

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

Huihuinga O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau

**Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
Thursday 11 August 2022 at 9.30am - 2.00pm**

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

Meeting to be held in the Virtual Hui via audio visual link (Zoom)
on Thursday 11 August 2022, commencing at 9.30am - 2.00pm

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 Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Jack Craw, 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
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 Curtis-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 Curtis-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

Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust
Rihari Dargaville, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party

Georgina Curtis-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
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū (proxy)

Local Government Elections subgroup

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

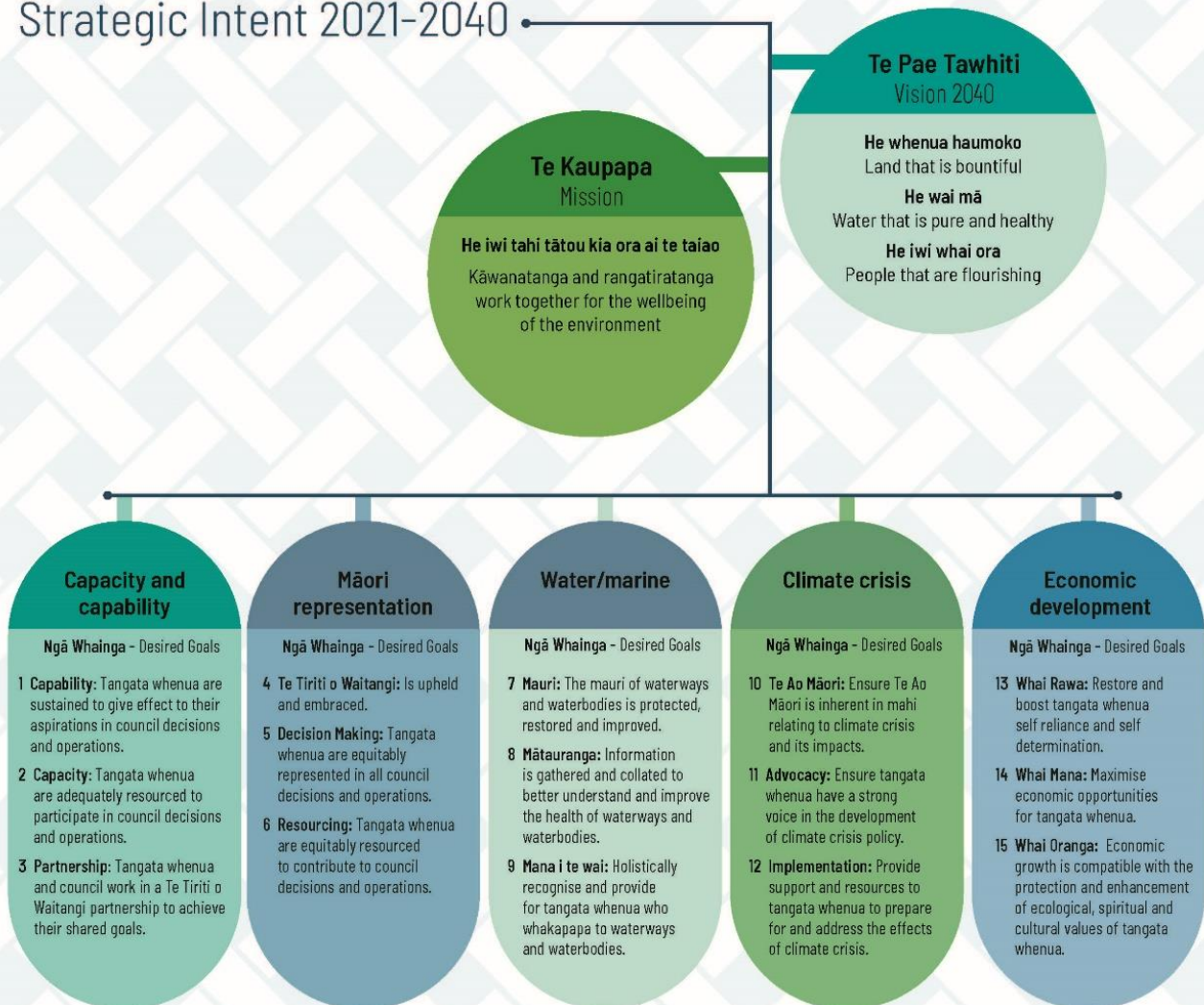
Strategic (Priorities) Intent subgroup 2021

