



AGENDA

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 8 November 2023

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

Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023

Time: 9.30am

**Location: Tuhourangi Marae
1443C Te Puke Highway,
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 6 September 2023

File Number: A15264082

Author: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 September 2023



MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 6 September 2023

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 1 & 1B, 306 CAMERON ROAD,
TAURANGA ON WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Ms Darlene Dinsdale (Chairperson), Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor James Denyer, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Maru Tapsell, Mr Mokoera Te Amo

IN ATTENDANCE: Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Rodney Clark (Water Treatment Manager), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Yolande Gallagher (Kaiārahi Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Sarah Drummond (Governance Advisor),

EXTERNAL: Rueben Fraser (Consents Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Rachael Davie, (General Manager Strategy and Community, WBOPDC), Cedric Crow (General Manager Infrastructure Group, WBOPDC), E J Wentzell (WBOPDC), Luke Whare and Watana Williams.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA3/23/1

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley
Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That apologies from Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston and for lateness from Nic Johansson be received and accepted.

CARRIED

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

It was requested that staff check the 7th bullet point on page 15 of the agenda, under Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update May 2023," which described the impact on the flow capacity of the Waiāri due to the Auckland Anniversary weather event. Following the meeting staff provided a correct description.

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 7 June 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA3/23/2

Moved: Mr Jo'el Komene

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That, subject to the following correction to the 7th bullet point of the update report, minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 7 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

"The weather event during Auckland Anniversary weekend in January 2023 caused a 100 times the average stream flow with a flood flow of approximately 428,000 litres per second."

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Waiāri Operations Report

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Key points

- The ecological monitoring survey was carried out to increase knowledge of the baseline. This survey coincided with the abstraction of water from the stream for water supply and the Auckland Anniversary flooding.
- The survey enabled a better understanding of the stream characteristics when flooding does occur.

In response to questions

- No questions were asked.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA3/23/3

Moved: Mayor James Denyer

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Operations Report".
- (b) No feedback was provided on the report.

CARRIED

9.2 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update September 2023

Staff Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes
Sam Hema, Tangata Whenua Liaison

- Two meetings of the sub-group have taken place since the last Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) meeting and the minutes of these meetings were attached to the report.

Mauri Model application

Key points

- Dr Kepa Morgan would be holding another workshop before Christmas.
- A hui would be held on 21 September 2023 to gather further input from Waitaha.

In response to questions

- The impact on Cyclone Gabrielle on the mauri of the Waiāri was a question for tangata whenua to respond to and was not necessarily one that could be answered from a scientific perspective.
- It was requested that the state of the mauri of Waiāri be considered at each Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting, and this was included as an additional resolution (c).

Rest area restoration (Waiāri Bridge), Tohu Māori – Storytelling Cultural Interpretation Options and River Access Points

Key points

- These three initiatives were considered interrelated.
- The Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) had positioned themselves to support and lead these initiatives and Elva Conroy had been contracted to support these three initiatives.
- Elva Conroy and Sam Hema were developing a programme of work to ensure consistency between WBOPDC and Tauranga City Council (TCC).
- Part of the programme was to develop a set of criteria against which each of the six access sites to the river could be assessed. Each of these sites had complexity and special significance.
- Discussion in the upcoming hui would centre on which information was to be public and which information iwi retained. Collectively tangata whenua were happy to tell stories, and WBOPDC were working on how to tell those stories in a number of mediums, including audio/visual platforms.
- The inclusion of the rest area at the Waiāri Bridge was a project that would be subject to the Long Term Plan (LTP) process at WBOPDC.

In response to questions

- The idea to attach a measuring device to the bridge pylon was in response to the issues around correct river flow data and a visual measuring device on the pylon would be a practical solution.
- Staff would report back on the comment in paragraph 27(a) Te Rerenga site that “Tapuika have exclusive access”.
- The six river access sites would likely feed into the catchment management plan, but this was not able to be confirmed by staff.
- The comments in paragraph 27(f) related to access along the bottom end of the Kaituna was described as challenging because of the physical environment and tidal nature and currently only row boats could be used.

