

# **AGENDA**

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## **RĀRANGI TAKE**

**Huihuinga O Te Kāhui Māori O**

**Taitokerau**

**Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party**

**Thursday 14 July 2022 at 11.00am - 3.00pm**

## **Rārangi Take O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Agenda)**

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber and via audio visual link (Zoom)  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 14 July 2022, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm

**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).**

### **NGĀ MANA WHAKAHAERE (MEMBERSHIP OF THE TE TAITOKERAU MĀORI AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTY)**

**Heamana Tokorua (Co-Chairs):** Marty Robinson, Councillor and Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

Alan Riwaka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua  
Amy Macdonald, Councillor  
Colin Kitchen, Councillor  
Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust  
Jack Crow, Councillor  
Janelle Beazley, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi  
Joce Yeoman, Councillor  
Juliane Chetham, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board  
Justin Blaikie, Councillor  
Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau  
Michelle Elboz, Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha  
Mike Kake, Ngāti Hau  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Mariameno Kapa Kingi, Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri  
Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia  
Pania Greaves, Ngāti Tara (TBC)  
Penny Smart, Councillor (Chair, NRC)  
Rick Stolwerk, Councillor  
Rihari Dargaville, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
Terry Archer, Councillor  
Thomas Hohaia, Te Roroa  
Waimarie Kingi, Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust  
William Sullivan, Ngātiwai Trust Board

## **TTMAC representatives on other working parties**

### **Māori Technical Advisory Group**

Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust  
Janelle Beazley, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi  
Juliane Chetham, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
William Sullivan, Ngātiwai Trust Board

### **Planning and Regulatory Working Party**

Juliane Chetham, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
William Sullivan, Ngātiwai Trust Board

### **Water and Land Working Party**

Alan Riwaka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua  
Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust  
Janelle Beazley, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Waimarie Kingi, Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust

### **Climate Change Working Party**

Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia  
Rihari Dargaville, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
Thomas Hohaia, Te Roroa

### **Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party**

Georgina Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust  
Juliane Chetham, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board  
Michelle Elboz, Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha  
Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia

### **Joint Climate Change Adaptation Governance Committee**

Rihari Dargaville, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa  
Thomas Hohaia, Te Roroa (proxy)

### **Local Government Elections subgroup**

Mike Kake, Ngāti Hau  
Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia  
Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

### **Strategic (Priorities) Intent subgroup 2021**

Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau  
Mike Kake, Ngāti Hau  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia  
Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

### **Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group**

Alan Riwaka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau

### Meeting Dates for 2022 – some dates may be subject to change

TTMAC	MTAG	Water and Land WP	Planning & Regulatory WP	Climate Change WP	Biosecurity & Biodiversity WP
10 February* Workshop	3 February	1 March	1 March	23 February	23 February
10 March Meeting	3 March	3 May	3 May	25 May	25 May
14 April* Workshop	7 April	2 August	2 August	31 August	31 August
<del>12 May</del> 19 May Meeting	5 May	(1 November)	(1 November)	(30 November)	(30 November)
9 June* Workshop	2 June				
14 July Meeting	7 July				
11 August* Workshop	4 August				
8 September Meeting	1 September				
October Council recess	TBA 6 October				
November Council recess	November Council recess				
December TBA	December TBA				

### Commonly used terms and abbreviations

<p><b>Appointed member</b> – one of the (up to) twenty-one appointed iwi and hapū members from Te Taitokerau tāngata whenua. Members are appointed in accordance with the <a href="#">Terms of Reference</a>. In addition to appointed members there are nine elected members (councillors)</p> <p><b>AP</b> - Annual Plan</p> <p><b>TTMAC caucus</b> – is comprised of appointed (tāngata whenua) members</p> <p><b>CEO</b> - Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>CPCA</b> - Community Pest Control Areas</p> <p><b>DOC</b> - Department of Conservation</p> <p><b>FNDC</b> - Far North District Council</p> <p><b>GIS</b> - Geographic Information System</p> <p><b>HEMP</b> - Hapū Environmental Management Plan</p> <p><b>IEMP</b> - Iwi Environmental Management Plan</p> <p><b>ILGACE</b> - Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives Forum</p> <p><b>KDC</b> - Kaipara District Council</p> <p><b>LAWA</b> – Land, Air, Water Aotearoa</p> <p><b>LEA</b> - Local Electoral Act 2001</p> <p><b>LGA</b> - Local Government Act 2002</p> <p><b>LGNZ</b> - Local Government New Zealand</p> <p><b>LIDAR</b> – Light detection and ranging</p> <p><b>LTP</b> - Long Term Plan</p>	<p><b>MBIE</b> – Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment</p> <p><b>MFE</b> - Ministry for the Environment</p> <p><b>MOT</b> - Ministry of Transport</p> <p><b>MPI</b> - Ministry for Primary Industries</p> <p><b>MTAG</b> - Māori Technical Advisory Group (a sub-group of TTMAC)</p> <p><b>NES</b> - National Environmental Standards</p> <p><b>NINC</b> - Northland Inc. Limited</p> <p><b>NIWA</b> - National Institute of Water and Atmosphere</p> <p><b>NPS</b> - National Policy Statement</p> <p><b>NPS-FM</b> - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management</p> <p><b>RMA</b> - Resource Management Act 1991</p> <p><b>RP</b> – Regional Plan</p> <p><b>TAG</b> - Technical Advisory Group</p> <p><b>TKoT</b> – Te Kahu o Taonui</p> <p><b>TTMAC</b> - Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party</p> <p><b>TTNEAP</b> – Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan</p> <p><b>TOR</b> - Terms of Reference</p> <p><b>TPK</b> - Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Maori Development)</p> <p><b>TWWAG</b> – Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group</p> <p><b>WDC</b> - Whangarei District Council</p>
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**TITLE:** **Record of Actions – 9 June 2022**

**From:** Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 9 June 2022 for review by the meeting.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Record of Actions from 9 June 2022 [↓](#) 

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## Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held in the In Council Chambers and via audio visual link  
on Thursday 9 June 2022, commencing at 11.00am.

### Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson  
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene  
Councillor Jack Crow  
Councillor Colin Kitchen  
Councillor Amy Macdonald  
Councillor Penny Smart  
Councillor Joce Yeoman  
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville  
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka  
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari  
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua, Alan Riwaka  
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Mariameno Kapa-Kingi  
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake  
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Anamaera Kake  
Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau  
Ngātiwai Trust Board, William Sullivan

### I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

#### Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Tumuaki – Chief Executive Officer  
Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement  
Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services  
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager  
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement

#### Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Pou Whakaritenga – GM Regulatory Services  
Policy and Planning Manager  
Strategic Policy Specialist  
Policy Specialist  
Policy Specialist (Freshwater)  
Economic Policy Advisor  
Natural Hazards Advisor  
Terry Smith, Auckland Council  
Makarena Dalton, Barker Associates  
David Barker, Barker Associates  
Dave Milner, Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group  
Delaraine Armstrong, Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group

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Manga Wihongi, Ngāti Rangī, Waiwhariki Pharmaceuticals Limited  
Alistair Clarke, Ngāti Rangī, Waiwhariki Pharmaceuticals Limited  
Wayne Rogers, Ngawha Innovation Park  
Jude Thompson, Northland Inc  
Tai Ahu, Whaia Legal  
Toni Love, Whaia Legal  
Frances Wedde, Buddle Findlay  
Shelley Wharton, Whangarei District Council (Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework project team)  
Bernadette Aperahama, Whangarei District Council (Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework project team)

The meeting commenced at 11.00.

### **Karakia / Whakatau**

Pita Tipene provided the opening karakia in the tāngata whenua members caucus session prior to the formal meeting, with mihi from Co-Chair Marty Robinson.

### **Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)**

#### **Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)**

Councillor Justin Blaikie  
Councillor Terry Archer  
Councillor Rick Stolwerk  
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly  
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz  
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia  
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Waimarie Kingi

#### **Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 3.0)**

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

#### **Record of Actions – 19 May 2022 (Item 4.1)**

It was agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

#### **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)**

The action sheet was received.

**Agreed action points:**

- Reconcile and consolidate actions around Te Mana o Te Wai and mātauranga Māori.

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### **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Strategic Intent 2021 - 2040 (Item 4.3)**

Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement provided a brief verbal update regarding the four workshops held to date with the Te Tiriti Partnership Strategy and Implementation Plan subgroup and consultants. There will be another workshop on 20 June 2022 before the document is workshopped with council and then brought to the July Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

### **Northern Waters - Te Wai Ora Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua (Item 4.4)**

Pou Whakaritenga – GM Regulatory Services (NRC) and Terry Smith (Auckland Council) presented an overview of Northern Waters, an operational group established by Auckland Council and the four Northland councils to inform and prepare for the establishment of “Entity A” under the government’s Three Waters Reform Programme. They sought guidance on what engagement with Taitokerau hapū and iwi might look like regarding the establishment of Entity A.

Key feedback included the lack of meaningful consultation on 3 Waters to date, the importance of hapū/kaitiakitanga engagement, how to resource hapū to engage, what Northern Waters terms of reference (kaupapa) is, how Te Mana o Te Wai is being expressed through all the current legislative reforms, what role TTMAC should play in 3 Waters engagement, inadequacy of engagement timelines, where the Department of Internal Affairs sits in informing governance, what opportunities exist for hapū/kaitiaki and iwi.

**Agreed action points:**

- That the Pou Whakaritenga – GM Regulatory Services invite the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to present to one of the next Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) meetings to confirm the process for involvement and resourcing of hapū through the establishment of Entity A and the broader 3 Waters Reform.
- That Northern Waters provide a copy of their Terms of Reference as soon as possible to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party members.

### **Draft Freshwater Framework (Item 4.5)**

The Strategic Policy Specialist provided an overview of the Draft Freshwater Framework and thanked the Māori Technical Group for their input into the document. The draft framework outlines council’s goals priorities and approaches for freshwater management over the next 10 years. Members requested that Mana Whakahono a Rohe and the Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework be referenced in the document, and endorsed the document going to council for adoption. Members also noted the use of te reo Māori in documents was improving.

**Agreed action points:**

- That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorse council adoption of the Draft Freshwater Framework.

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### **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - membership update (Item 4.6)**

Members received the report and, as the Selection Panel (Juliane Chetham, Mira Norris, Cr Justin Blaikie and Cr Joce Yeoman) had not yet met to consider the merits of the two candidates, agreed that Recommendation 2 (considering and endorsing the Selection Panel's recommendation) be left on the table for the next meeting.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- That the recommendations of the Selection Panel be considered and endorsed to Council if appropriate at the next TTMAC meeting.

### **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group Update (Item 4.7)**

Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Co-Chairs provided an update covering their mahi for the Stage 2 Recommendation Report, with the final report to be presented to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) in September, and Stage 2 Case Studies due to be completed in December. The importance of the role that TTMAC members play in connecting and updating TTMAC about TWWAG was reiterated, especially as TWWAG focuses on developing recommendations on how council should engage with tangata whenua on the plan change. TWWAG aims to bring recommendations to the 11 August TTMAC workshop so they can be presented to council in September, prior to local government elections.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

### **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - Stage 1 Report (Item 4.8)**

At the 19 May Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC), members requested revisions to the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Stage 1 Report "*Te Mana me te Mauri o te Wai*" and that it be returned to the June TTMAC meeting to be endorsed for presentation to council. Noting the revisions, members endorsed the document. Clarification was also provided regarding council's procurement policy and TWWAG's terms of reference in managing conflicts of interest when engaging consultants.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services to confirm that local government provisions regarding members contracting and pecuniary interests are being followed and the form of declarations of interest required by members is appropriate.

### **Economic development: Examples from the Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park (Item 4.9)**

Manga Wihongi and Alistair Clarke (Ngāti Rangī) provided a presentation on the production of mānuka/kānuka oil at Waiwhariki Pharmaceuticals Ltd based at Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park, followed by Wayne Rogers who presented on the ethos, concept and development of Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park near Kaikohe. Members appreciated the presentations and the Q&A afterwards. This included points on the unique properties of manuka grown in a thermal area, mātauranga Māori and western science walking together, the whakapapa of the seeds used, intellectual property, the critical role played by Provincial Growth Fund in providing capital, effects

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of climate change, ownership and governance process for the Park, and training collaboration with NorthTec. Koha was presented to Ngāti Rangī representative Manga Wihongi by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Co-Chair, Clr Robinson.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

*Secretarial Note: The presentation on Waiwhariki Pharmaceuticals Ltd (mānuka/kānuka oil distillery) encompassed the following key points:*

- *Timatanga – organisational whakapapa ties to Tairāwhiti Pharmaceuticals*
- *Opportunities and feasibility study*
- *Goals, values and guiding principles grounded in “Ko te whenua te waiu o Ngāti Rangī”*
- *Milestones: Feasibility study 2018, Whenua Maori Application 2020, Provincial Growth Fund approval, Distillery Completion May 2022*
- *Product marketing, research and development, target audience*
- *Workforce – focused on providing employment options for Ngāti Rangī and local hapū*
- *Vision for the future*

*The presentation on Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park encompassed the following key points:*

- *Wholistic place-based approach in heart of Ngāpuhi with mana whenua (Ngāti Rangī) involvement from conception*
- *A catalyst and connector focused on supporting higher value crops, value added manufacturing, circular/closed loop economy and workforce, workforce training and development, innovation and collaboration*
- *Long term development over 10 – 15 years*
- *Five key anchor tenants, none competing with local Kaikohe businesses*
- *Aim for people to work in a seasonal flow around the businesses in the park.*

### **Te Tiriti Health Check (Item 4.10)**

Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori - Māori Relationships Manager presented on the status of the Te Tiriti Health Check, the priority areas being worked on (governance, relationships with Māori, structural issues, policy and services evaluation), and how the assessment will be conducted by staff and consultants. The independent evaluators from Whaia Legal and Buddle Findlay also attended to introduce themselves and explain their role in the Health Check. Key discussion points included the importance of TTMAC and MTAG being consistently involved in how the process is scoped and framed, the next steps in working out the detailed programme and that it is crucial that the recommendations are delivered before the end of August, so advice is provided for the incoming council.

**Agreed action points:**

- That the Māori Technical Advisory Group are endorsed to continue to provide leadership and guidance on the development of the detailed Te Tiriti Health Check assessment process and work programme.

### **Māori Representation Climate Crisis (Item 4.11)**

This paper sought to review Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) membership on the Climate Change Working Party (CCWP) and Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee (JCCAC) as, due to circumstances and other commitments, some TTMAC representatives were unable to attend meetings. The Climate Crisis is one of TTMAC's strategic priorities and it was

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viewed as vital to have representation on both and a connection between CCWP and JCCAC meetings.

**Agreed action points:**

- That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) supports the appointment of Lynette Wharerau to replace Nora Rameka on the Climate Change Working Party.
- That TTMAC supports the appointment of Mira Norris to replace Thomas Hohaia on the Climate Change Working Party (CCWP), subject to Thomas Hohaia confirming he is stepping down.
- That TTMAC supports the appointment of Rowan Tautari (who also sits on the CCWP) as the alternate for Rihari Dargaville on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee (subject to Hohaia confirming he is stepping down).

*Secretarial Note: Items were addressed in the following order after Item 4.11 to accommodate presenters' schedules: 4.15, 4.16, 4.12, 4.13, 4.16, 4.15.*

**Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework Update (Item 4.12)**

The Natural Hazards Advisor and members of the Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework project team attended to support the kōrero about the Consultation Summary Report and gather any further feedback on it. Key discussion points included that the themes in the Consultation Summary Report had broader applicability beyond climate change, and what process is followed to get the Draft Framework adopted (via recommendation from the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee and respective council adoptions). Members strongly signalled their interest seeing the draft Framework and considering how it can be implemented and resourced, and applied to progress the TTMAC Strategic Intent.

**Agreed action points:**

- That the draft Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework be presented to a future Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC).

**Joint regional submission on the draft National Adaptation Plan Submission (Item 4.13)**

This paper was taken as read, with key discussion points being the continuing pressure on hapū to engage and respond to government documents such as the draft National Adaptation Plan in unrealistic timeframes, that Taitokerau already has a Te Tai Tokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy in place, that councils' implementing the same plan collaboratively helps hapū, and that nature doesn't respect council boundaries so plans need to account for our interconnected environment.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

**Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Communications Review (Item 4.14)**

Kaiawhina Pārongo - Communications Advisor summarised how the mahi done by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and the TTMAC Strategic Intent is currently

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communicated. Members supported the recommendation for a specific TTMAC communication strategy. Key discussion points included the need for key messages about how tāngata whenua are already engaging with council, TTMAC's mahi on how hapū can be better supported to engage, TTMAC being able to shape their own story, how other iwi/hapū channels/platforms can be connected with and supported by TTMAC's communications strategy, and resourcing.

**Agreed action points:**

- That a communications plan be created with an accompanying policy document that is presented to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) for their feedback.
- That the TTMAC Strategic Intent should be reflected in the Communications Plan and in all communications conducted by TTMAC.

