

**Urban Whangārei Rivers Working Group**  
**Friday 4 October 2024 at 10:00am – 12:00pm**

# **AGENDA**

## Urban Whangārei Rivers Working Group Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Friday 4 October 2024, commencing at 10:00am

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

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE URBAN WHANGĀREI RIVERS WORKING GROUP

Chairperson, Councillor Jack Craw

WDC Mayor Vincent Cocurullo	Whangārei CBD/Hatea Ratepayer representative, Peter Geddes	Iwi representative, Mira Norris
Morningside representative, Donald Kerr	Port Road/Selwyn Street representative, Selwyn Norris	WDC representative, Andrew Carvell

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3.9 Whangarei District Council flood management projects: Morningside pump and the Tikipunga Repo project - update	
3.10 Any other Business	
<i>Any issues in the wider Whangarei harbour catchment – as WP has been disestablished</i>	

**TITLE:** **Record of Actions – 18 April 2024**

**From:** Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

**Authorised by** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 19 September  
**Group Manager/s:** 2024

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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 18 April 2024 for review by the meeting.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Record of Actions - 18 April 2024 [↓](#) 

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## Urban Whangārei Rivers Working Group Record of Actions

Meeting held in the NRC Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 18 April 2024, commencing at 1.00pm

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Jack Craw  
WDC Mayor Vincent Cocurullo (*online*)  
Iwi representative, Mira Norris (*online*)

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso  
NRC Senior River Management Engineer, Barney Brotherhood  
NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Advisor, Matthew Jolly  
Natural Hazards Specialist, Sarah Gauden-Ing  
WDC Representative, Andrew Carvell

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

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

### Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

NRC CE, Jonathan Gibbard, NRC GM-Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt

### Record of Actions – 3 August 2023 (Item 3.1)

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

#### Agreed action points:

- No actions

### Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 3.2)

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

#### Agreed action points:

- No actions

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### **Budget (Item 3.3)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Joe presented the budget, it was received and noted that currently about 2 years ahead of repaying the 11Million dollar load now forecasted approximately 6.5 million outstanding. The budget was received by the committee – Jack asked Joe to find out what interest rate we are paying on the debt.

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

- NRC Rivers Manager to find out from Finance what interest rate and term the 6.5 million deficit we are carrying for the dam.

### **Works update**

#### **Annual Dam Review / Dam Failure Workshop / High PIC Dam Guidelines from NZSOLD (Item 3.4)**

**Presented by:** NRC Senior River Management Engineer, Barney Brotherhood

Vandalism at the dam, with Gabion Baskets opened and rocks thrown in energy dissipation basin. Team to get repaired and will install a CCT camera to monitor the area.

#### **Terms of Reference - Recommendations following 3 Waters review (Item 3.5)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

Consensus from the group is that we continue BAU with WDC and NRC sharing drainage and flood protection functions in Whangarei.

### **Any other business (Item 3.6)**

**Presented by:** NRC Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager, Joseph Camuso

**Discussion on Master Plan for the Dam** – Question was raised on why a Solar Farm located at the dam, the proposal for the solar farm will be located above flood level.

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

- Master Plan should include a road link between SH-1 and SH-14 and should capture infrastructure needs of Whangarei.

Andrew Carvell tabled newly released Central Government Proposed bills regarding 3 Waters Reform.

**WDC proposing a Targeted Stormwater Rate in Draft LTP** – This may cause confusion as Whangarei rate payers paying Stormwater and Flood Targeted rates.

**WDC secured 3 million DIA funding for Morning Stormwater relief.** Currently investigation storage and pressurised system driven by head further up the catchment and pumpstation in the low-lying areas.

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**Whareora Road** – Low-lying homes will be at flood risk, but team has cleared section of willows, and this section is clear of debris.

**River clearance work** – NRC presented tree removal work completed on the Kirikiri Stream and around the bridges. NRC noted that if we keep on top of the trees, they tend to be smaller, and we have located a good contractor that is willing to do physical work. Most only want to work with a digger.

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

The meeting concluded at 2.15pm.

Unconfirmed

**TITLE:** **Receipt of Action Sheet - October 2024**

**From:** Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

**Authorised by** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 24 September  
**Group Manager/s:** 2024

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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: Action Sheet - October 2024 [!\[\]\(2b376d1a92330ab09dad2665d2f89bf5\_img.jpg\)](#) 

**Urban Whangārei River Working Group - Action Tracker**

Meeting date	Item	UWRWG action	Responsible staff	Status	Notes
3/08/2023	Investment outcomes (Item 3.2)	Accelerate the planting at Hopua te Nihotetea Detention Dam	NRC	Progressing	Need to outline a Master Plan for the Dam usage- i.e., NRC Wide plan, i.e., there is a proposal for a potential Solar Farm scheduled for the dam - BMX track etc, would not want to plant and then have to remove plantings for Solar Farm or other uses.
3/08/2023	Terms of Reference (Item 3.4)	NRC and WDC to have further discussions around the ToR and be clear around responsibility and membership. Draft ToR to be presented at the next meeting	NRC and WDC	Progressing	18/4/24 Consensus from the group is that we continue BAU with WDC and NRC sharing drainage and flood protection functions in Whangarei. WDC and NRC staff have met in light of 3 Waters Reform and Andrew Carvel will provide an update and draft proposal.
18/04/2024	Budget (Item 3.3)	Find out from Finance what interest rate and term the 6.5 million deficit we are carrying for the dam.	NRC Rivers Manager		
18/04/2024	Any other business (Item 3.6)	Master Plan to include a road link between SH-1 and SH-14 and should capture infrastructure needs of Whangarei	NRC		