

# Rangitāiki River Forum

## NOTICE IS GIVEN

that the next meeting of the **Rangitāiki River Forum** will be held in **Council Chambers, Whakatāne District Council, Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatāne** on:

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**Friday, 14 September 2018 commencing at 10.00 am.**

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Please note that a Workshop (for Forum members and staff only) will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

Fiona McTavish  
Chief Executive  
Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana

The Rangitāiki River Forum is a permanent joint committee made up of representatives from:





# Rangitāiki River Forum

## Terms of Reference

### Interpretation

“Rangitāiki River” means the Rangitāiki River and its catchment, including the:

- Rangitāiki River
- Whirinaki River
- Wheao River
- Horomanga River

The scope and delegation of this Forum covers the geographical area of the Rangitāiki River catchment as shown in the attached map.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Forum is as set out in Ngāti Manawa Claims Settlement Act 2012 and the Ngāti Whare Claims Settlement Act 2012:

The purpose of the Forum is the protection and enhancement of the environmental, cultural, and spiritual health and wellbeing of the Rangitāiki River and its resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Despite the composition of the Forum as described in section 108, the Forum is a joint committee of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Whakatāne District Council within the meaning of clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Despite Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Forum—

- (a) is a permanent committee; and
- (b) must not be discharged unless all appointers agree to the Forum being discharged.

The members of the Forum must act in a manner so as to achieve the purpose of the Forum.

### Functions

The principle function of the Forum is to achieve its purpose. Other functions of the forum are to:

- Prepare and approve the Rangitāiki River Document for eventual recognition by the Regional Policy Statement, Regional Plans and District Plans. See Figure 1 Rangitāiki River Document Recognition Process for RPS.
- Promote the integrated and coordinated management of the Rangitāiki River
- Engage with, and provide advice to:
  - Local Authorities on statutory and non-statutory processes that affect the Rangitāiki River, including under the Resource Management Act 1991.
  - Crown agencies that exercise functions in relation to the Rangitāiki River.
- Monitor the extent to which the purpose of the Rangitāiki River Forum is being achieved including the implementation and effectiveness of the Rangitāiki River Document.
- Gather information, disseminate information and hold meetings
- Take any other action that is related to achieving the purpose of the Forum.

