



AGENDA

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 5 June 2024

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

Date: Wednesday, 5 June 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)	Darlene Dinsdale – Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Raponi Wilson – Tapuika Iwi Authority Manu Pene - Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga) Maru Tapsell – Te Kapu o Waitaha
Iwi/hapū representatives (alternates)	Luke Whare – 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	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. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative is not counted towards quorum.
Decision-making	By consensus where possible. If consensus cannot be reached, by majority vote. If there is an equal number of votes, the Co-chair who is chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
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 March 2024

File Number: A15964522

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Anahera Dinsdale, Acting Team Leader: Governance Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following correction/s:

(a)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024



MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 6 March 2024

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, GROUND FLOOR
MEETING ROOMS 1 & 1B, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Ms Darlene Dinsdale (Chairperson), Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor James Denyer, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (WBoPDC), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene, Mr Maru Tapsell.

IN ATTENDANCE: **Tauranga City Council**
Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Neels Osmer (Project Manager - 3 Waters), Steve Wiggill (Team Leader: Project Management Office), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor) and Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Rueben Fraser (Consent Manager, BoP Regional Council)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Chris Nepia (Strategic Kauapapa Maori Manager, Western Bay of Plenty District Council) and EJ Wentzel (Utilities Operations Manager).

EXTERNAL: Elva Conroy (Conroy Consultants), Raponi Wilson (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Luke Whare (Te Kapu o Waitaha)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Manu Pene opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

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

The Chairperson advised there would be no verbal update from Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) as their relevant items were noted in the reports in this agenda.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/24/1

Moved: Mayor James Denyer

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

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

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Due to technical issues, item 9.1: 'Kaituna Waiari River Access Feasibility Study' was delayed and addressed after item 10.3.

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Western Bay of Plenty District Council Verbal Report

The Chairperson advised that there was no verbal report from Western Bay of Plenty District Council, as their relevant items were noted in the reports in this agenda.

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

Staff Wally Potts, Acting General Manager: Infrastructure
Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

- The report was taken as read.

In response to questions:

- This project went through Tauranga City Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with the Commissioners endorsing funding of \$500k for the next two years. There was also funding from another project that, together with the LTP funding, provided for, and supported, the six cultural initiatives going forward.
- This was a greatly appreciated result given the competitive financial environment at this time.

Discussion points raised:

- The Waiari area lay along all the flood plains, streams and creeks that came down from the mountains. Development of a sub-regional heritage park should be about the protection of the riparian areas.
- Riparian areas were the 'arteries' of the Waiari that provided life for Tauranga City Council and the region in terms of economic development, as well as the environmental benefits it provided. Therefore, any interested or affected parties should be resourced and taken note of.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/24/2

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Manu Pene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update March 2024".

CARRIED

10.3 Waiari - Operational Report Ending January 2024

Staff Wally Potts, Acting General Manager: Infrastructure
Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Key points

- Three years of draught followed by a year of significant rainfall had made this year better in terms of water levels. The rainfall from the previous year had recharged the ground water.
- The aquifers were feeding the streams and the stream flows were sitting at about 70% higher than average. They appeared to be relatively stable at this stage.
- TCC had just come through its peak summer water demand. Water watches had been in place. This summer's water peak day was lower than previously recorded.

In response to questions

- Access into the valley to assess/count the aquifers had always been difficult but was something that could be pursued in the future.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/24/3

Moved: Mr Jo'el Komene

Seconded: Mayor James Denyer

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

10.4 Elva Conroy - Kaituna Waiari River Access Feasibility Study

External Elva Conroy, Conroy Consultants
Jason Crummer, Senior Recreation Planner, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

- Ms Conroy spoke to a PowerPoint presentation providing the group with the results of the study.

Key Points:

Mr Crummer spoke to the group providing the following points:

- The work done to complete the study had taken a lot of time and a lot of consultation and was not yet finalised. When finalised, it would be presented to WBOPDC Elected Members and then put forward for adoption.
- There was a commitment to develop the Waiari bridge area. A draft budget was in place, which would be finalised in September of this year.
- Work was being done together with WBOPDC's Reserves and Parks team, on the immediate improvement of safety in and around the bridge area, which was of concern. This included a safety rope and general tidy up of the area, regular maintenance and mowing of the grass, adding some picnic furniture and developing a plan for carparking. Existing budgets that had already been approved could be used for this.
- Eventually, individual advisory groups would be formed for each site to get a better idea of what was specifically wanted/needed. This would include members from each Council and iwi authorities from this advisory group.

In response to questions

- There was very good literature around the historical context, economy and employment in earlier times around the Te Puke flax mills.

