



AGENDA

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 7 June 2023

**I hereby give notice that a Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting will
be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, 7 June 2023

Time: 9.30am

**Location: Moko Marae
1213 Te Puke Highway
Waitangi
Te Puke**

*Please note that this meeting will be livestreamed and the recording will be publicly available on
Tauranga City Council's website: www.tauranga.govt.nz.*

**Marty Grenfell
Chief Executive**

Terms of reference - Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

Membership

Co-chairs	Two members to be appointed as co-chairs. Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Co-chair representative of consent holder; and Darlene Dinsdale – Mokopuna o Tia me Hei, Co-chair representative of iwi/hapū
Tauranga City Council representatives (2)	Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston Commissioner Bill Wasley
Western Bay of Plenty District Council representatives (2)	Mayor James Denyer Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour
Iwi/ hapū representatives (4)	Jo'el Komene - Tapuika Iwi Authority Maru Tapsell – Te Kapu o Waitaha Darlene Dinsdale - Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Manu Pene - Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga)
Iwi/hapū representatives (alternates)	Tapuika Iwi Authority Te Kapu o Waitaha Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga)
Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative (non-voting)	Consents Manager
Quorum	<p>Two representatives from the consent holders and two representatives from iwi/hapu, including one of the Co-chairs. However, where a major decision is required, the quorum will be one representative from each entity.</p> <p>The Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative is not counted towards quorum.</p>
Decision-making	<p>By consensus where possible. If consensus cannot be reached, by majority vote.</p> <p>If there is an equal number of votes, the Co-chair who is chairing the meeting has a casting vote.</p>
Meeting frequency	Four times a year or as required by the group. Meetings to alternate between week and weekend days if possible.
Meeting venue	To alternate between marae and council venues; or as appropriate to a meeting agenda and agreed by the Co-chairs.

Advisory staff

Tauranga City Council	Chief Executive General Manager: Infrastructure Director: City Waters Manager: Water Services Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement
Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Chief Executive Group Manager: Engineering Utilities Manager
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Compliance Officer with responsibility for Resource Consent #65637

Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea katoa

Background

- The Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) was established by consent conditions to provide advice to Tauranga City Council (TCC) and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) as the joint consent holders in relation to matters covered under Resource Consent #65637, which authorises the take and use of water from the Waiāri Stream for municipal supply.
- Resource Consent #65637 was granted in 2010; since then there has been significant consolidation of iwi interests in the region.
- Te Kapu o Waitaha (2013) and Tapuika Iwi Authority (2014) have signed historic Treaty Settlements and Te Runanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga) are still in negotiations.
- Tauranga City Council has active protocol agreements with Waitaha, Tapuika and Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu including addendums that set out items and areas of significance to each entity.
- The treaty settlements, protocols, addendums and any subsequent plans submitted by Waitaha, Tapuika and Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu shall be considered as background and context to the operations of the WKAG.
- Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority was established by the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 for the purpose of restoration, protection and enhancement of the environmental, cultural and spiritual health and wellbeing of the geographical area of the Kaituna River Catchment. It is a permanent joint committee under the Local Government Act 2002 and co-governance partnership between local authorities and iwi that share an interest in the Kaituna River. Recommendations will be made to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority where required.

Role

- To exercise kaitiakitanga in relation to the Waiāri Stream to restore, protect and enhance the awa.
- To provide advice and recommendations to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council, as the joint consent holders, in relation to matters covered under Resource Consent #65637 which authorises the taking of water from the Waiāri Stream for municipal supply.

Scope

- Provide advice and recommendations to the consent holders relating to projects, action or research designed to restore, protect or enhance the health and well-being of the Waiāri Stream.
- Consider the monitoring requirements and outcomes under conditions 7.1 and 7.2 of the consent. Discuss the results of other monitoring undertaken by the group, which may include monitoring the adverse effects on environmental, heritage, cultural, economic and recreational aspects.
- Determine the actions to be taken in response to monitoring reports and make recommendations to the consent holders as appropriate.
- Provide advice and make recommendations to the consent holders and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in relation to Part 2 and, in particular, to sections 6(e) and 7(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991, as they relate to this consent.
- Inform the Bay of Plenty Regional Council of the effects of the water take authorised under the consent on the mauri and mauriora of the Waiāri Stream.
- Review and provide feedback to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the Water Conservation Strategy required to be submitted as a condition of the consent.
- Discuss any other relevant matters that may be agreed by the group.
- Work together with the Kaitiaki Group established under Resource Consent RM16-0204-DC.04; which authorises the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to discharge treated wastewater from the Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Waiāri Stream.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the consent holders on the future governance model of the Waiāri Stream.
- Provide recommendations to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority where required.

Reporting

- The Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group will report to its member entities key discussion points, outcomes and actions following each formal meeting of the Advisory Group.

Co-chair selection process

- Co-chairs will be appointed every three years in alignment with the local government election cycle. The appointments will take place as soon as is reasonably practical following local government elections.
- The Co-chair representing the consent holder will be appointed by the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay District Councils.
- The Co-chair representing iwi/hapū will be appointed by the iwi/hapū representatives.

NB: *Resource consent condition 10.2 defines the membership of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.*

Resource consent condition 10.7 notes that the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group shall cease if all members of the group agree the group is to be disbanded. In such case Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (as consent holders)¹ shall give written notice of this to the Chief Executive of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Advice notes from Resource Consent #65637 include:

¹ Insertion made for clarity

- (10) *The Kaitiaki Advisory Group may make recommendations to the Regional Council to review conditions of this consent in accordance with condition 11 and s128 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

For the avoidance of doubt, the Advisory Group is informal in nature and is NOT established as a committee, subcommittee or other subordinate decision-making bodies of Council under clause 30(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and does not have any delegated decision-making powers.

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7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 March 2023

File Number: A14741919

Author: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 March 2023



MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 1, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene, Mr Maru Tapsell

IN ATTENDANCE: Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Steve Wiggill (Team Leader: Project Management Office), Peter Bahrs (Team Leader: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Sam Hema, Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Te Pou Takawaenga), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic), Helen Biel, Yolande Gallagher (Kaiahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiahi Māori), Wally Potts (Director of City Waters), Chris Nepia (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Reuben Fraser (Consent Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Jo'el Komene opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Apology

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/1

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston
Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the apologies for absence received from Mayor James Denyer and Mr Liam Tapsell be accepted.