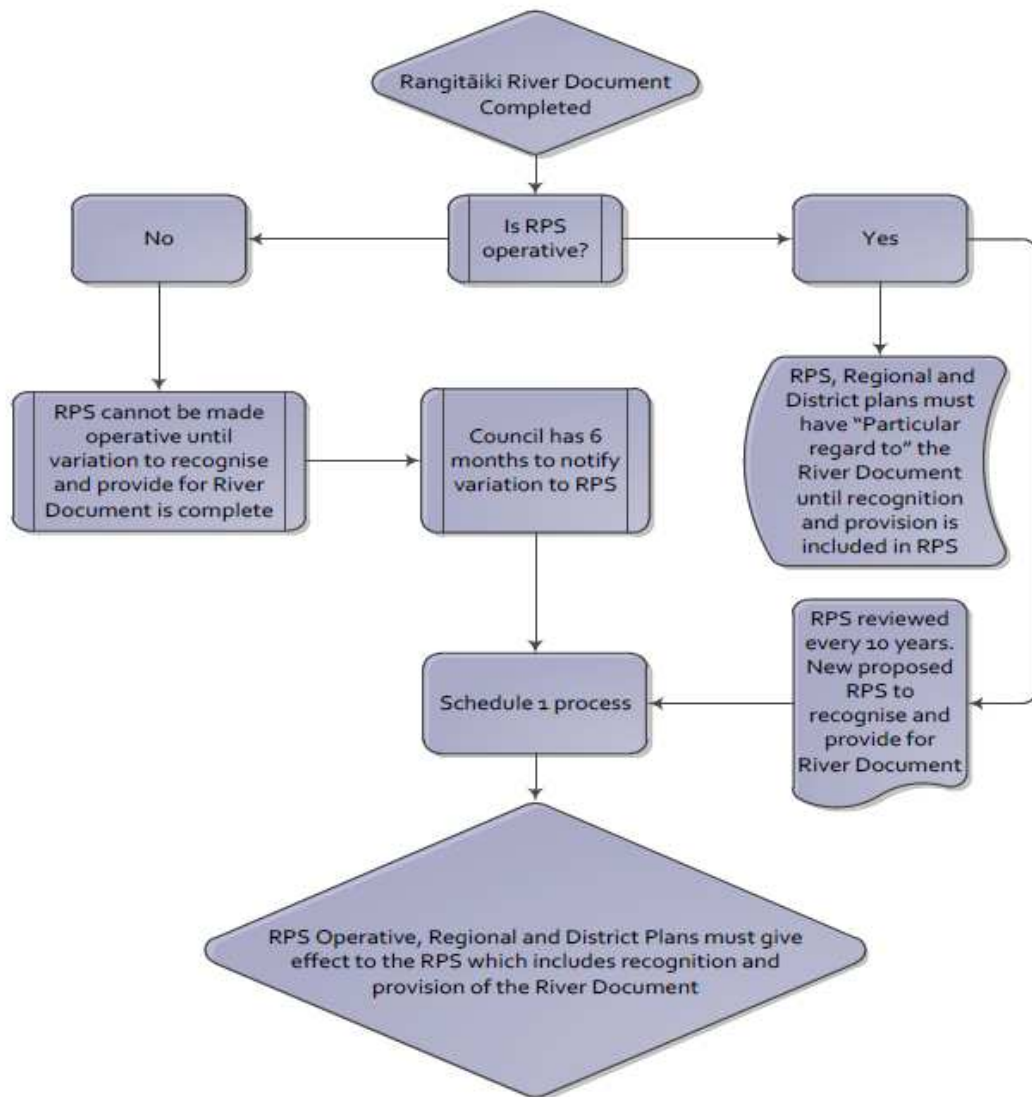


Figure 1 Rangitāiki River Document Recognition Process for RPS

## Membership<sup>1</sup>

- One member appointed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare;
- One member appointed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa;
- One member appointed by Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust;
- One member appointed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa;
- One member appointed by Ngāti Hineuru;
- One member appointed by Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua;
- One member appointed by the Whakatāne District Council;
- One member appointed by the Taupō District Council;
- Four members appointed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

### Note:

Despite the composition of the Forum, this is a joint committee of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Whakatāne District Council.

<sup>1</sup> Consequential amendment adopted Council Meeting 17/08/17

## Quorum

In accordance with Rangitāiki River Forum standing orders 2.3.3 and 2.3.4, the quorum for a meeting of the Forum is six members, comprising of:

- Three members appointed by the iwi appointers; and
- Three members appointed by the local authority appointers; and
- Must include a member appointed by Ngāti Whare and a member appointed by Ngāti Manawa.

## Term of Committee

This Forum is a permanent committee under the Ngāti Manawa Claims Settlement Act 2012 and the Ngāti Whare Claims Settlement Act 2012 and therefore will not disbanded at the end of a triennium.

The establishment of the Forum is also supported by the Ngāti Whare Deed of Settlement – Clauses 5.49 (October 2009) and the Ngāti Manawa Deed of Settlement – Clause 5.40 (October 2009).

### Ngāti Whare Deed of Settlement

5.49 The Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare acknowledge and agree that:

5.49.1 *the parties are yet to finalise discussions in relation to a framework for the effective participation of Ngāti Whare in the management of the Rangitāiki River;*

5.49.2 *following the signing of this Deed the parties will continue to discuss a framework that provides for the effective participation of Ngāti Whare in the management of the Rangitāiki River (“**Rangitāiki River management framework**”), with the objective of improving the health and wellbeing and sustainable use of the river;*

5.49.3 *the discussions in relation to the Rangitāiki River management framework will:*

- be undertaken in good faith, honour and integrity and will reflect the wider commitments set out in the Deed of Settlement;*
- be undertaken in accordance with an agreed programme for further engagement and completed by the date of the introduction of the Settlement Legislation;*
- where appropriate, reflect a catchment wide and integrated approach to management of the Rangitāiki River and its resources;*
- reflect the need to recognise and provide for the interests of other iwi, local authorities, and other entities with interests or statutory roles in relation to the Rangitāiki River;*
- develop a programme for engagement with other iwi, local authorities, and other entities with interests or statutory roles in relation to the Rangitāiki River; and*
- allow for the Rangitāiki River management framework to be incorporated in the Settlement Legislation as necessary either at the time of introduction to Parliament or by way of a Supplementary Order Paper.*

5.49.4 *the discussions will be based on:*

- Ngāti Whare’s principles, to be agreed with the Crown, regarding the Rangitāiki River;*
- as appropriate, the principles of other iwi with interests in relation to the Rangitāiki River as agreed with the Crown;*
- the need to protect the integrity of existing statutory frameworks; and*
- the need to ensure consistency and fairness between settlements.*

## Ngāti Manawa Deed of Settlement

5.40 The Crown and Ngāti Manawa acknowledge and agree that:

- 5.40.1 *the parties are yet to finalise the redress for the effective participation of Ngāti Manawa in the management of the Rangitāiki River;*
- 5.40.2 *following the signing of this deed the parties will continue to discuss a framework that provides for the effective participation of Ngāti Manawa in the management of the Rangitāiki River (the “Rangitāiki River management framework”), with the objective of improving the health and best use of the river;*
- 5.40.3 *the discussions will be based on:*
  - a. *Ngāti Manawa’s principles regarding the Rangitāiki River as set out in clause 5.41;*
  - b. *the need to protect the integrity of existing statutory frameworks; and*
  - c. *the need to ensure consistency and fairness between settlements;*
- 5.40.4 *the discussions will:*
  - a. *be undertaken in good faith, honour and integrity and will reflect the commitments set out in the deed of settlement;*
  - b. *be undertaken in accordance with an agreed programme for further engagement and completed by the date of the introduction of the settlement legislation;*
  - c. *reflect the need to recognise and provide for the interests of other iwi, local authorities, and other entities with interests or statutory roles in relation to the Rangitāiki River;*
  - d. *develop a programme for engagement with other iwi, local authorities, and other entities with interests or statutory roles in relation to the Rangitāiki River; and*
  - e. *allow for the Rangitāiki River management framework to be incorporated in the settlement legislation as necessary either at the time of introduction to Parliament or by way of a Supplementary Order Paper.*