Discussion point

- It was requested that WBOPDC ensured that the operations team tasked with the mahi be strongly encouraged to make progress on these matters as historically there had been slow movement in this space.
- In response to this point, WBOPDC advised that there was an internal process to ensure the Māori strategic staff and the operations staff were communicating and working together and these projects would be considered by elected members through the Long term Plan (LTP) process.
- Suggested looking at additional access points along the river at Ngaingainui and Mangakino with access points already along the river and at Te Kongutuawa, as we were missing the source, the tupuna.

Regeneration Programmes**Key points**

- The key to these programmes was having skilled people teaching about rongoa, riparian planting and cultural values. These programmes would involve and employ tangata whenua and revive cultural practices.
- Grateful to Tapuika Iwi Authority who offered to co-ordinate the regeneration work through their youth initiative.
- Maps would be provided to show the impacts of the regeneration programmes in future reports.

In response to questions

- Any further regeneration initiatives could be developed and included in the programme.
- Local DOC initiatives support iwi currently through Jobs for Nature that focussed on restorative approaches.

Discussion point

- It was requested that Waitaha representatives discuss with rōpu a Jobs for Nature initiative for the Raparapaahoe Stream to develop a restorative programme.
- This initiative could be part of a broader policy that looked at all streams that feed into Waiāri and Kaituna rivers.

Education and employment pathways**Key points**

- Staff were exploring several opportunities for education and employment pathways and would have more detail at the next WKAG meeting.

Waiāri Stages 2 and 3

Refer to plan on power point presentation.

Key points

- This information was requested as reports referred to Waiāri Stages 2 and 3.
- The name “Waiāri Stages 2 and 3” was incorrect as these stages involved bulk water mains within the urban centres of Pāpāmoa and Mount Maunganui. While these mains would convey water from the Waiāri, they were not related to any works involving the Waiāri water treatment plant.
- These projects were about future proofing the water supply for urban growth, reducing leaks and developing sustainable water practices.
- This was a conceptual plan that showed options for conveying water based on current reservoirs, but nothing was fixed. Eventually projects would be included in the LTP to address urban growth.

In response to questions

- In terms of long-term planning, the growth figure used was 35,000 households, which would use the full capacity of 45 million litres allocated to TCC from the Waiāri.

Discussion point

- Concern was expressed that the population would grow faster than the water supply and TCC would need to look for additional water sources.
- It was agreed there was a need for long term strategies and planning around water that provided for growth and included sustainable practices to reduce water demand.
- One of the advantages of the Three Waters reforms was that it enabled collaboration to occur between councils on long term planning for water demand.
- There was potential for the secondary use of water from wastewater treatment to use for fertiliser. This would require engineering solutions to achieve.

Cultural Recognition Development Recommendations**Discussion point**

- Supported co-funding approach by the three councils.
- Acknowledged the work that had been undertaken in developing the six initiatives and appreciated that there were currently gaps in the scope and costings.
- LTP process would see each council work through budget allocations for each council. TCC was developing their LTP earlier and needed to have costings available as early as possible.
- Staff would have more idea of costings and scope and complexity of each of the six initiatives by the next WKAG meeting on 8 November 2023.
- It would be helpful when considering prioritisation to have information around the constraints of each initiative in terms of capacity (people), financial and landowner consents.
- It was recognised that these were long term and ongoing commitments and some of the initiatives would require continuous funding.
- A challenge was made to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) to consider increasing their contribution to these projects from the revenues generated from their shares in the Tauranga Port.

Nic Johansson joined the meeting at 10:32 am

- There was potential for a relationship to be developed with the pataka kai programme, a regenerative programme for awa that flowed into Kaituna, and its tributaries given that Elva Conroy was the lead in this programme.
- Mr Te Amo questioned if there was potential to mend bridges again and bless the Waiāri water treatment plant in the correct manner. TCC staff advised that they would welcome this opportunity to open the plant and mend those bridges. It was requested that this be included as an action from the minutes.