That the apologies for lateness received by Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour and Mr Mokoera Te Amo be accepted.

CARRIED

At 9:42a.m, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour entered the meeting.

At 9:45a.m, Mr Mokoera Te Amo entered the meeting.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 10 August 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/2

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 10 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Resolution WA3/22/3 (c) - Reuben Fraser to follow up request for Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding for the development of a Te Mana o Te Wai statement for the catchment.

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update March 2023

Staff Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure Services
Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Key points

- Normal flow graph in the report was used for average minimum flows for each month. Second graph in report was for December 2022 to February 2023 abstraction rates.
- During December 2022 to March 2023, the Waiāri stream experienced flooding and the river rose by five metres. One water pump needed repairing due to silt damage. The pump was originally designed to handle flooding.
- Annual water monitoring rescheduled to March 2023.
- Silt and flooding wiped out planting on the banks of Waiāri stream by the Waiāri water intake site.
- A cultural recognition workshop was to be held at conclusion of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting to discuss and suggest ideas, particularly by iwi members.
- 22 March 2023 was the scheduled formal opening ceremony for the Waiāri Water Treatment Plant with Tauranga City Council Commissioners.
- The Mauri model was in full operation and would indicate the Mauri/health of Waiāri Stream from a Māori world view. Staff mentioned this would be useful and the Mauri model would be reported on each month in the future.
- Waiāri Water Treatment Plant was in operation. Beautification component was still to be completed e.g. tar seal and landscaping around the building.

In response to questions

- The Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant reported no issues or effects caused by summer 2022-2023 weather events.
- Possibility there was a blockage upstream which could have caused Waiāri Stream to rise; the stream had risen five metres within 30 minutes. There was no monitoring upstream by Tauranga City Council staff. Catchment specialists had surveyed upstream following the

weather events of December 2022 to March 2023 and found six slips upstream of the Waiāri water intake site, but were unsure if the slips caused the Waiāri to dam during weather event.

- The staff would unpack information and video footage and report back to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group regarding any possible blockages.
- It was challenging to mitigate the risks of weather events and land slips. Was difficult to do remedial work with silt and settlement shedding every rain event.
- No evidence on whether the slips occurred on Whataroa Gorge. Once staff had all known information compiled, staff would share findings with wider audience.

Discussion points raised

- Thanked staff for information provided to Waiāri kaitiaki regarding consent conditions and notification water level.
- Tapuika iwi members had visited the Waiāri water intake site.
- TCC needed to engage in discussion with WBOPDC and BOPRC once more information on slips/weather event was available to staff.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/23/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update March 2023".

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Mr Fraser from BOPRC introduced Ms Ella Tennant, the new BOPRC Regional Consents Manager. Mr Fraser had moved to another job role within BOPRC. The members of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group opted that there be a transition phase from Mr Fraser to Ms Tennant as Mr Fraser had been involved in Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group for many years. Mr Fraser and Ms Tennant both agreed.

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Manu Pene closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 9:56am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 7 June 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update May 2023

File Number: A14737668

Author: Kelvin Hill, **Manager:** Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Authoriser: Nic Johansson, **General Manager:** Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide an update on the status of the cultural recognition meetings and discussions with iwi reps as requested at the previous Kaitiaki Advisory Group (KWAG) meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2023.
2. To provide the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (KWAG) members discuss all (six) actions and tasks including costings and cost centres.
3. The Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group members agree on priority initiatives to provide direction and allow work to commence across all six cultural initiatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update May 2023".
- (b) That the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (KWAG) members discuss all (6) Cultural initiatives and associated tasks including costings and cost centres.
- (c) Agree on priority of each associated timing of work across all 6 initiatives.
- (d) Agree to a proposed funding model that requires each of the parties, Tauranga City Council (TCC), Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) to seek funding via their individual Long Term Planning process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The Cultural recognition report is a summary of decisions and discussions leading to a list of prioritised initiatives for cultural recognition for the Waiari Water Supply Scheme project. Iwi reps met to discuss the subject in late 2022, 13th April and 2nd May 2023 for the purpose of contributing their input into the cultural recognition document developed with the Takawaenga team in 2022. Key members of that group included:

Attendance: First hui at TIA Office, Te Puke - 13.04.23

- TAPUIKA Representative - Jo'el Komene
- TAPUIKA Representative - Helen Biel (Alternate)
- WAITAHA Representative - Mokoera Te Amo
- NGATI WHAKUE KI MAKETU Representative - Manu Pene
- MOKOPUNA O TIA ME HEI Representative - Darlene Dinsdale
- Department of Conservation Representative - Raponi Wilson

- Tauranga City Council Representative - Yolanda Tipuna
- Hemasphere Ltd - Sam Hema

Second hui Zoom Online 02.05.23

- TAPUIKA Representative - Jo'el Komene
- WAITAHA Representative - Maru Tapsell
- NGATI WHAKUE KI MAKETU Representative - Manu Pene
- MOKOPUNA O TIA ME HEI Representative - Darlene Dinsdale
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council Representative - Chris Nepia
- Tauranga City Council Representative - Yolanda Tipuna
- Hemasphere Ltd - Sam Hem

5. A copy of the document titled "Cultural Recognition Development" is attached to this report.
6. The agreed approach moving forward is for staff from both councils to form a sub-group to ensure delivery of the list of initiatives of the for Tapuika, Waitaha, Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu & Mokopuna o Tia me Hei.

BACKGROUND

7. The purpose of this report is to frame up the (6) cultural recognition initiatives for council to provide advice on costings and potential budget options for membership of the KWAG to discuss. Each initiative has also been initial accessed for readiness and execution.
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9. The initiatives are as follows:

• Mauri Model Application	Immediate
• Rest Area Restoration (Waiari Bridge)	Business case
• Tohu Maori - Storytelling cultural interpretation options	Business case
• River Access Points	Business case
• Regeneration Programmes	Immediate
• Education and Employment Pathways	Immediate

MAURI MODEL APPLICATION

10. Brief: Design an Iwi Monitoring Programme that implements the Mauri Model in an ongoing manner to be implemented as soon as possible.
 Aim: To develop Iwi Monitoring Programme including key aspects and costs and secure ongoing funding from suitable sources
 Objective: To create a suite of tools that acts as a mechanism for accountability of the Councils consent conditions and useful to mitigate.
11. The Mauri Model developed by Dr Kepa Morgan acts as an expression that supports a Te Ao Māori perspective covering environmental, cultural, educational, social, governance and economic areas that impact our taonga te Waiari. An Iwi Monitoring program includes this model and involves tangata whenua to exercise their kaitiakitanga and lead the monitoring of the Waiari. This has been the desire from the outset. Bay of Plenty Regional Council will work with iwi to deliver on this aspiration as well as local government partners.
12. Iwi Monitoring Program includes:

- Mauri-o-meter - Continued use of the Mauri Model developed by Maioro Mahi Professionals - Dr Kēpa Morgan.
- Management program co-developed by Council and Iwi to include activities, responsibilities, inspection and monitoring schedule and reporting.
- Tangata whenua monitors appointed with that meet Mauri Model objectives.
- Education - Maturanga Maori opportunities provided by iwi to include in the Iwi Monitoring Management program.

