



AGENDA

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 10 June 2026

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

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Moko Marae, Te Puke

**Marty Grenfell
Chief Executive**

Terms of reference - Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

Membership

Co-chairs	Two members to be appointed as co-chairs. Council nomination; and Cr Darlene Dinsdale - WBOPC, Co-chair representative of iwi/hapū Luke Whare - Te Kapu o Waitaha Alternate: Helen Biel
Tauranga City Council representatives (2)	Cr Hautapu Baker Cr Steve Morris Alternate: Cr Hēmi Rolleston
Western Bay of Plenty District Council representatives (2)	Cr Laura Rae Cr Darlene Dinsdale
Iwi/ hapū representatives (4)	Helen Biel - Tapuika Iwi Authority Travis Moke - Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Manu Pene - Ngāti Whakaeu ki Maketu (Te Hononga) Luke Whare - Te Kapu o Waitaha
Iwi/hapū representatives (alternates)	Rob Peake - Te Kapu o Waitaha Hanita Dinsdale - Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Liam Tapsell - Ngāti Whakaeu ki Maketu (Te Hononga) Hakopa Tapiata - Tapuika Iwi Authority
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 11 March 2026

File Number: A20068393

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Sarah Holmes, Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 11 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 11 March 2026



DRAFT MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 11 March 2026

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Hautapu Baker (Chair), Cr Darlene Dinsdale (WBoPDC), Cr Steve Morris, Mr Manu Pene, Cr Laura Rae (WBoPDC), Mr Luke Whare, Mr Hakopa Tapiata, Hanita Dinsdale (online) and Cr Hēmi Rolleston.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE IN Cr Rod Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Wally Potts (Head of City Waters), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor),

Externals Rueben Fraser (Consent Manager, BoP Regional Council), Peter Parker (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 11 March 2026 on [Council's You Tube Channel](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

Member Luke Whare, Member Hanita Dinsdale and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillor Laura Rae introduced themselves to the Committee.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/1

Moved: Cr Darlene Dinsdale
Seconded: Cr Laura Rae

That the apology for absence received from Member Helen Biel, Member Travis Moke and Member Rob Peake 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

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 3 September 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/2

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 3 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 12 minutes and 30 seconds

9.1 Appointment of Co-Chair to the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

Staff Sarah Holmes, Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services

- The Governance Advisor corrected an error in the report and reiterated that a Council representative was to be approved by Council and an iwi/hapū representative was to be endorsed by Council.
- The Committee decided to have a shared co-chair role: Luke Whare was proposed as Iwi/Hapu Co-Chair, with Helen Beale as alternate.

Nominations:

- WBOPDC Councillor Laura Rae nominated WBOPDC Councillor Darlene Dinsdale as consent holder Co-chair.
- WBOPDC Councillor Darlene Dinsdale nominated Luke Whare (Te Kapu o Waitaha) as

iwi/hapū Co-chair.

- Member Helen Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority) was nominated as alternate for iwi/hapū Co-chair.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/3

Moved: Cr Laura Rae

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointment of Co-Chair to the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group".
- (b) Recommends to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council that Luke Whare be appointed as the iwi/hapū representative Co-chair of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.
and
- (c) Recommends to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council that Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillor Darlene Dinsdale be appointed as the consent holder representative Co-chair of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 19 minutes and 15 seconds

9.2 Waiāri Operational Report

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

The Manager: Water Services spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and provided the following points:

- Updates on stream flows, rainfall events, and ecological monitoring, and explained recent stream flow trends, the impact of rainfall, and the abstraction rates compared to consented limits.
- An outline of the steps for integrating iwi partnership into ecological monitoring, focusing on consent requirements and future educational interventions. This was being scoped and would be shared with iwi reps for collaboration.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/4

Moved: Cr Darlene Dinsdale

Seconded: Mr Manu Pene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Operational Report" 11 March 2026.
- (b) Provides feedback or comment on report, as needed.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Waiāri Operation Report Presentation 11 March 2026

Timestamp: 31 minutes and 50 seconds

9.3 Waiāri Cultural Recognition Update - March 2026

Staff Dean Flavell, Pou Ārahi

Mr Dean Flavell spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (attached) providing the following information:

- The process and challenges of developing three significant artworks (pou) along the Waiāri, including historical and cultural context.
- Personal and community stories about the river, its significance, and the intended meaning of the artworks.
- The first pou would be placed at Ngaingainui, marking a sacred spring, with others planned for different locations.
- Confirmed that whanau and hapu accessibility to pou would be part of the brief and that continued collaboration between the parties was important.