Water provided for marae

- Ms Dinsdale requested a discussion on a further cultural initiative relating to the percentage of the water take for marae. This was an issue about natural justice for Māori and would provide an important benefit for hapū and iwi. She noted that this was not recorded in the cultural initiative report and needed to be included. The matter had been outstanding for over two years.
- Ms Dinsdale stated she would include all marae in WBOP District and in Tauranga City.
- WBOPDC advised that marae were not charged for the consumption of water (volumetric charge) but were still charged for the infrastructure and services capital component of the water service. A decision to remit the capital component of the water charge for marae was a political decision as it would set precedent and policy.
- It was noted that the water in the Western Bay of Plenty district supplied to marae was not coming from Waiāri but from groundwater sources.

- This item was initially part of the cultural recognition process but was excluded from the other six initiatives as it was seen as having a different feel, being a political matter.
- The process to get this matter before WBOPDC and TCC councils would require a report from senior staff. WBOPDC advised that they saw three phases of work
 1. evidence gathering.
 2. workshopping with tangata whenua and elected members a draft policy on providing water to marae.
 3. determining the water sources for marae and any impact on the WBOPDC use of its 25% water allocation from the Waiāri.
- BOPRC advised that there was no need to change the consent conditions if an agreement was entered into around water allocation to marae, but that it could be recorded that there was an agreement in place.

The great mahi and open heartedness of Kelvin and Sam was acknowledged.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA3/23/4

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mayor James Denyer

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update September 2023".
- (b) That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (KWAG) members having discussed all (6) Cultural initiatives and;
 - (i) Consider the priority of each associated timing of work across all 6 initiatives at the 8 November 2023 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
 - (ii) Support the development of a collaborative funding model that requires each of the parties, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council to seek funding via their individual Long Term Planning process.
- (c) Requests a report on the state of the mauri of Waiāri be provided to each Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
- (d) Notes that Te Kapu o Waitaha provide a report on the impacts of the Raparapaahoe for the jobs for nature programme.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Waiari stg2 3 update sept 2023

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

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

The meeting closed at 11:10 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 November 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

UNCONFIRMED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Waiari Mauri Model - Dr Kēpa Morgan

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.2 Elva Conroy

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update November 2023

File Number: A15208122

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

Authoriser: Stephen Burton, **Interface Lead:** Three Waters Transition

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 7th June 2023 at Moko Marae.
2. The Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (KWAG) members discuss all (six) actions and tasks including costings and cost centres and 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 November 2023".

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3. 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, 13 April and 2 May 2023 for the purpose of contributing their input into the cultural recognition document developed with the Takawaenga team in 2022.
 4. The agreed approach moving forward is for staff from both councils to form a sub-group with Tapuika, Waitaha, Ngāti Whakaeu ki Maketu & Mokopuna o Tia me Hei.
 5. Key members of that sub - group included:
 - 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
 - Tauranga City Council Representative - Yolanda Tipuna
 - Hemisphere Ltd - Sam Hema
 - Tauranga City Council Representative – Kelvin Hill
 - Tauranga City Council Representative – Peter Bahrs
 - Western Bay of Plenty District Council Representative - Chris Nepia
 - Western Bay of Plenty District Council Representative – EJ Wentzel
 6. Only one meeting of the subgroup has taken place since the last (WKAG) meeting. At the time of going to print for this report a copy of the minutes from the 21st September 2023 was

not available. And the scheduled meeting of the 26 October 2023 was postponed due to in availability of number of representatives.

7. The purpose of the report is to provide an updated to the WKAG meeting reflecting the status of each of the six Cultural initiatives.
8. A presentation on the day will be provided by Dr Kepa Morgan on the work he has progressing with Mauri Model Application. The representatives meeting of the 21st September focused on input into the Mauri Model and in particular the cultural indicators.
9. A presentation on the day will be provided by Elva Conroy on the work she has been progressing on several of the cultural initiatives relating to river access points.
10. For Clarity the format of this report includes the same information as the previous published report of the last WKAG meeting held on the 6th September 2023.
11. A presentation on the day will be provided by the report author on the proposed budgets for each of key tasks contained within this report. The intention will be to explain the makeup of these budgets, with the intention of submitting this budget as part of Councils Long Term Plan (LTP).