**Reports from other working party and groups (Item 4.15)**

The item was taken as read.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

**Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.16)**

This item was taken as read, with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) providing a brief comment highlighting the items on marine pest management – successful eradication of Mediterranean Fanworm in Tutukaka harbour and development of a marine vessel portal which will be crucial to the implementation of the Clean Hull Plan.

**Agreed action points:**

- To ensure that there is sufficient time for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to comment on any highlights from the Chief Executive's Report to Council.

**Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

The meeting concluded at 4.02pm with karakia by Mike Kake.

**TITLE:**                   **Receipt of Action Sheet**

**From:**                    Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

**Authorised by**        Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:**   6 July 2022

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**Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

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

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**Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

That the action sheet be received.

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: TTMAC action sheet [↓](#) 

**Outstanding Actions as at 4/07/2022**

# TTMAC action sheet

Legend	
Completed Items	Completed actions remain on the action sheet for a month and are then removed.
Items in progress	
Items delayed, not started	

Meeting date	Item/Issue	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
12/03/20	Mātauranga Māori Framework	To scope the development of a Mātauranga Māori Framework and report back to TTMAC.	MTAG and staff	Ongoing	Completed MTAG's advice to TTMAC was Mātauranga Māori is led by Māori. Approach is for staff to progress developing tools for how council engages with Māori, through engagement and programmes such as Health Check, GIS and environmental monitoring.
11/02/21	Hapū Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWAR) new signatories	Staff to engage with members from Te Parawhau, Te Uri o Hau and Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau re signing the multi-hapū-based MWaR.	Staff	Ongoing	Delayed Progressing MWaRs with Te Parawhau, Te Hikutu and Te Uri o Hau has been slower than anticipated due to capacity and Covid-19.
11/02/21	Hapū Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWR) review	Staff to bring a review of implementation issues to TTMAC in about six months' time.	Staff and MTAG	September 2022	Delayed NRC is working through implementation plan and meeting regularly with hapū to focus on priorities however other mahi has taken priority to formalising a report for TTMAC.
12/8/21	Treaty of Waitangi / Tiriti o Waitangi - Health Check	The 19 May 2021 LTP provided funding to carry out a 'health check' of council's Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations (references to Treaty are to be read consistently as Te Tiriti).	MTAG	August council meeting	Item 4.8 on this agenda An update to be provided on this mahi which MTAG discussed at their 7 July meeting.
12/08/21	Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) mahi	Mahi assigned to MTAG from TTMAC.	MTAG and staff	N/A	Completed An update on MTAG's mahi is provided in the "Reports from other working parties and groups" or reported in individual items as required. See also 10 March 2022 action re reporting of MTAG work priorities and progress.

**Outstanding Actions as at 4/07/2022**

Meeting date	Item/Issue	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
14/10/21	Draft NRC Freshwater Framework	That staff engage with the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) in development of the draft framework and keep TTMAC updated on progress with the draft framework.	MTAG and Strategic Policy Advisor	N/A	Completed At the 9 June TTMAc meeting, members endorsed council adoption of the Draft Freshwater Framework, which was developed with MTAG expertise.
9/12/21	Local government review	MTAG work with staff to develop a plan for how council and tangata whenua TTMAC members can work together to achieve a collective view on the future form of local government for Northland.	MTAG and staff	September 2022	Paused At the 19 May TTMAC meeting it was agreed that to pause this mahi until the Review Panel releases their draft report for submission in September 2022.
9/12/21	Local government elections	Members Kake, Rameka and Tipene to provide input and ideas into the development of a joint Taitokerau local elections campaign, with a focus on how we can encourage Māori to enrol, stand and vote in the upcoming local elections.	Staff and TTMAC Local Elections subgroup	October 2022	Progressing Staff continue to work with the Local Elections Subgroup to guide and advise the campaign on behalf of TTMAC.
9/12/21	Mapping – guidance for council	Staff flesh out some of the issues and present the paper back to TTMAC.	Staff	TBC	Progressing Wetland mapping as required under the National Policy statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) has begun.
9/12/21	Development of a Biodiversity Policy for Taitokerau	Staff to engage with the MTAG to co-design a process to develop the Taitokerau Biodiversity Strategy.	MTAG	TBC	Paused This action is paused as staff consider next steps regarding an exposure draft of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB).
10/3/2022	Te Tiriti Partnerships and Implementation Plan (Strategic Intent)	To set up a Te Tiriti Partnerships subgroup of councillors and tangata whenua to develop a council strategic intent and implementation plan with the objective of both being endorsed by TTMAC and adopted by council.	Te Tiriti Partnersh ip group, staff and consultant	August council meeting	Item 4.5 in this agenda The Te Tiriti Partnerships subgroup have met five times and are bringing the draft report to TTMAC before it is taken to council in July.
10/3/2022	Representatives for review of the	TTMAC tāngata whenua members Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari and Juliane Chatham to sit alongside councillors during council	RPS subgroup and staff	TBA	Progressing

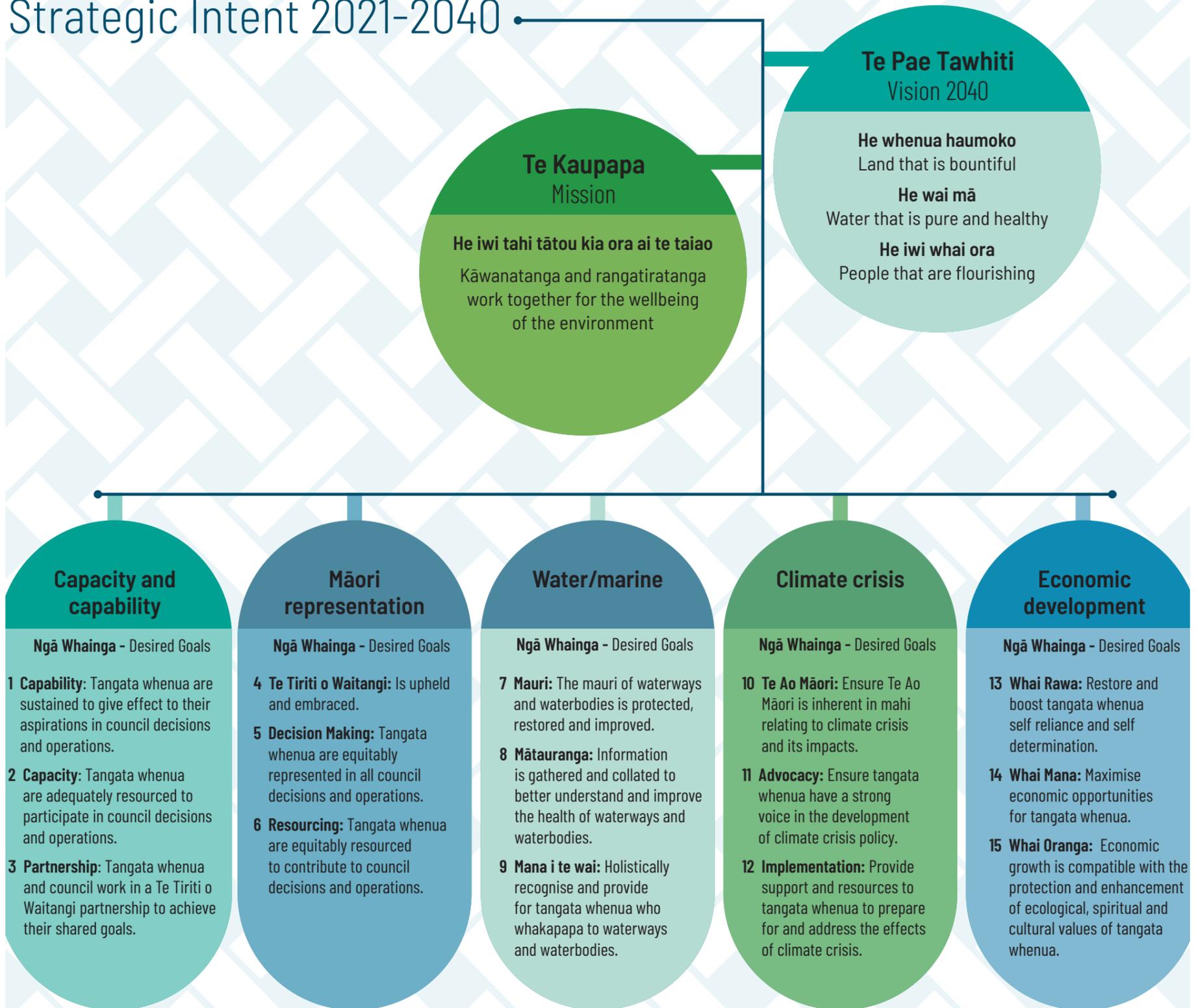
**Outstanding Actions as at 4/07/2022**

Meeting date	Item/Issue	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
	Regional Policy Statement (RPS)	workshops on the review of the Regional Policy Statement.			Barker and Associates have been engaged to work with MTAG and have begun work on the mahi. MTAG to be updated at their August meeting.
10/3/2022	Reports from other working parties and groups	Staff to provide an updated plan and progress report so MTAG are able to report progress in a meaningful way to the formal meeting.	Staff and MTAG	August 2022	Progressing Work is ongoing on how to provide a visual summary of MTAG's mahi and priorities for improved reporting. Further feedback was received at the 7 July MTAG hui.
19/5/2022	Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group and TTMAC attendance	Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services to send a letter regarding TTMAC and TWWAG attendance to member Riwaka.	GM Environmental Services	N/A	Completed Contact was been made with member Riwaka who advised that other commitments meant he needed to step down from TWWAG.
19/5/2022	Te Mana o te Wai Funding	That Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) work with staff to develop a scope of work to develop a mātauranga Māori freshwater framework to be presented to the September TTMAC meeting for advice.	MTAG	TBC	To be started MTAG are currently working on other priorities and will address in due course.
19/5/2022	Economic development – TTMAC engagement with JRED Committee	Staff to come back to TTMAC with their suggestions on how TTMAC can engage with the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (JREDC) at a future meeting this year	Staff	TBA	Delayed This is subject to the Chair of JREDC raising it with the committee. Noting that current committee may not wish to make a commitment for the incoming committee members.
19/5/2022	Economic development – use of IGR	Staff to provide a presentation on the Investment Growth Reserve and Project Development Fund category (through NInc) to a future TTMAC meeting.	Staff	September TTMAC meeting	Delayed A paper will be brought to the September TTMAC meeting.
9/6/2022	Northern Waters - Te Wai Ora Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua	Invite Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to present to the next TTMAC meetings re involvement and resourcing of hapū re Entity A and 3 Waters.	GM Regulatory Services	August 2022	Paused Pou Whakaritenga – GM Regulatory Services to address when he returns from leave.
9/6/2022	Northern Waters - Te Wai Ora Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua	That Northern Waters provide a copy of their Terms of Reference as soon as possible to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party members.	GM Regulatory Services	July 2022	Paused Awaiting a revised version of the Terms of Reference from Northern Waters.

**Outstanding Actions as at 4/07/2022**

Meeting date	Item/Issue	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
9/6/2022	Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - membership update	That the recommendations of the Selection Panel be considered and endorsed to Council if appropriate at the next TTMAC meeting.	Staff	July TTMAC meeting	Item 4.10 on this agenda A further membership update to that in June is provided.
9/6/2022	Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - Stage 1 Report	Confirm that local government provisions regarding members contracting and pecuniary interests are being followed and the form of declarations of interest required by members is appropriate.	GM Environmental Services	N/A	Completed Current mechanisms, such as the usual reminder to declare conflicts at each meeting, are sufficient to manage appointed members contracting and pecuniary interests for TTMAC Working Party.
9/6/2022	Māori Representation - Climate Crisis	Confirm TTMAC representation on the Climate Change Working Party and Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.	Staff	End of July 2022	Delayed Staff to confirm before the next committee and working party meetings.
9/6/2022	Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework Update	That the draft Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework be presented to a future TTMAC meeting.	Staff	September 2022	Progressing The project team plan to have the draft Framework ready for presenting to the September TTMAC meeting.
9/6/2022	Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Communications Review	Create a communications plan with an accompanying policy document to present to TTMAC for their feedback, ensuring TTMAC's Strategic Intent is reflected.	Staff	September 2022	Progressing A paper will be brought to the September TTMAC meeting.

# Te Taitokerau Māori and council working party Strategic Intent 2021-2040



## Ngā Tikanga Values

- Titiro ki ngā taumata o te moana** - Always remain strategic in our approach/intent/view
- Mahi tahi tutuki noa** - Identifying opportunities, increased collaboration and completion of projects
- Me whakatau mā roto i te kōrero** - Resolution through conversation
- Kaitiakitanga** - Dedicated stewardship by tangata whenua of Te Taitokerau

**NOTE** In the context of He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi: The significance and meaning of 'He iwi tahi tātou' (we are two people, one nation), as was used by Governor Hobson in 1840 at the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Tangata whenua = whanau, hapū and iwi

**TITLE:** Economic development: Te Purunga ki Te Raki  
**From:** Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor  
**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to introduce a presentation on Te Purunga ki te Raki by Carol Barnett, Regional Lead Tai Tokerau, Regional Skills Leadership Group, (RSLG) Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Te Purunga ki Te Raki is the regional workforce plan developed by the Tai Tokerau Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG). Fifteen RSLGs have been set up by central government around New Zealand, with each supported by MBIE.

RSLGs have been tasked with developing Regional Workforce Plans (RWPs), which set out regional aspirations, priorities, and actions for current and future workforce skills development in their regions. Each plan is unique to its region and reflects the sectors, opportunities, challenges, demographics and previous labour market planning undertaken within that region. RSLGs are building on existing work underway in each region so activity is not duplicated. RSLGs are releasing their first Regional Workforce Plans in July-August 2022. The plans will be refreshed annually.

Further information on RSLGs is available at: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/regional-skills-leadership-groups/>.

The Tai Tokerau RSLG is co-chaired by Harry Burkhardt and Toa Faneva. The other members have included Carol Berghan, Shaun Clarke, Lindsay Faithfull, Eru Lyndon, Sheryl Mai, Stuart McDonald, Edward Miller, Deirdre Otene, Stephen Smith, and Pita Tipene. Murray Reade was also on the RSLG and his successor Paul Linton may replace him. A unique feature of Te Purunga ki te Taki, the name gifted for the Tai Tokerau RWP, is that it has been developed considering the principles of both He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti.

This presentation is being provided to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) because of the framework used to develop Te Purunga ki Te Raki; to make members aware of the regional actions that will be undertaken; and to demonstrate that work to support TTMAC's strategic intent for economic development will require council to collaborate with many other agencies.

Northland Inc representatives will also be in attendance.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Economic development: Te Purunga ki Te Raki' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 1 July 2022, be received.

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### Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

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### Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

**TITLE:** Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan

**From:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement

**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

The purpose of the report is to inform and update Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) of the draft 'Tāiki ē' NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan and how it focuses specifically on actions to achieve the desired goals for Capacity, Capability and Māori Representation from the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040.

The ingoa or name 'Tāiki ē' denotes the intent to a collective commitment that "we come together to get the mahi done" as described by TTMAC Co-Chair Pita Tipene. The Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan subsequently includes actions that commits Northland Regional Council (NRC) in a partnership with TTMAC (and other key stakeholders) to a series of tasks that have financial and staffing implications with an objective to have the Tāiki ē adopted by council by end of July 2022. The subgroup consisting of TTMAC representatives; Pita Tipene (TTMAC Co-Chair), Lynette Wharerau, Mira Norris, Mike Kake, Nora Rameka and councillors Penny Smart (Chair), Jack Crow, Marty Robinson (TTMAC Co-Chair), and Amy MacDonald have participated in a series of workshops supported by Chief Executive Malcolm Nicolson and key staff Group Managers Jonathan Gibbard and Auriole Ruka to help prepare a draft that is both rigorous and considered, facilitated by Barker & Associates consultants; Makarena Dalton and David Badham.

Both Makarena and David were engaged in the development of the TTMAC Strategic Intent and have had experience in working with TTMAC and council in Te Tiriti based matters, consequently they were engaged for this next significant step in council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan, and are attending TTMAC today for members feedback and endorsement. David and Makarena will present the process and methodology undertaken with the subgroup and the implementation plan to ensure that TTMAC are clear of what this will entail both for TTMAC and council.

The Tāiki ē document will be circulated separately to this agenda as feedback from council workshop and subgroup meeting on 8 July needed to be incorporated, which didn't align with TTMAC's agenda deadline.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommended actions**

1. That the report "Tāiki E NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan" by Auriole Ruka, GM Pou Manawhakahaere, 3 July 2022 be received.
  2. That the Tāiki E NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan be endorsed by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) for recommendation to council for adoption at the July 2022 council meeting (subject to any changes or amendments recommended by TTMAC for the subgroup to consider).
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### **Background/Tuhinga**

Not applicable.