Discussion points raised:

- It would be helpful to look at the Waiari and Kaituna river economies from a much earlier perspective, as these economies were highly valuable. They were the main source of transport for goods. This was why Marae were close to rivers, and as such, critically placed. These stories needed to be told because evolutionary changes had had an impact on the environment. This form of transport had now been replaced with roading, which was not the main way goods were previously transported.
- Rivers were no longer seen as important in terms of the economy, but in earlier times were important and had little impact on the environment. Roading however, had had a big impact on the environment. It was felt this was lacking in the reporting in terms of the value of rivers, the protection of them and birdlife.
- It would be helpful to have increased coordination and information sharing between the non-iwi parties to save time and enable projects to be completed in a timely manner. There was a need to get the Kaupapa right.
- Tangata whenua were quite spread out and were involved in, and managed, many different things. However, they were poorly resourced. An exercise with iwi would be held on Friday to ascertain what sort of 'light purpose' groups could be pulled together to improve their equity in all that they were involved in, create more unity and collaboration, and to match the right skills with the right job. This was also important in terms of being able to support governance groups

more effectively in terms of operations.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/24/4

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Kaituna Waiari River Access Feasibility Study presentation.
- (b) Requests that the Chair and Co-Chairs of Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group, Te Ohu Parawai and Te Maru o Kaituna meet and discuss a joined approach to the management of the Kaituna Waiari River Access and report back at the next Waiari Kaitiaki Adivsory Group meeting.

CARRIED

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Introduction of New Member for Tapuika Iwi Authority:

Mr Komene announced his retirement from Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group and welcomed Raponi Te Rangikatukua Wilson who would now represent Tapuika Iwi Authority on the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston provided a karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:22am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 5 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update June 2024

File Number: A15996725

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. For 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.
3. The Cultural Recognition Site investigation document (Attachment 2) has been updated to reflect current progress since the last report in March 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receive the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update June 2024".

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 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Key members of this subgroup as of June 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 - Yolande 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
 - Western Bay of Plenty District Council Representative – Jason Crummer
8. The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the WKAG meeting, reflecting the status of each of the six Cultural initiatives.
 9. Since the last (WKAG) meeting in March 2024. A number of meetings have taken place between Sam Hema and KWAG iwi representatives to progress direction around some of the Cultural recognition initiatives, recognising that WBOPDC are working on a number of similar initiatives that foster a collaborative approach going forward. (Reference to Attachment A provides a summary of two initiatives)
 10. For clarity, the format of this report includes the same information as the previous WKAG reports, however some additional information around budgets has been updated as information comes to hand. The initial budget sought to implement all the cultural initiatives was estimated to be around \$1.65M.
 11. TCC have an approved budget of \$250K in this current financial year 2023/24. This budget has been assigned against several Cultural initiatives but is yet to be drawn down on.
 12. TCC Long Term Plan approved the submission from the WKAG committee to fund \$250K in the 2024/25 and \$250K in the 2025/26 Financial years to support the cultural recognition initiatives.
 13. A submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan was submitted by the Chair of the WKAG in April 2024 seeking financial support for the Cultural recognition initiatives. A similar financial contribution to that provided by TCC was sought. BOPRC deliberations were still in progress at the time of this WKAG report being tabled.
 14. A similar submission both in terms of content and contribution value sought will be submitted to WBOPDC Long term plan within the next month.

BACKGROUND

15. 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.
16. The initiatives are as follows:

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

MAURI MODEL APPLICATION

17. **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.
18. 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.

- 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 Māori opportunities provided by iwi to include in the Iwi Monitoring Management Programme.

19. 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)

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

24. 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.
25. Rest Area Suite of Enhancements include:
- A safe walkway / cycleway bridge built across the Waiāri 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.
26. 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 MĀORI – STORYTELLING CULTURAL INTERPRETATION OPTIONS

27. **Brief:** Take a taonga centric approach to storytelling, acknowledgement, and cultural recognition along the Waiāri.
28. **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.
29. **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.
30. **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.

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

32. 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

33. 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.

34. 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	
2. Explore development plans land access issues and opportunities.	TCC / WBOPDC	\$TBC	

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

35. 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

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. 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).
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, WKAG members wish to attend these meetings and find ways for alignment. (WBOPDC).
38. 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).
39. 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).
40. Athenree Waiāri 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).
41. Wetland Creation Initiative - refer to initiative developed by WBOPDC to develop existing wastewater wetlands into freshwater wetlands. KWAG agree to review and support this, however, the WBOPDC Wastewater Project is disconnected with a catchment approach. (TCC/WBOPDC).