Action Requested:

- That iwi representatives meet to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding before any staff involvement.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/5

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report " Waiāri Cultural Recognition Update - March 2026".
- (b) Accept the design concept put forward by Toi Takapuu for the cultural recognition artwork and approve moving forward to the next stage of the design and construction process.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Waiāri Cultural Recognition Update Presentation

Timestamp: 52 minutes and 31 seconds

9.4 Water Usage for Maraes within the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Rohe

Staff Wally Potts, Head of City Waters
Jennifer Pearson, Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery

The Head of City Waters and the Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery spoke to the report, and the following items were discussed with the Committee:

- It was confirmed that Tauranga City Council remitted wastewater charges only for marae, while Western Bay of Plenty District Council remitted water but not wastewater.
- There was a need for consistent remission policies, with an emphasis on the negligible

proportion of total water used by Marae and the cultural significance of providing water without charge.

- The purpose of Cultural Recognition 7 was discussed. It was clarified it required quantifying marae water usage as a percentage of the total take, not just a discussion of rates or revenue. Clear and more detailed reporting was needed to inform future decisions.
- It was agreed this was an urgent matter in terms of what needed to be achieved before the waters entity transition.

Actions Requested:

- That the Head of City Waters and the Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery provide a report on marae water usage as a percentage of total take and support the development of a strong, timely recommendation for full water charge remission.
- That Councillor Darlene Dinsdale coordinate the establishment of a working group (with tangata whenua, elected members, and staff) to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Recognition 7 and report back at the next meeting.

At 11.15am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.55am the meeting resumed in open.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/26/0/6

Moved: Cr Darlene Dinsdale

Seconded: Mr Manu Pene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report Water Usage for Maraes within the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Rohe
- (b) Establish a working group with tangata whenua of Waiāri elected members, and staff to investigate, develop and draft an MOU to recognise and implement cultural recognition # 7. To be reported back to the next Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
- (c) That tangata whenua members support and recommend to councils that they remit all water charges for marae across both districts through the Annual Plan process 26/27 and any other appropriate process.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.42am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 10 June 2026

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Status Updates on Actions from prior Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meetings

File Number: A20154104

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report provides a status update on actions requested during previous Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meetings

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Status Updates on Actions from prior Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meetings".

BACKGROUND

2. This is a recurring report provided to every Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting. The next report will be to the 2 September 2026 meeting.
3. The attached update includes all open actions and actions completed since the last meeting on 11 March 2026.
4. Once reported, completed actions are archived and made available in the Stellar library².

DISCUSSION

5. The action status update report for the Status Updates on Actions from prior Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meetings, as at 27 May 2026, is provided as **Attachment 1** to this report, and is summarised in the table below.

Status of actions	No. actions
Closed (<i>completed since the last report</i>)	nil
Pending (waiting on something)	nil
In progress	3
To be actioned	nil
Total actions included in this report	3

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory group - A20380897** [↓](#) 

² Stellar pathway: Council & Committees → City Delivery Committee → 2025 → Actions from City Delivery Committee meetings.

Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group				Actions status update as at: 21 April 2026				
<i>Not incl in report</i>								
Reported as closed at the meeting of:	Meeting Date	Agenda Ref.	Report Name	Action required	Status Update (incl anticipated / actual completion date)	Status Summary	Date Closed	GM / CE Responsible
	11 Mar 2026	9.3	Waiāri Cultural Recognition Update - March 2026	That iwi representatives meet to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding before any staff involvement.	Cr Darlene Dinsdale to arrange	In progress		Reneke van Soest
	11 Mar 2026	9.4	Water Usage for Maraes within the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Rohe	That the Head of City Waters and the Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery provide a report on marae water usage as a percentage of total take and support the development of a strong, timely recommendation for full water charge remission.	Further consideration needed for a consistent approach for remissions with TCC and WBOPDC due to different approaches. Recommend this is dealt with by the Water Organisation. This is to be discussed in the meeting.	In progress		Reneke van Soest
	11 Mar 2026	9.4	Water Usage for Maraes within the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Rohe	That Councillor Darlene Dinsdale coordinate the establishment of a working group (with tangata whenua, elected members, and staff) to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Recognition 7 and report back at the next meeting.	Cr Darlene Dinsdale to arrange	In progress		Reneke van Soest

