment Plan - Monitoring undertaken as results brought in for baseline data (groundwater bores established in previous quarter) - \$8k spent to date.						
Whakatāne District Council – Murupara Water Safety Plan initiatives - Backflow prevention completed. Monitoring of Demand Management Areas (DMA). Metering being established and some equipment purchased. Early warning procedure still to be developed.						
Whakatāne District Council - Murupara Water Network Renewal - Initiation and engagement for strategy commencing. Some equipment purchased but awaiting delivery. Pipe renewals for replacement and preventative works undertaken (\$65k).						

Objective ID:



Whakatāne District Council – Three Waters Strategy - Ongoing engagement with mana whenua; progressing project streams for individual projects and areas, identifying project scopes, design approach, and engagement pathways
Programme upcoming activities
Rivers & Drainage - Moving into the implementation phase of the Bylaws review following the 2020 Bylaws becoming operative on 1 February 2021.
Rivers & Drainage - Rangitāiki Floodway Stage 7 stopbank work to commence.
Whakatāne District Council – workshops for Murupara Wastewater Network Inflow and Infiltration Strategy with consultant team
Whakatāne District Council – Initiation of early warning procedure work as part of the Murupara Water Network Renewal.
Whakatāne District Council – Potable water to whole of Lake Aniwanuiwa site (scoping for installation in 2021).
Whakatāne District Council – CCTV Optioneering and installation at Thornton Domain (2021)
Biosecurity – Ramping up of Wilding Pine control work in the upper Rangitāiki Catchment.
Biosecurity – Ongoing surveillance and control of Alligator weed in the catchment and on the river.