13.

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/ LTP
1. Appoint two monitors & complete terms and conditions with Iwi	BOPRC/Iwi	\$	
2. BOPRC & Iwi co-write a management plan on the expectations of these roles	BOPRC/Iwi	\$10,000	
3. Complete outstanding actions from previous scope for Mauri Model delivery pre site opening	TCC	N/A	

REST AREA RESTORATION (WAIARI BRIDGE)

14. Brief: The Rest Area at the Waiari Bridge needs urgent attention to enable safe access.
15. Aim: Prioritised redevelopment of reserve through WBOPDC Reserve Management Plan or similar.
16. Objective: Address the following matters for immediate action:
 - (a) WBOPDC to meet with tangata whenua to redesign the area to be more welcoming and functional taking cultural priorities into account.
 - (b) Consider modifying current ditch and stop bank to be more accessible e.g. design a ladder system for entry and exit.
 - (c) Consider improving landscaping, planting and resources e.g. picnic table/BBQ
 - (d) Install measurement indicators onto bridge pylons to enable transparency on river levels.
17. Tangata whenua want to maintain their cultural practices and recreational activities without any impedance or hinderance from unsafe structures, land usage and awa access issues created by Councils. The area once was a business hub for Ngāti Tuheke people with the production of a flax milling plant exporting to international markets and providing a way of life for our people.
18. In the past whānau camped along the river in various spots and lived on the river bringing their families up providing nohoanga for the hapū. The ability to catch tuna (eels) bring back the ari, catch koura and harvest rongoa as well as swimming and bombing as a way of life is important for tangata whenua.
19. Rest Area Suite of Enhancements include:
 - (a) A safe walkway/cycleway bridge built across the Waiari awa alongside the existing bridge, connecting the marae to the area.

- (b) A platform for water activities including bombing, swimming, swing etc.
- (c) Safer wider paths to get across the esplanade.
- (d) An information board that provides historic significant information by Ngāti Tuheke.
- (e) An appropriate amount of pontoon toilets, bins.
- (f) An inviting and inspiring food area with recreational activities provided including, BBQ tables, BBQ facilities, seating.
- (g) An appropriate parking area with enough space for the communities.
- (h) Mauri Model measurement indicators on the bridge pylons branded by tangata whenua.
- (i) Tohu Māori in place as a marker for cultural recognition.

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Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/ LTP
1. Action immediately a Co-design plan with iwi for the bridge, rest area, parking, access etc	WBOPDC/TCC	\$	
2. Create a timeline for delivery	WBOPDC/TCC	\$	
3. Prepare a cultural event to open the area	Council/Iwi	N/A	

TOHU MAORI - STORYTELLING CULTURAL INTERPRETATION OPTIONS

- 21. Brief: Take a taonga centric approach to storytelling, acknowledgement and cultural recognition along the Waiari.
- 22. Aim: To utilise TCC pledged funding (\$200k) on suitable cultural recognition by June 2023 and secure suitable ongoing annual funding from TCC Annual Plan. To confirm WBOPDC and BOPRC contributions. To target suitable external funding
- 23. Objective: Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiari that acknowledges the sources through the entire network including tributaries to and then also from the Waiari, identify suitable points for cultural recognition including type of recognition and agreed storytelling. Align with River Access Points plan outlined below. Price and timetable an implementation plan.
- 24. Cultural Value: Storytelling is our cultural capital that council will be able to embrace to increase the value of investment in the area. Tanga Whenua have pā sites significant to us from the top to the bottom of the awa. We have waahi tapu and caves that are sacred and embedded in our histories. We have taniwha that live in the awa who guide and protect our cultural heritage. We have members of our whakapapa that have done significant things all along the awa. Our true story includes the awa and we are the holders of that knowledge and therefore have the authority to share them as well as protect them.
- 25. Interpretation Plan: This is directed by the sites identified in Theme: *River Access Points*

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/ LTP
1. Commission a history of the awa document to be used for interpretation identified to particular sites. Potential to have an APP that supports the storytelling.	TCC	\$ 20,000	
2. Iwi to wananga on what information remains in the hands of iwi and what is open to the public	Iwi/TCC	\$20,000	

RIVER ACCESS POINTS

27. The following sites have been agreed to and identified as not only access points to the awa but places for Tohu Māori providing histories and backstories significant to the area useful for an interpretation plan.
28. Te Rerenga - This site has access that TCC can explore through TECT. There are lakes swamps and puna there. Tapuika have exclusive access.
29. Te Ranga o Hineata - Shaw Rd This site has access on private land. The water is clear and deep in areas and there are puna and stones there in the area around Ngaingainui.
30. Potakataka - This area has access that TCC can explore. The awa is deep and cold in this area that has minimal erosion. It has easy access and is suitable for Tapuika to have nohoanga activities and spaces for cultural practices.
31. Tawakepito - Access to this site is suitable behind the marae however WBOPDC need to look into landowner permission - potential pathway leading behind the marae to the awa. Perfect opportunity to connect both Makahae and Tawakepito marae to the awa.
32. Waiari Bridge - Access available however this needs to be improved and made safer. Surrounding lands need to be explored by WBOPDC for the development of a rest area. This area is significant to Ngāti Tuheke and the flax industry they once lead.
33. Kongutuawa ki te Kaituna - The bottom end of the awa currently has stock banks surrounding and access more challenging. WBOPDC to explore.
- 34.

