

Kaihū River Working Group
Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 10.00am - 12.00pm

AGENDA

Kaihū River Working Group Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Ground floor
NRC Dargaville
32 Hokianga Road
Dargaville 0310
on Tuesday 12 July 2022, commencing at 10.00am - 12.00pm

Please note: working parties and working groups carry NO formal decision-making delegations from council. The purpose of the working party/group is to carry out preparatory work and discussions prior to taking matters to the full council for formal consideration and decision-making. Working party/group meetings are open to the public to attend (unless there are specific grounds under LGOIMA for the public to be excluded).

MEMBERSHIP OF THE KAIHŪ RIVER WORKING GROUP

Chair Penny Smart

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TITLE: **Record of Actions – 13 August 2021**

From: Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - Environmental Services

**Authorised by
Group Manager/s:** Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience, on

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on Friday 13 August 2021 for review by the meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Record of Actions - 13 August 2021 [↓](#) 

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Kaihū River Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the SEED Community & Business Hub:
Fosters Arcade,
42 Victoria Street, Dargaville
on Friday 13 August 2021, commencing at 10am-12pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chair, Penny Smart
Ratepayer Representative Area 1 John Murray
Ratepayer Representative Area 2 Bryce Wyatt
Ratepayer Representative Area 3, Boyd Parker
Te Houhanga Marae representative, Des Subritzky
Te Roroa Representative, Snow Tane

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting
David Wills
Colin Macdonald
Ray Bryant
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joe Camuso
NRC River Management Engineer, Victoria Rowe
NRC PA Environmental Services, Erica Wade

The meeting commenced at 10.00.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

KDC, Karen Joyce-Paki

Record of Actions – 26 June 2020 (Item 3.1)

Presented by: Chair, Penny Smart

Agreed action points:

- Update the 'Present' list from the meeting on 26 June 2020 – Ian Lupton had passed away and Boyd Parker did not attend.

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Matters Arising from Minutes (Item 4.0)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joe Camuso

Maropiu Bridge – work completed to clear under the bridge however, under the advice from previous NRC Engineer, two trees did not get removed when they should have while the equipment was there. Need to make sure this doesn't happen with future works.

Agreed action points:

- Nil

Rain Event July 2020 (Item 5.0)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joe Camuso

PowerPoint presentation on rainfall.

Agreed action points:

- Nil

Budget 2020/2021 (Item 6.0)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joe Camuso

Consultants have reported back on the culverts where the road was raised. Conclusion was that there would be no difference to water flow if culverts were enlarged.

Variance in the report is from not completing one spray and no-tree removal due to Covid.

Agreed action points:

- Increase budget for tree removal to \$20k this year. Include a trial on an area of cutting and pasting stumps.

Works Update 2020/2021 (Item 7.0)

Presented by: NRC River Management Engineer, Victoria Rowe / Chair, Penny Smart

Bull rush on marae side coming through; more efficient to use helicopter? EPA guidelines quite strict.

Agreed action points:

- Willows growing south of Mamaranui Bridge, these need to be removed (drill and fill) before they get to big.
- Machinery used is to be fit for purpose and not use undersized gear. 18-20t digger. Trees to be cut to a length that can be handled by a tractor for burning later.
- DOC protecting endangered plant that is growing near the 'bottleneck' area, Staff will contact Andrew Knock (DOC).

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- Culvert across stream to bottleneck is clogged. Joe will liaise with John.
- Draft up contract for machine cleaning right bank, tree removal and boat spraying. Some spraying will need to be done twice, generally in spring and again in Feb/March.
- Staff will cost up and circulate works plan and will give time for feedback before moving forward with work plan.

Boat Inspection and Proposed Works Programme (Item 8.0)

Presented by: NRC River Management Engineer, Victoria Rowe

Agreed action points:

- How can we record and capture historical records/stories i.e from Bryce / Des
- Look at filling the low spot at Duck Creek. This could be done when digger is working. Will require the new land owner approval to access (Boyd Christianson).
- Look at spraying the tree in the river near John's place. Leave the ones on the bank.
- Little rice grass on left side, no need to spray this year.
- Contact Pera Paniora (Lawyer at WRMK Lawyers), marae trustee, for approval to remove the pine trees on the marae and replace with natives.