9.2 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Cultural Recognition Update May 2026

File Number: A20278827

Author: Jennifer Pearson, Asset Delivery

Authoriser: Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- To provide an update on the status of the seven cultural recognition actions since the last Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) meeting of 11 March at Tauranga City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Cultural Recognition Update May 2026".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The WKAG Ops Group have met twice since the last WKAG hui and have made progress on several cultural recognition initiatives in the last two months.
- The seven cultural recognition initiatives agreed by the WKAG:

Tohu Māori – Storytelling	In progress
Waiāri Bridge Restoration	In progress
Regeneration Programmes	Planning underway
Education and Employment Pathways	Planning underway
Mauri Model	In progress
Access to Water	In progress
River access points	Lower priority

BUDGET

Item	Spend to Date	Budget 2025-26	Budget 2026 - 27	Funder
WKAG Ops Group iwi reps	\$9207	\$ 7000	\$16,000	TCC
Tohu Māori storytelling				
Toi Takapūu cultural artwork		\$10,000	\$110,000	TCC
Video story of the Waiāri		\$40,000		TCC
Waiata for Waiāri		\$10,000 TBC		
Water Monitoring Training and Programme		\$19,800	\$38,000	TCC

Waiāri Bridge Restoration		\$40,000	\$260,000	WBOPDC
Regeneration and Riparian Management Programmes		\$10,000	\$200,000 (TBC)	WBOPDC BOPRC
Mauri Model Implementation Workshop with Keba Morgan and Associates to finalise indicators		\$2000	TCC	TBC
Education and Employment Pathways		TBC		
Access to Waiāri water for Marae		TBC		
River access points		TBC		
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR FORECAST		\$138,000		

UPDATE ON INITIATIVES

Action	Who	When
<p>Tohu Māori Storytelling – Toi Takapū</p> <p>TCC has signed a contract with Toi Takapū, artist collaboration with Tapuika artists Jo'el Komene, Dean Flavell and Noel McAllister to develop the first cultural recognition artwork to be located near the Waiāri Water Treatment Plant.</p> <p>Dean Flavell from Toi Takapū presented their concepts for the artwork at the last WKAG hui in March.</p> <p>In the last couple of weeks Dean Flavell and Noel McAllister from Toi Takapū met with Peter Bahrs and Jennifer Pearson to identify best site for the first cultural recognition artwork at the Waiari Plant. It was agreed that a site beside the gate and the road would likely provide the best opportunity for visibility and after hours there is also space for cars to park to also review the interpretation panel that will be placed beside the artwork. Toi Takapū will provide an updated programme and the artwork is expected to be installed later in 2026.</p>		
<p>Tohu Māori Storytelling – Awa Video Storytelling</p> <p>A contract has been granted to I Am Studios to work with the WKAG Ops Group, Tapuika and Waitaha to tell the local stories around the history of the Waiāri and its importance to the area. This will also include separate wānanga with Tapuika and Waitaha and one together to support the capture the intergenerational voices to tell the story of their lived connection to the awa. This mahi is expected to be completed mid 2026.</p>		
<p>Short Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toi Takapū to provide drawings and plan for cultural art and timeline to completion - Tapuika and Waitaha to develop Waiari awa videos with video contractor I Am Studios 	<p>Toi Takapū TCC Tapuika Waitaha I Am Studios</p>	<p>June 2026</p>