BACKGROUND

12. 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.
13. 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

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. The key tasks are:

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP	Status
1. Appoint two monitors & complete terms and conditions with Iwi	BOPRC / Iwi	\$		First meeting Sept 23
2. BOPRC & Iwi co-write a management plan on the expectations of these roles	BOPRC / Iwi	\$10,000		Underway
3. Complete outstanding actions from previous scope for Mauri Model delivery pre site opening	TCC	N/A	N/A	Completed

REST AREA RESTORATION (WAIARI BRIDGE)

18. Brief: The Rest Area at the Waiari Bridge needs urgent attention to enable safe access.
19. Aim: Prioritised redevelopment of reserve through WBOPDC Reserve Management Plan or similar.
20. Objective: Address the following matters for immediate action:
- WBOPDC to meet with tangata whenua to redesign the area to be more welcoming and functional taking cultural priorities into account.
 - Consider modifying current ditch and stop bank to be more accessible e.g., design a ladder system for entry and exit.
 - Consider improving landscaping, planting, and resources e.g., picnic table/BBQ.
 - Install measurement indicators onto bridge pylons to enable transparency on river levels.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Rest Area Suite of Enhancements include:
- 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.

- (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.

24. The key tasks are:

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP	Status
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

- 25. Brief: Take a taonga centric approach to storytelling, acknowledgement, and cultural recognition along the Waiari.
- 26. 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
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. Interpretation Plan: This is directed by the sites identified in Theme: *River Access Points*.
- 30. The key tasks are:

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	

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
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

31. 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.
- Te Rerenga - This site has access that TCC can explore through TECT. There are lakes swamps and puna there. Tapuika have exclusive access.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Kongutuawa ki te Kaituna - The bottom end of the awa currently has stock banks surrounding and access more challenging. WBOPDC to explore.
32. The key tasks are:

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	
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

33. Cultural Value: The mauri of the river is important to Tangata Whenua. Key to this is having skilled people learning 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

34. 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. WKAG 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).
35. 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 WKAG members wish to attend these meetings and find ways for alignment. (WBOPDC).
36. 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. WKAG Iwi reps have access to local DOC initiatives that support Iwi currently through Jobs for Nature that focus on restorative approaches. (TCC/Iwi/BOPRC).
37. 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. WKAG Iwi reps have access to local BOPRC support to develop a specific Waiari program that aligns itself with this catchment approach. (TCC/BOPRC/Iwi).
38. Athenree Waiari 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).
39. 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).
40. The key tasks are:

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	

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
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

41. Cultural Value - Tangata whenua seek to be working at the Waiari Site alongside Council staff delivering education, cultural aspects and kaitiakitanga. 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.
42. 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.
43. 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.
44. 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.
45. Community groups should have an opportunity to be educated as well as schools targeted for ongoing opportunities.
46. Council to setup processes that align with expectations
47. 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.
48. The key tasks are:

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	

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
3. Investigate recruitment opportunities at the Waiari site to align with scholarship opportunity	TCC	\$TBC	

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

49. 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 will support decision making with legal effects. This includes for example the usage of Council Reserve lands and access points.
50. 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

51. Ongoing engagement with a wide range of stakeholders is anticipated. This includes working in collaboration with landowners, tangata whenua partners and councils (BOPRC and WBOPDC).
52. Monthly WKAG IWI REP HUI are essential in the delivery of the cultural recognition project. They act as an accountability tool for council staff.
53. Council teams to program regular activities to work through each item on the list with tangata whenua.
54. Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiari that acknowledges the wider Cultural significance of the area.