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/ LTP
1. Work on a (6) site project approach for access points and prioritise each one for development and funding	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi	\$TBC	
2. Explore development plans land access issues and opportunities	TCC/WBOPDC	\$TBC	

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
3. Prioritise site development and funding allocation starting with the Waiari Bridge	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi	\$TBC	
4. Look into the potential of nohoanga at Potakataka and develop plans	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi	\$TBC	

REGENERATION PROGRAMMES

35. Cultural Value: The mauri of the river is at a human cost and we want skilled people to learn about rongoa, riparian planting and our cultural values. Consideration needs to be given when making appointments to roles on the stance around employing the right people who understand kaitiakitanga (use) and mauri (life force). We want to feel connected and that leads on to other activities and so on. As kaitiaki it allows our people to be involved and employed with these initiatives to be connected to develop programs to revive our practices with our people.

Current Regional Programmes List

36. Te Maru o Kaituna - The purpose of Te Maru o Kaituna is the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental, cultural and spiritual health and well-being of the Kaituna River. KWAG Iwi reps have identified that this program aligns with the cultural values, priorities, issues & concerns as well as opportunities raised to address potential solutions. (TCC/BOPRC).
37. Te Ohu Parawai - Kaitiaki Advisory Group “Ko mātou te awa, ko te awa ko mātou” - We are the river and the river is us - Currently non-existent however KWAG members wish to attend these meetings and find ways for alignment. (WBOPDC).
38. Ngā Awa river restoration program - Department of Conservation - Taking a whole catchment approach, Ngā Awa is working in partnership with others to restore the biodiversity of 14 rivers from mountains to sea. KWAG iwi reps have access to local DOC initiatives that support Iwi currently through Jobs for Nature that focus on restorative approaches. (TCC/Iwi/BOPRC).
39. Kaituna River rediversion and Maketu Estuary enhancement - Bay of Plenty Regional Council - The goal of the Kaituna River Re-diversion and Estuary Enhancement Project is to significantly increase the volume of water (particularly fresh water) flowing from the Kaituna River into Te Awa o Ngātoroirangi/Maketū Estuary by 2018 in a way that maximises the ecological and cultural benefits (particularly wetlands and kaimoana) while limiting the economic cost and adverse environmental effects to acceptable levels. KWAG iwi reps have access to local BOPRC support to develop a specific Waiari program that aligns itself with this catchment approach. (TCC/BOPRC/Iwi).
40. Athenree Waiau Wetland Environmental Programme - Te Whānau a Tauwhao / BOPRC / DOC / NZTA / WBOPDC - This hapū lead initiative is part of the outcomes sought by Te Whānau a Tauwhao to bring mana to the hapū and enable them to reach their aspirations in restoration for their whenua & awa. KWAG have an opportunity to develop a similar outcome via a multi agency approach. (TCC/BOPRC).
41. Wetland Creation Initiative: Refer to initiative developed by Western Bay of Plenty District Council to develop existing wastewater wetlands into freshwater wetlands. KWAG are in agreement to review and support this however the WBOPDC Wastewater Project is disconnected with a catchment approach. (TCC/WBOPDC).

42.

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/ LTP
1. Develop a Waiari Restoration Plan - and create opportunities for alignment with existing plans	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi	\$ TBC	
2. KWAG formal alignment with Te Maru o Kaituna	KWAG	\$TBC	
3. Explore TCC Wetland Initiative for development	TCC/Iwi	\$TBC	
4. Work through above initiatives to identify contract opportunities for iwi.	TCC/Iwi	\$TBC	

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS - THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE CULTURAL RECOGNITION DEVELOPMENT REPORT

43. Cultural Value - Tangata whenua seek to be working at the Waiari Site regardless delivering education, cultural aspects and kaitiakitanga. We want our people skilled we want them working at these plants and being involved at all levels. An opportunity exists for tangata whenua to be in partnership with Council in the allocation process through scholarships and procurement and up-skilling staff. Council staff benefit from this approach as tangata whenua develop their cultural capacity within their teams.
44. Scholarship approach - Scholarship to cover tertiary fees, living costs - support the student to have 100% focus on study ideally \$5k annually. Applicants should have an educational program at the plant with schools, community groups, businesses and council. Council to front the financial responsibilities of the scholarship.
45. Education Centre approach - Tangata whenua will work with TCC to co-design the aesthetics of the water treatment plant to reflect cultural inclusion - this includes interior design, cultural interpretation, storyboards, activity zones, access and entry visuals.
46. At the very least cultural practices like whakatau & manaaki are practiced at the site to continue whakawhanaungatanga values. Council staff, new staff inducted especially those who deal with the Waiari Project.
47. Community groups should have an opportunity to be educated as well as schools targeted for ongoing opportunities.
48. Council to setup processes that align with expectations
49. Recruitment approach - Tapuika & Waitaha to lead cultural aspects and expectations into job descriptions and scholarship applications
 - Co-chair of the KWAG forum to sit on recruitment process and scholarship.
 - Council to setup scholarship processes that align with expectations and technical role.
 - Bonding period - scholarship helps to get qualified, applicant must give back for a particular period of time.

50.

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan
			OPEX/CAPEX/LTP
1. Complete a scholarship plan ready for applications by 2024	TCC	\$TBC	
2. Schedule Waiari Watertake Site cultural design and development meetings confirmed by June 2023	TCC/Iwi	\$TBC	
3. Look into recruitment opportunities at the Waiari site to align with scholarship opportunity	TCC	\$TBC	

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

51. The development of this framework requires partners and councils (BOPRC and WBOPDC) to work collaboratively on options that will allow the delivery of this project across various cost centres; OPEX/CAPEX/LTP etc. These projects have no direct legal implications but will support decision making with legal effects. This includes for example the usage of Council Reserve lands and access points.
52. Consultation / Engagement - The development of this framework requires partners and councils (BOPRC and WBOPDC) to work collaboratively on options that will allow the delivery of this project across various cost centres; OPEX/CAPEX/LTP.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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54. Monthly KWAG IWI REP HUI are essential in the delivery of the cultural recognition project. They act as an accountability tool for council staff.
55. Council teams to program regular activities to work through each item on the list with tangata whenua.
56. Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiari that acknowledges the wider Cultural significance of the area.