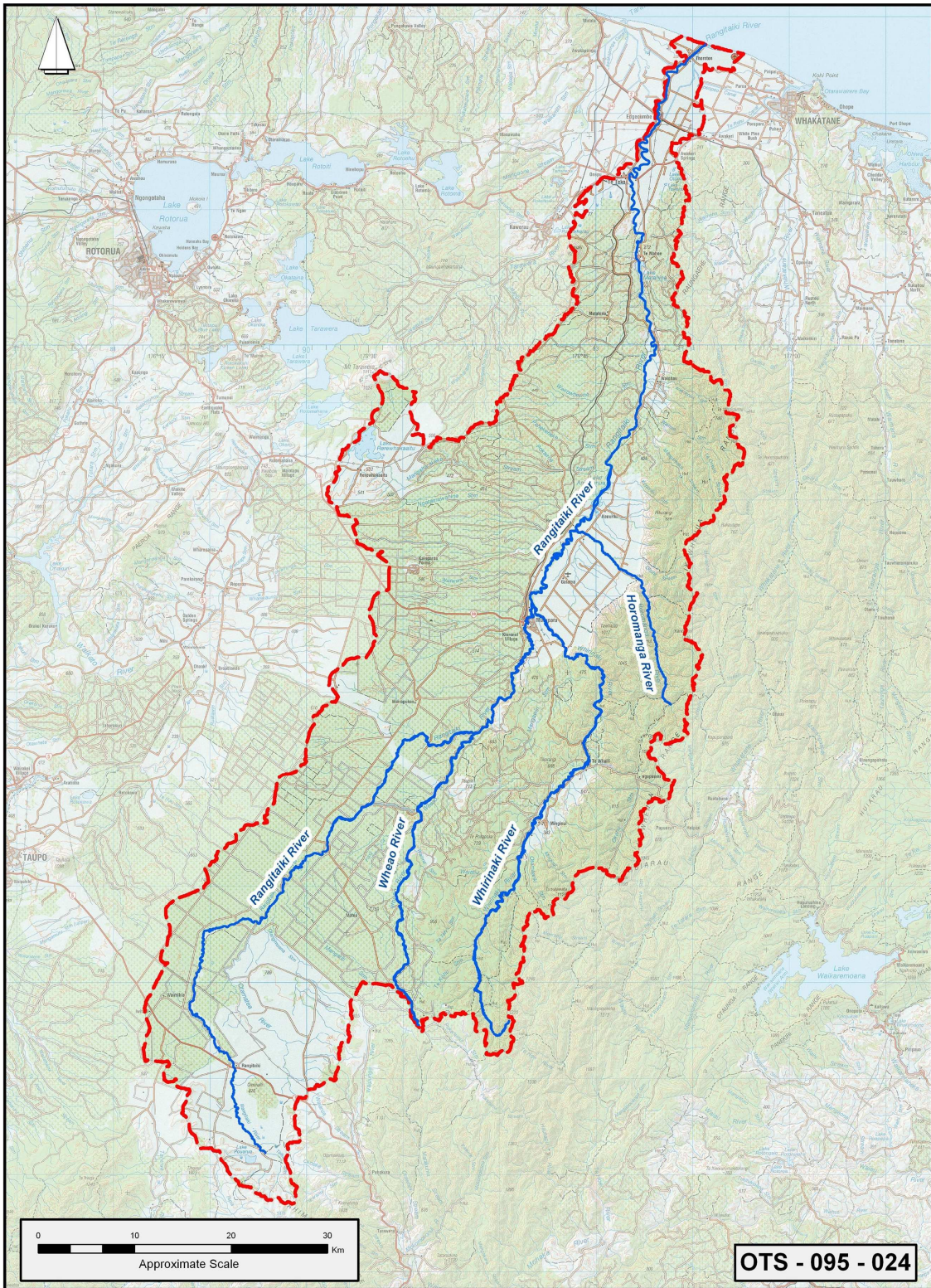
## Specific Responsibilities and Delegations

To avoid doubt, the Forum, except as identified in the functions above, has the discretion to determine in any particular circumstance:

- Whether to exercise any function identified.
- To what extent any function identified is exercised.

## Provision for other groups to join the Forum

Other iwi and local authorities through consensus of the Forum, may join the Forum.



**Figure 2 Map of the Rangitāiki River Catchment**





## Public Forum

1. A period of up to 15 minutes may be set aside near the beginning of the meeting to enable members of the public to make statements about any matter on the agenda of that meeting which is open to the public, but excluding any matter on which comment could prejudice any specified statutory process the council is required to follow.
2. The time allowed for each speaker will normally be up to 5 minutes but will be up to the discretion of the chair. A maximum of 3 public participants will be allowed per meeting.
3. No statements by public participants to the Council shall be allowed unless a written, electronic or oral application has been received by the Chief Executive (Governance Team) by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting and the Chair's approval has subsequently been obtained. The application shall include the following:
  - name of participant;
  - organisation represented (if any);
  - meeting at which they wish to participate; and matter on the agenda to be addressed.
4. Members of the meeting may put questions to any public participants, relevant to the matter being raised through the chair. Any questions must be asked and answered within the time period given to a public participant. The chair shall determine the number of questions.



