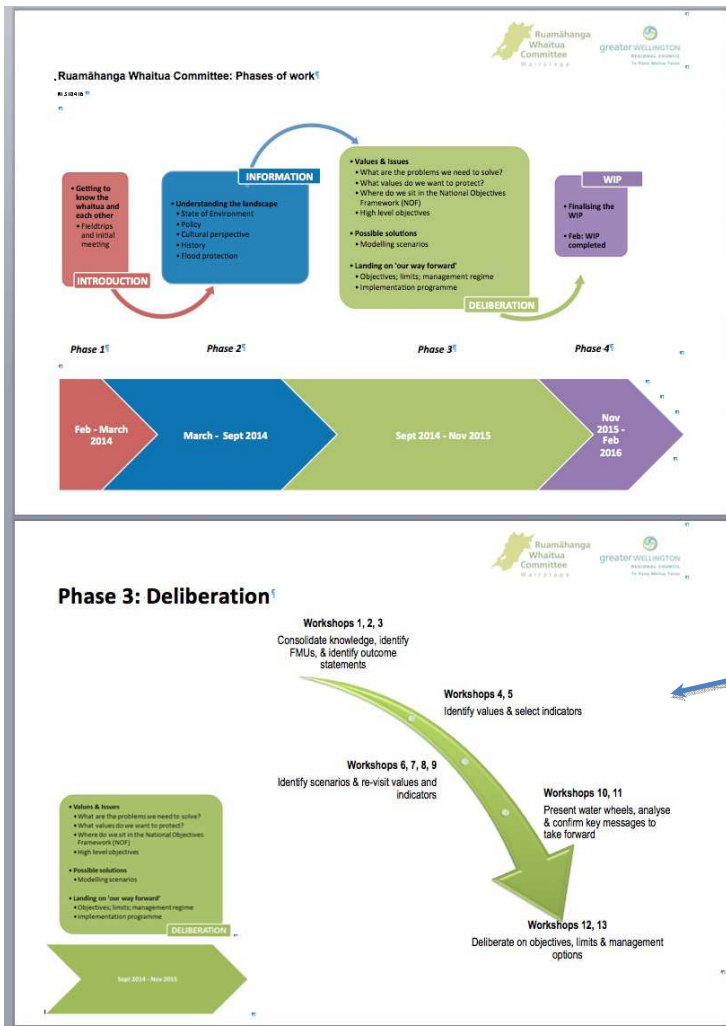


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 - Workshop 13

November 9 2015 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Carterton Events Centre



Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held November 9 2015 at Carterton Events Centre.

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A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees

Chris Laidlaw, Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Esther Dijkstra, David Holmes, Peter Gawith, Colin Olds, Mike Ashby, Russell Kawana, Ra Smith, Philip Palmer, Vanessa Tipoki

Kat Banyard, Michelle Rush, Alastair Smaill, Andrew Stewart, Natasha Tomic, Emily Greenberg, Horipo Rimene, Mike Grace, Brigitte De Barletta

Apologies: Rebecca Fox

B Workshop Purpose

Workshop Purpose

Purposes

- To discuss and confirm the revised Value Groupings and descriptions
- To review and confirm attributes for the Public Health and Recreation Value sets
- To discuss and confirm the Project Plan outline and recommendations for RWC operation.

All three purposes were achieved.

Agenda	4:00	Welcome and Overview
	4:15	Session 1: Public Health and Recreation Attribute Sets
	6:00	Dinner
	6:30	Session 2: Value Groupings Confirmation
	7:00	Session 3: Project Plan and Committee Operation
	7:45	General business
		- Papawai Marae meeting 31 October – report back
		- Outline of next meeting
	8:00	Close

C Actions

Actions

Public Health Attribute Set

Action: A further gap was identified – structures that shouldn't be there (physical hazards in a waterway). It was agreed to discuss this once all attribute sets have been revised.

Action: A question about Urban / trade waste and degree to which it is captured here. It was agreed to discuss this once all attribute sets have been revised (as it may be picked up elsewhere)

Recreation Attribute Set

Action: Include in WIP – a recommendation to make sure water quality information, e.g. positive or negative, is available in the future in relation to rituals

Public Health and Recreation Attribute Sets

Action: Project Team to add the revised attribute sets to the main attribute document.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Presentation

Action: Peter asked about the ppt presentation for the upcoming stakeholder advisory committee. Suggested that it be developed as a ppt presentation that all committee can use to talk to, and that we progressively revise this over time. This was agreed.

Kaitiaki involvement with Maori Use attribute selection

Action: Ra and Russell to discuss options for how this might happen and report back.

Value Groupings

Action: Project team to revise the final values document in line with changes agreed to.