NEXT STEPS

55. 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.
56. TCC & WBOPDC adopt a restoration program approach to the Waiari in conjunction with tangata whenua by the next WKAG meeting.
57. TCC & WBOPDC design a scholarship program in conjunction with tangata whenua and report back to WKAG meeting. (Timing to be confirmed).
58. Scheduled Design meeting with Iwi reps and council staff for the development of a 'Waiari Site Office Cultural plan'.
59. Scheduled procurement activities with BOPRC & Iwi Reps on the process of hiring iwi monitors for the Waiari.
60. Development of an Education Scholarship program in conjunction with tangata whenua.
61. Work through Waiari Bridge priorities and potential business case scenarios.
62. Work through the Tohu Maori & Access Points Initiatives and potential business case scenario.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10.2 Waiari Operational Report

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To report on operational activities associated with the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

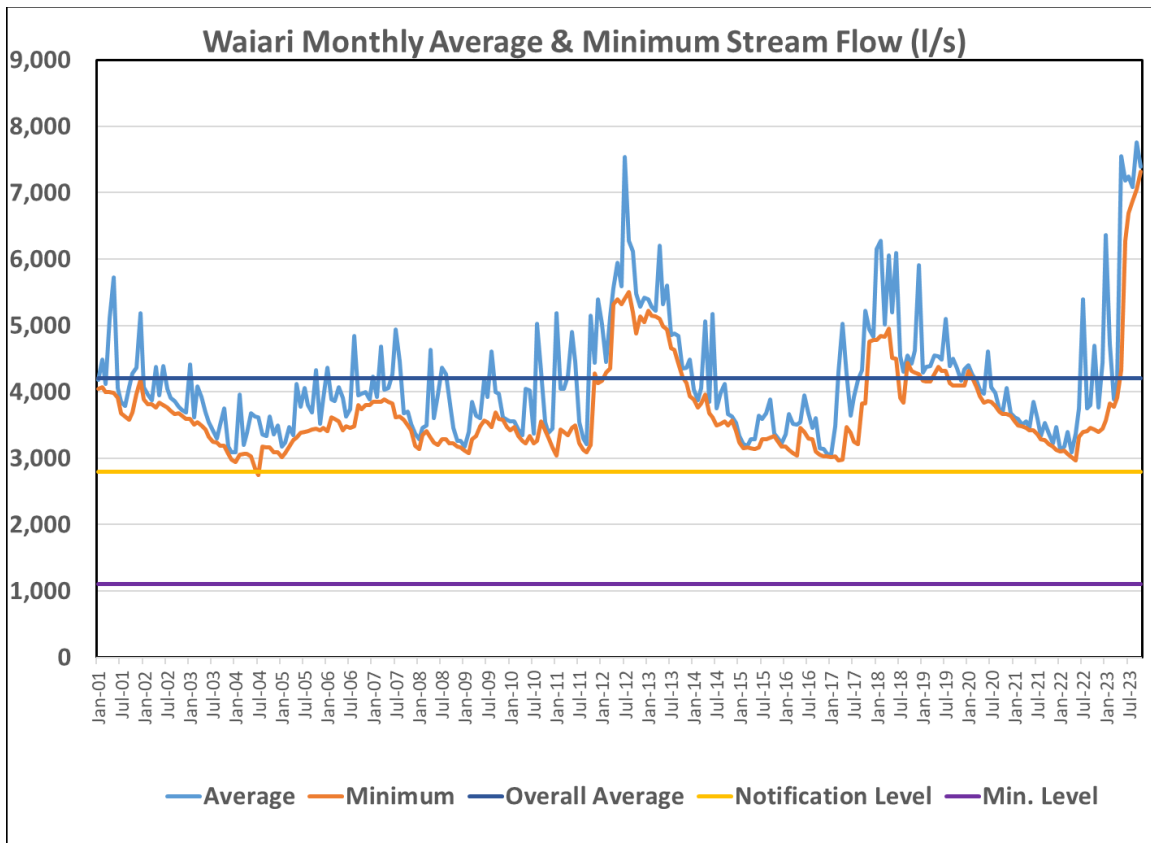
- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri".
- (b) Receives comments on the "Waiāri Operational Report"