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

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, hapu and iwi

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
12 May 19 May Meeting	5 May	(1 November)	(1 November)	(30 November)	(30 November)
9 June* Workshop Meeting	2 June				
14 July Meeting	7 July				
11 August* Workshop Meeting	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>Appointed member – one of the (up to) twenty-one appointed iwi and hapū members from Te Taitokerau tāngata whenua. Members are appointed in accordance with the Terms of Reference. In addition to appointed members there are nine elected members (councillors)</p> <p>AP - Annual Plan</p> <p>TTMAC caucus – is comprised of appointed (tāngata whenua) members</p> <p>CEO - Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>CPCA - Community Pest Control Areas</p> <p>DOC - Department of Conservation</p> <p>FNDC - Far North District Council</p> <p>GIS - Geographic Information System</p> <p>HEMP - Hapū Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>IEMP - Iwi Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>ILGACE - Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives Forum</p> <p>KDC - Kaipara District Council</p> <p>LAWA – Land, Air, Water Aotearoa</p> <p>LEA - Local Electoral Act 2001</p> <p>LGA - Local Government Act 2002</p> <p>LGNZ - Local Government New Zealand</p> <p>LIDAR – Light detection and ranging</p> <p>LTP - Long Term Plan</p>	<p>MBIE – Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment</p> <p>MFE - Ministry for the Environment</p> <p>MOT - Ministry of Transport</p> <p>MPI - Ministry for Primary Industries</p> <p>MTAG - Māori Technical Advisory Group (a sub-group of TTMAC)</p> <p>NES - National Environmental Standards</p> <p>NINC - Northland Inc. Limited</p> <p>NIWA - National Institute of Water and Atmosphere</p> <p>NPS - National Policy Statement</p> <p>NPS-FM - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management</p> <p>RMA - Resource Management Act 1991</p> <p>RP – Regional Plan</p> <p>TAG - Technical Advisory Group</p> <p>TKoT – Te Kahu o Taonui</p> <p>TTMAC - Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party</p> <p>TTNEAP – Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan</p> <p>TOR - Terms of Reference</p> <p>TPK - Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Maori Development)</p> <p>TWWAG – Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group</p> <p>WDC - Whangarei District Council</p>
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TITLE: **Record of Actions – 14 July 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: 28 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 14 July 2022 for review by the meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Record of actions [↓](#) 

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
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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 Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei and via audio visual link (Zoom)
on Thursday 14 July 2022, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene *(Item 4.5)*
Councillor Jack Crow
Councillor Colin Kitchen *(part meeting)*
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Penny Smart
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connolly
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
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake
Councillor Terry Archer
Ngātiwai Trust Board, William Sullivan
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Waimarie Kingi

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement
Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager
Kaiārahi Tikanga Māori
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Carol Barnett, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Corporate Planner
Policy and Planning Manager
Policy Specialist
Policy Specialist (Freshwater)
Economic Policy Advisor
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
Vaughan Cooper, Acting CEO, Northland Inc
Piripi Moore, Kaiwhakahaere – GM Māori

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

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Karakia / Whakataua

Mike Kake provided the opening karakia in the tāngata whenua members' caucus session prior to the formal meeting.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Councillor Justin Blaikie
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Julianne Chetham
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Mariameno Kapa-Kingi
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia
Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau
Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson

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 – 9 June 2022 (Item 4.1)

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

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

The action sheet was received.

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

Agreed action points: Nil.

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Economic development: Te Purunga ki Te Raki (Item 4.4)

Carol Barnett (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) provided a presentation on Te Purunga ki Te Raki, the Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) for Taitokerau. It is one of 15 RSLGs created to identify and advise on how to better support skills and workforce needs in a joined-up, regionally led approach. Taitokerau Co-Chairs are Harry Burkhardt and Toa Faneva, and Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Co-Chair, Pita Tipene is a member. The presentation focused on the strength that Te Purunga ki Te Raki regional leaders across different sectors bring

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when working together and sharing data on critical priorities (kāinga, wai, community led capability, workforce resilience) and on addressing the key objectives of the Regional Workforce Plan (RWP) underpinned by mātauranga Māori and He Whakaputanga. Once the RWP is signed off, the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) will align their plans. Members noted that relationships with hapū and marae were critical because sustainability depended on pathways for rangitahi who will provide the skills and capacity to unlock whenua Māori. Members appreciated the alignment of the presentation with parts of TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040 and were encouraged to connect with Te Puranga ki Te Raki for their iwi and hapū.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Secretarial Note: Items 4.6, 4.7 were addressed following Item 4.4.

Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan (Item 4.5)

This item sought the endorsement of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) of 'Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan' (Tāiki ē) going to council for adoption at the 26 July meeting. The document was wholeheartedly endorsed, without change. In attendance were David Badham and Makarena Dalton, who facilitated the development of both TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040 and then Tāiki ē, and who acknowledged the intense and challenging work undertaken by the subgroup to bring two world views together, committing to the process with trust, honesty and robust debate. Thanks was given by all members to the subgroup comprising TTMAC Co-Chairs Pita Tipene and Marty Robinson, NRC Chair Penny Smart, Mira Norris, Mike Kake, Nora Rameka, Lynnette Wharerau, and councillors Amy MacDonald and Jack Craw, along with key staff members. For clarity, the diagram is not part of the Tāiki ē document as there are some grey areas which require further work. As observed by subgroup members, council endorsement signifies the start of work on the implementation plan, and work on the three remaining whainga of the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040 by the incoming council.

Agreed action points:

- That the Tāiki ē NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan be taken to council for adoption at the July 2022 council meeting.

Secretarial Note: Item 4.5 was addressed after items 4.6, 4.7.

TTMAC advice to incoming council (Item 4.6)

Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement sought to survey tāngata whenua members as an opportunity for them to provide direct and specific feedback to the incoming council (October 2022 local elections) on Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's (TTMAC) achievements, value and challenges. The results would be analysed by the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) and a report and recommendations brought to September's TTMAC meeting for review and endorsement to provide to the incoming council. It was noted that the survey is separate to the Tiriti Health Check evaluation being currently being done by independent assessors Whaia Legal and Buddle Findlay.

Agreed action points:

- That a survey of iwi and hapū members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) be undertaken with the survey questions that were attached to the paper.

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- That Māori Technical Advisory Group conduct an analysis of the survey results that will form the basis for a report and recommendations to the TTMAC September meeting for the main purpose of presenting to the incoming council post October 2022 elections.

Local Elections 2022 update (Item 4.7)

Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement provided a brief update of the regional communications campaign, collateral and events that are scheduled to promote iwi and hapū to engage in the local government elections, with the first virtual hui that evening.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Te Tiriti Health Check (Item 4.8)

This item sought the endorsement of the work programme and survey questions recommended by consultants Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal for the organisational review of Northland Regional Council and how it gives effect to its commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Members endorsed the programme subject to feedback being given to the consultants about key discussion points around the Taitokerau context of He Whakaputanga and hapū leadership.

Agreed action points:

- That the programme and survey questions recommended by Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal form the basis of an independent report and recommendations to council, reflecting council's commitment to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This is subject to the following changes:
 - That there be sessions with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party and the Māori Technical Advisory Group added to the programme
 - That staff provide the consultants with a copy of *Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan* which provides a clear signal of council's direction.

Proposal for change to August meeting (Item 4.9)

It was agreed that the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) virtual workshop scheduled for 11 August 2022 be changed to a formal meeting. This is so there are sufficient opportunities to keep progressing significant items such as the Te Tiriti Health Check, Tāiki E 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.

Agreed action points:

- 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)

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10 November	No meeting (council recess)
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Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group Update (Item 4.10)

The Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Co-Chairs provided a progress update on their Stage 2 mahi, and work planned for July – September 2022. They also sought members feedback on the examples of draft vision statements, objectives, how wai might be classified from their Recommendations Report, and the options being considered for tāngata whenua engagement. It was noted that they hadn't looked at the maramataka Māori in terms of the wai as the group doesn't have expertise in that, however, collectively TWWAG were trying to ensure that there was as much mātauranga Māori content as possible permeating the documents. A separate wananga may be held with maramataka experts.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group - membership update (Item 4.11)

The Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group provided an update on their membership. It was advised that Alan Riwaka and Millan Ruka had recently stepped down, with Rihari Dargaville (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) proxy) now filling Alan Riwaka's place and nominations called for a replacement for Millan Ruka and a TTMAC proxy for Rihari Dargaville. Members acknowledged the loss of Millan Ruka from the group and suggested Sheila Taylor, Hona Edwards and Celia Witehira as possible nominees, subject to them being interested in the role.

Agreed action points:

- That Rihari Dargaville be confirmed as Alan Riwaka's replacement Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) member on the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG)
- That TTMAC appoints Mira Norris as the new TTMAC proxy on TWWAG.
- That TTMAC members provide nominations (including short bios) to council staff by 29 July for a replacement for Millan Ruka. The nominations will follow the usual process of going to the Selection Panel and then to council for confirmation.

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council working arrangements with Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group during election period (Item 4.12)

This paper sought to ensure that there is delegation of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's non-elected (tāngata whenua) members to engage with the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) and endorse (as appropriate) TWWAG's recommendations in October and November 2022, during council recess period.