Project Planning and Committee Operation

Action: The decision on a preference for half day afternoon meetings once a month might have an impact some Committee members in light of their employment obligations: It was agreed that the Project Manager would follow up

with any committee members directly on this.

Next Meeting:

Action: RWC members wanted the information presented on water allocation to include:

- Background about current allocations;
- Comments made by the community in PNRP submissions.

Background report for the S32 on water allocation supporting the PNRP by Harris might be useful for the Committee. Can be found on the GWRC website:

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/Regional-Plan-Review/Proposed-Plan/WairarapaFlowRegimesEconomicimpactassessmentofdraftPlanchanges.PDF>

D.1 Workshop Notes - Public Health and Recreation Attributes

Summary

The committee reviewed the draft set of public health and recreation attributes using a three step process:

- a) A check as to how well the attribute set covered the dimensions of each value set.
- b) Identify attributes that might fill these gaps; and
- c) Review the suggested attributes against the criteria for a good attribute.

The committee split into two groups for this activity: one starting off on public health; the other on recreation. Groups swapped their topic when it came to step (c). The results are set out below.

Gaps Identified

Step (a) –the following gaps were identified in the attribute sets:

Recreation:

- Information about recreation sites
- Information about fishing
- Water depth and colour, relevant to swimming

Public Health:

- Flood hazard risk to human life
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Additional Attributes

Step (b) –the following additional attributes were identified to fill gaps

Recreation:

- No. of recreation sites
- Fish – number and quality e.g. good to eat
- Fish Population
- Fish condition,
- Catch effort (no. of fish caught per day)
- Water depth
- Colour of the water
- A public health measure, e.g. for giardia

Public Health:

- Flood hazard risk to human life – expected number of facilities per 10,000 head of population per year for a river
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Confirmed Attributes

c) All the suggested attributes were discussed and reviewed against the criteria for a good attribute and the following decisions made:

Ruamāhanga Recreation - Confirmed Attributes

Recreation – confirmed attribute set
• Clarity
• Flow – flow rate, flow depth, flow regime, flow velocity in relation to specific uses
• Natural character, including pools, riffles – recognising that a certain number are needed to provide for wildlife – a link here to the attributes for Mauri and Biodiversity. Temperature is also a factor here.
• Weeds – terrestrial and aquatic e.g. danger to divers, boaters etc, thresholds
• Periphyton
• Smell – e.g. number of complaints received
• Access – measure to be specific to intended use – e.g., number of sites available for xxx specific use
• Modification – number of recreation sites
• Litter – measure of presence/absence
• Deposited sediment.
• The compulsory attributes from the NPS FW.

Action: Include in WIP – a recommendation to make sure water quality information, e.g. positive or negative, is available in the future in relation to rituals

Ruamāhanga community public health and wellbeing – Confirmed Attributes

Public Health – confirmed attribute set
• Percentage of population who have access to potable water - in regards to drinking water standard
• No. of sites available for swimming – water quality
• Nitrate levels above human health standard – mainly in groundwater
• Generated volume of sewerage per head of population
• The compulsory attributes from NPS FW.

Action: Identified a further gap – structures that shouldn't be there. Physical hazards. It was agreed to discuss this once all attribute sets have been revised.

Action: Project Team to take revisions and add to final draft attribute document.

Action: A question about Urban / trade waste and degree to which it is captured here. It was agreed to discuss this once all attribute sets have been revised (as it may be picked up elsewhere)

D.2 Workshop Notes - Confirmation of Value Group Wording

Summary

Revised wording for the value groups had been circulated to RWC members before the meeting, reflecting the discussion that had been held at the previous meeting on areas in which the committee had agreed additional revisions were needed.

This revised wording was discussed, and some additional changes agreed:

Economic Use

Flood management should be split into two groups. Protection of assets part considered in economic use. Public safety part considered in public health.

Te Mana o Ruamāhanga

Ensure groundwater has its own bullet point.

Public Health

Sewage – discomfort with the words ‘safe disposal’. After discussion, agreed that bullet point should be changed to: Safe management of stormwater and sewage.

Recreation

Were additional activities needing to be added? RWC decided the wording as is was sufficiently generic, so no.

Confirmed Value Group Wording

- The table below sets out what was confirmed. The final revisions agreed to are indicated in **red**.