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

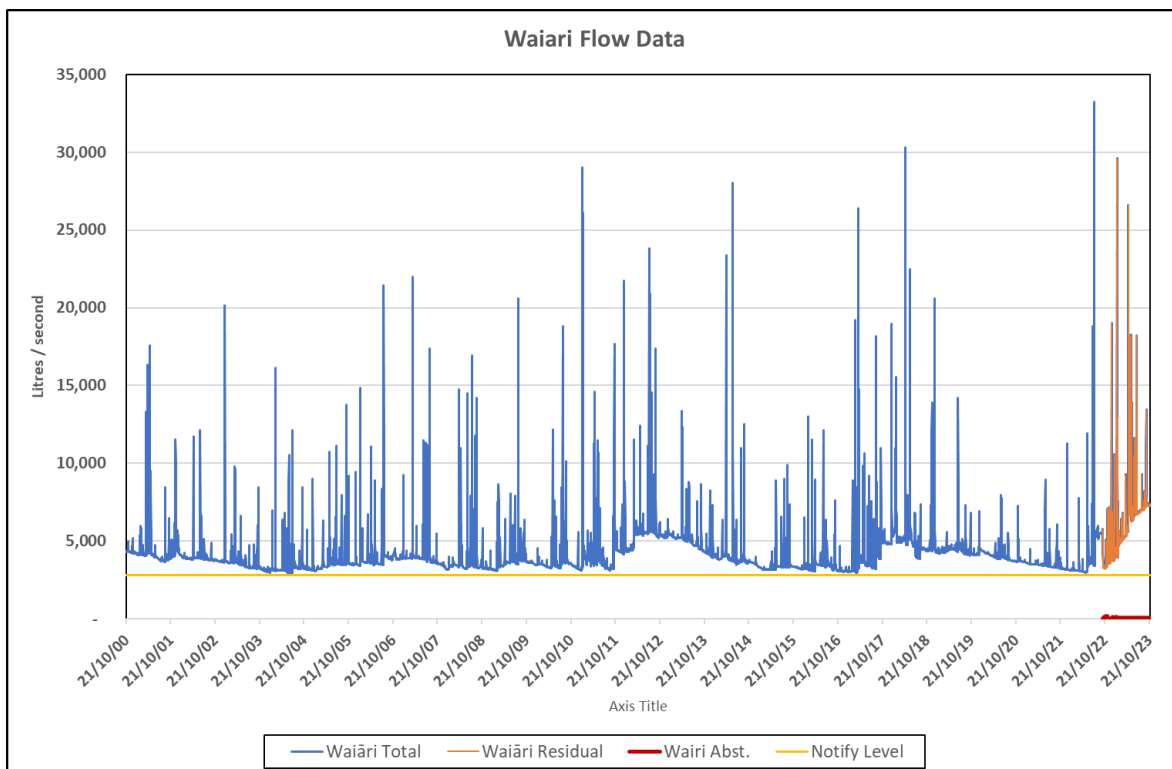
2. Overall the Waiāri stream flows have continued to increase from there baseline flows.

WAIĀRI STREAM FLOW DATA

3. The Waiāri stream flow for monthly average and minimum flows from January 2001 to end of October 2023 and is shown in the first graph below. The maximum flows have been omitted to allow better definition of the data
4. The second graph shows the daily Waiāri flows over the same period till end October 2023
5. The overall the flows have continued to improve since the last report with both average and minimum flows increasing. Some of this could be associated with increased surface spring flows and runoff from the extreme rain experienced during the past financial year. The true baseline flow can only be established once a longer dry period is experienced.
6. Graph showing monthly average and minimum flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end October 2023. The October monthly average was about 7,390 litres per second compared to the long-term average of about 4,200 l/s.



7. Graph showing daily flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end October 2023.



ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

12 CLOSING KARAKIA