# Membership

<b>Chairperson:</b>	M Vercoe (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa)
<b>Deputy Chairperson:</b>	E Rewi (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare)
<b>Appointees:</b>	<b>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</b> Crs W Clark, T Marr, K Winters, D Love, M McDonald (Alternate)  <b>Ngāti Hineuru</b> I Kahukiwa Smith, J Wall (Alternate)  <b>Ngāti Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust</b> Reverend G Te Rire, E August (Alternate)  <b>Taupo District Council</b> Crs T Kingi, R Harvey (Alternate)  <b>Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa</b> M Araroa, T O'Brien (Alternate)  <b>Te Rūnanga Ngāti Whare</b> W Rangiwai (Alternate)  <b>Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua</b> N Rangiaho  <b>Whakatāne District Council</b> Cr G Johnston, Mayor A Bonne (Alternate)
<b>Committee Advisor:</b>	S Kameta

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Recommendations in reports are not to be construed as policy until adopted.

## Agenda

- 1 Opening Karakia
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Public Forum
- 4 Acceptance of Late Items
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- 6 Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open

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	<b>THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.</b>							
	<b>The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:</b>							
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# Previous Minutes



# Minutes of the Rangitāiki River Forum Meeting held in Council Chambers, Whakatāne District Council, Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatāne on Friday, 8 June 2018 commencing at 10.08 a.m.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** M Vercoe (Te Runanga o Ngati Manawa)

**Members:** Councillor T Marr (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Reverend G Te Rire (Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust), M Araroa (Te Runanga o Ngati Awa), E August (Alternate, Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust), T O'Brien (Alternate, Te Runanga o Ngati Awa), Mayor A Bonne (Alternate, Whakatane District Council), Councillor G Johnston (Whakatane District Council), I Kahukiwa Smith (Hineuru), Councillor T Kingi (Taupo District Council), Councillor D Love (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor K Winters (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor W Clark (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), W Rangiwai (Alternate, Te Runanga o Ngati Whare), Councillor R Harvey (Alternate, Taupo District Council), N Rangiaho (Tuhoe), Councillor M McDonald (Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), J Wall (Alternate, Hineuru)

**In Attendance:** Bay of Plenty Regional Council: K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), N Willems (Eastern & Rangitāiki Catchments Team Leader), S Kameta (Committee Advisor), P Chapman (Project Manager), H Simpson (Senior Advisor - Treaty), M Lee (Planner – Water Policy), J Low (Water Policy Team Leader), M Townsend (Engineering Manager), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), K Boreham (Marketing and Communications Advisor), S Pickles (Regulatory Compliance Team Leader), M Kapa (Land Management Officer); D Bowden (Taupō District Council), C Fern (Trustpower Limited), C Rowe (Southern Generation), Cr Silcock (Whakatane District Council), A McKenzie, M Archer, M McKenzie (Place Group Consultants), A Riwaka (Te Ohu Kaimoana), H Nuku-Tohiariki, B Carson (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare), E Hughes (Communications Consultant), B Bluett (Department of Conservation); Attendance in part: S Stokes (Eastern Catchments Manager).

**Apologies:** Deputy Chair E Rewi (Te Runanga o Ngati Whare), M Araroa (Te Runanga o Ngati Awa), Councillor G Johnston, Alternates: Mayor A Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Councillor R Harvey (Taupo District Council)

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## 1 Opening Karakia and Mihimihi

Reverend Te Rire opened the meeting with a karakia and mihimihi that acknowledged the connections between Forum partners and welcomed new alternate member Janice Wall. Councillor Marr replied with a mihi of acknowledgement.

## 2 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Accepts the apologies tendered at the meeting from Earl Rewi, Miro Araroa, Councillor George Johnston, Mayor Tony Bonne and Councillor Rosie Harvey.

Winters/Love  
CARRIED

## 3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil.

## 4 General Business

The Chair requested an update on the following matter:

- Update on Appeals to Proposed Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the Regional Policy Statement.

The discussion would be taken in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.

## 5 Declaration of conflicts of interest

Nil.

## 6 Previous Minutes

### 6.1 Rangitāiki River Forum minutes - 16 March 2018

#### Matter arising

##### Staff Follow up

A member requested a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Waiohau Marae for their hospitality and hosting the Forum meeting on 16 March 2018.

### Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Confirms the Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes of 16 March 2018, as a true and correct record.

Love/Winters  
CARRIED



## 7 Reports

### 7.1 Forum Membership Appointment

The report recorded a change in Forum membership for Hineuru with the appointment of Janice Wall as the alternate member for Hineuru, replacing David Jones.

Ms Wall gave a mihi of thanks and acknowledgement and said it was a privilege to be appointed as Hineuru's alternate.

#### Resolved

**That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Forum Membership Appointment;**
- 2 Confirms the appointment of Janice Wall onto the Rangitāiki River Forum as the alternate member for Hineuru, replacing David Jones.**

**Marr/Kingi  
CARRIED**

### 7.2 An Update on Plan Change 12 - Progress in the Rangitāiki Water Management Area

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2889263.*

The report provided an update on the development of Plan Change 12 - Rangitāiki Water Management Area (PC12). James Low and Michelle Lee presented an overview of the development phases and current freshwater science understanding.