		July 2026
<p>Medium Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop full video content for both iwi and community audiences - Delivery of first cultural artwork - Develop a waiata for the Waiāri 	<p>WKAG members I Am Studios</p> <p>Toi Takapūu WKAG</p> <p>WKAG</p>	<p>September 2026</p> <p>September 2026</p> <p>November 2026</p>
<p>Long Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop opportunities for further cultural recognition at other sites along the awa 	Toi Takapūu WBOPDC/TCC	November 2026
Budget	Forecast spend 2025/26	Future Plan
<p>Short term Toi Takapūu Short term Video development</p> <p>Medium term Toi Takapūu</p>	<p>\$30,000 \$40,000</p>	<p>\$90,000</p>
<p>Waiāri Bridge Restoration (led by WBOPDC)</p> <p>WBOPDC are leading a programme of work to develop a pedestrian bridge across the Stream at the Waiāri Bridge and to improve the area.</p>	Who	When
<p>Short Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install interim stream access solution from the Waiāri Landing Reserve; and - Clean up the site and control pest plants - Team met at Makahae Marae monthly hui, who agreed a team from the marae to be the ongoing contacts on this project - Consulting team from BTW meeting regularly with WKAG Ops Group to provide updates and to receive input 	WBOPDC	Ongoing
<p>Medium Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete the technical design for stream access, erosion mitigation, and an accessible bridge crossing - Working to return land parcels from the old highway to tangata whenua - Complete the landscape design for the Waiāri Bridge Area, which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Location of cultural and historical elements; o Flood-resilient stream access improvements; 	<p>Scott Parker PM WBOPDC</p> <p>WKAG/WBOPDC/ TCC</p>	<p>July 2025 – April 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safe pedestrian connections; ○ Location of an accessible bridge crossing; ○ Options for recreation and amenities for visitors to enjoy; ○ Future long-term developments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential shared path linkages to Te Puke township, Waitangi, and the Kaituna River; ▪ Options for safe stream access at the rail bridge; and ▪ Potential for car parking near the stream. - Complete the detailed design with consents and approvals obtained 		
<p>Long Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of detail design specifications. - Lodgement of building consent application. - Tender administration; and - Commence construction 	WBOPDC	May 2026 – June 2027
Budget	Forecast spend 2025/26	Future Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short term 2024/25 - Medium term - Long term 	\$40,000 WBOPDC	\$260,000 WBOPDC \$772,090 WBOPDC
<p>Regeneration and Riparian Management Programmes</p> <p>WKAG Ops Group members are keen to develop regeneration programmes for the Waiāri Stream to continue to improve the quality of the awa and streambank management.</p>	Who	When
<p>Short Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Rebecca Lyons from WBOPDC to identify potential riparian strips and landowners - Develop Environmental Programme Agreements with landowners on the stream - Identify other partners, including BOPRC 	Iwi/ /WBOPDC /BOPRC WKAG	June 2026
<p>Medium Term Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement Environmental Programme Agreements - Monitoring Plan complete and monitoring 	Iwi/WBOPDC/ Other partners	December 2026

underway		
Long Term Actions: -		
Education and Employment Pathways WKAG members have reviewed the existing TCC waters education.	Who	When
Short Term Actions: - Identify education priorities and work with TCC Waters Education Team to identify opportunities to work together - Tapuika and Waitaha working with TCC on water monitoring	TCC WKAG Tapuika/Waitaha/ TCC	June 2026 June 2026
Medium Term Actions: -		
Long Term Actions: -		
Mauri Model and Water Monitoring A Water Monitoring Programme has been developed with TCC, Waitaha and Tapuika and SLR Consultants who currently undertake the water testing for our resource consent conditions. This programme is expected to lead into matauranga Māori indicators and attributes being brought into the monitoring programme.	Who Waitaha reps TCC SLR	When Ongoing
Water Monitoring: - Iwi reps undertake Waiari Stream monitoring training with SLR done with reporting and review to follow in June. - Iwi meet up with John Hickman, TCC - Iwi reps undertake monitoring with WBOPDC monitoring team Mauri Model Short Term Actions: - Set up working group with iwi reps to review the current attribute/indicator list and meet to agree priority attributes/indicators and any changes required to current model - Iwi to develop indicator list - Working group report back to WKAG on updated list of attributes/indicators	Tapuika/Waitaha/ TCC/SLR Tapuika/Waitaha WBOPDC Iwi/TCC/BOPRC/ WBOPDC Iwi/TCC Iwi/TCC/BOPRC/ WBOPDC	May 2026 June 2026 June 2026 On hold On hold On hold
Medium Term Actions: - Undertake resource consent monitoring with SLR Consultants in February 2027	Waitaha/Tapuika TCC/SLR	Feb 2027