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### **Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Nil

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**TITLE:** TTMAC advice to incoming council

**From:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 6 July 2022

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### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of the report is to recommend a process for Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) iwi and hapū members to provide the incoming council with advice on the effectiveness and efficacy of TTMAC. In October, council will see the 2022 local body elections and with this a new term of council. The time leading up to the elections provides an opportunity for TTMAC to reflect on its achievements and consider what recommendations it may wish to make to the incoming council as to the value of the working party and potential future roles post the October elections, should the working part be re-established. This paper recommends that a survey (attached) be conducted with TTMAC iwi and hapū members to form the basis of a report and recommendations for TTMAC to provide to the incoming council and that the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) be endorsed to analyse the survey results as the basis to report back findings and recommendations to the TTMAC September meeting for review.

This is separate to the Tiriti Health Check evaluation with a separate report to be provided by Whaia Legal and Buddle Findlay to TTMAC. TTMAC advice to the incoming council is an important opportunity by which TTMAC iwi and hapū members are able to provide furthermore direct and specific feedback on for the incoming council.

Therefore the paper seeks endorsement from TTMAC on the process to be undertaken, that it agrees for MTAG to provide a summary of the survey results with recommendations in the TTMAC September meeting and endorses the survey questions that are attached. These will be sent out via survey monkey to the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC once endorsed.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'TTMAC advice to incoming council' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 1 July 2022, be received.
  2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) recommend to council that the Māori Technical Advisory Group conduct an analysis of the survey results that form the basis for a report and recommendations at the TTMAC September meeting for the main purpose of presenting to the incoming council post October 2022 elections.
  3. That TTMAC endorse the survey questions attached as part of the review process to be conducted with the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC.
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### Tuhinga/Background

One of the first tasks the new council will undertake, post the local body elections, is considering its new governance structure, with all existing arrangements disbanded at the time of the outgoing council. This will see the new council deciding and implementing what it considers to be the best governance structure to deliver its programmes of work. The only exception to this are those standing committees that cannot be disbanded as identified in legislation, those being the Civil Defence and Regional Transport Committees and Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board.

During the previous triennium TTMAC through MTAG prior to the 2019 was tasked with reviewing the role, functions and makeup of the working party, what it had achieved and to collate a report for the then previous TTMAC to receive. A key part of this was a survey that was open to the committee members to participate in. In the lead up to the 2022 local government elections, again, the working party has the ability to inform the incoming council by making recommendations which can be presented to the outgoing and incoming council.

Rather than establish another (sub) working party, it is recommended that TTMAC task the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) with undertaking a review of TTMAC and provide a report to the full working party for consideration. It is recommended that TTMAC look to provide advice to council in September, so that it can inform council's discussions of its governance structure and what advice the outgoing council may provide for the incoming council.

This matter is now set down for discussion.

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### **Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Attachment 1: Proposed survey questions [↓](#) 

## Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party 2019-2022 review – proposed survey questions

QN 1. What was your understanding and expectations of the working party when you were mandated to represent your iwi/hapū?  
Please provide a comment.

QN 2. Thinking about the TTMAC strategic intent, and the TTMAC Terms of Reference, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- That the working party emphasised and advocated for iwi/hapū and Māori
- That the working party provided an opportunity to integrate iwi/hapū perspectives into council processes and policy
- The working party operated in a manner that reflected tikanga Māori

Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

QN 3. Thinking about the performance of the working party in regard to the TTMAC Strategic Intent and whainga, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The triennium addressed significant issues and challenges for iwi and hapū
- Iwi and hapū were provided with regular updates and reports about working party progress

Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

QN 4. Thinking about the value of the working party how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- As a result, councillors have gained a better understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and issues
- As a result, iwi and hapū members have gained a better understanding of council policies and processes.

Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

QN 5. Thinking about the size and makeup of the working party and that all councillors were represented, how much do you agree or disagree with the following? (Please refer TTMAC Terms of Reference Clause 7 to consider this question.)

- The size of the group is right
- We have the membership right

Please provide explanations to support your above responses.

QN 6. During this triennium regional marae based workshops transitioned to workshops based on TTMAC strategic whaingā. Would you like to maintain these options for workshops?

Yes/No - Please provide an explanation to support your response.

QN 7. The new council will have seven general seats and two Māori seats. Anticipating the inclusion of two new Māori seats, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- TTMAC working party should be re-established post elections as an ongoing critical element of council's governance structure.  
Yes/No - Please provide an explanation to support your response.
- Where there is a Māori councillor on a working party (or other governance structure) should those Māori councillors be counted towards the 50% iwi/hapū representation?  
Yes/No - Please provide an explanation to support your response.
- There should be 50% iwi/hapū representation on all of council's governance structures (e.g. including on councils Joint Economic Development Committee, Investment and Property Subcommittee and Freshwater Plan Change)?  
Yes/No - Please provide an explanation to support your response.

QN 8. Thinking about workload and time commitment on TTMAC members, how much do you agree or disagree with the following alternatives to resource TTMAC members that ensures appropriate iwi/hapū expertise into council governance decisions?

- Review of Māori technical expertise and support that is provided to TTMAC
- Review of remuneration, meeting fees and rationale
- That two Māori councillors count towards the 50% iwi/hapū representation on governance groups
- That an increase of staff resource and/or contractors are provided
- Any other options that can be recommended?

Please comment on why you chose that answer

QN 9. Any final comments and suggestions? (comment box)

**TITLE:** Local Elections 2022 update

**From:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 6 July 2022

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### **Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is provide a brief presentation (attached) and update of the regional communications campaign/collateral and events that are scheduled to promote iwi and hapū to engage in the local government elections. In attendance will be Far North District Council (FNDC) Project Manager, Casey Gannon for FNDC local government elections to inform Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) of the work their team is also doing to support iwi and hapū in rural isolated areas to engage and participate in local government elections across Te Taitokerau.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

1. That the report 'Local Elections 2022 update' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 30 June 2022, be received.
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### **Tuhinga/Background**

#### **Background/Tuhinga**

Local Government in Te Taitokerau is entering a new era following the decision by all of the four Northland councils to establish Māori constituencies/wards. As a result, each council was required to undertake a representation review in 2021 to determine the new arrangements that will be in place for the next local government elections in October 2022. These arrangements have now been finalised confirming the following Māori constituencies/wards for each council:

- Whangarei District Council has a district wide Whangarei District Māori Ward represented by two Māori councillors.
- Kaipara District Council has a district wide Te Moananui o Kaipara Māori Ward represented by one Māori councillor.
- Far North Council has a district wide Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward represented by four Māori councillors.
- Northland Regional Council has a region wide Te Raki Māori Constituency represented by two Māori councillors.
- Across Northland region there are a total of nine Maori seats across four wards. The key dates are outlined below.

## 2022 Key Dates

Nominations open	Friday 15 July
Nominations close	Noon, Friday 12 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Friday 16 September
Close of voting	Noon, Saturday 8 October
Official results announced	Thursday 13 October

### Regional Communications Campaign

The campaign has three key phases – Enrol, Stand and Vote and is a multi-channelled, campaign across several months. The campaign will launch in Mid-June. A website <https://www.localelections.co.nz/> will be used as a key tool in the campaign and act as a central hub of information for the Northland local elections.

The key objectives of the campaign are to:

- Information provision for mana i te whenua about Māori seats (wards/constituency) within a local government context
- Engage all Northlanders and encourage a diverse range of people to stand as candidates
- Activate the community and mana i te whenua to participate in the local body elections.
  - To stand as candidates
  - To enrol, with an emphasis on youth and Māori to increase their representation as voters, as councillors, as participants in the local government elections
  - Getting people to vote
- Increase voter turn-out at local elections in October to at least 50% of eligible voters

### Future Councillor Information Sessions

**June 22 – Future Councillors Information Evening – Whangārei**  
5pm, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, 56-58 Herekino Street  
Northland Regional Council and Whangārei District Council

**14 July – Virtual Hui**  
7 – 8pm, Online – register via NRC website  
Northland Regional Council

**20 July – FNDC Q&A Panel Session**  
5.30pm - 7.30pm, Kaikohe HQ Chamber  
Details TBC

**25 July - Future Councillors Information Evening - Kaitāia**  
5pm Kaitāia Digital Hub, 66-70 Commerce Street  
Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council

**28 July - Future Councillors Information Evening - Dargaville**  
5pm, Sportsville, Memorial Park, Logan Street

Northland Regional Council

**02 August - Future Councillors Information Evening - Kawakawa**

5pm, Te Hononga – Kawakawa  
Far North District Council

**03 August - Future Councillors Information Evening - Kaikohe**

5pm, Te Kona – Digital, Business and Learning Hub, 74 Guy Road  
Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council

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**Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Attachment 1: TTMAC Local Govt Elections update 2022 [↓](#) 



## Tuhinga/Background



Region wide -  
Te Raki Māori  
Constituency

Two Māori  
councillors



District wide -  
Nga Tai o  
Tokerau Māori  
Ward

Four Māori  
councillors



District wide -  
Whangārei  
District Māori  
Ward

Two Māori  
councillors



District wide -  
Te Moananui o  
Kaipara Māori  
Ward

One Māori  
councillor

## Tuhinga/Background



Councillors not seeking reelection

New CEO



Current Mayor not standing

New CEO



Current Mayor not standing

New CEO



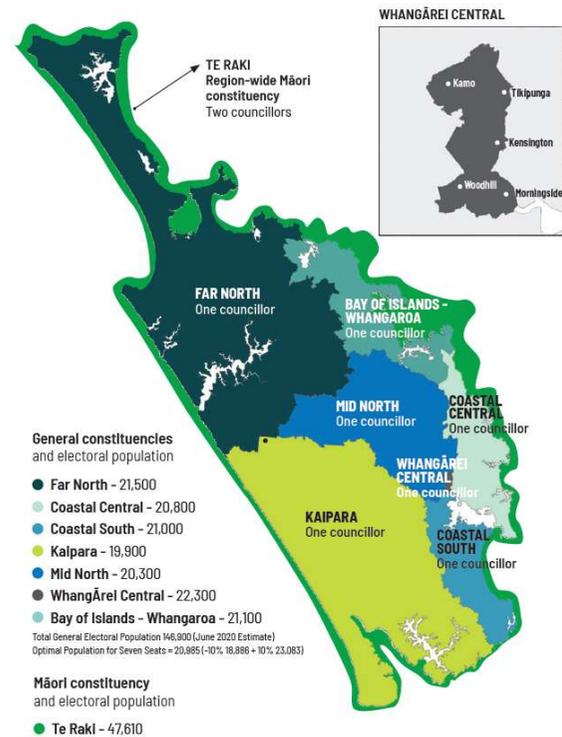
Current Mayor not standing

Same CEO

## Key dates

Milestone/activity	Date
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Official results announced	Thursday 13 October

CONSTITUENCY	MEMBERS
Bay of Islands - Whangaroa General	1
Coastal Central General	1
Coastal South General	1
Far North General	1
Kaipara General	1
Mid North General	1
Whangārei Central General	1
Te Raki Māori	2
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## Be informed

- Information is available on express and the NRC website: [www.nrc.govt.nz/elections2022](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/elections2022)
- Check out the Northland specific website: [www.localelections.co.nz](http://www.localelections.co.nz)
- General information: [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) including enrolment (or phone 0800 ENROLNOW)
- Information is available via Local Government New Zealand: [www.lgnz.co.nz](http://www.lgnz.co.nz)
- Phone NRC's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofsoske: (09) 973 5212
- Talk to your manager or our Governance Specialist Chris Taylor
- Email [elections@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:elections@nrc.govt.nz)



# He patai?

Ngā Mihi

[localelections.co.nz](http://localelections.co.nz)



**TITLE:** **Te Tiriti Health Check**

**From:** Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### **Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to present the programme and plan that is currently being proposed by Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal to conduct an organisational review of the Northland Regional Council (NRC) and how it gives effect to its commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This is the first time that council has undertaken such a comprehensive approach to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and as such it is an iterative process that involves key stakeholders with a long term vision to build enduring relationships with tangata whenua encapsulated in council's Long Term Plan (LTP) Te Pae Tawhiti 2021-2031 and Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) Strategic Intent 2040.

Attached for consideration and endorsement is the programme and survey questions recommended by Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal to form the basis of the report and recommendations to be presented to TTMAC and council in August 2022 for implementation in the 2022-2023 financial year.

Consideration as to Te Tiriti or Treaty is beyond the scope of the health check (Health Check update to TTMAC December 2021) and Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal acknowledge that there are differing views as to the status and relevance of Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Northland Region. The Te Arawhiti framework has been developed from a Treaty of Waitangi perspective and is therefore the starting point for evaluation and self-reflection. NRC has made a firm commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

1. That the report 'Te Tiriti Health Check' by Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 30 June 2022, be received.
  2. That TTMAC endorses the programme and survey questions recommended by Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal to form the basis of an independent report and recommendations for council's commitment to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
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### **Tuhinga/Background**

In March 2022, the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) identified six priority areas for the Te Tiriti Health Check based on the public sector organisational capability framework provided by Te Arawhiti. The six priority areas are:

- Governance: Understanding of Māori council relations priorities
- Relationships with Māori: Relationship management
- Relationships with Māori: Engagement, partnerships, and empowerment
- Relationships with Māori: Procurement
- Structural: Addressing institutional racism
- Policy and services: Evaluation

At the June 2022 meeting an updated status of the Te Tiriti Health Check process was provided to TTMAC. It was confirmed that NRC had engaged the services of Buddle Findlay (Paul Beverly) and Whaia Legal (Tai Ahu) to assist in the delivery of the council's Long-Term Plan independent Te Tiriti Health Check. Amended timeframes that considered delays caused largely by Covid were also provided.

The Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement and Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori have worked with the independent contractors to develop a programme of work that is presented today for endorsement (attached) as it was clearly stipulated that TTMAC iwi and hapū members are leading this process. MTAG were endorsed at the June meeting to continue to provide leadership and guidance on the development of the detailed Te Tiriti Health Check assessment process and work programme.

The Te Tiriti Health Check programme of work will conclude with a final report to council on 23 August 2022.

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### Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Buddle Findlay & Whaia Legal Work Programme [↓](#) 

**TE TIRITI HEALTH CHECK – PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME**

**BY**

**WHĀIA LEGAL & BUDDLE FINDLAY**

**FOR**

**TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O TE TAITOKERAU / NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**[30 JUNE 2022]**

**[DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION/APPROVAL]**

[Aiming to have this finalised by 4 July so it can be presented to Executive Team and MTAG for approval at meetings on 7 July.]

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Buddle Findlay and Whāia Legal (the **Providers**) have been engaged by Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Te Taitokerau / Northland Regional Council (**Council**) to undertake a Treaty health check. The Treaty health check is an independent assessment by the Providers of how the Council implements its Treaty obligations in engaging with tangata whenua and mana whenua.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the relevant background and propose a work programme to undertake the Treaty health check.

### Background

- 1.3 At their March 2022 meeting, the non-elected members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (**TTMAC**) endorsed that the Treaty health check:
  - (a) be delivered as a joint executive/governance initiative;
  - (b) be underpinned by the Te Arawhiti framework (refer **Appendix 1**); and
  - (c) adopt the Māori Technical Advisory Group's (**MTAG**) benchmarking as a starting position.
- 1.4 In March 2022, MTAG provided initial direction by using the Te Arawhiti framework and identified the following six priority areas for the Treaty health check:
  - (a) Governance: Understanding of Māori council relations priorities;
  - (b) Relationships with Māori: Relationship management;
  - (c) Relationships with Māori: Engagement, partnerships and empowerment;
  - (d) Relationships with Māori: Procurement;
  - (e) Structural: Addressing institutional racism; and
  - (f) Policy and services: Evaluation.

## 2. SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 Consistent with the above, the Providers have been instructed to carry out the Treaty health check as follows:
  - (a) Focus on the six priority areas identified by MTAG;
  - (b) Use the Te Arawhiti framework to assess Council's performance in these six priority areas;
  - (c) Review Council documentation provided by the Council as relevant to these six priority areas;
  - (d) Conduct workshops with the following groups to obtain feedback on the Council's performance in the six priority areas:
    - (i) Executive Team;
    - (ii) Councillors;
    - (iii) TTMAC and MTAG and
    - (iv) Kaitiaki identified by Council

- (e) Confer with Māori Relationships Manager who is also carrying out a survey of Council staff to obtain feedback in the six priority areas;
  - (f) Prepare a report summarising findings and setting out recommendations for each priority area;
  - (g) Present the draft report to ELT and TTMAC and consider any feedback;
  - (h) Prepare a final report and present this to Council and TTMAC (if budget allows).
- 2.2 The Providers acknowledge that there are differing views as to the status and relevance of the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Northland Region. The Providers understand those questions to be outside the scope of this Treaty health check.

### 3. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 The Providers propose the following work programme for the delivery of the above.