#### Key points outlined:

- *Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki* provided clear mandate for freshwater limit setting. Appendix 1 outlined alignment between *Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki*, RPS Change 3 and PC12 working draft narratives for in-river freshwater objectives.
- Staff were engaging with Rangitāiki iwi and hapū to understand tangata whenua values and interests in freshwater. A desktop exercise would be undertaken to collate existing information held by Council.
- Regional Council would be adopting its Long Term Plan on 28 June, which included two additional staff specialised in Mātauranga Māori science and policy to assist with Council's work.
- Water flow estimate (EFSAP) modelling would use indicator species that require high flow such as rainbow trout, as some other species (including some natives) were less sensitive. The results would be reported back to a Forum workshop.
- Groundwater information was currently less comprehensive. The current rule of thumb allowed 35% of groundwater within the aquifer to be allocated. Information was expected to be available in 3-5 years' time, which would assess cause and effect of groundwater take beyond the current rule of thumb.

#### Members' comments:

- PC12 information was difficult to digest and communicate to Iwi and hapū. Staff acknowledged this was an issue and were working on conveying it in a more

understandable format. Staff suggested a workshop would allow time to better understand the science.

- Queried how Forum members could be involved in the engagement process, including the design process and for this to be built on a foundation of Mātauranga Māori for Iwi and hapū.

Staff Follow-up:

The Chair noted the Forum's legislated responsibility and requested a workshop on the Iwi engagement process.

- The fact that a Mātauranga Māori framework had not occurred alongside the western science process was a concern. Consideration was sought around potential conflicts between Mātauranga and western science and a gap in how and where Te Mana o Te Wai fitted.

Mr Low explained that the NPS-FM process (National Objectives Framework attributes in particular) was based on quantitative data and that the Environment Court had a preference for scientific/quantitative measures and hard evidence. While this was acknowledged, comment was raised that qualitative data such as Mātauranga Māori was needed and complementary, with the two methodologies working alongside each other and that while the language may differ, both may have the same outcome.

In Response to Questions:

- Future water quantity management in the upper Rangitāiki was constrained by Trustpower's consent and proposed Plan Change 9, which gave preference to existing hydro electricity generation use. PC9 had provisions to decline consent where there was over-allocation, using benchmarks and estimations.
- PerrinAg Consultants would provide an economic impact assessment for land use scenarios related to water quality with findings expected in the coming months.
- Staff acknowledged ecological health indicator findings within the Rangitāiki Catchment streams did not include all streams, with only some sites monitored.

Staff Follow-up:

Further workshops were requested in parallel to the Freshwater community groups to assist the Forum to understand the complexity of NPS-FM information, facilitated along with a presentation from Tina Porou to articulate Te Mana o Te Wai in the context of the NPS-FM process.

## **Resolved**

### **That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, 'An Update on Plan Change 12 - Progress in the Rangitāiki Water Management Area'.**
- 2 Requests a dual workshop process to be implemented for the Forum, in parallel to the Rangitāiki Freshwater community group workshops.**
- 3 Requests a presentation from Tina Porou on Te Mana o Te Wai in context with the NPS-FM at a future Forum Meeting.**

**Rangiwai/Kingi  
CARRIED**

### 7.3 Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna

*Refer PowerPoint Presentations Objective IDs A2893302, A2894424.*

Nancy Willems provided an update on the status of the Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna Project and sought endorsement of a structure to integrate the Tuna Forum and the Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna Steering Group.

An amendment to Recommendation 4 (refer agenda page 163) was requested advising additional wording to be inserted to reflect the resolutions of Iwi as follows: “...with regard to not supporting current spillway trials at Matahina, and for future trials to be considered on a case-by-case basis.”

#### Key points:

- Public consultation on the North Island Tuna Fisheries Review would commence in the following weeks;
- Status of Trustpower’s implementation actions and recommendations;
- Noted the status of Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna Plan actions and endorsement sought on the completed literature review.

#### Ngapera Rangiaho (Member for Tūhoe) – NZ Fish Passage Guidelines

- Provided historical background on a thesis written in 1930 by Maggie Papakura on Māori customs and practices for sustainable fishing and river management.
- Reported on the NZ Fish Passage Conference on 18 April 2018 in Wellington and discussion held on effectiveness of the Fish Passage Guidelines (available online).
- Gave an overview of guideline learnings, which had been applied to the Kioreweku culvert works between Galatea and Waiohau in April and May 2018 in collaboration with Whakatane District Council staff, Opus International Consultants and fish passage expert and consultant Kelly Hughes.

#### Alan Riwaka, Te Ohu Kaimoana - Tuna Forum Update

- Outlined the proposed structure to integrate the Tuna Forum and Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna Plan and summarised goals and outcomes for the proposed Tuna Project Plan.
- Noted that working with industry stakeholders would require kōrero to be open and transparent. A hui was scheduled to consider tools and management for development of a harvest strategy.
- Work was in progress on the potential of a mahinga mataitai and developing a protocol for an annual harvest regime and science reference points.
- An invitation to the power companies was proposed to address issues associated with dams.
- Waikato Regional Council had offered to collaborate and assist with development of a habitat strategy, water quality strategy and input into the North Island Tuna Review.

#### In Response to Questions:

- Fish ladders illustrated in the literature review (agenda page 184) that may be over 4m were outside the NZ Fish Passage Guidelines.
- Regarding connections between the Forum, Steering Group and Tuna Forum, while the new proposed structure sought to integrate the Steering Group with other

agency stakeholders under the umbrella of the Tuna Forum, the Steering Group's strategic role in terms of strategy, planning and monitoring would remain.

