



AGENDA

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 6 March 2024

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

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2024

Time: 9.30am

Location: Tauranga City Council
Ground Floor Meeting Rooms 1 & 1b
306 Cameron Road
Tauranga

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 November 2023

File Number: A15575239

Author: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS

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



MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TUHOURANGI MARAE, 1443C TE PUKE HIGHWAY, TE PUKE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor James Denyer, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (WBoPDC), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene (via audio visual link), Mr Maru Tapsell, Mr Mokoera Te Amo

IN ATTENDANCE: Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Keren Paekau (via audio visual link) (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services) and Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

Western Bay Staff Chris Nepia, Jason and Cedric.

Iwi Members Dr Kepa Morgan, Elva Conroy, Raponi Wilson and Helen Biel.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

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

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/1

Moved: Mayor James Denyer
Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the apology for absence received from Mr Reuben Fraser be 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

CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/2

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley
Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

Amends the order of business so the next item of business is 10.2 Operation Report followed by 10.1 Cultural Recognition.

CARRIED

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley
Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

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

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.2 Elva Conroy – River Access Project Update

External Elva Conroy, Conroy Consultants

Power point presentation

Key points

- Ms Conroy spoke to her power point and identified key points
- River access points were identified along Waiāri Stream and parts of Kaituna River to enhance swimming, mahi kai, waka launching and water quality monitoring.
- The preliminary findings were three priority areas which included Te Kopua Bell Road previously Ōtūmatawhero, Waiāri Landing and Rangiuru Reserve in Waitangi.
- The overview map showed other areas for enhancement work.

Te Kopua - Bell Road boat ramp

- The Te Kopua site was identified as a priority area with cultural heritage as there were Tapuika Paa sites located nearby. These Pa Sites included Te Karaka, Te Kapua and Te Paroa along the Kaituna River.

- There were wetlands also located near Te Kopua which were found to be individually owned by different entities and iwi.
- The Project Group looked at the Te Kopua area as a whole and not just upgrades to the Bell Road Boat ramp.
- The next steps included co-develop a concept plan with all the involved entities (BOPRC, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, DOC, TCC and Iwi Members) The concept plan would include safe access point for swimming, wharepaku, picnic facilities and recognition of cultural contexts areas.
- There will be some workplan coming in the next six months on safety and enhancements due to some issues and basic enhancements.
- It was noted that Resource Consents may be required for areas of this concept plan, and it is recommended that regional council is involved I the working group.

Waiāri Landing

- The presentation focused on Challenges, opportunities and next steps for the priority areas.
- There were significant erosion issues found at Waiāri Landing and limitations due to stock banks.
- The Waiāri Landing Area was a well-used swimming area which many opportunities for enhancement. Ultimately, the access for swimming needed to be addressed.
- High level next steps was to co-develop an area wide concept plan that included access to swimming, picnic facilities, connectivity to marae and walkways and cultural recognition and historical context.
- It was noted that Resource Consents may be required for areas of the concept plan.

Waitangi Area

- This area was currently in an idea stage and it was identified that it needed more time and discussion to elaborate on what was possible.
- The Project Group identified this area as a priority due to this space being an ideal area for swimming as it already had carparks and picnic facilities. The erection of a jetty would create a safe access for swimming.
- It was noted that there was a possibility for a concept plan or an easy work
- These other areas Otaiparia, Muriwharau, Maungarangi Road, Te Matai Marae, WTP Plant, WKAG Cultural Recognition Report were identified.

In response to questions

- Scope of upgrades not determined for Bell Road boat ramp but possibly basic repairs needed
- There were further six areas identified for the Waiāri, next steps and this were to be reported in December and this will include data on water quality from a swimming prospective.
- There hasn't been any swimming since the waste water treatment plant has been implemented.
- The work Ms Conroy was doing included District council, Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group and Te Maru o Kaituna.

Discussion points raised

- Report should include social and cultural responsibilities with shared resources with other groups. A copy of this presentation would be distributed to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Members.

Attachments

- 1 PowerPoint presentation - Conroy_River Access Project Update

9.1 Waiāri Mauri Model - Dr Kēpa Morgan

External Dr Kēpa Morgan

Key points

- Dr Kēpa Morgan spoke and presented to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group the Mauri Model website and all the details.
- The indicators on the website were identified at a Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group and Project Working Group workshop held in 2023.
- The Mauri Model currently identified the swimming ability at the Waiāri Landing was not feasible due to shallow waters.
- The next steps for the implementation of the Waiari Mauri Model would be discussed in a further workshop meeting.