ENGAGEMENT

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NEXT STEPS

60. Continuation with the implementation of the Mauri Model program and the initiation of an integrated and shared approach with Councils by the next KWAG meeting.
61. TCC & WBOPDC adopt a restoration program approach to the Waiari in conjunction with tangata whenua by the next KWAG meeting.
62. TCC & WBOPDC design a scholarship program in conjunction with tangata whenua and report back to KWAG meeting. (Timing to be confirmed).
63. Scheduled Design meeting with Iwi reps and council staff for the development of a 'Waiari Site Office Cultural plan'.
64. Scheduled procurement activities with BOPRC & Iwi Reps on the process of hiring iwi monitors for the Waiari.
65. Development of an Education Scholarship program in conjunction with tangata whenua.
66. Work through Waiari Bridge priorities and potential business case scenarios.
67. Work through the Tohu Maori & Access Points Initiatives and potential business case scenario.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Cultural Recognition Development_KWAG 2023 attachment - A14754449**  

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Waiari Water Supply Scheme

Cultural Recognition Development

Prepared by Hemasphere Ltd



Meeting held at Tapuika Iwi Authority Office,
Jellicoe St, Te Puke
13.04.23

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

This document can be used to develop project plans for the delivery of a cultural recognition program for Tapuika, Waitaha, Ngāti Whakauae ki Maketu & Mokopuna o Tia me Hei from out of the Waiari Water Supply Scheme project as directed from the KWAG. This roopu adopted the following framework for assessment of the cultural recognition initiatives developed in conjunction with members and TCC in late 2022.

- 1) *Agreement on each initiative - All members agree to pursue each initiative*
- 2) *Objectives set for each initiative - Allows for Council to understand the purpose and scope of the initiative*
- 3) *Cultural value for each initiative - Allows iwi to ensure each initiative has cultural value for inclusion and share their perspectives*
- 4) *List of potential constraints on each initiative - Allows both partners to understand the potential challenges to consider a clear pathway*
- 5) *Summary statement on each initiative - Feedback to council to ensure iwi are heard and given an opportunity to voice their views.*

Whiteboard session approach used to capture feedback as well as one on one discussions points raised. The group agreed to accept all initiatives however they choose not to focus on costings in this meeting as this was a hindrance to the process in previous discussions rather focus on providing quality cultural feedback and advice to council on how they wish cultural recognition to be framed. The members will leave the financial elements with council to develop as iwi are not project managing this initiative they are merely leading council on what they wish to see delivered for cultural recognition. It is expected that once this document is delivered to council they will work on prioritising the delivery of each initiative with all members.

Attendance: First hui at TIA Office, Te Puke - 13.04.23

TAPUIKA Representative - Jo'el Komene
TAPUIKA Representative - Helen Biel (Alternate)
WAITAHA Representative - Mokoera Te Amo
NGATI WHAKUE KI MAKETU Representative - Manu Pene
MOKOPUNA O TIA ME HEI Representative - Darlene Dinsdale
Department of Conservation Representative - Raponi Wilson
Tauranga City Council Representative - Yolanda Tipuna
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Second hui Zoom Online 02.05.23

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1) Mauri Model Application

Brief: Design an Iwi Monitoring Programme that implements the Mauri Model in an ongoing manner to be implemented as soon as possible

Aim: To develop Iwi Monitoring Programme including key aspects and costs and secure ongoing funding from suitable sources

Objective: To create a suite of tools that acts as a mechanism for accountability of the Councils consent conditions and useful to mitigate

The Mauri Model developed by Dr Kepa Morgan acts as an expression that supports a Te Ao Māori perspective covering environmental, cultural, educational, social, governance and economic areas that impact our taonga te Waiari. An Iwi Monitoring program includes this model and involves tangata whenua to exercise their kaitiakitanga and lead the monitoring of the Waiari. This has been the desire from the outset. Bay of Plenty Regional Council will work with Tapuika/ Waitaha to deliver on this aspiration as well as local government partners.

Statement: “The Iwi monitoring program is a tool and mechanism to hold counsel to account for their consent and provide mitigation opportunities for tangata whenua. Monitors should be the benefit for both parties where they become the archaeologists. Whakapapa is how we bring people together”

Cultural Value: Kaitiakitanga - tangata whenua remain involved and see kaitiakitanga as an holistic tool. The Mauri Model supports kaitiakitanga as a technical practical tool for communication. The two exercise kaitiakitanga from a Tapuika/Waitaha perspective informing and building capacity. Tapuika will provide a list of potential candidates to undertake the monitoring of the mauri components with a focus on - Matauranga Maori / Kaitiakitanga / Taiaotanga / administered jointly with iwi and council. Continued capacity building for Matauranga Maori is important for our tamariki to develop tangata whenua with monitoring skill sets that enhance the mauri of the awa and enable us to continue in our practices.

Iwi Monitoring Program Suite of Tools:

- Mauri-o-meter - Mauri Model developed by Maioro Mahi Professionals - Dr Kēpa Morgan
- Tangata whenua monitors appointed - BOPRC/Iwi
- Management program over the monitors administered by iwi/council to ensure accurate data - BOPRC/Iwi
- Regular consistent provision of raw data & statistical information applicable for backend technology to operate the Mauri Model - TCC/WBOPDC
- Annual inspection and monitoring schedules that meet Mauri Model objectives - BOPRC/Iwi
- LTP Funding priority included in all Council plans for monitors and program delivery - KWAG
- Education - Matauranga Maori opportunities provided by iwi via scheduled multiple annual wananga - TCC/WBOPDC/Iwi
- Reporting presentation opportunities to all National & Regional Water Entities - TCC/ WBOPDC/BOPRC/Iwi.

Constraints

- TCC & Western Bay of Plenty District Council relationship & resources
- Contractors & council or another entity determining what kaitiaki activities or involvement should or shouldn't be without our involvement is a challenge to our mana.
- Access sites - How fast can Council free up restrictions to enable access to identified sites? This group will provide council with a list of sites to provide access.
- Fresh Water model - What do we know about this model that impacts the Waiari and hapū, iwi? How will Council provide iwi with the right tools to understand both tools?
- Communication - Baseline talk to whānau

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Innovation

- Tangata whenua hired to monitor the awa - align cultural values with regional environmental values
- Allocation for iwi presence and partnership at the plant - this can be visually expressed by designing the buildings aesthetics to reflect involvement.
- Commission the history of the Awa - As an official show of partnership Council can build capacity amongst themselves and the public by commissioning the history of the awa - lead by tangata whenua as a sub project.
- Restoration programs identified alongside Council with opportunities to
- Interagency approach - Council need to partner with DOC for the utilisation of their spatial tool/app that supports capability. DOC have confirmed they are willing to provide sponsorship in this area. MFE funding opportunities - Council to look into funding frameworks from other agencies to support.