42. 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

43. 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.
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 programme 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 Waiāri 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. 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 Water-take 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

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 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




53. 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).
54. Monthly WKAG 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 programme regular activities to work through each item on the list with tangata whenua.
56. Develop an interpretation plan for the length of the Waiāri that acknowledges the wider Cultural significance of the area.

NEXT STEPS

57. 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.
58. TCC & WBOPDC adopt a restoration programme approach to the Waiāri in conjunction with tangata whenua by the next WKAG meeting.
59. TCC & WBOPDC design a scholarship programme in conjunction with tangata whenua and report back to WKAG meeting. (Timing to be confirmed).
60. Scheduled design meeting with iwi representatives and Council staff for the development of a 'Waiāri Site Office Cultural Plan'.
61. Scheduled procurement activities with BOPRC & Iwi representatives on the process of hiring iwi monitors for the Waiāri.
62. Development of an Education Scholarship Programme in conjunction with tangata whenua.

63. Work through Waiāri Bridge priorities and potential business case scenarios.
64. Work through the Tohu Māori & Access Points Initiatives and potential business case scenario.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **KWAG Cultural Recognition Site Report Update May 2024 - A16009970**  
2. **KWAG Iwi Tangata Whenua Report - Hemasphere Ltd - Sam Hema May 2024 - A16009980**  



Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group

CULTURAL RECOGNITION

SITE VISIT JANUARY 2024

PRELIMINARY REPORT

By Hemasphere Ltd

Contributors: Tapuika Iwi Authority

Purpose: An initiative lead by tangata whenua to block out 3 Days dedicated to include technical assessments (2 Days) and cultural connection (1 Day) for iwi and hapū.

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





River Access Points

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

Assessment Criteria

Access // Recreational // Environmental // Monitoring & Cultural Recognition options

This will include - Site Name // Location Details // Land block details // Short description // Visibility // Size // Environmental constraints // Known sites of significance // Access points // Water monitoring details // Cultural Assessment details including record of resource consents active & historical.

9.2 Waiari - Operational Report period ending March 2024

File Number: A15996738

Author: Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Authoriser: Wally Potts, Acting General Manager: Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

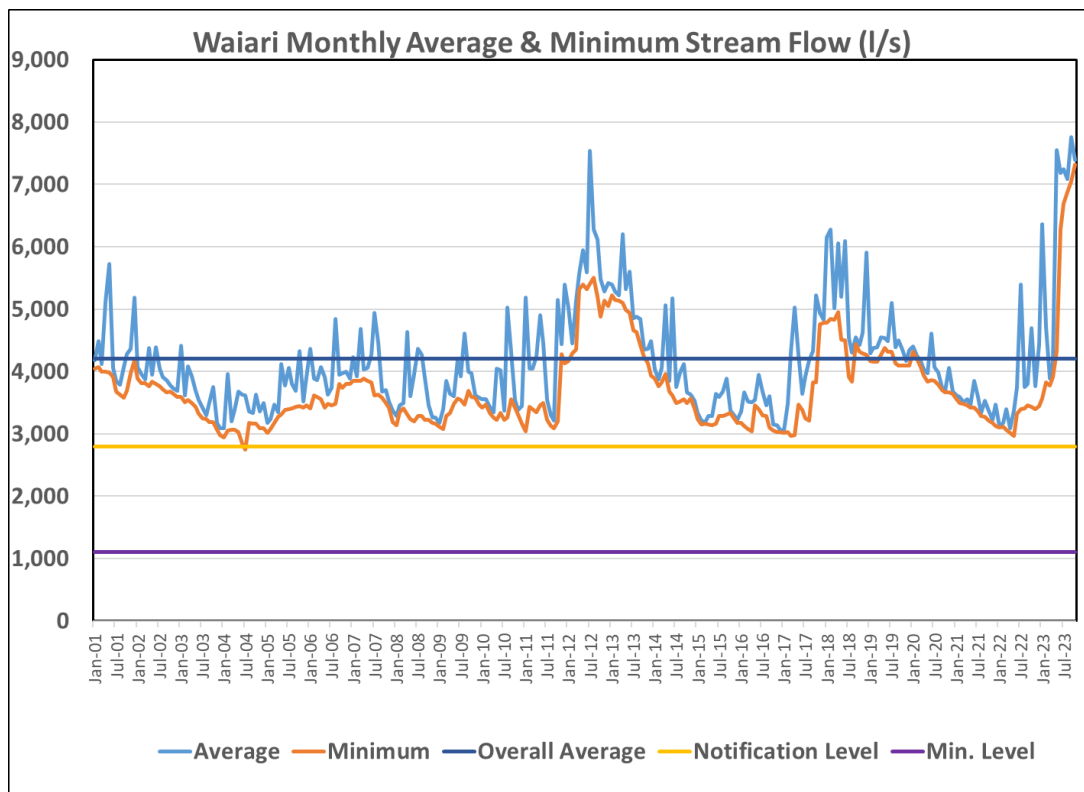
- Receives the report "Waiari - Operational Report period ending March 2024".
- Receives comments on the "Waiāri Operational Report".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