Date	Action
Thursday 7 July, 9-11AM [Paul and Tai are available at 10-11AM]	ELT meeting – review this work programme and provide any feedback
Thursday 7 July, 2-4PM [Paul and Rahera are available at 3-4PM]	MTAG meeting – review this work programme and provide any feedback
Friday 8 July	Providers finalise work programme
Thursday 14 July, 9.30-11AM [Both Paul and Tai are unavailable this day. Frances and Rahera are available but you may prefer to schedule a workshop outside the normal meeting schedule to a time when Tai and Paul are both available? NB Paul is unavailable between 9 and 24 July.]	TTMAC caucus meeting – workshop
Thursday 21 July, 9-11AM [Paul is unavailable this day but Tai and Frances can run this. Alternatively we could hold it on 4 August.]	ELT meeting – workshop
Wednesday 3 August [We are all available]	Council workshop – workshop
Between Monday 11 July and Wednesday 3 August	Individual interviews/workshops arranged with Kaitiaki / other individuals identified by Council.
By 3 August [to check with Kim]	Kim Peita shares results of internal staff surveys with Providers
3-8 August	Preparation of draft report [NB draft report needs to be finalised by 8 August to be on the agenda in time for the 11 August meetings]
12 August	TTMAC workshop – present draft report and receive any feedback

Date	Action
[Paul and Frances are unavailable on 11 August – could a session be arranged on 12 August instead?]	
12 August [Paul and Frances are unavailable on 11 August – could a session be arranged on 12 August instead?]	ELT meeting – present draft report and receive any feedback
12-17 August	Finalise report [NB report needs to be finalised by 17 August to be on the agenda in time for the 23 August Council meeting]
23 August	Present final report to Council

#### **4. PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR WORKSHOPS**

- 4.1 As set out above, workshops will be held with the ELT, TTMAC, Councillors and select kaitiaki and staff identified by Council. The workshops will be held with ELT, TTMAC and Councillors collectively rather than with individual members of those groups. However, Council will also identify a limited number of particular kaitiaki and individuals to meet with separately.
- 4.2 To ensure that we cover the six priority areas at each workshop, we propose to canvass the following questions at each workshop. The questions below are indicative only. Some questions may be more relevant for certain groups or individuals and therefore may be clarified or expanded upon as required.

##### **Introductory/overview**

- 4.3 What are Council's strengths in working with Māori?
- 4.4 What are Council's strengths in working in a manner that is consistent with the Treaty and its principles?
- 4.5 What opportunities are there for improvement?

##### **Priority 1: Understanding of Māori council relations priorities**

- 4.6 Does Council have a good understanding of the commitments it has to Māori:
- (a) In legislation or law more broadly?
  - (b) In Treaty settlements?
  - (c) In other arrangements (partnership agreements, memoranda of understanding etc) that have been entered into?
- 4.7 Do Council's accountability documents reflect Council's obligations to Māori?
- 4.8 How does the Council apply a Treaty lens to its business?
- 4.9 Do Māori have the opportunity to input directly into Council's business? If so, how?
- 4.10 What resources are available to Council to support its relationships with Māori?
- 4.11 Does the Council measure its performance in working with Māori and incorporating Treaty principles in its business? How does it do this?

##### **Priority 2: Relationship management**

- 4.12 How would you describe the strength of the relationship between Council and iwi / hapū in the rohe?
- 4.13 What could be improved?
- 4.14 How does the Council generally manage its relationship and engagement with Māori?
- 4.15 What formal relationship management arrangements does Council have in place? What are the strengths of these arrangements and how are they delivered on by Council? What could be improved?
- 4.16 What informal relationship management arrangements are in place?

- 4.17 Are there relationships at different levels of Council (eg Councillors, ELT, staff, contractors)? Are relationships with Māori primarily maintained at an individual staff level, or more collectively by Council? What are some of the strengths and weaknesses between different departments of Councils? What opportunities are there for departments within Council to learn from other departments?
- 4.18 What role (if any) has the Council had in the Waitangi Tribunal district inquiry?
- 4.19 Has there been litigation between the Council and Māori? If so, what impacts has that had on the relationship? Are there any learnings that could be applied in the future?
- 4.20 What familiarity/confidence do Council staff have in tikanga Māori concepts? In te reo? How important is this to Māori in managing relationships?
- 4.21 What information and resources are available to help support Council and Māori?
- 4.22 Are staff confident in identifying the Māori groups who may have an interest in a particular area/issue?

**Priority 3: Engagement, partnerships and empowerment**

- 4.23 What models of engagement are employed at the current time? What is working well? What could be improved?
- 4.24 Does the Council have an engagement framework?
- 4.25 Does the Council have an engagement plan when working on projects/initiatives of significance to Māori?
- 4.26 When and how are Māori engaged in the process?
- 4.27 Is the engagement ongoing?
- 4.28 Is the engagement meaningful? What role do Māori have? Is there a decision-making role and if so on what types of issues?

**Priority 4: Procurement**

- 4.29 What does current Council procurement policy/guideline say about involving Māori businesses in Council procurement processes?
- 4.30 Are Treaty considerations considered relevant to procurement processes, and if so how?
- 4.31 How are Māori made aware of opportunities to provide services to Council?
- 4.32 Does Council monitor the level of uptake by Māori (i.e., the number of applications made by Māori businesses, the success rate etc?)
- 4.33 Does Council seek feedback from Māori businesses and service providers on procurement processes?

**Priority 5: Addressing institutional racism**

- 4.34 What barriers might impede Māori from working effectively with Council (and vice versa)?
  - (a) Cultural barriers? (eg lack of understanding of te reo or tikanga?)

- (b) Structural barriers? (eg lack of processes to ensure Māori are engaged with appropriately, unawareness of Treaty considerations, lack of decision-making role?)
- (c) Resource and capacity barriers (eg lack of funding, skilled personnel, support either within Council or Māori etc?)
- (d) Information/communication barriers (eg lack of appropriate channels for communication with / between Māori)

4.35 What could be improved?

**Policy 6: Evaluation**

4.36 What systems does Council have in place for monitoring and evaluating its relationships with Māori?

4.37 What could be improved?

**Concluding comments/questions**

4.38 Are there immediate priorities that Council can easily address?

4.39 Is there anything we haven't covered today that you would like to address?

**TITLE:** **Proposal for change to August meeting**

**From:** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement

**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to propose that the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) virtual workshop scheduled for 11 August 2022 be changed to a formal meeting.

This has been proposed to ensure there are sufficient opportunities to keep progressing significant items such as the Te Tiriti Health Check, Tāiki Ē NRC Strategic Implementation Plan, advice from tāngata whenua members into the governance review being prepared for the incoming council, and to provide any advice to council in a timely and efficient manner.

The updated schedule would provide two more formal meetings and one part formal/part workshop before the local elections 2022 and council recess.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Proposal for change to August meeting' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and dated 5 July 2022, be received.
2. That the meeting schedule for the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) be updated as follows:

Date	TTMAC meeting
11 August	Formal meeting/Workshop
8 September	Formal meeting
13 October	No meeting (council recess)
10 November	No meeting (council recess)
8 December	Formal meeting (tentative – dependant on new council's governance statement)

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### Tuhinga/Background

Nil.

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### Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

**TITLE:** **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group Update**

**From:** Alison Newell, Policy Specialist

**Authorised by** Jonathan Gibbard, Pou Tiaki Taiao – Group Manager Environmental  
**Group Manager/s:** Services, on 01 July 2022

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**Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

The Co-chairs of the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group will provide a verbal update on the group's progress since their last report to Te Taitokerau Maori and Council Working Party.

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**Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

1. That the report 'Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group Update' by Alison Newell, Policy Specialist and dated 28 June 2022, be received.

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**Tuhinga/Background**

Not applicable.

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**Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Nil

**TITLE:** **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - membership update**

**From:** Alison Newell, Policy Specialist

**Authorised by** Jonathan Gibbard, Pou Tiaki Taiao – Group Manager Environmental  
**Group Manager/s:** Services, on 01 July 2022

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### **Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

At its meeting in May, Te Taitokerau Maori and Council (TTMAC) considered a report regarding replacement of members on the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) as Karyn Nikora-Kerr and Nora Rameka (since replaced by Lynette Wharerau) had stepped down. It was agreed that TTMAC and TWWAG members provide nominations for a replacement member by 27 May. The Selection Panel (Juliane Chetham, Mira Norris, Cr Justin Blaikie and Cr Joce Yeoman) has since met and agreed unanimously to recommend to council that Niki Conrad be appointed as the replacement for Karyn Nikora-Kerr.

Alan Riwaka has also advised that he is unable to commit the necessary time to the TWWAG, and has stepped down (meaning that Rihari Dargaville as proxy will fill his place). Millan Ruka has also stepped down from TWWAG, resulting in a vacancy for another member. Nominations are therefore called from TTMAC and TWWAG members for a replacement member for Millan Ruka by 29 July.

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### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

1. That the report 'Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - membership update' by Alison Newell, Policy Specialist and dated 28 June 2022, be received.
  2. That Rihari Dargaville be confirmed as replacement TTMAC member on TWWAG.
  3. That TTMAC consider appointing a new TTMAC proxy.
  4. That TTMAC and TWWAG members provide nominations (including short bios) to council staff by 29 July for a replacement for Millan Ruka.
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### **Tuhinga/Background**

Not relevant

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### **Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Nil

**TITLE: Te Taitokerau Māori and Council working arrangements with Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group during election period**

**From:** Alison Newell, Policy Specialist

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Jonathan Gibbard, Pou Tiaki Taiao – Group Manager Environmental Services, on 01 July 2022

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**Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

The Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) is working on its recommendations on the freshwater plan change and is aiming to have its advice on the plan change content ready to share with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council (TTMAC) by September. However, the work is requiring more effort than anticipated, and providing sufficient time for TTMAC members to properly consider the TWWAG recommendations is of critical importance, making timeframes tight for finalising TWWAG's recommendations prior to the local government elections.

At its 26 April 2022 meeting council agreed TTMAC and TWWAG “*not to be discharged on the coming into office of the council elected at the October 2022 triennial elections*”, the latter subject to TTMAC's endorsement.

Council staff will be starting to pull together the draft freshwater plan change during October - November in order to workshop and agree the draft with the incoming council in December 2022 - April 2023, prior to release for public comment in June 2023.

In order to progress the TWWAG Stage 2 work and have it endorsed by TTMAC so that council staff can rely on the TWWAG recommendations in their drafting, staff recommend that TTMAC endorse a sub-group of its non-elected members that can engage with TWWAG and endorse (as appropriate) TWWAG recommendations in October/November.

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**Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

1. That the report ‘Te Taitokerau Māori and Council working arrangements with Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group during election period’ by Alison Newell, Policy Specialist and dated 28 June 2022, be received.
2. That TTMAC approve the establishment of a sub-group of its non-elected members to work with the TWWAG to review and endorse (as appropriate) the TWWAG Stage 2 Report on behalf of TTMAC (until such time as the incoming council confirms its future governance structure).
3. That TTMAC appoint non-elected members \_\_\_\_\_ to form the TTMAC sub-group.

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**Tuhinga/Background**

Not applicable

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**Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Nil

**TITLE:** Reports from other working party and groups

**From:** Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

**Authorised by** Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on  
**Group Manager/s:** 6 July 2022

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### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present records of actions from council's other working party meetings that have occurred since the last Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) meeting. It is also an opportunity for working party Chairs and TTMAC members on working parties to provide a verbal update and answer any questions that may arise.

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Reports from other working party and groups' by Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA and dated 30 June 2022, be received.

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### Tuhinga/Background

#### Māori Technical Advisory Group

**TTMAC representatives:** Juliane Chetham , Georgina Connelly, Nora Rameka, William Sullivan, Janelle Beazley, Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari

The Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) meet regularly on the first Thursday of each month to address mahi referred to them by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council working Party. At the 2 June meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Review of the Regional Policy Statement
- MTAG Work Tracker
- Updates from the Māori Relationships Team.

Following discussion, MTAG agreed to the following actions:

- That staff contract Barker and Associates as the preferred supplier to work on the review of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and that the consultants come to the next MTAG meeting in July
- Staff to collate an outline of indigenous mapping/data sovereignty protocols (Tahu Kukutai, Takiwa Ltd) present to MTAG in relation to the GIS mahi being done
- MTAG's work tracker items are to be "completed" from both an NRC and iwi/hapū perspective and consider how to measure results against TTMAC's Ngā Whaingā
- Request Māori engagement in the resource consents process as a priority for the Tiriti Health Check work plan
- Return cultural impact assessments to MTAG's work tracker
- Staff to put a governance review paper to TTMAC's July meeting to clarify what happens to TTMAC and MTAG work programmes over the council recess period.

#### Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party, Chair Jack Crow

**TTMAC representatives:** Juliane Chetham , Georgina Connelly, Barb Elboz, Nora Rameka

The Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party met on 25 May 2022. The topics for discussion included:

- A report concerning tangata whenua involvement in PF2050 (Item 4.3)
- Biosecurity Operational Plan (Item 4.4)
- PF2050 Progress Update (Item 4.5)
- Feral Deer (Item 4.6)
- Progress on Road and Rail Plans with Agencies (Item 4.7)
- Kauri Protection and recent Biosecurity and Biodiversity incidents (Item 4.8)
- FIF Dune Lakes programme and herbicide update (Item 4.9)
- Update on Coast Care and dune monitoring programmes (Item 4.10)
- Update on Internal Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Annual Report (Item 4.11)
- Biosecurity Marine Concerns - Alastair Wells (Item 4.12)

Following discussion, the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party provided advice on the following next steps:

- Biosecurity Operational Plan – Recommendation supported to bring the Draft Northland Regional Pest and Marine Pathway Operational Plan 2022–2023 to council for approval
- PF2050 Progress Update – Recommendation to provide further updates to the working party at the next Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party meeting in August 2022.
- Update on Internal Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Annual Report – Recommendation supported to prepare Councils first Biodiversity Annual Report, highlighting council biodiversity activities and achievements for 2021-2022 financial year
- Biosecurity Marine Concerns – NRC Biosecurity Manager to meet with members and work through the concerns raised and report back at the next working party meeting in August 2022.

**Climate Change Working Party (Chair: Cr. Amy Macdonald)**

**TTMAC representatives: Nora Rameka, Rihari Dargaville, Rowan Tautari, Thomas Hohaia**

The next Climate Change Working Party meeting is scheduled for 31 August 2022.

**Water and Land Working Party (Chair: Cr Justin Blaikie)**

**TTMAC representatives: Janelle Beazley, Mira Norris, Alan Riwaka, Georgina Connelly, Waimarie Kingi**

The next Water and Land Working Party meeting is scheduled for 2 August 2022.

**Planning and Regulatory Working Party (Chair: Cr Joce Yeoman)**

**TTMAC representatives: Juliane Chetham, Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari, William Sullivan**

The next Planning and Regulatory Working Party meeting is scheduled for 2 August 2022.

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**Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments**

Nil

**TITLE:** Chief Executive’s Report to Council

**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Tumuaki - Chief Executive Officer

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Malcolm Nicolson, Tumuaki - Chief Executive Officer, on 30 June 2022

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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report ‘Chief Executive’s Report to Council’ by Malcolm Nicolson, Tumuaki - Chief Executive Officer and dated 30 June 2022, be received.

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#### 4.14.1 HIGHLIGHTS

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##### Education Days

A dune lake education day was held at Rotokawau with the help from Enviroschools, Biosecurity, Land Management, Te Uri o Hau and the Taurua whānau. 60 students from both Poutō primary and Te Kopuru school learnt about tuna and fish, biosecurity and kākahi (freshwater mussels). The inclusion of kākahi into this event was important due their presence in the lake and the significance of kākahi to Māori history in the area.



##### Northland Regional Council Environmental Awards – Kiwi Coast ‘Outstanding Group or Project Award’

A new addition to council’s environmental awards this year, the award aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of Northland groups and projects who have proven their commitment to restoring the health of their local native forests and wildlife, including kiwi. The winner of the inaugural award was Bay Bush Action Project for a truly outstanding, community led project with proven results in forest health regeneration and steadily increasing kiwi populations



Kiwi Coast outstanding group or project award winners Bush Bay Action.

#### 4.14.2CEO'S OFFICE

##### Current Legal Proceedings

Department	Description	Status
Consent decision appeal	Two separate consent applications for replacement and new consents relating to a proposed expansion of, Doug's Opua Boat Yard in Walls Bay, Ōpua	Court has advised that a hearing is required for these appeals. The council evidence to be with the Court by 15 June 2022.
Consent decision appeal	Irrigation of avocado orchards and horticulture crops	Court Hearing was held over a two week period from Monday 9 May to Friday 20 May 2022, with an additional day on Wednesday 22 May 2022. The Hearing was not closed and is adjourned until the end of June. The Court will undertake a site visit in mid June.

A write-off of \$12,391.74 (excluding GST) was approved from the account of Otehei Bay Holdings Limited following the direction from the District Court to reach a settlement on unpaid costs sought by council in relation to the processing of a consent application originally made the company.

#### 4.14.3CORPORATE SERVICES

##### Fraud Declaration

I am not aware of any fraud nor am I investigating any incidence or suspected incidence of fraud at this time.