10 BUSINESS

10.2 Waiāri Operational Report

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Key points

- The Waiāri water flow remained significantly higher than normal average. Staff were unsure how long as the weather was forecasted to be a dry 2023/2024 Summer.

In response to questions

- The planning for climate change was underway. Council staff were also preparing a Fresh Water Management Plan which would also include Mountain to the seas.
- The flat red line in the graph indicated the water being extracted from the Waiari Stream was 50L per second.
- The yellow line in the graph presented in the report indicated the stream flow when Council had to notify Tapuika Iwi Authority.
- The rain fall in 2023 had recharged the water aquifers and ground water. It was noted that the weather patterns was unpredictable during this time.
- TCC introduced a number of measures to ensure water was used efficiently which included the TCC Water Watches Plan. It was believed to be a good water management plan in terms of Te Mana o Te Wai.

Discussion points raised

- The Chairperson, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, thanked Peter and staff on their works with the Water Watches Plan which won an award at the National Water Conference.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/4

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Operations Report".

CARRIED

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

Staff Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcome
Sam Hema

PowerPoint presentation

Key points

- It was noted that the Cultural Recognition working group only managed to have one group meeting since the last Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
- It was noted that staff to spend time with Dr Kepa Morgan for discuss the Mauri Model for the Waiāri.
- Mr Hema provided an update on the Project Working Group.
- The indicators of the Waiari Mauri Model were set at the last Project Working Group meeting.

Mauri Model LTP Application

Waiāri Rest Area

- The suit of enhancements contained within the report was \$520,000.
- This project presented with opportunity for funding from outside funding sources.

Tohu Māori – Storytelling

- There was currently budget available from TCC to begin the storytelling project.
- Engagement of some sort needed with tangata whenua to identify key information needed for this project.

River Access Point

- \$100,00 draft budget across the six areas to develop plans and understand the scope further.

Regeneration Programme & Education and Employment Pathways

- It was noted these were both a work in progress with organising plans underway.

Summary & Next Steps

- It was estimated the six cultural recognition initiatives would cost approximately \$1.4M.
- It was identified that items will require a resource consent and timing would need to be considered.
- Requested a letter from iwi members to send each letter in support of the six cultural initiatives
- Based on today's presentation, a recommendation should be incorporated in to the Resolutions in support of the draft budget.

In response to questions

- This application benefits Waiāri and Kaituna. Potential to “kill two birds with one stone” working with BOPRC.
- Time frame, potential allocation of funding, helpful in terms of getting a sense.
- Not aware of LTP but potentially an AIP.
- Western Bay requested a priority list of initiatives.

Discussion points raised

- Acknowledged staff and externals for their presentations today.
- It was clear that the cultural recognition project would benefit the community and tangata whenua.
- Tangata whenua recognised that the six cultural recognition initiatives were a priority and the progress of these initiatives felt unattainable.
- Context was given by staff of costings for the infrastructure and pipework for water intake and this was compared to the six initiatives that tangata whenua had proposed.

- It was noted that the outcomes were for the community. Support was shown by the Group that funding would be sourced by other entities e.g. TECT and Waka Kotahi.
- Western Bay noted that their LTP was tight and that it was not only tangata whenua proposals that looked at possible denial.
- The Marae water supply ultimately sat with Western Bay as they were responsible to Tapuika/Waitaha/Tuhourangi marae.
- The Marae water supply initiative wasn't included in the TCC Draft LTP application budget.
- It was suggested to keep the marae water supply separate to the Cultural Recognition process.
- It was noted that the volumetric charge for water was free for marae in Tapuika/Waitaha/Tuhourangi.
- Tangata whenua didn't compare their cultural recognition initiatives with monetary value.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/5

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- Receives the report "Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update November 2023".
- Requests a workshop be held with Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff, Tauranga City Council staff and tangata whenua on the draft policy for providing free water to marae.
- Supports a submission from Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group to the three councils (Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council) Long Term Plan processes, in support of the proposed draft budget for the six prioritised cultural recognition programmes for the Waiāri, as set out in the table below: noting that some funding arrangements will come from external sources and also noting that timeframes, prioritisation and approval for these projects are yet to be determined by each Council:

Name of cultural recognition programme	Budget \$
Mauri Model Application	\$210,000
Rest Area Restoration (Waiāri Bridge)	\$620,000
Tohu Māori - Storytelling cultural interpretation options	\$100,000
River Access Points	\$100,000
Regeneration Programmes	\$150,000
Education and Employment Pathways	\$220,000
Total	\$1,390,000

- Delegates authority to the Co-Chairs to approve the submission.