Costs: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following -Two monitors, monitoring process, technical support and delivery, iwi events (TCC)

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Appoint two monitors & complete terms and conditions with Iwi	BOPRC/Iwi		
2. BOPRC & Iwi co-write a management plan on the expectations of these roles	BOPRC/Iwi		
3. Complete outstanding actions from previous scope for Mauri Model delivery pre site opening	TCC		

2) Rest Area Restoration - Waiari Bridge Area

Brief: The Rest Area at the Waiari Bridge needs urgent attention to enable safe access.

Aim: Prioritised redevelopment of reserve through WBOPDC Reserve Management Plan or similar

Objective: Address the following matters for immediate action

- (a) WBOPDC to meet with tangata whenua to redesign the area to be more welcoming and functional taking cultural priorities into account
- (b) Consider modifying current ditch and stopbank to be more accessible eg design a ladder system for entry and exit
- (c) Consider improving landscaping, planting and resources eg picnic table/BBQ
- (d) Install measurement indicators onto bridge pylons to enable transparency on river levels

Statement: “Safe access across and into the awa has long been an issue for Ngāti Tuheke, parking and the ability to enjoy recreational activities is far too limited. We want to see this area improved and restored to create positive experiences for our tamariki”

Cultural Value: Tapuika want to maintain our cultural practices and recreational activities without any impedance or hinderance from unsafe structures, land usage and awa access issues created by Councils. The area once was a business hub for Ngāti Tuheke people with the production of a flax milling plant exporting to international markets and providing a way of life for our people. In the past whānau camped along the river in various spots and lived on the river bringing their families up providing nohoanga for the hapū. The ability to catch tuna (eels) bring back the ari, catch koura and harvest rongoa as well as swimming and bombing as a way of life is important for tangata whenua.

Rest Area Suite of Enhancements:

- A safe walkway/cycleway bridge built across the Waiari awa alongside the existing bridge, connecting the marae to the area
- A platform for water activities including bombing, swimming, swing etc
- Safer wider paths to get across the esplanade
- An information board that provides historic significant information by Ngāti Tuheke
- An appropriate amount of pontoon toilets, bins
- An inviting and inspiring food area with recreational activities provided including, BBQ tables, BBQ facilities, seating
- An appropriate parking area with enough space for the communities
- Mauri Model measurement indicators on the bridge pylons branded by tangata whenua
- Tohu Māori in place as a marker for cultural recognition

Constraints:

- Council commitment to address the list of objectives
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council dollars available
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council access and land reserve development
- TCC dollars available

Innovation:

- A walkover cycleway for bombing that is uniquely Tapuika
- Involve our rangatahi in the development of the area
- Te Ara Principles involved in design process
- An exciting recreation area surrounded by nature indigenous biodiversity
- A connectedness to the awa felt in the area.

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Costings: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following - Site access, site upgrade, iwi events, maintenance (TCC/WBOPDC)

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Action immediately a Co-design plan with iwi for the bridge, rest area, parking, access etc	WBOPDC/TCC		
2. Create a timeline for delivery	WBOPDC/TCC		
3. Prepare a cultural event to open the area	Council/Iwi		

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3) Tohu Māori - BOTH 3) & 4) SHOULD BE ONE PROJECT

Brief: Take a taonga centric approach to storytelling, acknowledgement and cultural recognition along the Waiari.

Aim: a) To utilise TCC pledged funding (\$200k) on suitable cultural recognition by June 2023 and secure suitable ongoing annual funding from TCC Annual Plan
 b) To confirm WBOPDC and BOPRC contributions
 c) To target suitable external funding

Objective:

- (a) Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiari that acknowledges the sources through the entire network including tributaries to and then also from the Waiari.
- (b) Identify suitable points for cultural recognition including type of recognition and agreed storytelling. Align with River Access Points plan outlined below.
- (c) Price and timetable an implementation plan.

Statement: “The interpretation plan is rooted in the history of our people and places that we identify with through our whakapapa, through events in the past and through the naming of places that are significant to us”

Cultural Value: Storytelling is our cultural capital that council will be able to embrace to increase the value of investment in the area. We have pā sites significant to us from the top to the bottom of the awa. We have wāhi tapu and caves that are sacred and embedded in our histories. We have taniwha that live in the awa who guide and protect our cultural heritage. We have members of our whakapapa that have done significant things all along the awa. Our true story includes the awa and we are the holders of that knowledge and therefore have the authority to share them as well as protect them.

Interpretation Plan: This is directed by the sites identified in Theme 4)

Constraints:

- Undiscovered areas and sites unknown
- Site access
- Cultural knowledge and ability to want to share with outsiders what is Public and what is for iwi?
- Continued protection of sites and ownership
- Appropriate artistic interpretation decision making process
- Time to develop the an overarching plan that involves contributions from multiple iwi/hapu sources

Innovation:

- Potential digital tool for our people - Create an APP that lines up the narrative of the sites that have Tohu Māori
- Allow for access to the storytelling options Iwi v Public?
- History of the awa linked to this process

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Costings: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following - developed document, Site artworks, iwi events, ongoing maintenance (TCC/WBOPDC)

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Commission a history of the awa document to be used for interpretation identified to particular sites. Potential to have an APP that supports the storytelling.	TCC		
2. Iwi to wananga on what information remains in the hands of iwi and what is open to the public	Iwi/TCC		

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4) River Access Points

Brief: Identify potential areas for river access and develop suitable plans to enable safe and functional access.

Aim: To secure support from corresponding landowners to develop each access point

Objective:

- (a) Identify points of significance for tangata whenua as priority areas – this may include wahi as identified in the interview notes, but also natural areas of priority associated with activities or deities eg the taniwha identified
- (b) Identify landholdings of each entity that may enable this work stream to materialize – that may include landholdings but also the public river margins that may be suitable for development into reserves or other mechanisms
- (c) Co-design development plans that enable access for cultural activities, kayaking and other forms of connection, platforms to support safe egress, possibly a bridge away from the main road to enable crossing but also interaction eg swimming
- (d) Enable other forms of interaction eg summer camping areas with associated assets

Statement: “At the heart of the current issues with the Waiari is the mamae we carry which is at the root of the disconnection we have. We want our mokopuna to know our real stories. We want to be able to reconnect and access the awa”.