## Enterprise System Update

	Status	Notes
Timeline		Tracking according to plan
Budget		Tracking according to plan
Quality		Tracking according to plan
Key:		
		Tracking according to plan
		There are challenges, but they can be addressed at project level
		There are issues that cannot be resolved at project level, need help from the project governance group

### 4.14.4 REGULATORY SERVICES

#### Consents in Process

During May 2022, a total of 119 Decisions were issued. These decisions comprised:

- Moorings 2
- Coastal Permits 27
- Land Discharge Permits 10
- Water Discharge Permits 4
- Land Use Consents 49
- Water Permits 20
- Bore Consents 7

The processing timeframes for the May 2022 consents ranged from:

- 224 to 2 calendar days, with the median time being 43 days;
- 42 to 2 working days, with the median time being 22 days.

Forty-eight applications were received in May 2022.

Of the 187 applications in progress at the end of May 2022:

- 29 were received more than 12 months ago;  
Reasons for being more than 12 months old:
  - Awaiting additional information (including CIAs) 12
  - Consultation with affected parties/stakeholders 4
  - On-hold pending new rules becoming operative 6
  - Other 7
- 20 were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information from the applicant);
- 138 less than 6 months.

#### Appointment of Hearing Commissioners

No commissioners were appointed in May 2022.

#### Consents Decisions and Progress on Notified Applications in Process, Objections and Appeals

The current level of notified application processing activities at the end of May 2022 is *(by number)*:

- Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month 1
- Progress on Applications Previously Notified 4
- Hearings and Decisions 0
- Appeals/Objections 2

## COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The results of compliance monitoring for the period 1 – 31 May 2022 (and year-to-date figures) are summarised in the following table and discussed below.

Classification	Total	Full compliance	Low risk non-compliance	Moderate non-compliance	Significant non-compliance	Not exercised during period
Air Discharge	34	28	4	0	0	2
Bore Consent	9	8	1	0	0	0
Coastal Discharge	25	18	5	2	0	0
Coastal Permit	131	64	23	30	7	7
Land Discharge	179	81	41	10	1	46
Land Use Consent	154	85	1	0	0	68
Water Discharge	116	78	17	9	2	10
Water Permit	95	60	2	0	0	33
Water Take	232	136	62	8	0	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>57.2%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>6477</b>	<b>4482</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>675</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>69.2%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

### Coastal

Compliance reports following monitoring inspections for all marine farms were provided to consent holders. Follow-up enforcement action on marine farms will now be prioritised where moderate to significant non-compliances were recorded. Final coastal structure inspections for the Far North were undertaken and reporting on coastal permit inspections to consent holders was ongoing.

### Water, Waste, Air and Land Use (WWALU) Compliance Monitoring

- Contaminated Land Management*

Nine incidents involving the discharge of hazardous substances and 17 enquiries regarding contaminated land were received and responded to. 320kg of hazardous waste was disposed of at the amnesty day, and 5 sites were added to the Selected Land-Use Register.

- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants*

WWTP/Consent Status	Issues (June 2022)	Enforcement Action/Response
<b>Far North District</b>		
<b>Ahipara</b> Expires 2033	Ongoing non-compliance with bacteriological consent limits	Under AN FNDC investigating land disposal options; UV system to be installed in 2022/2023 to reduce bacteriological concentrations
<b>Hihi</b> Expires 30 November 2022	No recent issues; replacement consent application yet to be received	None currently
<b>Kāeo</b> Expires 31 October 2022	No recent issues; replacement consent application yet to be received	None currently

WWTP/Consent Status	Issues (June 2022)	Enforcement Action/Response
<b>Kaikohe</b> Expired 30 November 2021; Replacement consent application in process	Intermittent non-compliances with ADW flow, ammonia & bacteriological consent limits. System overdue for de-sludging	None currently Issues will be addressed in replacement consent
<b>Kaitaia</b> Expired 30 November 2021; Replacement consent application in process	No recent issues; FNDC discussing with iwi/hapu potential consent conditions	<u>Under AN</u> (reticulation overflows) Issues will be addressed in replacement consent
<b>Kawakawa</b> Expires 2036	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Kerikeri</b> Expires 2036	No obvious issues from new plant (commissioned in December 2020)	<u>Under AN</u>
<b>Kohukohu</b> Expired 2016; Replacement consent application on hold	Occasional issues with bacteriological conditions of consent; CIA still awaited before public notification occurs	None currently
<b>Opononi &amp; Ōmāpere</b> Expired 2019; Replacement consent application publicly notified and on hold	Non-compliances with bacteriological consent limits; desludging overdue; still intended to jointly process with Kohukohu replacement consent application	<u>Under AN</u> Issues will be addressed in replacement consent; desludging to be undertaken
<b>Paihia</b> Expires 2034	Plant upgraded 2019; alkalinity issues preventing optimal ammonia treatment	None currently Alkalinity improvement project still in progress
<b>Rangiputa</b> Expires 2032	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Rāwene</b> Expires 2023	System overdue for de-sludging	Infringement notices issued in February 2022 in relation to a discharge from the reticulation
<b>Russell</b> Expires 2024	Occasional non-compliances with E. coli consent limit post UV	<u>Under AN</u> Infringement notices issued January 2022
<b>Taipā</b> Expires 2029	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Whatuwhiwhi</b> Expires 2025	Elevated TSS levels (consent limit may be unnecessarily restrictive)	FNDC to seek consent variation to address TSS levels – however this is not a priority
<b>Whangarei District</b>		
<b>Hikurangi</b> Expires 2025	Intermittent issues with plant performance	None currently Plant performance being reviewed to identify improvements
<b>Ngunguru</b> Expires 2035	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Ōākura</b> Expires 2025	Occasional spikes in E. coli	None currently

WWTP/Consent Status	Issues (June 2022)	Enforcement Action/Response
<b>Portland</b> Expires 2024	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Ruakākā</b> Expires 2046	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Tutukaka</b> Expires 2024	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Waiōtira</b> Expires 2030	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Waipū</b> Expires 2030	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Whāngārei City</b> Expired 30 April 2022; Replacement consent application in process	Odour issues; replacement consent application received and will be publicly notified shortly	Abatement notice issued requiring actions to be implemented to mitigate the odour emanating from the treatment plant
<b>Kaipara District</b>		
<b>Dargaville</b> Expires 30 June 2022: Replacement consent application in process	Non-compliances with WQ discharge volume consent limits, replacement consent application received	<u>Under AN</u>
<b>Glinks Gully</b> Expires 2024	No recent issues	None currently
<b>Kaiwaka</b> Expires 31 October 2022	No recent issues; replacement consent application yet to be received	None currently
<b>Mangawhai</b> Expires 2042	Odour complaints and occasional exceedances of TDS consent limit	<u>Under AN</u>
<b>Maungaturoto</b> Expires 2032	Intermittent non-compliances, generally due to high rainfall	<u>Under AN</u>
<b>Te Kopuru</b> Expires 2044	Intermittent minor non-compliances	Second aerator installed 2020

### Environmental Incidents

There were no environmental incidents reported in May which resulted in a significant environmental impact.

### ENFORCEMENT

#### Abatement Notices, Infringement Notices and Formal Warnings

The following is a summary of the abatement and infringement notices issued:

Action Type	Number
Abatement Notice	14
Infringement Notice	3

#### Other Enforcement

- *Open burning on industrial/trade property – Whangārei*  
Charges were laid in the Whangārei District Court on 27 November 2020 against an individual for open burning on industrial/trade premises; the burnt items also included prohibited items. Witnesses from both sides gave evidence in court on 25 May 2022. Then the next step is to file submissions by June 2022. The set date for the decision to be released is 4 July 2022 at 10am.

- *Farm dairy effluent – Parapara*

Charges were laid in the Kaitia District Court on 6 May 2021 against a farm owner for offences which occurred in August 2020. There are four charges against the farm owner. According to the doctors' reports confirming that the farm owner has mental health issues, the judge concluded the farm owner is to be discharged under section 25(1)(d) of the Criminal Procedure (Mentally Impaired Persons) Act. The case is concluded with no order for costs to the NRC.

- *Vessel occupying CMA & removal of asbestos from CMA – Town Basin, Whangārei*

An enforcement order was applied for on 23 November 2021 against an individual for occupying the coastal marine with a boat without consent, and for reimbursement of costs associated with work to remove and dispose of cladding material containing asbestos that had been deposited within the coastal marine area. A settlement on these matters was reached and has been executed.

- *Earthworks & vegetation clearance within a wetland – Teal Bay*

Charges were laid in the Whangarei District Court on 7 December 2021 against four parties for offences that occurred in December 2020. The offences relate to unconsented earthworks within wetland. NRC will put a proposal to the defendants' lawyers for negotiation in charges.

#### 4.14.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

##### LAND MANAGEMENT

###### Sustainable Hill Country and Regional Priorities

Milestones	Status
<b>Farm Environment Plans (FEPs)</b>	A change in process and reporting template from Farm Environment Plans to Soil Conservation Plans resulted in a slow start to the completion of plans. Consequently, by the middle of the year we had underdelivered on the number of plans/hectares covered leaving us in a position of playing catchup. A late flurry of completed plans (particularly large farms) meant we have now met the hectare target by completing 85 plans covering 27,864ha (100% of hectare target achieved).

###### Poplar and Willow nursery

Objective	Status
<b>Harvest</b>	Harvest is underway with delivery scheduled for later this month. We have orders for 8,440 subsidised poplar and willow trees, exceeding our 7000 target (120% of target achieved). We have additional demand for 1009 trees for non-erosion control purposes such as shelter belts and livestock shade. These trees will be supplied at full price if there is stock remaining after the subsidised tree orders for soil conservation purposes have been satisfied.

###### Whangārei urban awa project

Key updates for this project:

- The deed variation to include the Otaika catchment and extend the timeframe until January 2024 has been signed by both parties.
- The Year 3 annual work plan and Year 2 Quarter 3 report have been accepted by MFE.
- Planting projects continue to lag behind the projected KPI. There are currently only three projects approved for this planting season. The extension of the project into the Otaika catchment will hopefully improve this.
- The recruitment process to replace the previous Project Manager has been completed, with an internal applicant successful. Having a full-time team member focusing on this project again will help extend the outreach to landowners and achieve KPI's.

## BIODIVERSITY

### Māori Partnerships

The Roto Tapokapoka Tūhono Wānanga (Dune Lakes Partnerships Wānanga) was held at Lake Waikare, in the Te Roroa rohe of Kai Iwi Lakes. This was considered a landmark wānanga, a first in gathering around 40 kaitiaki from 6 different hapū and iwi together to connect, build relationships and develop a vision for our dune lake taonga. With the FIF Dune Lakes Project in its final year, we explored how hapū and iwi would like to work with NRC to look after dune lakes and what a partnership might look like moving forward. Each region shared their aspirations and expectations while learning practical monitoring skills and sharing understandings about the ecology and cultural significance of ngā roto in Te Tai Tokerau. Feedback has been very positive from each of the iwi/hapū that came.



### Aquatic weed and pest fish control

Staff removed 107 invasive tench (*Tinca tinca*) from Lake Kapoai, Te Koporu. Adult tench had a mean length of 402mm and a mean weight of 0.85kg. A wider range of net mesh sizes were used compared to previous attempts and this was successful in targeting adult tench, providing insight into the size range of tench in the lake.

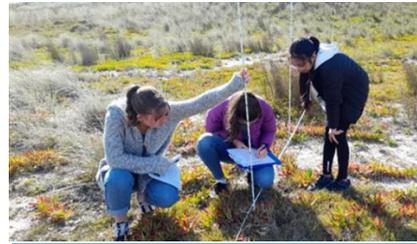
### CoastCare

Biodiversity staff held a field trip with Renew School year science 13 students, which followed a pre visit lesson earlier in the week to introduce dune ecology, function and monitoring methods. We

started with a 5-minute bird count, checked lizard shelters and then measured the four vegetations transects set up last year. The school has been set up as a site admin on the coastal monitoring database and will be entering the vegetation data collected.



*Dune monitoring with Renew School: checking lizard shelters, vegetation monitoring and five-minute bird count*



### **Wetlands**

Council staff continue to work with MWLR, as part of an Envirolink funded project, to identify what enhancements would be required to councils current wetland monitoring programme to meet the requirements of the NPS-FM.

Biodiversity staff are part of the Kaimaumu Ecosystem Technical Advisory Group (TAG) advising a multi-agency Governance Group on recovery of the wetland after a major fire swept through the area over summer. A site visit was made with mana whenua, Department of Conservation, and ecologists from the TAG considering issues around weed spread, drains, threatened species management and restoration opportunities



*Motutangi drain running through the Kaimaumu Wetland with firebreak and weedy wattle regeneration.*



*Regeneration of native species in a heavily burnt area of manuka peat bog.*

## NATURAL RESOURCES

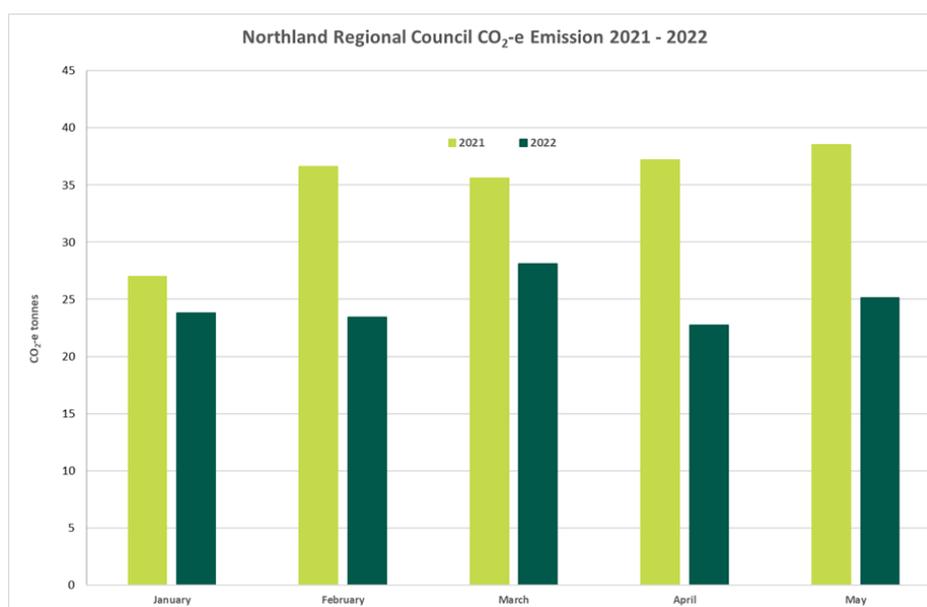
### Coastal/Water Quality Operations

- Consultation with tangata whenua on new water quality State of the Environment sampling sites is being undertaken.
- Quarterly litter surveys were undertaken at Hātea and Onerahi sites (results pending). An additional four sites were also included (Church Bay, Pacific Bay, Matapōuri and Sandy Bay), all of which returned low yields of plastic pollution.
- All freshwater continuous water quality monitoring stations have been installed as per the recent monitoring network review and LTP budget. These stations collect data every 15 minutes, providing a wealth of information on the water quality of the site.

### Natural Resources Science

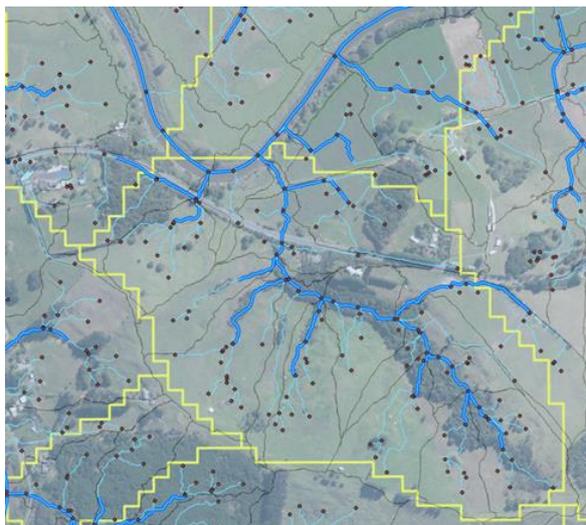
#### Air quality and carbon emission

- Comparison of council's CO<sub>2</sub>-e (carbon dioxide equivalent) monthly emissions between 2021 and 2022 is presented in the graph below. The council's monthly carbon emission in 2022 recorded lower than 2021 emission. The decreased emission in 2022 is attributed to the current COVID-19 restrictions. The graph is based on live data and therefore the figures for the last few months are subject to change.



#### Freshwater quality

- The contract for procuring a LiDAR based high resolution digital river network (DRN) model with the Water Technology NZ Ltd is progressing well. The Rivers team is providing technical assistance.
- The draft GIS layers for the Northern Wairoa catchment has been reviewed and the deliverables are due by mid-June 2022.