- Work with Keba Morgan to update		
Long Term Actions: - Goal is for iwi to take over resource consent monitoring from 2028	Iwi/TCC	Feb 2028
Budget	Forecast spend 2025/26	Future Plan
Short Term Actions: - Training with SLR for iwi reps	\$19,000	
Medium Term Actions: - Iwi undertake resource monitoring Feb 2027 with SLR		\$38,000
- Workshop for Mauri Model		\$2000
Access to Waiāri Water for Marae Summary of Water Supply to Maraes in Tauranga City There are 11 Marae within the Tauranga City Council boundaries. Of these, the following 10 Marae are connected to Council's reticulated water supply, - Wairoa - Peterehema - Huria - Waimapu - Hairini - Maungatapu - Whareroa - Hungahungatoroa - Waikari Tahuwhakatiki Marae is not on council supply, as there is no ready reticulation supply in the vicinity of the Marae. Over the 2024/25 financial year the total annual water consumption for these Marae was approximately 6,500 cubic metres, which incurred consumption charges of approximately \$23,000. The average annual consumption for the supplied Maraes amounted to about 650 cubic metres, at an average charge of \$2,300 per year, per Marae. Waiari water was available up to the Mangatawa Marae from about August 2024 but is currently not supplied due to the Mangatawa reservoir being shutdown.	Who	When
Short Term Actions: - TCC and WBOPDC provide report on water	Co-Chair WKAG	

usage for all maraes in the rohe. Presented to March WKAG meeting. - An MOU to be drafted to be presented at the September WKAG meeting.	WBOPDC/TCC Mayors and CEOs	March 2026 August 2026
Medium Term Actions: - TCC and WBOPDC to develop a consistent approach to providing water to marae and this to be incorporated into the respective LTP to be considered by the respective councils.	WBOPDC/TCC	September 2026
Long Term Actions:		

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.3 Waiari Operational Report 10 June 20206

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group of Waiāri stream flows and working with iwi partners to implement the ecological monitoring.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Operational Report 10 June 20206".
- (b) Provides feedback or comment on report, as needed.

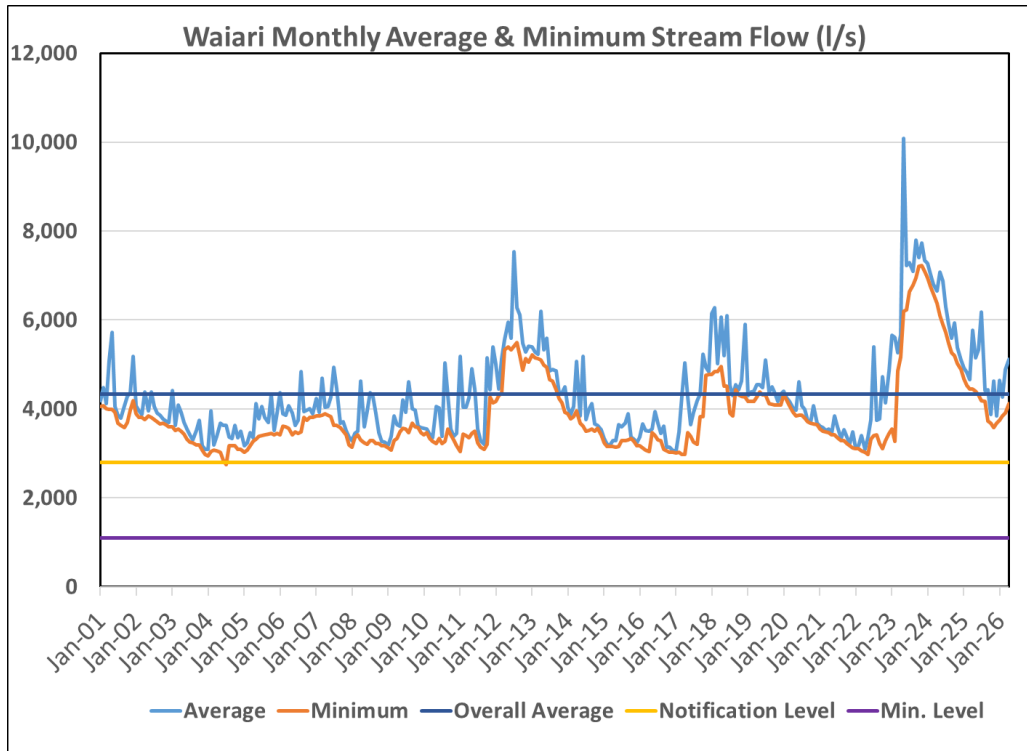
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report provides an update of the Waiāri stream flows conditions and the ecological monitoring / training progress.
3. Stream flows have recovered above the long-term average in March and April 2026 following a period of higher-than-normal rainfall.
4. The report also confirms progress in integrating iwi partners into ecological monitoring through joint training with SLR Consulting.
5. Overall, the position is stable, with no immediate governance decisions required beyond noting current flow trends, monitoring outcomes, and future reporting on the ecological monitoring process.