Discussion and Comments:

- Member Ngapera Rangiaho was acknowledged for applying knowledge from the Conference and Fish Passage Guidelines to assist with Kioreweku culvert works.
- Utilising the Wetland Restoration Project to support tuna habitat was noted by staff.

Staff Follow-up:

- It was requested that staff explore options to integrate the Tuna Forum and clarify the governance framework and reporting lines.

## Resolved

### That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna;**
- 2 Requests staff to explore options to integrate the Tuna Forum and report back to a future Forum Meeting.**
- 3 Notes a need for written confirmation from the Forum and/or the Forum Iwi partners with regard to not supporting the current spillway trials at Matahina and for future trials to be considered on a case-by-case basis.**

Marr/O'Brien  
CARRIED

## 7.4 Rangitāiki River Scheme Update

*Refer PowerPoint Presentations Objective IDs A2893547, A2894428.*

Mark Townsend and Paula Chapman provided an update on Rivers and Drainage and Engineering work streams underway in the Rangitāiki River Scheme following the 2017 April flood events.

Key points:

- Council had been responsive to the resourcing, delivery and funding needs of the flood repair works. It was noted that a greater degree of engagement and communication was underway as the projects progressed.
- Rangitāiki River Scheme Review recommendations were being implemented.
- It was acknowledged that Regional Council had been slow to engage with Iwi at the time of the flood and were now in the process of engaging with affected Iwi.
- The College Road floodwall replacement was in progress in line with the Rangitāiki River Scheme Review recommendations.
- Despite extensive flood mitigation infrastructure and measures, the residual risk of stopbank failure would remain.
- Council was investigating Regional Flood Risk Management options for the Rangitāiki floodway spillway utilising two landowner properties, which would be a long term process.

- The River Scheme Sustainability Project had commenced investigations on possible themes and options. A report was anticipated in September, following which findings would be presented to a future Forum meeting.

#### In Response to Questions:

- Delayed communication between the Regional Council and Trustpower at the time of the 2017 April flood resulted from several situations impacting dam safety and a lack of communication and understanding, which had now been resolved.
- Rain gauges at Whirinaki had been reinstated.
- Bifurcation at Thornton was the subject of a notified consent variation.

## **Resolved**

### **That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki River Scheme Update.**

**Love/Marr  
CARRIED**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1.15pm.

Tu O'Brien **withdrew** from the meeting during the adjournment at 1.15pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.45pm.

## **7.5 Rangitāiki River Catchment - Operations and General Update**

Nancy Willems provided an update on general matters and operational activity occurring in the Rangitāiki River Catchment. Members were advised a total of 40km of riparian fencing had been completed during the 2017/18 financial year.

The following contractors supporting Rangitāiki River Catchment project work were in attendance and provided the following introductions:

- Place Group – Rangitāiki Wetlands Restoration Project Managers  
Angus McKenzie (Company Director), Michelle Archer (Project Manager) and Maureen McKenzie (Communications) greeted the Forum with a mihi and provided background on their experience, which included environmental and wetland management, working with hydro-electricity companies, co-governance, joint initiatives and tuna projects within the Tainui rohe. The Hamilton-based company was founded on community-based principles and outcomes. The project team was excited at the challenge and opportunity to manage the project, were available and contactable and appreciated listening to discussion to gain an understanding of the Forum's work.
- Huia Nuku-Tohiariki – Kaitiakitanga and Strategy Mapping Project  
Mrs Nuku-Tohiariki greeted the Forum with a mihi and provided background on her connections. Members were advised the project would be underpinned by *Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki* and that engagement with Forum partners would occur to discuss the protocols and tikanga of the project.

### 3. Elizabeth Hughes – Rangitāiki Wetlands Project Communications Plan and Strategy

Ms Hughes greeted the Forum and advised of her background in communications and working with Waikato Regional Council, Local Government NZ, Tauranga City Council and the Lakes Rotorua Incentives Committee. Her role was to develop the communications plan and strategy for the Rangitāiki Wetlands Project and would be engaging with Forum members to support communication outcomes for the Forum collectively and individually.

#### Staff Comments:

- Regarding the update on *He Korowai Mātauranga* under section 1.5.2 of the report, Strategic Engagement Manager Kataraina O'Brien advised of a correction to the timing of completion of the Mātauranga Māori implementation plan, which was anticipated at the end of the year with rollout in 2019/20. She noted this work would converge with some of the work being carried out by Ms Huia Nuku-Tohiariki in regard to developing a list of Mātauranga Māori practitioners.
- Wetland Restoration Project works would commence in the 2018/19 financial year during spring and summer. A site blessing was being considered however, preliminary survey work had already commenced. It was noted that the Southern Generation site was still pending.

## **Resolved**

### **That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki River catchment - Operations and General Update.**

**Winters/Rangiaho  
CARRIED**

## 7.6 **Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki Implementation Workshop Summary**

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2889440.*

Simon Stokes summarised the workshop results from 10 November 2017 and sought the Forum consider next steps to define a coordinated approach.