CARRIED

Attachments

- Presentation - Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1:05pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

UNCONFIRMED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Elva Conroy - Kaituna Waiari River Access Feasibility Study

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. 2024 02 26 Kaituna-Waiari River Access Feasibility Report_Revised - A15590258** [↓](#) 

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Western Bay of Plenty District Council Verbal Report

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10.2 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update March 2024

File Number: A15576013

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

Authoriser: Wally Potts, **Acting General Manager:** Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide an update on the status of the cultural recognition meetings and discussions with iwi representatives as requested at the previous Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) meeting held on 8 November 2023 at Tuhourangi Marae in Te Puke.
2. The Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) members to 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 March 2024".

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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 Waiāri Water Supply Scheme project. Iwi representatives 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. A number of representative changes have taken place since the WKAG meeting last year, with Tapuika's new representative Raponi Wilson taking over from Jo'el Komene and Waitaha's new representative Luke Whare taking over from Mokoera Te Amo.
 6. Key members of this subgroup as of February 2024 included:
 - TAPUIKA Representative – Raponi Wilson
 - TAPUIKA Representative - Helen Biel (Alternate)
 - WAITAHA Representative – Luke Whare
 - NGATI WHAKUE KI MAKETU Representative - Manu Pene
 - MOKOPUNA O TIA ME HEI Representative - Darlene Dinsdale
 - Tauranga City Council Representative - Yolanda Tipuna
 - HEMASPHERE 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

7. The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the WKAG meeting, reflecting the status of each of the six Cultural initiatives.
8. Since the last (WKAG) meeting on 8 November 2023 held at Tuhourangi Marae in Te Puke, the cultural recognition project subgroup has continued meeting with an online meeting being held on 23 November 2023, and a final face-to-face meeting on 14 December 2023 in Te Puke.
9. One of the key activities to take place during January 2024 was the planning and undertaking of a 3-day tangata whenua led review, to identify potential areas of land that provide river access to the Waiāri.
10. This initiative involved two days in the field on 16 and 17 January visiting a list of potential sites and subsequently developing a suitable plan to enable safe and functional use of these access points. A number of these identified access points are through privately owned blocks of land. The third day was a cultural connection day for iwi and hapu to discuss the plans and produce a preliminary working document that captures the sites visited. Refer Attachment A.
11. A presentation on the day will be provided by Sam Hema from Hemasphere Ltd who co-ordinated the site visits and the working document on behalf of tangata whenua representatives. The intent is that this is the main agenda item for this meeting.
12. The working document provides a summary of activities to date, noting that further site activities are planned. The report has been prepared to help and enable decisions to be made around prioritising the chosen sites. At this point, three recommendations from the working document have been highlighted. These will be discussed at the meeting as part of the presentation.
13. Dr. Kepa Morgan has been progressing with the Mauri Model Application, focusing on inputs into the Mauri Model and in particular the cultural indicators. An update on progression will be provided at the next planned WKAG meeting on 5 June 2024.
14. For clarity, the format of this report includes the same information as the previous published report of the last WKAG meeting, held in November 2023.
15. 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, confirming that a budget of \$500k has been submitted as part of Council's Long Term Plan (LTP).

BACKGROUND

16. The rationale of this report is to frame up the six 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.
17. The initiatives are as follows:

- Mauri Model Application	Immediate
- Rest Area Restoration (Waiāri 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

18. **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 the Iwi Monitoring Programme including key aspects and costs and secure ongoing funding from suitable sources.

Objective: To create a suite of tools that act as a mechanism for accountability of Council's consent conditions and useful to mitigate.