WAIĀRI STREAM FLOW DATA

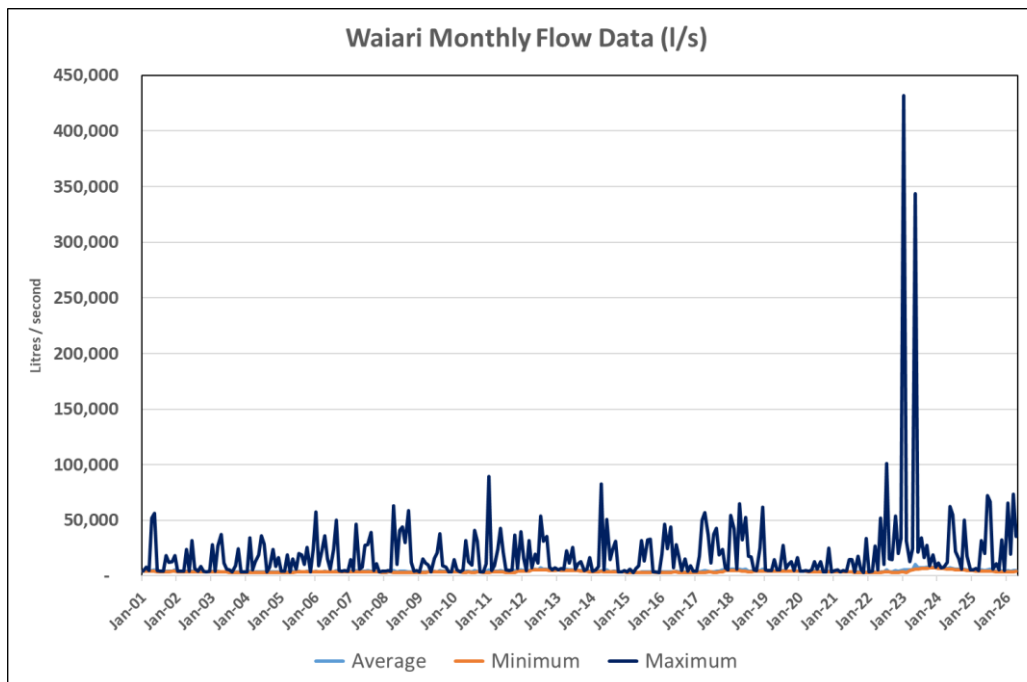
6. The Waiāri stream flow for monthly average and minimum flows from January 2001 to end April 2026 and is shown in the first graph below. The maximum flows have been omitted to allow better definition of the data.