#### Key points:

- While the Forum understood the objectives and actions of *Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki* however, feedback was needed to understand and define what success looked like, including measures, levels of commitment, delivery and coordination.
- While Proposed Change 3 to the Regional Policy Statement would direct regional and district plans, alignment was needed with each of the partner organisation's strategies and actions within *Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki*.
- Sought the Forum endorse the suggested next steps outlined under section 4.1 of the report.
- The Terms of Reference required small alterations in how the Forum's work moved forward, with no additional changes needed of a possible structure for progressing next steps. Minor changes would be brought to the next Forum meeting in August.

- Education and communication had been a key element arising from the workshop.

## Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki Implementation Workshop Summary.
- 2 Agrees to the suggested next steps outlined under section 4.1 of the report.

Love/Kingi  
CARRIED

## 8 Public Excluded Section

### Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
Public Excluded Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes – 16 March 2018	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Disclosing the information may constitute contempt of Court.
General Business Item – Update on Appeals to Proposed Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Disclosing the information may constitute contempt of Court.

Love/Winters  
CARRIED

## 9 Closing Karakia and Mihi

Reverend Te Rire provided a mihi that acknowledged the connections, efforts and work of members and staff before closing the meeting with a karakia.

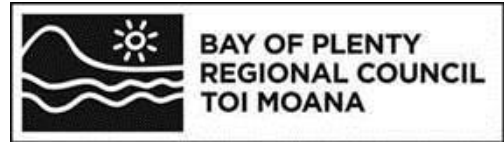
The meeting closed at 2.53 pm.





# Reports





**Report To:** Rangitāiki River Forum

**Meeting Date:** 14 September 2018

**Report From:** Chris Ingle, General Manager, Integrated Catchments

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## **Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan Results 2017-2018 and Annual Work Programme 2018/2019**

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### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Rangitāiki River Forum of the Rangitāiki Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan Results 2017-2018 and to seek endorsement of the Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018/2019.

The Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme coordinates and integrates work in the Rangitāiki River catchment. It covers all significant activities (both projects and ongoing work) carried out by Taupō District Council, Whakatane District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council and specific projects for the Rangitāiki River Forum.

The annual work plan results describe the Programme results for projects and deliverables for the 2017/18 financial year. The annual work plan describes the Programme projects, budgets and deliverables for the 2018/19 financial year.

### **Recommendations**

**That the Rangitāiki River Forum:**

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan Results 2017-2018 and Annual Work Programme 2018/2019.**
- 2 Endorses the Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018/2019.**

#### **1 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Rangitāiki River Forum (the Forum) of the Rangitāiki Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan Results 2017-2018 and to gain endorsement of the Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018/2019.

## **2 Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme**

The Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme was established in 2014/15 to deliver on the community's expectations for the health of the Rangitāiki River and to support the Rangitāiki River Strategy, Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki.

The programme coordinates, prioritises and delivers on all our work related to the river catchment. As the programme is integrated into the Rangitāiki River Strategy, Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki, Rangitāiki River Forum member organisations are involved in the programme allowing an adaptive and collaborative approach to managing the river catchment.

## **3 2017/2018 Annual Work Plan Results**

It has been a successful fourth year in relation to getting work underway or completed, given the catchment is still in recovery from the cyclones in 2017.

There were 43 projects in the annual work plan for 2017-2018. A supporting document titled Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan results 2017-2018 is attached to your agenda. Of these 95% (41) are achieved and or are taking place and on-track for completion within approved timeframes. Two actions have a red status.

## **4 2017-18 Programme highlights**

The following are just some of the highlights from 2017-2018

1. Four hui and one workshop were held with the Rangitāiki River Forum reporting on progress of implementing the river strategy and wider catchment topics and issues. Relationship building has continued to build stronger connections with the various programme partners across the catchment.
2. Action A in Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna is now complete and the report has been finalised. A new Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna project plan has been developed and needs endorsement from the Rangitāiki River Forum (RRF) because of the involvement of the 'Tuna Forum'. Two meetings of the Tuna Forum have been held to progress the Harvest Strategy and development is underway. Six Iwi representatives were supported by Trust Power and BOPRC to attend the launch of the NZ Fish Passage Guidelines in Wellington. A letter on behalf of the RRF was submitted for consideration for the discussion document for the MPI NI and Chatham's tuna fishery review.
3. Appeals lodged by Trustpower Ltd and Federated Farmers against Council's decisions on Proposed Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the Regional Policy Statement have now been resolved, following Environment Court mediation on Friday 29 June 2018. The Environment Court approved consent order documents on 27 July 2018 enabling Regional Council to complete the process of embedding the Rangitāiki River document – Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki into the Regional Policy Statement. A report will be prepared for the 6 September Regional Council meeting seeking Proposed Change 3 is made part of the operative Regional Policy Statement in October 2018.

This will conclude the first Treaty Co-governance change to the Regional Policy Statement arising from the Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Whare Treaty Settlement Acts 2012 and is a significant milestone to celebrate.