Northland Irrigation Study Update (Item 9.0)

Presented by: NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joe Camuso

July Newsletter issued.

Agreed action points:

- Nil

Any Other Business (Item 10.0)

Presented by: Chair, Penny Smart

Agreed action points:

- How is NRC monitoring users of the Kaihū River. Lots of people/organisations wanting access to Kaihū, what are potential ramifications for the farmers use? Penny will sought info and distribute to group.
- Cycleway – Joe is in touch with KDC engineers for NRC requirements.
- Boat inspection trip to occur prior to next meeting.
- NRC's Bio-security team has suggested two sprays per year November and March. Book in and schedule now before contractors get busy.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.00 pm.

TITLE: Receipt of Action Sheet - 13 August 2021
From: Joseph Camuso, Rivers & Natural Hazards Manager
Authorised by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience, on
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

That the action sheet be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Action Tracker [↓](#) 

Kaihu River Working Group - Action Tracker

Meeting date	Item	KTRWG action	Responsible staff	Status	Notes
13/08/2021	3.1 - Record of Actions	Update the 'Present' list from the meeting on 26 June 2020 – Ian Lupton had passed away and Boyd Parker did not attend.	Administrator	Completed	
	6.0 - Budget 2020/2021	Increase budget for tree removal to \$20k this year. Include a trial on an area of cutting and pasting stumps.	NRC River team	Increased budget, stump trial not started	
	7.0 - Works Update 2020/2021	Willows growing south of Mamaranui Bridge, need to be removed (drill and fill) before they get to big.	NRC River team	To be assessed 2022/3 season	
		Machinery used is to be fit for purpose and not use undersized gear. 18-20t digger. Trees to be cut to a length that can be handled by a tractor for burning later.	NRC River team	Attempt made, included in requirements for quoting	Included in tender, did not get quote from business with large machinery, we have another business to use based in Kaitaia with large machinery to include in next seasons work
		DOC protecting endangered plant that is growing near the 'bottleneck' area, Staff will contact Andrew Knock (DOC).	NRC River team	Andrew contacted - NRC works not expected to impact endangered plant.	Plant similar to Hebe Stricta/veronica - increasing its numbers over the last 3 years. The location of the plant is away from the river and therefore not expected to impact or be impacted by NRC work.
		Culvert across stream to bottleneck is clogged. Joe will liaise with John	Joe	Discussed with John	Long reach digger to be organised to clear this 2022/23. John raised another query from Colin McDonald regarding clearing near floodgate Lot 3 DP 323319. This is to also be added to works program for the 2022/3 season.
		Staff will cost up and circulate works plan and will give time for feedback before moving forward with work plan.	NRC River team	Works completed without circulation of costs	Due to time constraints regarding spraying, log removal, machine cleaning before the wet season the prices were not circulated prior to work.
	8.0 - Boat Inspection	Look at filling the low spot at Duck Creek. This could be done when digger is working. Will require the new land owner approval to access (Boyd Christianson).	NRC River team	Outstanding	
		Look at spraying the tree in the river near John's place. Leave the ones on the bank	NRC River team	Completed	
		Contact Pera Paniora (Lawyer at WRMK Lawyers), marae trustee, for approval to remove the pine trees on the marae and replace with natives.	NRC River team	Pera contacted, discussion planned before meeting with intention of removing trees early in the 2022/3 work season	
	10.0 - Other Business	How is NRC monitoring users of the Kaihu River. Lots of people/organisations wanting access to Kaihu, what are potential ramifications for the farmers use? Penny will sought info and distribute to group.	Penny Smart	Completed	Refer to NRC website and read the Proposed Regional Plan section C5 which has all of the rules for Water Takes; Permitted and those that need Consents
		Boat inspection trip to occur prior to next meeting.	NRC River team	Completed	
NRC's Bio-security team has suggested two sprays per year Nov and Mar. Book in and schedule now before contractors get busy		NRC River team	Completed		