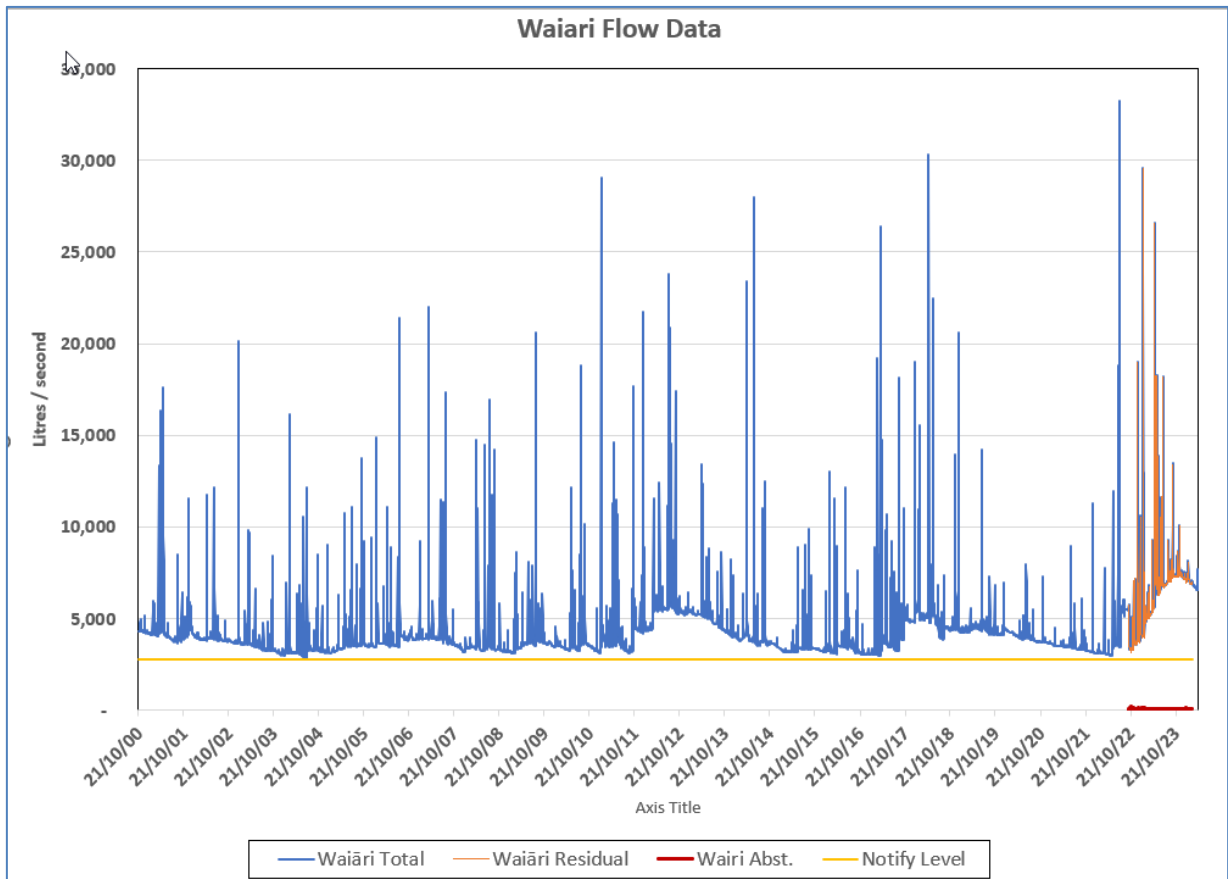
- Overall, the Waiāri stream flows have remained at a higher flow compared to the longer-term average flows.

WAIĀRI STREAM FLOW DATA

- The Waiāri stream flow for monthly average and minimum flows from January 2001 to beginning of 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 continue to remain much higher than the longer-term average flows.
5. The March monthly average was about 6,818 litres per second (l/s) compared to the long-term average of about 4,200 l/s. This is about 60% more than the average.
6. The second graph shows monthly average and minimum flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end March 2024 and includes the amounts abstracted and the stream residual flow.
7. The average abstraction for January 2024 was 59 l/s with a maximum of 83 l/s.



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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

11 CLOSING KARAKIA