Key discussion points included:

- That governance-level engagement with TWWAG, not technical expertise, was sought to maintain momentum during the council recess period (before the incoming council confirmed their governance structure). Namely, two meetings of 1 – 2 hours in October and November for TTMAC tāngata whenua and TWWAG members

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- That the current Non-Elected Members Allowances Policy does not support TTMAC members providing technical expertise outside of a meeting (such as providing feedback on policies and reports).

Agreed action points:

- That a subgroup of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) non-elected members be established to work with the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (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).

Reports from other working party and groups (Item 4.13)

The report was received and taken as read with Clr Craw providing a verbal report of highlights from the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party held on 25 May,

Agreed action points:

- Clr Craw and Waimarie Kingi to follow up regarding Pataua pipi issue after the meeting.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.14)

The report was received and taken as read.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 3.26pm

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: 28 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

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

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

That the action sheet be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Action Sheet [!\[\]\(d0262bbe9d2356661a2e89321dfcc781_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(8572950e410320d7dd023da827ff014d_img.jpg\)](#)

Outstanding Actions as at 1/08/2022

TTMAC action sheet

Legend
Completed actions remain on the action sheet for a month and are then removed.
Items in progress
Items delayed, deferred

Meeting date	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
11/02/21	Hapū Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR). 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	Staff to bring a review of Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) 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	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 4.3 on this agenda provides an update. The work programme and survey questions were endorsed at 14 July 2022 TTMAC meeting and the programme is being implemented.
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. An update was provided to the 14 July 2022 TTMAC meeting.
9/12/21	Mapping – guidance for council. Staff to 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.

Outstanding Actions as at 1/08/2022

Meeting date	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
9/12/21	Staff to engage with the MTAG to co-design a process to develop the Taitokerau Biodiversity Strategy.	MTAG	TBC	Paused. Members were emailed on 12 July 2022 asking for feedback on NRC's draft submission on the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity exposure draft (NPS-IB). Staff are considering the next steps regarding the exposure draft of the NPS-IB.
10/3/2022	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 Partnerships group, staff and consultant	August council meeting	Completed. Item 4.4 on this agenda. TTMAC endorsed <i>Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan</i> going to council for adoption at its 14 July meeting. It was adopted by council at its 26 July meeting.
10/3/2022	TTMAC tāngata whenua members Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari and Juliane Chatham to sit alongside councillors during council workshops on the review of the Regional Policy Statement.	RPS subgroup and staff	TBA	Progressing. Barker and Associates have been engaged to work with MTAG and have begun work on the mahi. MTAG was updated at their August meeting.
10/3/2022	Staff to provide an updated plan and progress report so MTAG can report progress in a meaningful way to the formal meeting.	Staff and MTAG	August 2022	Progressing. Work is ongoing on how to provide improved reporting of MTAG's mahi and priorities. A further iteration of MTAG's Work Tracker report was provided for feedback at MTAG's August hui.
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	Aug 2022 to TTMAC	Progressing. At MTAG's August meeting, staff sought advice on the scope of what to include in the framework and the process for developing the framework.
19/5/2022	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	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. It's intended to bring a paper 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	Progressing. Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement has invited DIA to present to TTMAC's August meeting re tāngata whenua engagement and funding.

Outstanding Actions as at 1/08/2022

Meeting date	TTMAC action	Who	Timeframe	Notes
9/6/2022	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.
9/6/2022	TWWAG membership – that the recommendations of the Selection Panel be considered and endorsed to Council if appropriate at the next TTMAC meeting.	Staff	July TTMAC meeting	Progressing At the 14 July TTMAC meeting, Rihari Dargaville was confirmed as TTMAC replacement for Alan Riwaka, with Mira Norris as proxy. Nominations were suggested to replace Millan Ruka and will follow usual process.
9/6/2022	Confirm TTMAC representation on the Climate Change Working Party and Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.	Staff	End of July 2022	Completed, At 26 July council meeting the following appointments were confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynette Wharerau and Mira Norris appointed onto the Climate Change Working Party Rowan Tautari appointed as TTMAC's alternate/proxy on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.
9/6/2022	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	Review and 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.
14/7/2022	Undertake a triennial survey of TTMAC iwi and hapū members. MTAG to analyse the results that will form the basis of a report to TTMAC for the main purpose of presenting to the incoming council.	Staff and MTAG	September TTMAC meeting.	Progressing. An online survey was circulated to TTMAC iwi/hapū members for them and their iwi/hapū/whanau to complete by 12 August.