Figure 1 Graph of monthly average and minimum Waiāri Flows



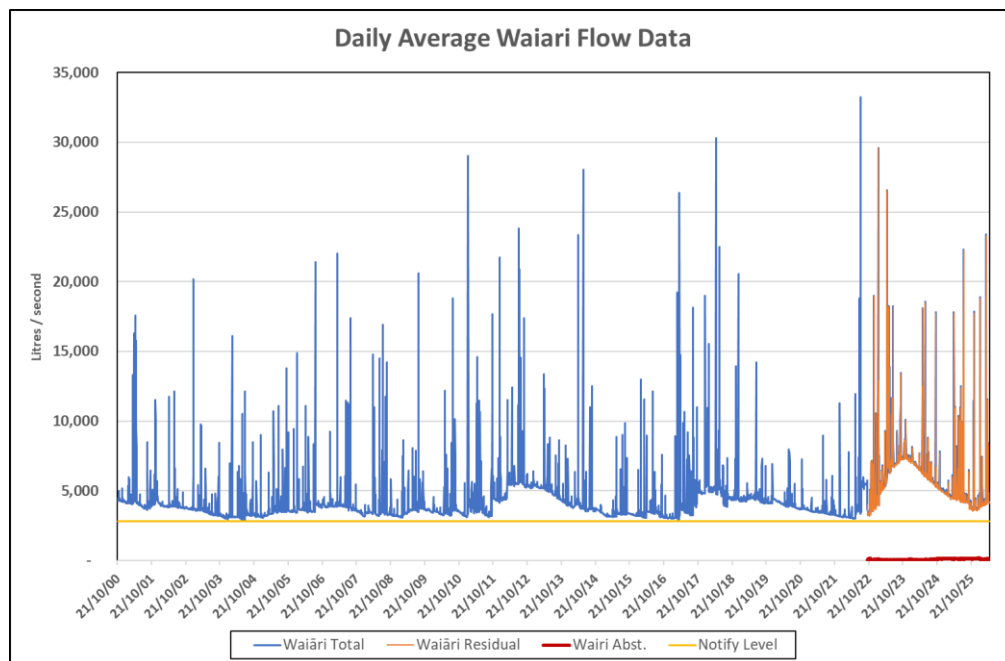
- The graph shows that overall, the Waiāri flows dropped below the longer-term average flow (4,332 l/s), in October 2025 but has made a recovery, following higher than normal summer rainfall, with the March and April 2026 average flows being above the long-term average (4,887 and 5,118 l/s respectively).

Figure 2 Graph of monthly maximum, average and minimum Waiāri Flows.



- Since the last report monthly peak flows were recorded on the 27 March (flows exceeded 73,700 l/s) and 12 April (36,380 l/s). This however remains low compared to the high flow events experienced in 2023.

Figure 3 Graph of average daily flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end April 2026.



9. The graph shows total daily average flow for the Waiāri from October 2000 to end April 2026 and includes the amounts abstracted and the stream residual flow.
10. The average residual flow for April 2026 was about 5,028 litres per second (l/s). This has dropped compared to April 2025 where flows were at about 5,442 l/s.
11. The average abstraction for April 2026 was 125 l/s with a maximum of 180 l/s. The average abstraction for the quarter February 2026 to April 2026 was 134 l/s with a maximum of 180 l/s. The consent allows for a maximum take of 690 l/s.

WAIĀRI STREAM ECOLOGICAL MONITORING TRAINING

12. Since the last WKAG meeting a joint meeting was held on 26 March with SLR Consulting, who have historically undertaken the ecological monitoring at the Waiāri, to establish the steps to integrate our iwi partners into ecological monitoring and to look to the incorporation of mātauranga Māori.
13. Following this, the scope of works to include the training and integration of iwi into the ecological monitoring was formalised with SLR.
14. The initial field-based ecological monitoring training was completed with iwi partners during the week 4 to 8 May 2026. This focused-on consent monitoring methods and practical sampling.
15. Once the sample results are received, the next step will be for SLR to involve the iwi reps, to work through what the results look like and how the data is processed and reported.
16. A lessons learned review is planned to occur once the data has been processed with the aim to refine future delivery and the workplan for the required 2027 resource consent monitoring which will be developed in conjunction with the iwi reps.

NEXT STEPS

17. That the WKAG receive the report, Waiāri Operational Report and provides feedback or comment on report, as needed.
18. TCC staff to continue to work with the ecological monitoring contractor and iwi partners to develop a transition plan to undertake the ecological surveys required by the consent.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

11 CLOSING KARAKIA