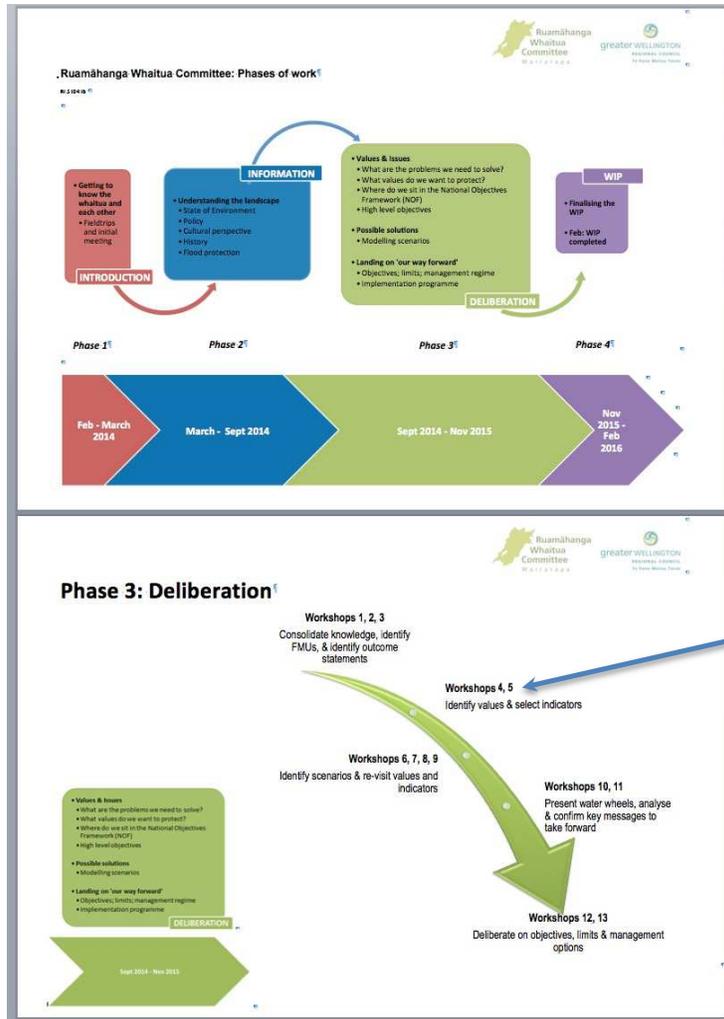


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 - Workshop 7

June 15 2015 4:00pm – 8:00pm



Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held June 15 2015.

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A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees Mike Ashby, Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Esther Dijkstra, Siobhan Garlic, Peter Gawith, David Holmes, Colin Olds, Philip Palmer, Ra Smith, Vanessa Tipoki

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

John Quinn, Ton Snelder, Adam Daigneault

Apologies: Rebecca Fox, Chris Laidlaw

B Workshop Purpose

Workshop Purpose The workshop purpose was to identify attributes of Ruamahanga Whaitua values.

One interim value set was the focus for this meeting: ***Te Mana o Ruamāhanga - Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity*** value grouping.

Associated purposes were to enable both Committee and Project Team to become more familiar with attributes and their characteristics, and how to identify them in respect of Ruamahanga Whaitua values.

The purpose was achieved.

C Workshop Actions and Next Steps

- Actions**
- a) Kopuaranga meeting – Phil to identify key people in each area to assist him in promoting this meeting.
Plan for 6th July, 6:00pm to 8:00pm; opportunity for cup of tea / food as fundraiser – Esther has contact re refreshments
ACTION: Phil
- b) Hamish Carnahan, Fish and Game, has requested audience with the Whaitua – agreed to put his name on the list for the planned public forum later in the year.
ACTION: Kat to note.
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D Workshop Notes - Debrief from Gladstone community engagement

- Summary**
- Approximately 70 members of the public attended a RWC community engagement event held in Gladstone.
- The main activity at the meeting was discussion of three questions:
- 1) What were the waterways like in the past and how were they used?
 - 2) What are important issues currently facing your area's waterways?
 - 3) What would you like your waterways to be like in the future?
- This was conducted in 9 breakout groups, comprising 6-8 people each. A RWC and project team representative helped facilitate each group.
- Overall, the meeting was seen as highly successful and useful.
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- What worked well?**
- The Advertising:***
- Phoning around; Mike said he had spent 10-15 hours on the phone
 - A flyer sent home with each child at the school
 - River flood control meetings hosted by the regional council
 - Clear message in Wairarapa News
 - Chris Laidlaw responding to questions around the whaitua and regional plan process.

Meeting structure, and people there – participation was extremely good

2-3 Waitua members speaking

What didn't work so well?