*An example snapshot of DRN catchments (dark grey lines) with river lines at 2ha (dark blue), and 0.2ha (light blue) scales in Tangiterōria. Dark brown dots indicate start and end points of each river segment. The yellow jagged lines are currently available coarser catchments (i.e. NIWA river network model).*

- A river water quality workshop was presented by the Freshwater and Monitoring team to the Year 11 students from Whangārei Boys High School in the beginning of May, which received positive feedback from the school.
- Works related to the development of a NEMS (National Environmental and Monitoring Standards) protocol for sampling and processing planktonic cyanobacteria are ongoing. This NEMS protocol will mainly focus on lakes to assist in implementing the NPS-FM cyanobacteria attributes. The final draft of this NEMS protocol is currently being reviewed by the NEMS working group.

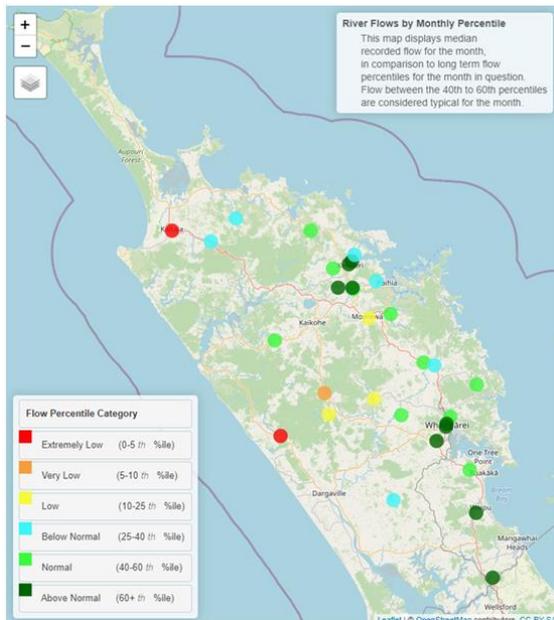
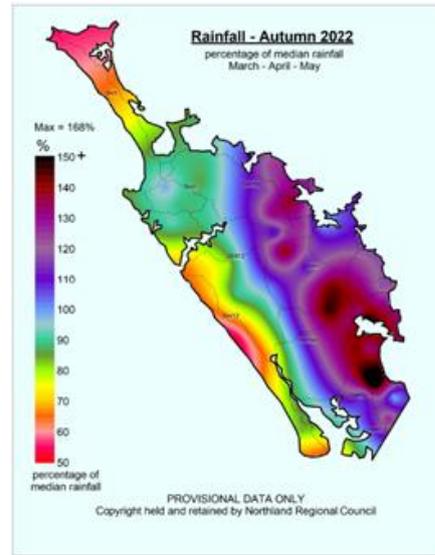
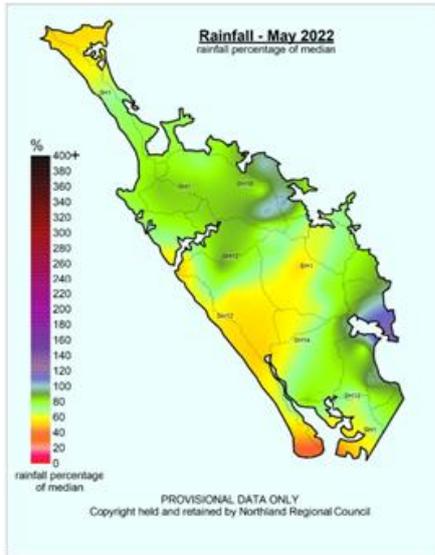
#### **Natural Resources Data**

- Data automation project for processing continuous data:  
The contract for services for Phase 1 “feasibility and discovery” of the project is being finalised with Orbica Limited. This initial phase will involve regular workshops and meetings with Orbica Limited to define the needs, complete a gap analysis at NRC and understand the current data processing and handling methods. The contract for services for Phase 2 “Planning, Research & Development” will be finalised by the end of June 2022.
- The data team has contracted a consultant from HyQuest Solutions to help us with the final phases of the implementation of the KiEco biological database and historical data import.

#### **Hydrology**

##### **Rainfall**

- May 2022 was drier than normal.
- Overall autumn was a classic La Niña rainfall distribution across the region, with wetter than normal conditions on the East and dry to the North and the West.

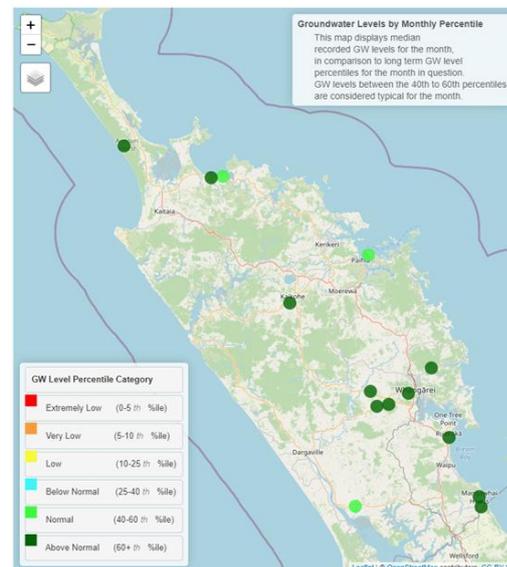


**Rivers**

- River flows generally reflect rainfall distribution across the region. The Kaihū and the Awanui Rivers are quite low for this time of year (note though, that flows are categorised relative to time of year, so flows are not as low as typical summer conditions; there are no water resourcing concerns).
- Most rivers on the east recorded “Normal” or “Above Normal” flows.

**Groundwater**

Groundwater levels continue to be categorised as “Normal” to “Above Normal”



## **POLICY AND PLANNING**

### **Review of the Regional Policy Statement**

Work is underway on the 5 yearly review of the RPS required under section 35 of the RMA. MTAG has selected a consultant to assist them in providing input to the review from a tangata whenua perspective and the district councils have had an initial briefing on the process. The project will be completed by the end of the year ready for consideration when the new council is convened and available for decision making.

### **Proposed Regional Plan Appeals**

Staff continue to work towards resolving the remaining appeals on a range of topics. Key points arising since the last report are:

- Council is due to report progress to the Court on topics 1 (coastal activities), 6 (damming and diverting water and land drainage), 10 (infrastructure, energy, and natural hazards) and 1A (vehicles on beaches) by 30 June. If appeals remain unresolved after 30 June, council staff will confer with parties and request that these matters be set down for a hearing.
- In January's CEO report staff advised that the Environment Court approved the process for mapping Outstanding Natural Landscapes in the Coastal Marine Area. Part of this process was to map cultural landscapes of significance to Tangata Whenua with support of a consultant with expertise in engagement with Tangata Whenua and Landscape Architecture. Unfortunately, staff were not successful in securing the required expertise within the allocated budget. At the time of writing, a workshop with council was scheduled for 21 June to discuss the next steps for councils before seeking direction from the Environment Court on how to proceed.

### **Freshwater Plan Change**

Staff gave a presentation to key stakeholders (e.g., District Councils, Northland DHB, Fish and Game, Doc, Forest & Bird) on our freshwater plan change process, freshwater framework, and the opportunity for these parties to engage at this point in the freshwater plan change process.

Staff also met with Auckland Regional Council staff to discuss our respective freshwater plan change processes, particularly our alignment of planning provisions in the Kaipara catchment.

The NIWA mitigation scenario and costing information will be presented to the next Primary Sector Liaison Group meeting (21 June).

A meeting has been scheduled for 15 July with the 'Wai Māori Group' - a subgroup of the iwi members of ILGACE (Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives).

Staff will be presenting to the executive management team of Te Rūnanga-A-Iwi O Ngāpuhi on 22 June.

TTMAC approved the 'Stage 1' report prepared by the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) at their 9 June meeting. The Stage 1 report sets out freshwater matauranga Māori to set the foundation for TWWAGs development of recommended freshwater planning provisions.

#### 4.14.6 BIOSECURITY

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##### WILD ANIMAL CONTROL

##### Feral deer

- *Deer farm escape:* A lone deer escape reported from a Paparoa deer farm was resolved with the farmer and council working together to recapture a young stag. However, continued surveillance with game cameras (left *in situ* after the recapture), have identified a further escapee – a red hind still on the outside of the fence. Council staff are continuing to work with the farmer to recapture the escapee.

*A second deer identified by game camera still outside the fence of the Paparoa deer farm.*



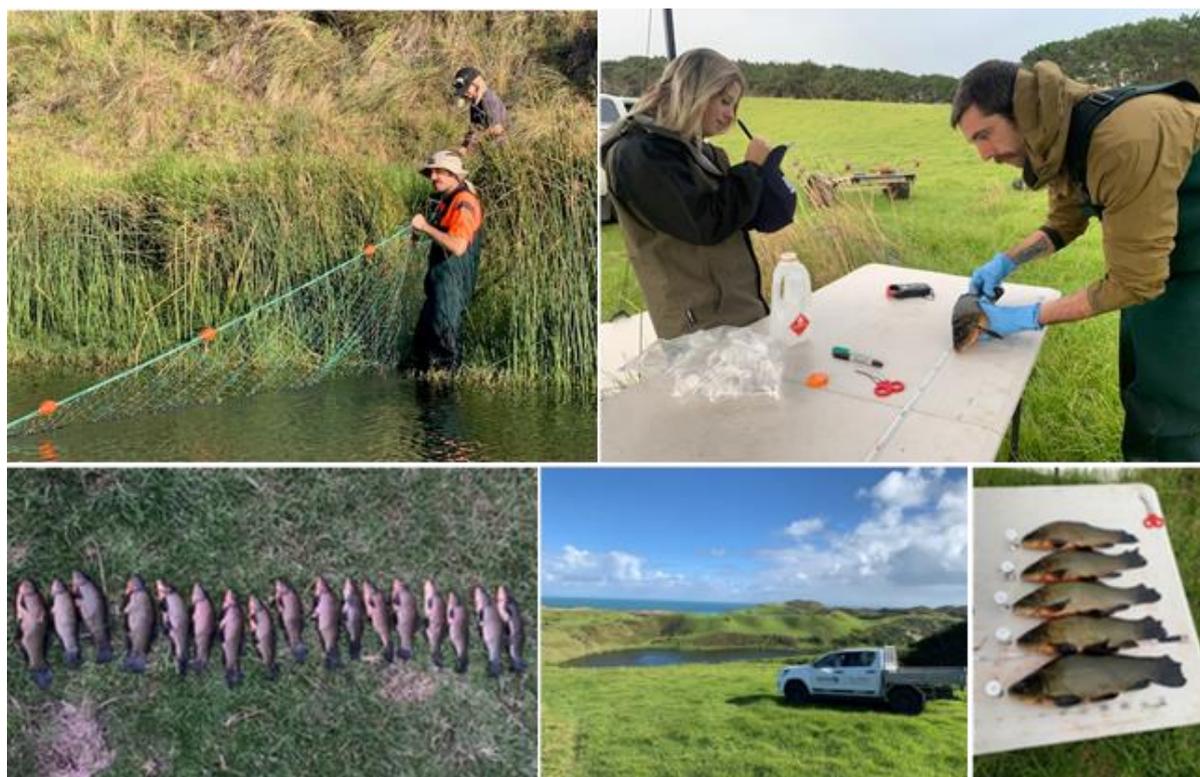
- *Reported fallow deer release:* Extensive enquiries into the report of 20 fallow deer released at the Tangihua Range have produced no evidence to support the report after several days of investigation. The release information came from word of mouth that the liberation occurred rather than an actual sighting of the animals. Regardless of this, a leaflet drop to residents has been undertaken around the location.
- *Kaitāia fallow deer sighting:* A reported fallow deer sighting near Kaitāia last month is being followed up by the deer response contractor using thermal surveillance, tracker dogs and ground hunting. There are historic reports going back to 2020 of the fallow deer sightings in the area so it appears there is a small herd there. There are 19 landowners who have given permission to respond in the vicinity.

##### Feral pigs

There has been a small number of enquiries in relation to access to council pig traps as winter sets in and pig damage to pasture and sightings increase.

##### FRESHWATER PESTS

- *Grass carp removal, Lake Swan:* A grass carp removal operation at Lake Swan on the Poutō Peninsula involved setting 32 gill nets over two days and captured 11 grass carp.
- *Tench removal, Lake Kapoai:* A joint Biosecurity-Biodiversity operation to remove tench from Lake Kapoai on the Poutō Peninsula was conducted over 2½ days and removed 117 tench.



*Tench removal, Lake Kapoai, Te Kōpuru; (clockwise from top left):  
Setting gill nets, field examination of removed tench, measuring tench, Lake Kapoai, some of the 117 removed fish.*

## KAURI PROTECTION

### Waitangi marae wānanga

A council kauri protection officer arranged a wānanga for approximately 20 rangatahi at Waitangi marae. Biosecurity officers presented topics including kauri protection, pest animals, pest plants, Predator Free 2050 and marine biosecurity. The young people were very engaged and the possibility for extending this to a day of practical application was discussed for further opportunities such as this in the future.

### Waitangi Treaty Ground hygiene stations

Discussions are underway with Waitangi Treaty Ground staff and the Ministry for Primary Industries regarding installation of hygiene stations at the grounds and advocacy for kauri protection.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### Northland Regional Council – Kiwi Coast partnership

- *Annual Regional Pest Control Workshop*: For the first time the wānanga was an online workshop (or “Zui”). The online workshop was well received with 176 people registered from Northland, wider New Zealand and even Australia, Europe, and USA! Topics covered were based on three themes of “Northland Research and Results”, ‘Perspectives and Projects’, and “Trappers and Tools”. The online workshop was very well received by participants and received a lot of unsolicited positive feedback which is best summed up as “brilliant job”.

### Kiwi Link High Value Area

- *Pest control results 2021*: Pest control results for 2021 have been collated with a grand total of 9,038 pest removed during the year. Over half the total pest (4,598) were possums, of which over half (2,830) were trapped by the Owhiwa Landcare and Whareora Landcare groups. In the

five years the Kiwi Link project has been running a total of 36,487 pests have been removed from the project area.

### Whangārei Heads High Value Area

- *Annual kiwi call count:* The annual kiwi count is well under way with keen counters at most of the 20 sites throughout the Whangārei Heads area counting kiwi calls and working out approximate kiwi locations. The call counting period started well with a good week of calm weather, but the wind, rain, and surf noise (and busy lives) are making things tricky for those trying to finish their four nights counting.

### Tutukaka High Value Area

- *Predator control:* Whilst possum catches have generally decreased since January, the high value area's total catch for 2020-2021 is 1,026.
- *Biodiversity – uncommon species:* A special kākā sighting was made in Sandy Bay in mid-May (Figure 2.), in an area where they have not been seen before. It is hoped that these sightings are an indicator of the habitat improvements being achieved.



*A special kaka sighting in Sandy Bay.*

### Tānekaha Community Pest Control Area

A scheduled transmitter change for Ellis the kiwi in the Tānekaha Community Pest Control Area provided the opportunity for kiwi liaison with Ngāti Hau.



*A Ngāti hau member with Ellis the kiwi at his transmitter change.*

## PREDATOR FREE

### Predator Free Whangārei

- *Project area activities:* The project has been busy with continuous servicing of traps and bait stations in Working Block 1 and surrounding areas. Both possums and kiwi are being detected by trail cameras in the project area.



Whangārei Heads PF2050 project trail camera detections since August 2021 of possums (left - red) and kiwi (right – green).

## MARINE BIOSECURITY

### Hull surveillance

In the past month, divers surveyed 372 vessels as part of the hull surveillance programme with an additional 20 vessels surveyed by kaitiaki using a pole camera. Most vessels surveyed were based in berths at either Marsden Cove Marina or Ōpua Marina. There was 18 incidents of *Sabella spallanzanii* (Mediterranean fanworm), two incidents of *Styela clava* (clubbed tunicate) and 58 incidents of *Eudistoma elongatum* (Australian droplet tunicate) found on vessel hulls. *Eudistoma elongatum* were present in small buds which is typical for this time of year because of colder water temperatures. Most incidents where *S. spallanzanii* was found located on vessels were determined to be local recruitment and were removed by divers. However, one detection was the result of a vessel moving when it was unclean and arriving infected with *Sabella*- the owner was subsequently directed to haul and clean and this was undertaken the following day at the owner's cost. In addition, there were two incidents of *Clavelina lepadiformis* (lightbulb ascidian) at Marsden Cove Marina where this species is known to be present.

**Table 1: Hull Surveillance Programme Results to 9 June 2022**

Hull Surveillance Programme Results	Total this period	Total YTD
<b>Pathways Plan Compliance if Moving*</b>		
Number of vessels surveyed this period	392	1999
<b>% Pathways Plan Compliance if Moving (all vessels) *</b>	53.1	52.5
<b>Vessels found with Marine Pests</b>		
<i>Sabella spallanzanii</i> (fanworm)	18	59
<i>Styela clava</i> (clubbed tunicate)	2	47
<i>Undaria pinnatifida</i> (Japanese kelp)	0	0
<i>Eudistoma elongatum</i> (Australian droplet tunicate)	58	86
<i>Pyura doppelgangera</i> (sea squirt)	0	0

\* This is the percentage of vessels surveyed that complied with the acceptable level of 'light fouling' as defined in the Marine Pathway Plan. Note: actual compliance is higher given not all these vessels will move from one designated place to another.