4. The Freshwater Futures project called Plan Change 12 has progressed to the management options phase, having determined values and objectives through community and tangata whenua engagement; and scientific analysis and modelling of current state. Management options include developing a full picture of current and potential futures states, against the agreed values and objectives. This work includes surface water and groundwater modelling for both quality and quantity; investigating good management practice (for land-use); understanding the effects of settling limits on the economic and social aspects of communities.
5. Compliance records show a high level of compliance with consents with only two compliance audits being significant from a total of 194.
6. Recovery work under the Whakatāne District Recovery Programme has progressed well with 91% of families throughout the district having returned to their homes following the April 2017 event. The remaining 28 families all have indicated that they have plans for the future and do not require further support at this stage.
7. Further recovery work is occurring at river and non-river scheme sites following the cyclones. Twenty two percent of the 277 flood repair sites within the Rangitāiki Catchment completed in the first year of the four year April 2017 Flood Repair Project. This is a significant achievement given the ongoing weather causing access problems and sourcing material for the work.
8. During 2017/18, the operational team added;
  - (i) An additional 47 km of waterway margin in the catchment has been fenced and protected from stock access. This reduces the current target from 245km to approx. 198km, a 19% reduction in one year.
  - (ii) Seven High Value Ecological sites and six non-High Value Ecological sites are now actively managed with landowners within the catchment, 2 more than the target specified for the year.
  - (iii) Combined the work this achieved 108 hectares of change in land use in the catchment.
  - (iv) Staff attended several local DairyNZ discussion group meetings, 1 Rangitāiki community (SH5) meeting and worked with local iwi authorities closely to provide advice and support for their projects e.g. Kani Rangi Park Development project.
  - (v) Alligator weed is very invasive in waterways and pasture - surveillance following the flooding event was completed over the summer and no further infestations from the December monitoring were found, so the known extent of alligator weed is unchanged. It is possible that more infestations will be found summer 18/19 as fragments become established and become more easily detected.

## 5 2018/19 Annual Work Plan

The Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018/2019 is provided as a supporting document to the agenda. The work outlined at an approx. budget of \$17m has been approved through the three councils Long Term Plans 2018-2028.

The annual work programme covers all significant activities in the catchment, including work across policy and planning, science, pollution prevention and maritime service functions. It also includes all operational activities such as biosecurity, biodiversity protection, coast care and sustainable land management.

The annual work plan describes projects, budgets and deliverables for the next financial year, including where the Councils will be working in relation to the actions of Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki.

Highlights for this year's programme include:

1. Complete the communications strategy and development of a communications plan to support the business of the Rangitāiki River Forum and council.
2. Support the Rangitāiki River Forum and various projects. For example complete the project gathering information from each Forum member with regards to their own strategic and planning objectives and their correlation to Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki and also assess activity for the Kaitiakitanga objective in relation to Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki.
3. Whakatāne District Council - replace the water supply consent for Tahuna Road. This bore is part of the Otumahi Water Supply Scheme, which supplies the communities of Te Teko and Edgecumbe.
4. Whakatāne District Council - Replace the Horomanga bridge damaged in cyclone Debbie. This bridge is a major infrastructure asset in the Kahuwaea (Galatea) area.
5. Whakatāne District Council - increase the environmental monitoring of the Murupara scheme in preparation for renewal of resource consent.
6. Continue to deliver long-term monitoring of land and water in the catchment, as well as biodiversity indicators, and develop a catchment report on the state of its environment.
7. Complete a groundwater flow model assessment of the Tarawera, lower Rangitāiki and lower Whakatāne.
8. Continue to implement Te Hekengā Nui o te Tuna with increased emphasis on repair of small fish passage sites – e.g. culverts.
9. Implement the Rangitāiki Wetland restoration project.
10. Completing the workshop (ohu) series on understanding what success looks like and what are the indicators of that success for the Forum. Completing a communications strategy and plan after interviewing Forum members and alternates.
11. Progressing the Freshwater Futures programme of work, which also delivers actions within Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki – Pathways to the Rangitāiki. Completing Plan Change 9 on water quantity.

12. Developing new landowner initiatives protecting waterways and adding new priority biodiversity sites into active management, including getting operations for the Rangitāiki Wetland restoration project underway.
13. Delivering coast care programme management and implementation including dune restoration activities and working with community groups.
14. Continue to implement the major flood repair project, renew culvert and floodgates in the Rangitāiki drainage scheme, and progress other lower plains major engineering works.

## **6 Implications for Maori**

The report provides information relating to actions that support the delivery of Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki, which supports positive implications for Māori long term. Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki is required by legislation and takes into consideration all the legislative and planning documents of importance to Māori. In addition council takes into account iwi and hapū planning documents and Te Tiriti o Waitangi as required in the Regional Policy Statement which also contains a section with direct reference to Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki.

## **7 Councils Accountability Framework**

### **7.1 Community Outcomes**

The Rangitāiki Integrated Catchment Programme directly contributes to all four of the outcomes in the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028: A healthy environment; freshwater for life, safe and resilient communities; and a vibrant region.

### **7.2 Long Term Plan and Current Budget Alignment**

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council's work described in the Annual Work Plan is planned under several Activities in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Future budget implications for all relevant Activities are provided for in Council's Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 and if necessary budgets can be fine-tuned via subsequent Annual Plan processes.

Simon Stokes  
**Eastern Catchments Manager**

**for General Manager, Integrated Catchments**

**7 September 2018**





# **PRESENTATION - Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018-2019**



**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - Rangitaiki Integrated  
Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan results  
2017-2018**



# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - Rangitaiki Integrated Catchment Programme Annual Work Plan 2018-2019**