Value Group	Description
Māori Use – Mahinga kai	<p>Mai te pae maunga o Tararua tae noa ki Kawakawa moana (from the Tararua mountain range to Palliser Bay)</p> <p>Mauri of our wai supports our people and our place</p> <p>Wairarapa, wairua, wai whakawātea, wai tohi, wai ora, wai tohu; glistening waters, spiritual waters, cleansing waters, baptismal waters, life giving waters, guiding waters</p> <p>Wai tuna, wai pātiki, kourarau: eel waters, flounder waters, abundant crayfish</p> <p>Ngā puna, ngā manga, ngā awa, ngā roto, ngā repo, taku taimoana</p>
Te Mana o Ruamāhanga - Mauri, Habitat, Biodiversity and Natural Character	<p>The unique identity of our rivers, lakes and streams.</p> <p>Their flow, shape, form and colour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The life force of the water, the geology, plants, fish and animals. • Natural character <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian systems

Value Group	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands • Groundwater • Indigenous fish and in-stream habitat • Water quality and quantity (flow, depth) • Fish passage and spawning places • Interdependencies between groundwater and surface water, wetlands, forests, attenuation and recharge • Wairarapa Moana • The Conservation Estate • The coastal environment
Our Ruamāhanga river culture	<p>Our histories, our heritage, our whakapapa. Our traditions, our social activities, our special places related to our waterways, then, now and in the future. Our social activities; camping, weddings, baptisms and barbeques. Our understanding and respect for peoples connection to water bodies To tātou awa – we are shaped by the natural character of our waterways Assurance that our water is okay, what it looks like, sounds like, smells like, feels like to us.</p>
Ruamāhanga Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity	<p>He taonga te wai, water is life Water sustains our livelihood; water grows our people and communities. Reliability of water supply supports our; incomes, employment and innovation, our farming, industry, tourism and commercial fishing. Sustainable economic use of water brings resilience and prosperity. In the Wairarapa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our livelihood and wellbeing is tied to water quality and quantity • The benefits of water are shared equitably amongst our community • Our water storage can improve security of supply • Our water isn't owned by anybody • Our water is managed by everyone • We value the efficient use of water • Protection of assets through flood management
Ruamāhanga community public health and wellbeing	<p>Hau ora tangata Wai ora –Water for our health; spirit, mind and body Water for drinking Protection of public safety through flood management Safe management of stormwater and sewage</p>
Ruamāhanga Recreation	<p>Recreation supports our community's health and wellbeing. Currently, swimming, fishing, wading, boating and māhi parekareka ki te wai (enjoying yourself by the water) are important recreational activities in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua (catchment). Recreational activities are supported by access to water bodies</p>

D.3 Workshop Notes - Papawai Marae Hui debrief

Review of Papawai Marae Hui –

A wananga was held at Papawai marae on 31 August 2015. The agreed purpose was to:

- come up with a list of huanga/attributes for mahinga kai and Māori customary use values and any other Māori values
- identify a set of Māori values (a lens) including wairua component for validating the modelling results
- agree on how to take information from the wānanga to the Ruamahanga Whaitua committee.

Presenters included Caleb Royal and Marama Fox. Peter Gawith, Ra Smith, Russell Kawana and Aidan Bichan from the Committee attended.

What worked?

- Very good day
- Good speakers
- Caleb Royal presentation was excellent
- Enjoyed hearing people's reflections on water – reinforced what people value about water
- Wealth of knowledge, profound what you hear when you go to Marae
- Te Mana o te wai – importance and level of detail held – manuscripts
- People want to do their own measurements and their own oral histories: the process has sparked an interest.
- See moving forward with waterways as working with community
- People want to be proud and access the things that are important to their community
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What didn't work?

- Disappointed with turnout – need to look at different ways to engage mana whenua

Suggestions for the future

- Need to get the word out there again.
- Need a communications strategy and plan. Very important to bring the community with us
- Align our process and marae process
- There is a book about the kaitiaki work done in Uawa. Each marae in the Ruamahanga Catchment could progress a similar book on top of the meetings had on the marae.
- Turn up to a marae meeting to find out when we should talk about Kaitiaki perspectives
- Still need to find a good way to connect with Kaitiaki especially young people
- Ra talking to MfE about money to clean up Lake Wairarapa
- We've engaged Kaitiaki who are interested in action. Need to explore other options. Also, people think at a practical level. Have heard talk but not seen action e.g. on tantalised posts.

Need to think about succession planning, and role of younger people.

Actions:

- Kaitiaki help with attributes for values: Need to identify ways to report back to committee on views for attributes for Maori use and mahinga kai
- Treaty claims update: Two groups – Rangitane and Kahungunu – both have treaty claims - Ra and Horipo advised that Treaty updates will be provided when iwi are ready

D.4 Workshop Notes - Project Planning and Committee Operation

Project Planning

A presentation was given on the outcomes of the project planning session held on October 28, and the revised timeline required for delivery of the WIP.

RWC members discussed the various options put forward for the committee's operation, i.e. whether to stay as is, or alter it in some way, and the following decisions were reached:

- RWC wish to continue to be involved in all substantive decision making, as they have to date, i.e. project team input remaining about the same level as now
- Meetings should not be longer than 6 hours
- One half day, in the afternoon, held at the beginning of each month, e.g. 1:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Additional meeting(s) if required, to be held in the evening in a 4:00 – 8:00 timeslot.