## Hutchwilco Boat Show

Council marine biosecurity staff attended the Hutchwilco Boat Show in Auckland alongside colleagues from the Top of the North Marine Biosecurity Partnership (DOC, MPI, Auckland Council, Gisborne District Council, and Bay of Plenty, Waikato, and Hawkes Bay regional councils). This event provides an excellent opportunity to engage with boaties from all regions about the importance of keeping vessels clean and communicate important, up to date information about current marine biosecurity issues.



*Top of the North staff explaining identification tips for marine pests to visitors at the Hutchwilco Boat Show*

## Student Seminars

Marine biosecurity staff have continued engagement with both the Bay of Islands College and NorthTec students studying management of environmental and biodiversity issues. The Papa Taiao class at Bay of Islands College aims to have a marine biosecurity focus on their upcoming assessment, using Mediterranean fanworm in Ōpua as a case study. Students will use eDNA sampling to delimit the current population of this pest thus adding a valuable element to council's ongoing efforts. NorthTec students will also take a more analytical approach to marine biosecurity by working with staff to assess gaps and challenges faced by those working in Biosecurity in New Zealand.

## Top of the North Webinar Series

Council marine biosecurity staff, along with other council representatives from the Top of the North (TON) partnership, presented a webinar about marine pests in the Top of North region. The webinar attracted more than 40 participants from all over New Zealand who were engaged and encouraged about the progress the TON collaboration has made in recent years. The webinar series (jointly coordinated by TON and the Top of the South partnerships) has been running for most of the year, attracting hundreds of viewers. The series has provided accurate and accessible information to boat owners, regulators, treaty partners and important stakeholders about marine biosecurity issues and the progress Aotearoa has made in this space.

## PEST PLANTS

### Eradication Plants

- *Batwing passionflower*: The Kamo bush blocks grid search and control rounds are nearly complete and are on track for completion in early June.
- *Spartina*: A drone survey of inlet in the Whangārei and Kaipara Harbours has been conducted to identify new infestation areas. Results of the survey will be available in June.

### Progressive containment plants

The resumption of fieldworks has allowed a much-needed catchup on inspections that had fallen behind schedule.

- *Mile a minute*: Five reports generated by a recent mailout at Bayleys Beach were followed up with a further 16 new infestation sites identified in the extended survey area.
- *Manchurian wild rice*: The second round of Manchurian wild rice control is 95% complete and are on track for completion by mid-June. The quarterly report to the Ministry for Primary Industries has also been completed.

- *Manchurian wild rice infestation – Matakohe forestry block:*  
An infestation of wild rice was found in a forestry block in Matakohe early in the new year. The infestation has been treated twice with pleasing results.

*Treatment of a Matakohe forestry block Manchurian wild rice infestation is showing good results.*



### Sustained control plants

Staff continue to work through the backlog of sustained control pest plant species requests that built up whilst Covid-19 restrictions impacted on delivery of this work. A total of 13 notices of direction were in different stages of enforcement during the month.

## 4.14.7 GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

### MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

#### Te Whāriki Core Cultural Competency Programme

As an ongoing commitment to develop staff and council cultural competency a Level 1 Te Whariki workshop was facilitated by the Kaiarahi Kaupapa Maori for new council staff at Terenga Paraoa Marae on May 16, 2022.



*Facilitators David Tapine presenting importance of te reo Māori me ōna waiata o Te Taitokerau.*

#### Te Tiriti Health Check

This work is progressing well for recommendations to be provided to council by August 2022. This will be conducted in Partnership with TTMAC to guide and advise the process alongside independent contractors as noted below:

Independent contractors Paul Beverley, Buddle Findlay and Tai Ahu, Whaia Legal have been engaged to work at Governance, Executive Leadership Team and TTMAC with leadership in the process provided by the tangata whenua caucus of TTMAC.

A full staff survey is being worked on and due to go live shortly aligned with the Te Arawhiti framework and its recommendations.

Analysis and recommendations will be provided by independent contractors focused on areas of development as identified by TTMAC which include Governance, Relationships with Maori, service design and delivery.

Kete of resources developed and shared end May with iwi, hapū and promoted via appropriate communications platforms.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Investment and Growth Reserve – Projects Report

Project	Update	Future developments/ reporting
REL	Received draft repayment proposal. Made changes following council workshop and discussion with lawyers and provided revision back to Maher Jammal.	Waiting for response from Jammal.
Hundertwasser Art Centre with Wairau Māori Art Gallery	Received final project costings and marketing report as per funding agreement.	Completed.

### Other Work Undertaken

- **Water storage** – Council workshops held to present investment options of the Kaipara and Mid-North water storage schemes being developed by the Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust. Multiple discussions were held in preparation for this with members of the Trust and Tupu Tonu.
- **Walking and Cycling** – Led meeting of key stakeholders (district councils, Waka Kotahi, DoC, WAC, Bike Northland, Te Araroa Northland Trust, etc) on implementation of the Strategy.
- **Digital** – Provided briefing to the Northland Mayoral Forum on various digital-related actions including information for the hope-to-soon-be-arranged meeting with the Minister.
- **Land Use Geospatial Layer Project** – RFP was published on GETS on 17 May, and answers to questions provided. Tender closes Monday 13 June.
- **TTMAC** – Assisted with organising an update on economic development to be provided to TTMAC by Northland Inc members.
- **CLUES scenarios and costings** – Continued working with the Policy and Planning Team on scenario costings and additional scenario options.

### ONLINE CHANNELS

**Most popular content on Facebook:** Facebook post of congratulations for our Marketing and Engagement Manager, Natasha Stubbing. Co-winning the Taituarā – Local Government Professionals Aotearoa Emerging Leader Award (26 May 2022). Reaching 4,434 customers with engagement of 808.

\*Engaged – number of people who ‘reacted’, commented, or shared the post

Key Performance Indicators	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apl-22	May-22
<b>WEB</b>					
# Visits to the NRC website	41,600	34,400	35,900	37,900	31,600
E-payments made	7	16	14	7	11
# subscription customers (cumulative)	1,263	1,385	1,378	1,368	1,366
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA (CUMULATIVE)</b>					
# Twitter followers	1,567	1,566	1,564	1,570	1,580
# NRC Facebook fans	10,510	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,700
# NRC Overall Facebook Reach	157,700	207,200	189,900	62,700	44,000
# NRC Engaged Daily Users	2,755	4,807	8,442	3,838	3,507

Key Performance Indicators	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apl-22	May-22
# CDEM Facebook fans	26,117	26,200	26,300	26,300	26,300
# CDEM Overall Facebook Reach	214,100	171,100	103,300	111,100	37,000
# CDEM Engaged Daily Users	26,600	19,500	5,564	7,168	1,895
# Instagram followers	1,488	1,506	1,520	1,526	1,540

## ENVIROSCHOOLS / EDUCATION

### Enviroschools' sustainability milestones celebrated

On 4 May, Cr Jack Crow arrived on his bike to Geckos Early Learning Centre to celebrate them becoming a Bronze Enviroschool. They are enjoying a 'wild' area housing lizards and insects, growing their own kai and creating a uniquely-Aotearoa space of plants and structures. The centre looks forward to further exploring te ao Māori through pūrākau and ngā atua.

On 9 May, Renew School also celebrated becoming a Bronze Enviroschool with Cr Jack Crow. The students' plant and animal pest control mahi, stream studies and involvement in the wider community is admirable.

On 23 May Cr Joce Yeoman joined in Oromahoe School's Enviroschools Silver celebration. This school community includes a junior class of skink experts, meaningfully embraces te ao Māori with embedded tikanga and looks forward to exploring leadership at all levels of the school.

### Teachers pest control workshop held

On 24 May, 20 teachers gathered to learn more about using trapping hardware, how to integrate pest control into the curriculum and how to help their local ngahere thrive. The Enviroschools and Biosecurity teams ran the workshop in conjunction with Tiakina Whangarei and the Pukenui Forest Trust.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 2022 Whakamānawa ā Taiao Environmental Awards

Winners of the fourth annual Whakamānawa ā Taiao Environmental Awards were announced on Thursday 26 May, at a celebration in Dargaville attended by over 150 finalists and supporters.

The 2022 overall winner of Te Tohu Matua - Supreme Award went to Te Kotahitanga e Mahi Kaha Trust - Project Ngā Wai Ora o Ngāpuhi for their community focused restoration of waterways around Kaikohe. The project won the Environmental Action in **Water Quality Improvement** award and also placed Highly Commended in the Kaitiakitanga category.

The 2022 category winners are:

- Environmental action in the community - Vision Kerikeri and Friends of Wairoa Stream
- Environmental action in pest management - Kerikeri Peninsula Conservation Charitable Trust
- Environmental action in education - Tangiteroria School
- Environmental action in water quality improvement - Te Kotahitanga e Mahi Kaha Trust - Project Ngā Wai Ora o Ngāpuhi
- Environmental leadership - Hori Parata
- Kaitiakitanga - Te Toa Whenua
- Youth environmental leader - Curtis Robinson & Jayden Edwards - Junior Fishery Officers.

Also new in 2022 is the Kiwi Coast Outstanding group or project award, recognising high achieving Northland groups and projects who have proven their commitment to restoring the health of their local native forests and wildlife, including kiwi. This special award has been introduced to broaden the reach of the awards and to support NRC partners to celebrate and recognise mahi specific to their core focus.

The Kiwi Coast Outstanding Group or Project Award went to Bay Bush Action.

More information about the Whakamānawa ā Taiao Environmental Awards programme, details of all the winners and photos from the awards celebration is available at [awards.nrc.govt.nz](https://awards.nrc.govt.nz). A full-page spread will also feature in the Northern Advocate in late June.

### Emerging Leader Award

Our Marketing & Engagement Manager, Natasha Stubbing, has been named one of two winners of the AskYourTeam Emerging Leader of the Year Award at the 2022 LGFA Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards.

The award recognizes an emerging leader, aged 35 or under, who has a proven track record of designing or delivering innovative and successful programmes, projects, processes or practices with an identifiable community impact.

As her prize, Natasha will travel with the Taituarā President and Chief Executive to the ICMA Conference in Columbus, Ohio in September this year.

### 2022 Tū i te Ora Scholarship winners

The eight recipients of Northland Regional Council's Tū i te Ora Scholarships programme for 2022 were confirmed as: Aya Morris, Fern Donovan, Josh Otene, Maria Secker, Rosa Harper, Shavonne Toko, Taiawhio Wati, and Tayla Bamber. Each received \$3000 toward their tertiary studies.

More details on the winners and what they are studying can be found here:

<https://www.nrc.govt.nz/our-northland/story/?id=74458>

### Communications

- Communications issued in May included seven media releases covering the following topics:
- Duck shooters, eel fishers asked to help stop weed spread
- Air Force to help Piroa/Brynderwyn conservation work
- 'Wallaby' spotted in Kaipara likely a hare
- First region-wide climate adaptation strategy adopted in Northland
- Eight \$3000 Tū i te ora Scholarships awarded
- Young leader recognised at national awards
- Project Nga Wai Ora ō Ngāpuhi named Whakamānawa ā Taiao

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION (LGOIMA) REQUESTS

	Apr 2020 to May 2021	Apr 2021 to May 2022
Total LGOIMAs	14	16
Number of LGOIMAs not responded to within 20 working days		0

### CUSTOMER SERVICES

### Telephone inbound call statistics and enquiries

	Mar 2022	April 2022	May 2022
Call volume via Customer Services	2254	1847	2072
Average wait time	7.6 secs	5.4 secs	7.8 secs

### Telephone call volume over the last three years

	1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021
Call volume via Customer Services	20,812	30,566	31,130

### Mailroom email processing performance

	March	April	May
Mail processed	851	716	913

### Satisfaction monitoring

No compliments in the month of May.

The complaint is being resolved

### Feedback cards, compliments, and complaints

Compliments received	Total
Feedback cards	0
<b>Total compliments recorded</b>	<b>0</b>

Complaints received	Total
• City Link	1
<b>Total complaints recorded</b>	<b>1</b>

## 4.14.8 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

### TRANSPORT

#### REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING

##### Speed Limit Rule

###### Settings of Speed Limit Rule

A new Setting of Speed Limits Rule came into effect on 19 May 2022. This new Rule replaces the 2017 Rule and creates a new focus on speed management and promotes a regionwide approach to setting safe and appropriate speeds on both the local and State Highway network.

###### Regional Speed Management Plans

The purpose of the Regional Speed Management Plan is to ensure regional consistency in the approach to setting safe and appropriate speed limits. The Plans are also intended to enable better integration of speed management with infrastructure investment by aligning with the RLTP.

The District Council, as a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) has the principal role of identifying proposed speed limits. This includes undertaking the technical assessment of the proposed speed limit that ensures the proposed limits are compliant with the technical requirements set out in the new Rule and must be considered under the Rule.

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) has a role to prepare the Consultation Draft Regional Speed Management Plan. This includes:

- Compiling the information received from the District Councils into a single cohesive plan.
- Determining if the approaches to speed limits across the region are consistent and working with the RCA's to make appropriate changes to ensure consistency.
- Provide the Regional Council with the Consultation Draft.

The RTC role is principally that of coordinator, editor and approver of the Draft Speed Management Plan. Once finalised, the RTC is responsible for providing the Draft Plan to the Director of Waka Kotahi for certification.

The Regional Council has a new role to facilitate public consultation on the Draft Plan. Consultation includes but is not limited to publishing the Plan and accepting written submissions.

#### PASSENGER TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION

\*Bus Link figures are reported one month in arrears, due to the required information being unavailable at the time of the agenda deadline.

Bus Link stats for April 2022 (revenue ex GST)	Actual	Budget	Variance	Year/Date Actual	Year/Date Budgeted	Variance
CityLink passengers	20,577	25,289	4,712	223,410	264,040	40,630
CityLink fares	\$23,996	\$32,623	\$8,627	\$249,835	\$340,612	\$90,777
Mid North link passengers	99	96	3	1,370	1,464	94
Mid North Link fares	\$354	\$480	\$126	\$5,033	\$7,320	\$2,287
Hokianga Link passengers	66	48	18	730	726	4
Hokianga Link fares	\$410	\$334	\$76	\$3,865	\$5,760	\$1,895
Far North Link passengers	276	377	101	2,342	3,823	1,481
Far North Link fares	\$553	\$954	\$401	\$5,615	\$9,671	\$4,056
Bream Bay Link passengers	73	24	49	465	258	207
Bream Bay Link fares collected	\$502	\$87	\$415	\$2,831	\$929	\$1,902
Hikurangi Link passengers	22	24	2	199	246	47
Hikurangi Link fares	\$58	\$63	\$5	\$478	\$673	\$195

Bus Link stats for May 2022 (revenue ex GST)	Actual	Budget	Variance	Year/Date Actual	Year/Date Budgeted	Variance
CityLink Passengers	31,953	27,027	4,926	255,287	291,067	35,780
CityLink Revenue	\$36,130 *	\$34,865	\$1,266	\$305,637	\$375,476	-\$69,839
Mid North Link Passengers	228	108	120	1598	1572	26
Mid North Link Revenue	\$893*	\$540	\$353	\$5,787	\$7,860	\$2,073
Hokianga Link Passengers	94	54	40	828	780	48
Hokianga Link Revenue	\$367 *	\$376	-\$9	\$4,410	\$5,426	\$1,016
Far North Link Passengers	334	405	-71	2,676	4,227	1,551
Far North Link Revenue	\$710 *	\$1,024	-\$314	\$5,920	\$10,695	\$4,775
Bream Bay Link Passengers	38	24	14	503	282	221
Bream Bay Link Revenue	\$312 *	\$86	\$226	\$2,987	\$1,015	\$1,972
Hikurangi Link Passengers	5	24	-19	204	270	-66
Hikurangi Link Revenue	\$14*	\$63	-\$56	\$485	\$735	-\$250

\* = 50% Farebox + 50% Waka Kotahi

\*The fares collected are recorded at 50% actual fares taken + the 50% funded by Waka Kotahi (to be claimed)

Waka Kotahi have stated that the government's COVID-19 Farebox Recovery Funding Policy will be terminated on 30 June 2022. Staff will be working on the potential financial impact that move may have on all Northland Regional Council contracted bus services.

### National Bus Driver Shortage

The national driver shortage continues to have an impact on our Citylink services with the current CityLink contractor being unable to provide the necessary levels to implement our proposed School Services.

### Half Price Fares

There was a definite increase in passengers carried during the month of May due in large to the half price fares. However, this government initiative, which has been open to all passengers, will cease at the end of August 2022 and will only be available to Community Card holders.

### Rose Street Bus Terminus Upgrade

The Stage 1 project for the upgrade of the Rose Street bus terminus is scheduled for completion at the end of June 2022. The CityLink service bus stops will then move back from their temporary location in Vine Street.