19. 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 Waiāri. An Iwi Monitoring Programme includes this model and involves tangata whenua to exercise their kaitiakitanga and lead the monitoring of the Waiāri. 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.
20. Iwi Monitoring Programme includes:
- Mauri-o-meter - continued use of the Mauri Model developed by Maioro Mahi Professionals – Dr. Kēpa Morgan.
 - Management Programme co-developed by Council and iwi to include activities, responsibilities, inspection and monitoring schedule and reporting.
 - Tangata whenua monitors appointed that meet Mauri Model objectives.
 - Education - Matauranga Maori opportunities provided by iwi to include in the Iwi Monitoring Management Programme.
21. 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 2023
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 (WAIĀRI BRIDGE)

22. Brief: The Rest Area at the Waiāri Bridge needs urgent attention to enable safe access.
23. Aim: Prioritised redevelopment of reserve through WBOPDC Reserve Management Plan or similar.
24. 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.
25. 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.

26. 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.
27. Rest Area Suite of Enhancements include:
- (a) A safe walkway / cycleway bridge built across the Waiāri 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.
28. 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

29. **Brief:** Take a taonga centric approach to storytelling, acknowledgement, and cultural recognition along the Waiāri.
30. **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.
31. **Objective:** Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiāri that acknowledges the sources through the entire network including tributaries to and then also from the Waiāri, 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.
32. **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 achieved 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.

33. **Interpretation Plan:** This is directed by the sites identified in Theme: *River Access Points*.

34. 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	
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

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

- (a) Te Rerenga - this site has access that TCC can explore through TECT. There are lakes swamps and puna. Tapuika have exclusive access.
- (b) Te Ranga o Hineata - Shaw Road This site has access on private land. The water is clear and deep in areas and there are puna and stones in the area around Ngaingainui.
- (c) Potakataka - this area has access that TCC can explore. The awa is deep and cold in this area and has minimal erosion. It has easy access and is suitable for Tapuika to have nohoanga activities and spaces for cultural practices.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Waiāri 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 led.
- (f) Kongutuawa ki te Kaituna - the bottom end of the awa currently has stock banks surrounding and access is more challenging. WBOPDC to explore.

36. The key tasks are:

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
1. Work on a six site project approach for access points and prioritise each one for development and funding.	TCC/ WBOPDC / iwi	\$TBC	

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
2. Explore development plans land access issues and opportunities.	TCC / WBOPDC	\$TBC	
3. Prioritise site development and funding allocation starting with the Waiāri Bridge.	TCC / WBOPDC / iwi	\$TBC	
4. Look into the potential of nohoanga at Potakataka and develop plans.	TCC / WBOPDC / iwi	\$TBC	

REGENERATION PROGRAMMES

37. 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 programmes to revive our practices with our people.

Current Regional Programmes List

38. 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 representatives have identified that this programme aligns with the cultural values, priorities, issues & concerns as well as opportunities raised to address potential solutions. (TCC/BOPRC).
39. 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).
40. Ngā Awa River Restoration Programme - department of Conservation (DOC) - taking a whole catchment approach, Ngā Awa is working in partnership with others to restore the biodiversity of fourteen rivers from mountains to sea. WKAG iwi representatives have access to local DOC initiatives that support iwi currently through “Jobs for Nature” that focus on restorative approaches. (TCC / iwi / BOPRC).
41. Kaituna River re-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 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 representatives have access to local BOPRC support to develop a specific Waiāri Programme that aligns itself with this catchment approach. (TCC / iwi / BOPRC).
42. Athenree Waiau Wetland Environmental Programme - Te Whānau a Tauwhao / BOPRC / DOC / NZTA / WBOPDC. This hapū led 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).

43. Wetland Creation Initiative - refer to initiative developed by WBOPDC 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).
44. The key tasks are:

Key Task	Lead Owner	Cost ESTIMATE	Budget Plan OPEX / CAPEX / LTP
1. Develop a Waiāri 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

45. Cultural Value - Tangata whenua seek to be working at the Waiāri 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, procurement, and up-skilling staff. Council staff benefit from this approach as tangata whenua develop their cultural capacity within their teams.
46. 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 programme at the plant with schools, community groups, businesses, and Council. Council to front the financial responsibilities of the scholarship.
47. 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.
48. 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 Waiāri Project.
49. Community groups should have an opportunity to be educated as well as schools targeted for ongoing opportunities.
50. Council to setup processes that align with expectations.
51. 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.