Cultural Value:

The following sites have been agreed to and identified as not only access points to the awa but places for Tohu Māori providing histories and backstories significant to the area useful for an interpretation plan.

1. Te Rerenga - This site has access that TCC can explore through TECT. There are lakes swamps and puna there. Tapuika have exclusive access
2. Te Ranga o Hineata - Shaw Rd This site has access on private land. The water is clear and deep in areas and there are puna and stones there in the area around Ngaingainui.
3. Potakataka - This area has access that TCC can explore. The awa is deep and cold in this area that has minimal erosion. It has easy access and is suitable for Tapuika to have nohoanga activities and spaces for cultural practices.
4. Tawakepito - Access to this site is suitable behind the marae however WBOPDC need to look into land owner permission - potential pathway leading behind the marae to the awa. Perfect opportunity to connect both Makahae and Tawakepito marae to the awa.
5. Waiari Bridge - Access available however this needs to be improved and made safer. Surrounding lands need to be explored by WBOPDC for the development of a rest area. This area is significant to Ngāti Tuheke and the flax industry they once lead.
6. Kongutuawa ki te Kaituna - The bottom end of the awa currently has stock banks surrounding and access more challenging. WBOPDC to explore.

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Constraints:

- WBOPDC Land access
- BOPDC Access
- TCC Access
- Waiari bridge area
- Land owner permissions
- Timing to deliver all 6 sites

Innovation:

- TECT Park potential funding?
- Potakataka - Council owned look into opportunities
- Nohoanga - a way to bring back recreational and hapu lead cultural practices of utilising land

Costings: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following - Site upgrades, site access, artistic interpretations, iwi events

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Work on a (6) site project approach for access points and prioritise each one for development and funding	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi		
2. Explore development plans land access issues and opportunities	TCC/WBOPDC		
3. Prioritise site development and funding allocation starting with the Waiari Bridge	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi		
4. Look into the potential of nohoanga at Potakataka and develop plans	TCC/ WBOPDC/Iwi		

Reference:

Tapuika Settlement Document

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5. Regeneration Programmes – BOPRC/TCC/WBOPDC/Trevallins

Brief: Consolidate all environmental enhancement initiatives along the Waiari and build a pathway for tangata whenua to provide influence, employment and kaitiakitanga to a consolidated programme of work

Aim: To deliver environmental enhancement activities through contracts that also enable employment

Objectives:

- (a) Collate a list of all planned regeneration or environmental enhancement programmes including but not limited to any areas along the length of the Waiari, any plans associated with any of the Plants (Wastewater, Intake, Treatment) and any other known plans
- (b) Consider what other related activities could be included such as wetland creation initiatives, habitat creation initiatives, walkway/cycleway developments
- (c) Consider an arrangement to grant these programmes as contracts to kaitiaki partners.

Statement: One thing that brings us together is our customary rights. The environment is in the laps of the gods. It's not about property rights we all have a relationship with the riverback to Hawaiiki-nui - customary rights belongs to all of us (tangata whenua).

Cultural Value: The mauri of the river is at a human cost and we want skilled people to learn about rongoa, riparian planting and our cultural values. Councils have to change their stance around employing the right people who understand kaitiakitanga (use) and mauri (life force). Any arrangements made to create contractual agreements should be done in partnership with iwi as soon as possible - it is up to council to be transparent and be actively working for us.

Returning kai into the Waiari is a priority like koura, tuna, seeing numbers boosted aligns with our cultural practices. Collecting kai, planting trees and selecting the right ones will enhance water quality species. There are trees/plants that we don't want along our awa also. We want to feel connected and that leads on to other activities and so on. As kaitiaki it allows our people to be involved and employed with these initiatives to be connected to develop programs to revive our practices with our people.

Current Regional Programmes List

1. Te Maru o Kaituna - The purpose of Te Maru o Kaituna is the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental, cultural and spiritual health and well-being of the Kaituna River. KWAG Iwi reps have identified that this program aligns with the cultural values, priorities, issues & concerns as well as opportunities raised to address potential solutions. (TCC/BOPRC)
2. Te Ohu Parawai - Kaitiaki Advisory Group "Ko mātou te awa, ko te awa ko mātou" - We are the river and the river is us - Currently non existent however KWAG members wish to attend these meetings and find ways for alignment. (WBOPDC)
3. Ngā Awa river restoration program - Department of Conservation - Taking a whole catchment approach, Ngā Awa is working in partnership with others to restore the biodiversity of 14 rivers from mountains to sea. KWAG iwi reps have access to local DOC initiatives that support Iwi currently through Jobs for Nature that focus on restorative approaches. (TCC/Iwi/BOPRC)
4. Kaituna River diversion and Maketu Estuary enhancement - Bay of Plenty Regional Council - The goal of the Kaituna River Re-diversion and Estuary Enhancement Project is to significantly increase the volume of water (particularly fresh water) flowing from

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the Kaituna River into Te Awa o Ngātoroirangi/Maketū Estuary by 2018 in a way that maximises the ecological and cultural benefits (particularly wetlands and kaimoana) while limiting the economic cost and adverse environmental effects to acceptable levels. KWAG iwi reps have access to local BOPRC support to develop a specific Waiari program that aligns itself with this catchment approach. (TCC/BOPRC/Iwi)

5. Athenree Waiau Wetland Environmental Programme - Te Whānau a Tauwhao / BOPRC / DOC / NZTA / WBOPDC - This hapū lead initiative is part of the outcomes sought by Te Whānau a Tauwhao to bring mana to the hapū and enable them to reach their aspirations in restoration for their whenua & awa. KWAG have an opportunity to develop a similar outcome via a multi agency approach. (TCC/BOPRC)

Wetland Creation Initiative: Refer to initiative developed by TCC via Kelvin Hills proposal. KWAG are in agreement to review and support this however the WBOPDC Waste Water Project is disconnected with a catchment approach. (TCC/WBOPDC)

Constraints:

- A list of restoration programmes from Council and their current practices to understand priority
- Master servant relationship - colonisation as opposed to us directing and leading the programs
- Cultural knowledge - teaching our own and reviving practices
- Working in partnership - Haven't seen it yet in this Scheme?
- Alignment with Te Maru o Kaituna needs to be solidified and formalised
- Alignment with Te Ohu Parawai - both projects need to meet and Councils figure out consenting issues
- Nothing going on in that space currently. Iwi and council membership.
- Access issues for whānau into the awa.
- Wetlands - deteriorates impacting on the Kaituna, how do we try minimise whats coming out of the plant? How effective is it? Whats being returned to the Waiari is it currently at acceptable levels - what does it mean? Cultural view - Toto - human blood needs to be dealt with separately. Business pay extras fees for disposing external - what is allowed to be flushed down the pipes/drains.

