

RECORD OF MEETING

SUBJECT	Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee meeting
WHEN	Monday 8 September 2014 at 3.00pm
WHERE	Carterton Events Centre, Carterton
ATTENDEES	Peter Gawith, Esther Dijkstra, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Rebecca Fox, David Holmes, Siobhan Garlick, Rawiri Smith, Colin Olds, Chris Laidlaw, Philip Palmer, Aidan Bichan, Mike Ashby
GUEST SPEAKERS	Glen Lauder, Philippa Crisp, Alton Perrie, John Bright, Will Allen
PUBLIC	Fourteen members of the public were also present.
APOLOGIES	Mike Birch, Vanessa Tipoki

1. **Welcome**

Peter Gawith (Chair, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

It was noted that the draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region would be released to the public on 22 September 2014.

2. **Indigenous species in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua**

Philippa Crisp (Environmental Science Team Leader, GWRC) and Alton Perrie (Environmental Scientist, GWRC) presented an overview of the indigenous plant and animal species found within the Ruamāhanga Whaitua. They also discussed changes in biodiversity across the whaitua.

The background report and presentation are available online:

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee-agendas-and-papers/>

3. **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2014)**

Alastair Smaill (Project Manager, Whaitua) updated the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee on the recently released National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2014), which replaces the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2011). The NPS-FM 2014 provides additional direction to regional councils, and therefore the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee, on how to safeguard the life-supporting capacity of fresh water, and how to maintain and improve overall water quality.

A copy of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2014) and a background report are available online:

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4. Wairarapa Māori values in a kaupapa context

Rawiri Smith (Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa) spoke to his background report on considering a framework for Māori values alongside the values asserted by others. Rawiri discussed with the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee a process for developing a Māori values framework.

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5. Community engagement

Dr Glen Lauder (*CommonGround | Cultivate*) will be assisting the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee work together to plan and implement community engagement events that will be appropriate for the Ruamāhanga community.

6. Wheel of Water

John Bright (AquaLinc Research Ltd) and Will Allen (Will Allen and Assoc.) provided the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee with an overview of the Wheel of Water process and the accompanying WaterWheel graphic tool. They highlighted case studies using the Wheel of Water, including in the Managatarere, and spoke of how the process will be used in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua process to support the Committee's work in developing a Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP).

An introductory paper for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee to the Wheel of Water process was provided at the meeting and is available online: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee-agendas-and-papers/>

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.