52. 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 Waiāri Watertake Site cultural design and development meetings confirmed by June 2023.	TCC / iwi	\$TBC	
3. Investigate recruitment opportunities at the Waiāri site to align with scholarship opportunity.	TCC	\$TBC	

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

53. 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.
54. 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



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

NEXT STEPS

59. Continuation with the implementation of the Mauri Model Programme and the initiation of an integrated and shared approach with Councils by the next KWAG meeting.
60. TCC & WBOPDC adopt a restoration programme approach to the Waiāri in conjunction with tangata whenua by the next WKAG meeting.
61. TCC & WBOPDC design a scholarship programme in conjunction with tangata whenua and report back to WKAG meeting. (Timing to be confirmed).
62. Scheduled design meeting with iwi representatives and Council staff for the development of a 'Waiāri Site Office Cultural Plan'.
63. Scheduled procurement activities with BOPRC & Iwi representatives on the process of hiring iwi monitors for the Waiāri.
64. Development of an Education Scholarship Programme in conjunction with tangata whenua.

65. Work through Waiāri Bridge priorities and potential business case scenarios.
66. Work through the Tohu Maori & Access Points Initiatives and potential business case scenario.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **KWAG Tangata Whenua Reps Meeting - 14 February 2024 - Attachment - A15574122**  [↓](#)
2. **KWAG Tangata Whenua Reps Meeting - 14 February 2024 - Attachment - A15574151**  [↓](#)

10.3 Waiari - Operational report ending Jan 2024

File Number: A15568672

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

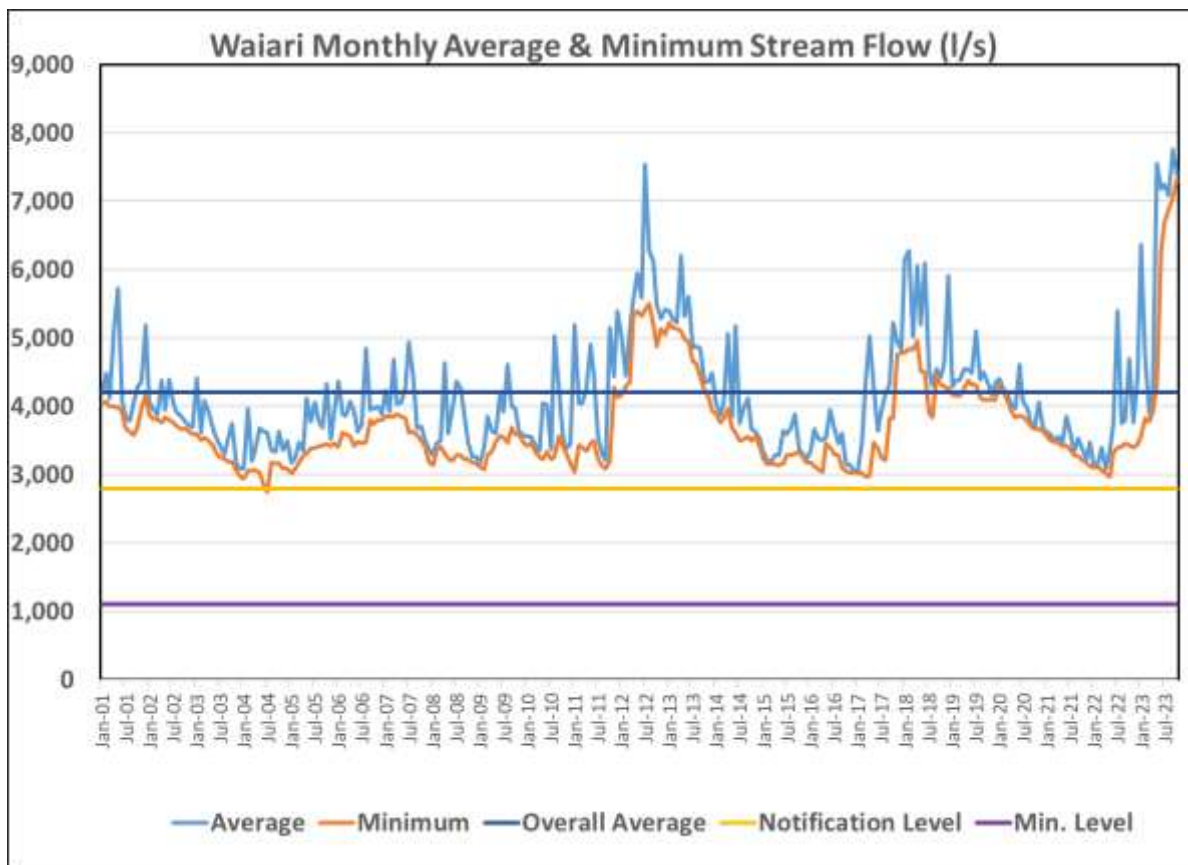
- Receives the report " Waiāri Operational Report".
- Receives comments on the "Waiāri Operational Report".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