Innovation:

- Water Quality Technology - How can we be unskilled to better understand the sector i.e Three Waters / Secondary use water / FreshWater Tools / Events & National forums
- Consent allocation process - We should have greater input on consents in the future - Water quality councils main kaupapa maintain water quality - assume its ok upstream the further down deteriorates
- Reviving practices back to our people - cultural solutions that can be implemented. Alignment with Te Maru o Kaituna & other programmes - have these services contracted back to Tapuika Waitaha
- Create a catchment approach as a priority for the Waiari including KWAG & Te Ohu Parawai Advisory groups

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Costings: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following - Procurement and delivery, research & development, administration

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Develop a Waiari Restoration Plan - and create opportunities for alignment with existing plans	TCC/Iwi		
2. KWAG formal alignment with Te Maru o Kaituna	KWAG		
3. Explore TCC Wetland Initiative for development	TCC/Iwi		
4. Work through above initiatives to identify contract opportunities for iwi.	TCC/Iwi		

Previous Information Supplied:

Maru Tapsell has provided various solutions in the past and copies of the minutes to those hui will help scope an understanding of what to include in a restoration plan.

Restoration programmes (education space) ie tuna, āri, watercress, koura, trout, koāro (black pipi)

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6. Education & Employment Pathways - TCC

Brief: To support the presence of tangata whenua at the Waiari Site through education and employment.

Aim: To develop capability and capacity to tangata whenua making use of Waiari activities

Objectives:

- (a) Establish a scholarship focused on developing tangata whenua members that could contribute to the ongoing mauri of the Waiari in some technical areas – eg plant operation, water engineering, sciences
- (b) Establish a centre for learning alongside the Waiari Treatment Plant that can host tangata whenua led education programmes
- (c) Involve tangata whenua in recruitment processes – advice into job descriptions, position on interview panel, early advice of employment opportunities.

Statement: We need skilled people involved at an operational and management level with the right knowledge to do a quality job in this space. We need support to create a lasting scholarship program that explores potential candidates, study criteria and guaranteed employment.

Cultural Value: Tangata whenua should be working at the Waiari Site regardless delivering education, cultural aspects and kaitiakitanga. We want our people unskilled we want them working at these plants and being involved at all levels. An opportunity exists for tangata whenua to be in partnership with Council in the allocation process through scholarships and procurement and up-skilling staff. Council staff benefit from this approach as tangata whenua develop their cultural capacity within their teams.

Regarding the impact an employed iwi member should make, the cultural capital lies with us to create any economic capital. The tribes all benefit to build and upskill the role and make contributions back to iwi. Once we know what the role is? We understand what the costs are?

Scholarship approach

- Scholarship to cover tertiary fees, living costs - support the student to have 100% focus on study ideally \$5k annually. Applicants should have an educational program at the plant with schools, community groups, businesses and council. Council to front the financial responsibilities of the scholarship.
- Council to setup processes that align with expectations

Education Centre approach

- Tangata whenua will work with TCC to co-design the aesthetics of the water treatment plant to reflect cultural inclusion - this includes interior design, cultural interpretation, storyboards, activity zones, access and entry visuals.
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Recruitment approach

- Tapuika & Waitaha to lead cultural aspects and expectations into job descriptions and scholarship applications
- Co-chair of the KWAG forum to sit on recruitment process and scholarship
- Council to setup scholarship processes that align with expectations and technical role
- Bonding period - scholarship helps to get qualified, applicant must give back for a particular period of time

Constraints:

- Recruitment verses availability of scholarship candidates - technical and cultural
- Internal schedules to involve tangata whenua in the design of the Water Intake site
- TCC Cultural connections inclusion of this program

Innovation:

- Create a cultural program that sits alongside into the TCC Cultural Connections programme (TCC)
- Work with TCC to deliver design input and cultural interpretation at the Waiari site using Te Ara Principle (TCC)
- Opportunities for council to identify where potential cultural roles Tapuika or Waitaha in council Takawaenga? Partnership model? Employ iwi? (TCC/WBOPDC)
- Look into roles created by BOPRC with Whakaue (BOPRC)

Costings: Budget to consider the resourcing of the following - Program identification and development (R&D), sponsorship, administration

Key Action	Owner	Cost Estimate	Funding Plan Operational/ External/LTP?
1. Complete a scholarship plan ready for applications by 2024	TCC		
2. Schedule Waiari Watertake Site cultural design and development meetings confirmed by June 2023	TCC/Iwi		
3 Look into recruitment opportunities at the Waiari site to align with scholarship opportunity	TCC		

TCC Takawaenga notes:

Wanting perpetual scholarships, at least two per round. This might look like two karahipi biannually. Avenues to make it perpetual can be located or sourced in other areas, 3W and Te mana o te wai will have new \$\$\$ invested. Use the karahipi to reignite mātauranga ā iwi and increase others understanding of our awatanga ā iwi. Scientific evidence on our awa species – DOC can assist this, or support this, have offered this support.

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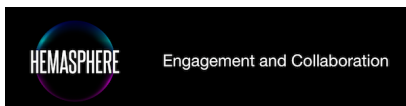
7. Free Water for Marae

Regarding the free water initiative for marae included in the list of cultural recognition from 2022, it was noted that the members were not satisfied with the response from WBOPDC in recent discussions and documents for marae to continue to pay annual fees as this does not align with their understanding.

The report created in 2022 that explored the 2.5% water take (TCC) and 2.5% water take (WBOPDC) for identified marae within the region (including the greater Te Puke area) as a form of giving effect to cultural recognition for the term of the consent. Councils need to formalise agreement(s). We want this formalised by TCC and WBOPDC ASAP as the annual charges are coming from WBOPDC and we reject this - Notes from TCC Takawaenga

The reps want both councils to action this with a definitive date, include the legalities and start writing these documents.

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10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

11 CLOSING KARAKIA