TITLE: Te Tiriti Organisational Review (Health Check)

From: Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 28 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the latest work programme that is currently underway with independent providers Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal. NRC engaged the services of Buddle Findlay (Paul Beverley) and Whaia Legal (Tai Ahu) in June to assist in the delivery of the council's Long-Term Plan independent Te Tiriti Health Check. At the time of writing this report workshops have been completed with tāngata whenua members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and the organisation's executive leadership team (ELT). A further catch up session has been organised for members of ELT who were unable to attend the first workshop. Independent providers will meet with the full TTMAC at the 11 August meeting.

A total of 11 Kaitiaki names from six iwi and hapū have been put forward for interview by the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) and these are in the process of being organised. A full staff Te Tiriti Organisational Capability survey commenced on 18 July. An analysis of the data has been completed by the Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement and the Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori and will have been provided to the reviewers.

The next step is for the independent providers to present a draft report and receive feedback from ELT, MTAG and TTMAC. Then, a final report and recommendations will be completed and presented to council workshop on 13 September 2022 and to the formal council meeting on 27 September 2022. These revised dates allow time for the draft report to be presented back to the key stakeholders (led by TTMAC) and to ensure the integrity and mana of the voices of all those involved are heard and incorporated into the review.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Te Tiriti Organisational Review (Health Check)' by Kim Peita, Māori Relationships Manager and dated 27 July 2022, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

The updated work programme is below.

Date	Action
Wednesday 27 July, 12.30PM-3.30PM	TTMAC caucus meeting – workshop
Thursday 28 July, 10-11AM	ELT meeting – workshop
Friday 29 July	Invites to be sent to Kaitiaki by Friday 29 July (MRT)
Wednesday 3 August, 10.30AM-12.30PM	Council workshop – workshop
Thursday 4 August	MTAG Meeting (anytime between 2-4pm)

Date	Action
Wednesday 10 August 2PM	ELT catchup session
By Wednesday 10 August	Māori Relationships Manager to share results of internal staff surveys with Providers
Thursday 11 August	Kaitiaki interviews complete
Thursday 11 August	Full TTMAC meeting (anytime between 11-3pm)
Thursday 24 August, 5pm	First draft report due
Thursday 1 September, 10-11AM	ELT meeting – to present draft report and receive any feedback
Thursday 1 September, 2-4PM	MTAG meeting – to present draft report and receive any feedback
Thursday 8 September, 11Am-1PM	TTMAC – to present draft report to TTMAC (full) and receive final feedback before finalising paper to Council
Friday 9 September, 5pm	Draft report to be finalised for the 13 September Council workshop
Tuesday 13 September, 1-2pm	Council workshop – to present final report and recommendations and receive any feedback
Wednesday 14 September, 5pm	Final report to be finalised for Council Agenda Preview Meeting on Tuesday 20 September
Tuesday 27 September, 1-2pm	Council meeting – to present final report with recommendations

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: 'Tāiki e' (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: 28 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to acknowledge and confirm that Tāiki e (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) has been adopted at the formal council meeting held 26 July 2022 (subject to any final minor, graphic, structural or grammatical changes or amendments recommended by the Chief Executive Officer). This endorses the partnership with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) as Tāiki e aligns with council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and strengthens partnerships with tangata whenua and council's position/ability to respond to central government reforms. It also provides clear strategic direction both at a governance and operational level to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The main objective of Tāiki e is that it provides a robust starting point for the incoming council for the understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Taitokerau context, partnership and obligations.

Operationally, it provides and includes direct actions relating to environmental monitoring, review of council's regulatory services, and education on environmental and resource management issues. Furthermore, while Tāiki e focuses on capacity, capability and Māori representation, it establishes a framework for looking at the other Ngā Whainga/Goals in TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040 which include Water/Marine and Climate Crisis.

'Tāiki e' Implementation Plan lists 26 Actions that are made up of 13 x Priority One, 9 x Priority Two and 4 x Priority Three Actions. Of the 26 Actions; nine are budgeted, seven can be achieved within existing resources and 10 are unbudgeted. Currently there are some Priority One Actions underway or in progress including:

- Action 1. Establishing Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check and Review
- Action 3. Support and increase the uptake of the development of Iwi/Hapū Environmental Plans
- Action 4. Support and increase the uptake of Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MwaR)
- Action 7/8/9. Council environmental monitoring programme to support environmental monitoring by tangata whenua
- Action 22. Ensure the successful ongoing implementation of Māori constituencies.

Work has been ongoing with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) to begin more detailed planning for the 'Tāiki e' implementation plan and this will be brought back to TTMAC's September meeting for endorsement. ELT will need to consider capacity and capability to undertake implementation and delivery, particularly for the Priority 1 Actions over the next 12 months. Staff recognise that it is important to prioritise 'Tāiki e', however, being an election year will result in a period where the incoming council will need time to confirm the new governance structure and be inducted as new councillors.


Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report “Tāiki e’ (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan)’ by Auriolē Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and dated 27 July 2022, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Tāiki e (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) - Final Draft [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: Tāiki e Context Diagram 15 July 2022 [↓](#) 



Tāiki e (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan)

Te Kaupapa | Mission

He iwi tahi tatou kia ora ai te taiao

Kāwanatanga and rangatiratanga* work together for the wellbeing of the environment

Our vision for the future is only as good as the actions we set in place to achieve it. The following table outlines the actions to be taken to achieve shared outcomes guided by Northland Regional Council's (NRC) Te Pae Tawhiti – Our Vision 2021 – 2031 and Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Committee (TTMAC) Strategic Intent Te Pae Tawhiti | Vision 2040 and Te Kaupapa | Mission Statement (see above). The Implementation Plan focuses specifically on actions to achieve desired goals for Capacity and Capability and Māori Representation.

This Implementation Plan has been prepared on behalf of NRC and TTMAC. Both parties acknowledge that there are other groups, agreements and relationships, such as with Te Kahu o Taonui (TKoT), Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives Forum (ILGACE), Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements and Memorandum of Understandings, that NRC has that are separate to TTMAC. This Implementation Plan does not override those existing relationships and agreements.

Actions are listed for who is required to undertake it. This includes Northland Regional Council (NRC), Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Committee (TTMAC), Iwi, hapū and whanau, and any other agencies (e.g., including Northland Inc). NRC and TTMAC acknowledge iwi and hapū traditional rights within their rohe. This Implementation Plan does not seek to override these rights, and actions outlined in this document are intended to be complementary.

Actions include timeframes within which it is expected those actions will be progressed (starting from when the Implementation Plan is adopted):

- Underway – means that the action is actively being implemented, with further work required.
- Commence within 12 Months – means that the action has commenced within 12 months of adoption of the Implementation Plan (e.g., by 26 July, 2023 and there is a commitment to a completion date.

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- Years 1 – 3 – means that the action has been completed within 3 years of adoption of the Implementation plan (e.g., by 30 June 2025).
- Years 3 – 10+.

Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Funding

Actions are listed in terms of whether budget is already allocated or not, or not required. This will help guide NRC to seek funding in the Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan to be able to implement these actions. It must be acknowledged that if unbudgeted actions do not receive future Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan funding then they will need to be discussed further with TTMAC to understand why funding was not received and what further action may be taken.

The actions have been ranked by priority according to their ability to give effect to Te Kaupapa | Mission:

- 1 – the action(s) has the potential to have a significant impact and should be the top priority in terms of work and resourcing.
- 2 – the action(s) has the potential to have a moderate impact and should be progressed after High priority actions have commenced.
- 3 – the action(s) have comparably less impact and should be progressed after High and Medium priority actions have commenced.

***Note:** In the context of Tāiki e, Te Kaupapa | Mission refers to the rangatiratanga of iwi and hapū.

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'Ina tere ngā kapua, he hau kei muri'

'Progress is built on applying shared values'

When the clouds advance across the sky, wind is the propellant. This is a metaphor emphasising that we will make much greater progress when we apply shared values such as trust and a shared commitment.

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<p>1. Establish Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check and Review Framework by:</p> <p>a. Carrying out an independent review of council's obligations and performance against Te Tiriti o Waitangi performance standards utilising the Te Arawhiti Framework in a Te Taitokerau context;</p> <p>b. Identify and implement priority areas for improvement based on the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check; and</p> <p>c. Reporting to and seeking views and input of TTMAC and Councillors as part of the review.</p>	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Underway	Budgeted: \$50,000 in 2021/22, and \$25,000 per annum following to carry out an independent 'health check' of council's Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, and \$100,000 a year from 2022/23 for implementation of any findings.	Partnership Te Tiriti o Waitangi	1
<p>2. Continue developing a Tāiki e (NRC Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy and Implementation Plan) that includes, as a minimum:</p> <p>a. What it means for NRC to uphold its Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles and obligation (e.g., what will success look like) and how NRC will live them through decision-making and operations;</p> <p>b. NRC's overarching positions are clearly articulated on important matters such as transfer of powers under the RMA, payment for kaitiaki, recognition of mātauranga Māori and tangata whenua participation in decision making; and</p> <p>c. Incorporate the findings and recommendations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check.</p>	NRC in partnership with TTMAC, supported with engagement with TKOT, Iwi and Hapu	Commence within 12 months	Unbudgeted	Te Tiriti o Waitangi Partnership	1