### Youth Week – Free CityLink buses

Northland Regional Council teamed up with Whangarei Youth Space and Whangarei District Council to provide free bus passes for Youth week 9-14 May 2022, to encourage our youth to try public transport, this resulted in 562 free tickets being presented.

### Total Mobility (TM)

\*Total Mobility Scheme figures are reported one month in arrears, due to the required information being unavailable at the time of the agenda deadline.

	Total Clients	Monthly Actual Expend	Monthly Budgeted Expend	Monthly Variance	Year/Date Actual Expend	Year/Date Budgeted Expend	Annual Variance
April 2022	1,284	\$20,710	\$25,000	-\$4,290	\$193,229	\$250,000	-\$56,771

### Total Mobility half price fares

From Friday 1 April 2022 until Wednesday 31 August 2022, Total Mobility journeys will have an additional discount applied to the already subsidised fare. This has been made available as part of the Government's 50% public transport Initiative. These fares are 100% claimable from Waka Kotahi, for the month of April, the fares forgone were \$10,305, making the sum of Total Mobility figures - \$31,015. This government initiative will cease at the end of August 2022.

### Total Mobility Scheme – Far North

NRC staff continue to work on the Far North Total Mobility Scheme, going live 1 July. The Far North District Council endorsed the development of a Total Mobility Scheme as one of the planning activities in its "Far North District Council Integrated Transport Plan". \$31,000 local share to assist the NRC in the development of trial Total Mobility services in 2022 has been included in the Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031. The Far North Scheme will have an annual operational budget for the first year of \$75,000. 40% (\$31,000) of this is funded through local share and 60% (\$45,000) through national funding assistance.

## ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

### Road Trauma Update

Road Fatalities Statistics for the period 1 January 2021 – 10 June 2021

Fatalities Jan – June 2021	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	2	2	1	5	80
State highways	5	2	4	11	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>147</b>

Road Fatalities Statistics for the period 1 January 2022 – 10 June 2022

Fatalities Jan – June 2022	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	3	2	0	5	96
State highways	3	2	2	7	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>167</b>

### Motorcycle Safety - Ride Forever (R4E) Rider Training Update

- R4E – 2020/2021 – 186 riders completed the three courses
- R4E – 2021/2022 – 165 riders have completed courses to date:
  - Bronze Course – 72

- Silver Course – 45
- Gold Course – 48

### Waka Kotahi & NZ Police Road Safety Promotion/Media themes for May 2022

Road safety promotional and media related themes for the above-mentioned months will concentrate around:

- Speed, Safe Vehicles, Drugs & Young Drivers

At the local level, Northland continues to produce radio, print, bus backs along with other social media to promote road safety messages specific to Northland and complimenting the 'Road to Zero' and 'Safe System Approach.'



### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

#### National Partnership Charter

Over the past 15 months NEMA and the CDEM Group Managers have collaborated on the development of a Partnership Charter that sets out how NEMA and CDEM Group offices will collaboratively work together. This is a new initiative, having been developed by NEMA officials and the 16 CDEM group managers.

The purpose of the *Partnership Charter* is to outline a shared vision for an effective and enduring strategic partnership at the regional and national level, which will provide a strong “back-bone” that supports the broader emergency management sector and stakeholders, and the roadmap to achieving this. It includes:

- A shared Kaupapa (vision)
- How our functions align and support each other
- How NEMA and Groups work together
- Partnership aspirations
- What actions to take to support the achievement of our partnership aspirations.

#### Trifecta Programme

At the National Emergency Managers Development Group (NEMDG) meeting in May, NEMA officials ran a workshop to further refine and develop policy proposals for the Bill. The purpose of the NEMDG session was to gather any final feedback to inform the proposals to be presented to Minister Allan. Consultation with Ministers and departments will then follow before final approval from cabinet is sought, hopefully in late July and August, which will allow sufficient time for the Bill to be drafted and go into the House towards the end of the year (post local body elections).

Recently released cabinet papers, which can be located at:  
<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/publications/Proactive-Release-Emergency-Management-System-Reform.pdf> summarise the policy proposals forming the changes to the new bill.

The key areas where changes are being made are:

1. Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of CDEM Groups and local authorities. NEMA is proposing to allocate separate functions through the Bill to clarify that: CDEM Groups are responsible for regional coordination and governance; and local authorities are responsible for delivering local emergency management in their communities and for participating in the CDEM Group.
2. Enabling equitable outcomes. NEMA is proposing to include a requirement in the Bill for CDEM Groups and their local authorities to consult with disproportionately impacted communities in their regions when preparing the CDEM Group Plan.
3. Roles and responsibilities lead and support agencies. NEMA proposes a new provision in the Bill that enables the making of regulations which establish the roles and responsibilities of (lead and support) agencies with regards to the management of hazards and emergencies.
4. Strengthening Māori participation. NEMA proposes six changes through the Bill to strengthen Māori participation in emergency management including: adding a Te Tiriti / Treaty clause. Māori members on Joint Committees and CEGs and establishing a National Māori Emergency Management Advisory Group.

### **Monitoring, Alerting and Reporting (MAR) Centre**

As part of NEMA's response to the 2018 TAG Report, work to stand up a 24/7 'awake' capability to replace the current 'on call' Duty System is nearing completion. This capability (the MAR Centre) will be focussed on gathering and sharing information during the early stages of an event (including sending National Warning System messages or Emergency Mobile Alerts) or until the NCC/NCMC is activated.

### **Service Level Agreements**

The Service Level Agreements between the Northland Regional Council and the Far North, Kaipara and Whangārei District Councils are currently being reviewed to ensure alignment with the recently reviewed Northland CDEM Group Plan 2021-2026.

### **RNZ Kaitaia Mast removal**

Northland Civil Defence have been advised that the Radio New Zealand (RNZ) Kaitaia AM transmission mast located at Waipapakauri is at risk of structural failure and is beyond repair. It is required to be removed urgently and is unlikely to be replaced. The Kaitaia site provides AM radio transmissions for the northernmost areas of Northland from 20km north of Kerikeri to the top of Cape Reinga.

### **Tsunami Information Boards**

An annual regional wide check of all the tsunami information boards has been completed. Only one board has had to be replaced.

### **Northland Lifelines Group**

The Northland Lifelines Group met on Friday 13 May 2022. The agenda included presentations on the response to Cyclone Dovi by Northpower and Top Energy and an update on the draft results of the Northland Region Infrastructure Climate Change Assessment by Tonkin and Taylor.

## MARITIME

There were 18 Maritime Incidents reported in May. Seven incidents involved abandoned vessels or vessels that were sinking and were removed by Maritime staff. A collision in Whangarei Harbour between a fishing vessel and pleasure craft was also being investigated.

A logging truck that crashed into the Hokianga Harbour had 250 litres of Diesel removed by Maritime staff that prevented a spillage into the Harbour. The truck was then recovered. The rest of the incidents mainly involved moorings and damaged aids to Navigation.

The 'Waikare' was out of the water for 10 days for antifouling. Once the vessel was antifouled and back in the water the Ninepin weather buoy was removed for servicing and maintenance.

12 large navigation signs were refurbished, and new sign panels installed.

The port and harbour safety management systems received their 3 yearly reviews by a panel of experts drawn from other ports and regions, along with a Maritime NZ representative. This is part of the national peer review system that is in place. The results of the review have not yet been received; however, the review did go well with visits to the Bay of Islands and Marsden point.

The Harbourmaster, along with staff Peter Thomas, and Cathy Orevich participated in a national oil spill exercise Whai Manu in Auckland over three days. The exercise was testing systems from a high level of incident control from Wellington, through to a full incident command centre based at the spill in Wellington. These large-scale exercises are only held every few years.



NRC have nine staff on the national response team, probably the highest representation amongst the regions. All costs of staff time are borne by the oil pollution fund.

The navigational safety bylaw review has been progressing but will most likely go on hold Maritime NZ have informed that the related maritime rule part 91 is being reviewed at the same time. Staff will update council at a workshop.

## RIVERS AND NATURAL HAZARDS

### RIVERS

Awanui	<p>Favourable Autumn weather conditions and 3 contracts currently in progress (1 completed).</p> <p>Contract 21/05 - Northern Stopbanks. Approx. 70% complete. Satisfactory progress with stopbanks and benching earthworks with minimal issues. Reinstatement of first few sites now complete and prep for over-wintering of remaining sites in hand.</p> <p>Contract 21/09 - Switzer Bench. Earthworks are now 90% complete and rock revetment at rear of Bell's Produce well underway (25%) and will progress into winter (materials supply &amp; river levels permitting).</p> <p>Contract 21/10 - Rugby Club. Earthworks 80% complete. Rock revetment is phased to continue into winter (materials &amp; river levels permitting) and has the advantage that we have rock storage on hard stand, so less risk from wet weather.</p> <p>Primary School bench now 100% complete and community incredibly happy with reinstatement of Showgrounds areas. FNDC cycle path ties in very nicely with NRC reinstatement.</p> <p>Planting planned for several completed areas and local (Māori-owned) contractors being lined up for this work.</p>
Otiria/Moerewa	Stage 1 is nearing completion. Stage 2 Bridge tender is live on GETS closes 23 June
Kerikeri	Waipapa Industrial Estate Flood Mitigation is approximate 85% completed. Because of the wet weather we have decided to winterise the site for completion next year.

## NATURAL HAZARDS

Work Streams	Status	Comments
Whangārei (CBD) River Catchment Flood Model	75% complete	<p>Upgrade of the hydraulic model catchment(s) including new structures, updated LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and sea level rise values and recalibration. Specific river/stream structures inspections have been completed over the last month.</p> <p>Following discussions with WDC (Whangārei District Council), Ewaters (consultants on the project) will now also be engaged to include the CBD stormwater network as part of the same package (variation).</p> <p>WDC will be funding the additional costs, approximately \$90,000, related to the additional tasks. Our aim was to complete the project, including the additional tasks, but has been <u>delayed until the end of 2022 due to resources issues by the consultant.</u></p>

<p>Website Natural Hazards Portal</p>	<p>91% complete</p>	<p>Morphum Environmental has been engaged to develop the portal with support and input from colleagues across various departments.</p> <p>The third phase of the development of the portal is ongoing, e.g., landing page, flooding and Te Ao Māori aspects, story maps, property viewer and sea level rise viewer.</p> <p>It is our vision to 'go public' has been <u>delayed until the beginning August 2022</u> due to internal GIS (Geographic Information System) resourcing. Prior to that we will be presenting this to our Councillors, and other appropriate platforms, for feedback. Simultaneously it is our intention to share this with our District Council colleagues before going live.</p>
<p>Raupo Drainage Scheme – Coastal Flood Hazard Analysis &amp; Mitigation Options</p>	<p>90% complete</p>	<p>Water Technology (WT) have been engaged to do detailed hydraulic modelling from all perspectives, i.e., catchment, river and most importantly coastal. The objective is to establish a detailed base model and to develop flood hazard mitigation options, particularly from a coastal perspective, and adaptation planning.</p> <p>The project team consists of NRC and KDC staff, Chair of the Drainage Committee, and Consultants. NRC are taking the modelling analysis lead on this project, i.e., contract management (NRC Budget). KDC are collating the assets data covered under their budgets.</p> <p>Surveys, data collection, assets inspection and 'building' of the hydraulic model have been completed. First draft 'results' have been reviewed by the project team. Further analysis and 'flood event scenarios' are underway with results expected at the end of April. The project is on target to be <u>completed by the end of June 2022</u>.</p> <p>This project will support the pilot project under the Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy (TTCAS) in which scoping, and planning process is underway; early engagement has commenced with KDC.</p>
<p>Natural Hazards technical and planning support to District Councils on Plan Changes and Rules</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Following the publication of our coastal hazard maps and the regionwide flood maps, complimentary to the priority rivers flood maps, further technical, consultative, and planning support / guidance is provided to the DCs. This follows the commitments to DCs prior to the publication of the coastal hazard maps.</p>

<p>Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy (TTCAS): Professional Services Panel</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NRC, in collaboration with and on behalf of Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council will be going out for Request(s) for Proposal (RfPs), 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022, to establish a regional Panel of Professional Services to support the implementation of the TTCAS actions, e.g., district’s pilot projects and beyond. This will provide all four Councils with informed and preselected providers, being able to have shared services, cost, and time effective. Subsequent contracts will be directly with the respective Council as per respective procurement procedures.</p> <p>A total of <u>42 high quality submissions</u> were received; assessment completion and agreement with preferred respondents has been delayed to the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 due to the high volume of respondents.</p> <p>The assessment will be conducted by representatives from all four councils.</p>
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### CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE

#### NRC Climate Change Strategy “Ngā Taumata o te Moana” and Implementation Plan

Progress is ongoing. This Strategy touches every aspect of Council business. In undertaking a ‘stocktake’ of current actions, staff are meeting with teams across Council to build relationships, identify current climate-related actions and areas where more could be done. This stocktake will form a baseline for work to set up a monitoring, evaluation, review, and reporting system to track our progress.

Discussions over the past month have traversed Council’s procurement framework, communications and engagement, economics, biodiversity, river and natural hazards forward planning and strategy, EVs, transport planning and emergency management.

Staff have also recently met with Northpower, Northland Inc and attended the Collaboration Te Taitokerau agricultural forum in Waitangi. Staff have also participated in workshops on the Carbon Neutral Government Program and attended the Carbon and Energy Professionals conference in Rotorua. A number of educational opportunities have also been seized including working with EnviroSchools on Te Kete Aronui about climate change as well as a presentation planned for Whangārei Girls High.

Two papers were presented to the most recent Climate Change Working Party meeting, one on climate governance and another on monitoring and reporting. Both papers generated significant discussion. Staff are working on next steps.

There continues to be significant volume of new climate related policy and legislation in development. This is not insignificant and continues to challenge staff’s ability to be proactive and contribute meaningfully consistently. NZ’s first emissions budgets and Emission Reduction Plan were released this month.

Toitū have been engaged to baseline our GHG emissions, certify our accounting and provide advice on where further reductions could occur. Initial kick off meetings will be held in coming weeks.

#### Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy (TTCAS) - Programme Implementation

Joint Strategy now adopted by all four (4) Councils.

See [www.catt.org.nz](http://www.catt.org.nz)

There are 46 'priority actions' listed in the Joint Strategy. Coordinating and reporting on these actions will happen through the JCCAC (Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee) and CATT (Climate Adaptation Te Taitokerau).

Staff continue to support KDC's adaptation pilot project at Raupo/Ruawai. Open days are planned for the middle of June – see <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/news/post/350-Ruawai-Flats-Our-Stories-Our-Future>

A submission was prepared on behalf of the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee into the draft National Adaptation Plan. This was consulted within each Council's governance, collectively and submitted to MfE.

#### NORTHLAND WIDE LIDAR SURVEY

Work Streams	Status	Comments
Regional LiDAR Survey	In progress	Payment for final delivery initiated and dataset expected within 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter.

#### 4.14.9 KAIPARA MOANA REMEDIATION

KMR continues to accelerate programme delivery, with ongoing progress in key KPIs:

- Growing the pipeline of Sediment Reduction Plans (SRPs), with 35 new Expressions of Interest for SRPs received from landowners since last reporting, covering 5856 Ha and 29kms of fencing
- Good results from the winter 2022 Foundation Planting campaign, with a 320% uplift in contracted planting over the March-May period (from 41,000 to 130,000 stems).
- A further contractor has been accredited to KMR, bringing the total to 22. The contractor affiliates to iwi/hapū in the catchment. Te Uri o Hau Environs is also in the process of accreditation.
- Two further Field Advisor workshops have been developed (17 June, 5-7 July) to upskill current contractors and train new ones, working with Ngā Maunga Whakahii and Te Roroa on the latter.
- Two KMR Kaitiaki Workforce Coordinator roles are shortly to be advertised, as part of KMR's contribution to the MSD-led Workforce Hub.
- On 14 June, an inaugural workshop to co-design and develop the Workforce Hub was held in Dargaville, with a focus on identifying priorities for the KMR Workforce Development programme.
- Lifting external communications via in-person and online engagement (e.g. via 2 public Zui, KMR Partnership Forum, inaugural Digital Tools Reference Group meeting, regular partner meetings).
- Issue of regular, 6-weekly Pānui, with a reach of over ~1100 people across Auckland and Northland.
- KMR has established social media profiles on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram platforms, with a content workplan in development. This work is being undertaken with NRC, as well as others.

### **Soil Conservation Strategy**

A draft project plan is complete and work is starting to establish a project advisory group and commission analysis. Northland Regional Council is undertaking a refreshed soil conservation strategy on similar timeframes, and we are working closely with the NRC team (and Auckland Council Healthy Waters, among others) to align KMR activity and use a shared evidence base.

While we are now scaling up sediment reduction funding, the programme costs and expenditure remain lower than originally budgeted. As in previous years, we will carry over unused budget.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Nil