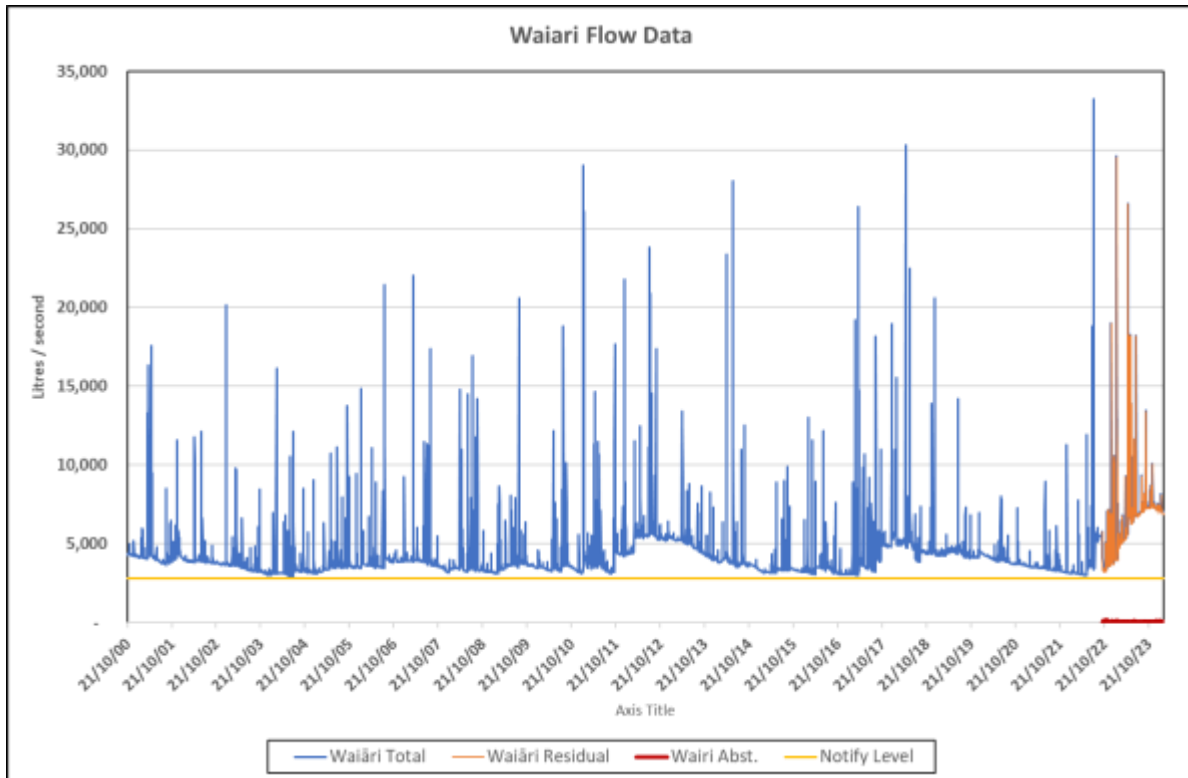
- Overall, the Waiāri stream flows have remained at a higher flow compared to the longer-term average flows.

WAIĀRI STREAM FLOW DATA

- The Waiāri stream flow for monthly average and minimum flows from January 2001 to end of January 2024, and is shown in the first graph below. The maximum flows have been omitted to allow better definition of the data.



4. The graph shows that overall, the daily Waiāri flows remain much higher than the longer-term average flows.
5. The January monthly average was about 7,286 litres per second (l/s) compared to the long-term average of about 4,200 l/s. This is about 70% more than the average.
6. The second graph shows monthly average and minimum flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end January 2024 and includes the amounts abstracted and the stream residual flow.
7. The average abstraction for January 2024 was 66 l/s with a maximum of 130 l/s.



8. Graph showing daily flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end January 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

12 CLOSING KARAKIA