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
3. Support and increase the uptake of the development of Iwi and Hapū Environmental Management Plan (IHEMP) by: a. allocating existing staff time towards assisting iwi and hapū with b and c below; b. developing a bespoke communication plan for increasing awareness and visibility of existing or future funding and support for IHEMPs, including targeting communications to iwi, hapū and whanau networks (including reaching out to specific iwi and hapū who may need extra support); and c. increasing the amount of funding and staff capacity in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to respond to the potential increase in uptake of financial assistance.	NRC in partnership with iwi and hapū	Underway	Budgeted: \$20,000 increase of \$10,000 to \$30,000 per year from 2022/23	Capability Capacity	1
		Years 1 – 3 for (a) to (c)	Target 2024-2034 Long Term Plan		
4. Support and increase the uptake of Mana Whakahono-ā-rohe agreements and commitments made within them by: a. allocating existing staff time towards assisting iwi and hapū with b, c and d below; b. making it clear that NRC is open to receiving invitations and having discussions regarding entering into a Mana Whakahono-ā-rohe process with iwi and hapū. c. developing a bespoke communication plan for increasing awareness and visibility of existing or future funding and support for Mana Whakahono-ā-rohe, including targeting communications to iwi, hapū and whanau networks (including reaching out to specific iwi and hapū who may need extra support); and d. increasing the amount of funding and staff capacity in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to respond to the potential increase in uptake of financial assistance.	NRC in partnership with iwi and hapū	Underway	Budgeted: \$30,000 per year from 2021/2022	Capacity Partnership	1
		Years 1 – 3 for (a) to (d)	Target 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Additional NRC FTE may also be required.		

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<p>5. Support and increase the number of Māori RMA Hearing Commissioners by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. developing and implementing a consistent process and policy for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the identification of suitable candidates by Tangata Whenua to become certified resource management hearing commissioners; ii. establishing when Māori commissioners will be utilised in council RMA resource consent and plan change decisions and operations; iii. how iwi and hapū will be consulted on the appointment of hearings commissioners within their rohe; and b. provide a dedicated funding stream to support the formal certification of Māori Commissioners; c. identifying external funding sources (e.g., central government or territorial authorities) to maximise opportunities for Tangata Whenua; and d. identifying cohorts of whanau, hapū and iwi to complete the training to encourage a supportive learning experience. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Years 1 – 3	<p>Unbudgeted</p> <p>As noted in clause 8.4 Akoranga – Training in Mana Whakahono a Rohe.</p>	<p>Capacity</p> <p>Capability</p>	2
<p>6. Ensure the delivery of targeted educational_noho on resource management processes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. developing and implementing a programme in particular areas of interest with TTMAC (e.g., Ngā Whainga of TTMAC Strategic Intent); and b. allocating existing or new staff time towards delivering the programme and providing targeted assistance to whanau, hapū and iwi through councils RMA processes. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC, and iwi, hapū and whanau	Commence within 12 months	Budgeted: RMA Noho \$20,000 per year.	<p>Capacity</p> <p>Capability</p>	2

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<p>7. Taking into account the existing tools and models available, develop and fund a culturally appropriate Council environmental monitoring programme that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. addresses iwi and hapū interests and concerns in the monitoring of the environment; b. includes the incorporation of mātauranga Māori, tikanga Māori and recognition of the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki; c. recognises and provides for any cultural monitoring tools endorsed by iwi and hapū; d. is consistently implemented as a component of NRC environmental monitoring and reporting practices and processes; and e. is reviewed and updated every 3 years for its effectiveness and efficiency. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Years 1 - 3	Budgeted: \$20,000 per year to support environmental monitoring by Tāngata Whenua.	Partnership Capacity Capability	1
<p>8. Taking into account the existing tools and models available, develop and fund a culturally appropriate programme that enables and supports tangata whenua to undertake their own freshwater monitoring aspirations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. addresses iwi and hapū interests and concerns in the monitoring of the environment; b. includes the incorporation of mātauranga Māori, tikanga Māori and recognition of the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki; c. recognises and provides for any cultural monitoring tools endorsed by iwi and hapū; d. is consistently recognised and incorporated where appropriate as a component of NRC environmental monitoring and reporting practices and processes; and e. is reviewed and updated every 3 years for its effectiveness and efficiency. 	NRC in partnership with iwi and hapū	Underway	Budgeted: \$250,000 22/23 ongoing (specific purpose and allocation yet to be confirmed)	Partnership Capacity Capability	1