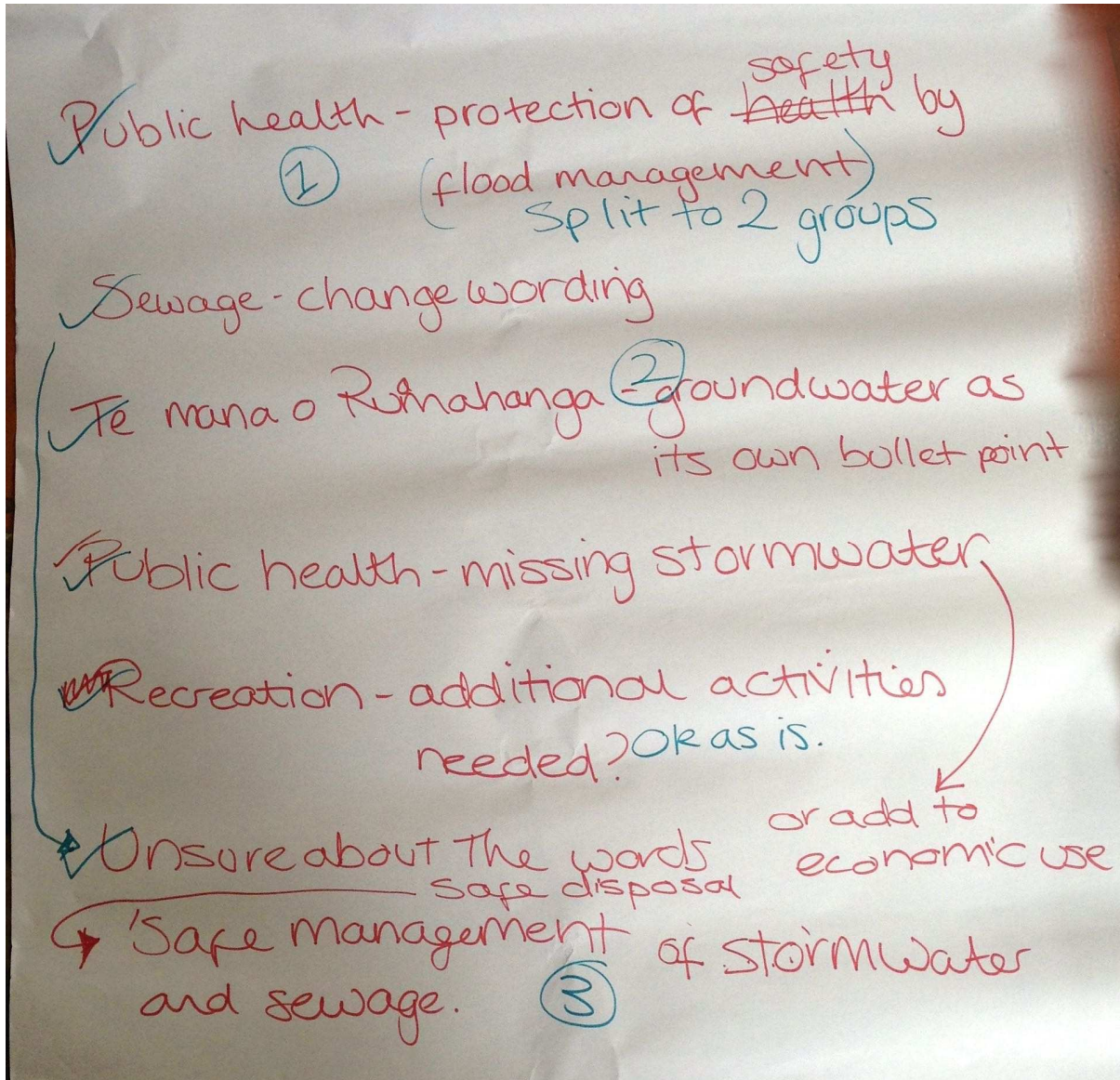
Action: This decision might have an impact on one Committee member in light of their employment obligations. It was agreed to follow up with directly with the Committee member.

Agenda for Next Meeting

In line with the revised approach to the Committee's work, in which we will 'leap forward' a bit and begin the learning process about upcoming activities, as well as continuing with the main policy process steps (of which we are still on Attributes), the following was suggested and agreed:

- An introduction to the first of the major policy in which the committee will eventually need to make decisions. The topic for this session is **Water allocation**.
 - RWC members were asked what, in particular, they wanted to hear about regarding water allocation: Key points included:
 - Background about current allocations;
 - Comments made by the community in PNRP submissions.
 - Also planned is a start on the attributes for Our Ruamāhanga river culture value set.
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Appendix – Flipchart notes of values decisions



Appendix – Project Planning Framework