KAIHU RIVER WORKING GROUP

Terms of Reference

- Reporting to:** The Northland Regional Council
- Composition:** The Working Group is appointed by the Northland Regional Council and shall comprise:
- One member appointed by the Northland Regional Council
 - One Kaipara District Councillor (who also represents the residents of Dargaville)
 - One member nominated by Te Roroa, or in his/her absence, a nominee who shall have voting rights (Taoho Patuawa).
 - One member nominated to represent Te Houhanga Marae (**Seek replacement for Des Subritzky at July 2022**)
 - Three representatives of the ratepayers of the river catchment, one from each area:
 - Area 1 Class A rated land on the floodplain (*John Murray*)
 - Area 2 Class B rated land on the floodplain (*Bryce Wyatt*)
 - Area 3 Class F rated land being the catchment area beyond the floodplain (*Boyd Parker*)
- And that the Northland Regional Council may from time to time appoint to the Working Group because of their particular skills or knowledge.
- Length of Term:** Appointments will be made for a term of three years, in sequence with the local government elections, or until earlier disqualification, death or resignation. Should any of the latter three events arise, replacement appointees may be made by the Northland Regional Council.
- Meeting Frequency:** As required.
- Objective:** To advise and make recommendations to the Northland Regional Council, on all matters pertaining to the development and implementation of the Kaihu River Management Plan.
- Functions:** The Kaihu River Working Group is an advisory committee of the Northland Regional Council and has no delegated authority or specific powers. Its functions are to:

1. Provide a stakeholder forum for the development of policies and plans for the management of flooding within the Kaihu River catchment.
2. Enable stakeholders to participate in the ongoing management of flood control with the Kaihu River catchment.
3. Facilitate communications between the Northland Regional Council, which is ultimately responsible for the management of the scheme, and the residents and landholders within the catchment.
4. Advise the Northland Regional Council on all matters relating to the management of the Kaihu River Flood Control Scheme.

Specific tasks will include:

1. Assisting the Northland Regional Council to develop and adopt a Management Plan for the management of flooding and erosion within the catchment of the Kaihu River.
2. Annually reviewing the priority and order of works within the management plan, ensuring that works are being undertaken in the order set out in the Plan and to the standards specified in the Plan or, when necessary, recommending changes to the Plan.
3. Each year, reporting on performance against the past year's work plan and recommending to the Northland Regional Council an annual works plan and budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Kaihu River Financial Report					
5003					
	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23
<i>Description</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual May YTD</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Operating Expenses					
Consultants	1,480	0	100	(100)	0
Valuation Consultants	5,376	5,099	4,304	795	5,222
Contractors	(466)	0	0	0	0
Stopbank & River Schemes works	98	0	0	0	0
River Clearance Works	49,290	59,856	45,519	14,337	61,293
Advertising - Statutory Notices	0	347	0	347	355
Sundry Supplies	0	0	145	(145)	0
Rate Collection Cost - TA's	3,623	3,800	3,597	203	3,786
Labour Charged	3,750	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Running Costs Charged	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	63,152	69,102	53,665	15,438	70,656
Operating Income					
Rates Revenue	66,268	69,452	60,632	8,820	69,452
Contract Revenue	4,361	0	4,361	(4,361)	0
Interest - Internal	0	0	1,659	(1,659)	0
Sub Total	70,628	69,452	66,652	2,800	69,452
Net operating Surplus / (Deficit)	7,477	350	12,987	(12,638)	(1,204)
Capital expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Less depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Net operating and capital surplus / (Deficit)	7,477	350	12,987	(12,638)	(1,204)
Surplus / (Deficit) carried forward	40,309	28,684	47,786	(19,102)	48,255
Surplus / (Deficit) at balance date	47,786	29,034	60,773	(31,739)	47,051