- Didn't send emails to Mail Chimp on website
 - Timing of meeting for dairy farmers – they were engaged in drying off, and many area on holiday
 - Meeting was not advertised in the paper.
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Improvements for next time

- Use microphones more, including cordless mikes.
 - Continue having 2-3 Waitua members speaking; agree on who speaks prior to the meeting.
 - Keep doing the personalised advertising (phoning around etc) that has been working so well!
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E Workshop Notes - Identifying Attributes

Presentation – Defining Attributes and Thresholds

Andrew Stewart gave a presentation defining Attributes and Thresholds, and putting these in context with the Wheel of Water process and the WIP that the RWC must eventually deliver.

Andrew's presentation is attached here.



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Symbols of the state of RW values

RWC members each shared a symbol that they saw as providing a means to tell the state of one or more of the interim RW values that have been identified. The table below sets out what these symbols were, and the value to which they related.

A planned exercise to identify other values each symbol might also apply to was not completed due to time constraints.

Symbol	Interim Value(s) to which it relates
Deprivation index - puhoro	Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity
PPM N	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
PPM P	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
PPM eColi	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity, also Ruamahanga Recreation
No. mayfly larvae	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
Blade of grass NOT grown (as a measure of lost income)	Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity
Measure of water level	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
C value for the catchment where $F=CiA$	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
Mahinga kai – watercress, mudfish; lamprey; freshwater mussels presence/ absence	Maori Use – Mahinga Kai
Adze (to represent planting as an indicator of periphyton presence or absence)	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity
Listen to birds – if no water, what bird life is there; variety / number including numbers of native birds	Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity

Identifying Attributes

RWC, Project Team members and Modelling team members worked in small groups to identify potential attributes for the interim value of Te Mana o Ruamahanga, Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity. The full text of the interim value is:

Te Mana o Ruamāhanga; Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity

The unique identity of our rivers, lakes and streams

Their flow, shape, form and colour

The life force of the water, the geology, plants, fish and animals.

Te Mana o Ruamāhanga includes;

- *Riparian systems*
- *Wetlands*
- *Indigenous fish and in-stream habitat*
- *Water quality and quantity (flow, depth)*
- *Fish passage and spawning places*
- *Wairarapa Moana*
- *The Conservation Estate.*

The table below sets out the attributes identified by each group.

Potential Attributes for Te Mana o Ruamāhanga; Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity	Group
Diversity of species	1
Water Clarity – Black disc method to identify suspended sediment	1
Water Clarity – shuffle method to identify deposited sediment	1
The nutrient loading of the catchment – N, P, O ₂	1
Fish – community diversity; abundance; sensitive species; Fish Biotic Index	2
Primary Production in the water body – too slippery to walk	3
Primary Production in the water body – thumb test	3
Primary Production in the water body – blockage by rooted weeds (macrophytes)	3
Primary Production in the water body – visual clarity in Lake	3
Physical habitat area – instream habitat space, e.g. habitat curve for different species	4
Temperature	4
Diversity of wetland species	4
Flow attenuation in wetland	4

F Workshop Notes – General Business

Improving future attributes sessions

This workshop is the first of several that will focus on identifying attributes for the value sets identified for the Ruamahanga Whaitua.

Future Attributes Workshops

A brief reflection was held at the close of the session to seek feedback on how it had gone, and improvements for next time.

The suggestions made are below.

- Get each group to write a narrative for each attribute
- More time on each one
- Good interest and contact with the river through power boats – are we thinking outside the box?
- Will monitoring actually bring transformation or change behaviours?
- Cultural health indicators
- More chances to brainstorm as a group will ensure comprehensive attributes

Kopuaranga Community Engagement Meeting

Plan for 6th July, 6:00pm to 8:00pm; opportunity for cup of tea / food as fundraiser – Esther has contact re refreshments Phil to identify key people in each area to assist him in promoting this meeting.

Fish and Game Request

Hamish Carnahan, Fish and Game, has requested audience with the Whaitua – it was agreed to put his name on the list for the planned public forum later in the year.

G Meeting Notes – Public Session

Welcome

Peter Gawith opened the meeting, and briefly explained what the Committee were engaged in.

Committee members briefly introduced themselves.

Michelle Rush clarified the purpose and meeting protocol with the guests.

Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

Interim value groups

Esther Dijkstra and Rawiri Smith outlined the interim value groups identified thus far.

A copy of Esther and Ra's presentation is attached here.



Our-Ruamahanga-values-presentation-by-

WWUP report

Michael Bassett-Foss gave a presentation on recent WWUP decisions, and set out how he saw the relationship between WWUP and the work of the Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee in the coming months.

A copy of Michael's presentation is attached here.



Wairarapa-Water-Use-Project-presentation

Data Uncertainty

Ton Snelder gave a presentation on data uncertainty, and how the modellers would deal with this when modelling future scenarios for the RWC in the coming months.

A copy of Ton's presentation is attached here.



Dealing-with-data-and-uncertainty-presentation

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