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<p>9. Review, update and embed how NRC delivers its regulatory services to ensure regulatory activities (e.g., resource consents and compliance monitoring) are undertaken in a culturally appropriate manner and seek to include iwi and hapū to the greatest extent possible, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing an efficient and consistent framework for notifying and involving iwi and hapū with resource consent applications; b. Providing suitable opportunities for iwi and hapū to provide feedback within statutory timeframes; c. Taking into account the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The legislative constraints of the RMA; ii. Where legislative conflicts arise, advocate for change to central government in accordance with Action 12 of this Implementation Plan. d. Committing funding to consistently resource iwi and hapū for undertaking this work. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Commence within 12 months for (a) - (c); and Years 1 – 3 (d)	Unbudgeted	<p>Capability</p> <p>Capacity</p> <p>Partnership</p> <p>Te Tiriti o Waitangi</p> <p>Resourcing</p>	1
<p>10. Advocate to, and where appropriate, actively support, local and regional education providers, businesses and institutions to address existing skills shortages by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. engaging with Tangata Whenua involved in existing projects to identify skills shortages in priority areas for NRC and TTMAC to focus on (e.g., planning, environmental monitoring) b. identifying programmes and opportunities that deliver education programmes in priority areas for NRC and TTMAC; and c. identifying opportunities to develop work programmes that fill skills shortages in priority areas for NRC and TTMAC. 	NRC in partnership with iwi, hapū, TTMAC and supporting external education providers, businesses and institutions	Years 1 – 3	Unbudgeted	<p>Capacity</p> <p>Capability</p> <p>Partnership</p> <p>Whai Rawa</p> <p>Whai Mana</p> <p>Whai Oranga</p>	3

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
11. Ensure Tangata Whenua are consistently resourced to participate in governance, decision-making and operational activities by: a. reviewing different funding models used elsewhere in Aotearoa that could be applied, adapted and enhanced in Te Taitokerau; b. Taking into account the findings of (a), develop and implement an agreed methodology and policy regarding consistent resourcing of Tangata Whenua.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Commence within 12 months for 10(a); and Years 1 – 3 for 10(b).	Unbudgeted	Capability Capacity Partnership Resourcing Decision-making	1
12. Support iwi and hapū in their endeavours to obtain further funding and support through external sources (e.g., central government or territorial authorities). Specific actions could include: a. Allocating existing staff time and resources towards assisting iwi and hapū in applying for funding; and / or b. Creating a new role and employing someone dedicated to assisting iwi and hapū in applying for funding.	NRC	Years 1 – 3	Unbudgeted Limited current staff capacity.	Capability Capacity Partnership	2
13. Undertake joint advocacy to central government on agreed priorities and interests, including on new legislation and initiatives such as the Future of Local Government Reforms, by: a. Establishing the agreed priorities areas with TTMAC (e.g., water/ marine, climate crisis and economic development); b. Developing and implementing an agreed process with TTMAC to effectively and efficiently respond and advocate on behalf of Te Taikerau on the agree priority areas identified in (a).	NRC, TTMAC, Iwi and hapū, FNDC, WDC and KDC	Commence within 12 months	Within existing resources.	Partnership	1

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
14. Collaborate with, and advocate to other territorial authorities (such as Auckland Council and Whangārei, Kaipara and Far North District Councils) where there are cross-boundary overlaps and duplication for iwi and hapū to improve and streamline engagement processes and resourcing where possible. Note: For example Kaipara Moana Remediation	NRC, FNDC, WDC, KDC and AC	Years 1 – 3	Within existing resources.	Capacity Partnership Decision-Making Te Tiriti o Waitangi	3
15. Identify opportunities within legislation for Tangata Whenua members of TTMAC-to: a. join or participate in other Council governance structures; and b. where appropriate, have formal voting rights on sub-committees.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Commence within 12 months	Within existing resources. TTMAC budgeted for participation and attendance at meetings - \$84,899 per annum.	Partnership Decision-Making Te Tiriti o Waitangi	1
16. Deliver specific projects within agreed priority areas of interest (e.g. water / marine, climate crisis, economic development) to Tangata Whenua and NRC by: a. undertaking a stocktake of existing projects and work programmes being progressed with the agreed priority areas of interest; b. establishing and implementing a joint TTMAC and NRC work programme that identifies new opportunities for joint projects; and c. seeking resourcing through the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Planning cycle.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Years 1 – 3	Unbudgeted	Partnership Resourcing Te Tiriti o Waitangi	2
17. Develop and embed a cultural awareness and competency framework for Councillors, staff and relevant consultants and contractors that includes, at a minimum: a. Creating an induction process that explains the cultural context of Te Taitokerau, recognising that each hapū have their own tikanga;	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Underway; and Review within 12 months	Within existing resources	Partnership Te Tiriti o Waitangi	2

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Presents the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / and He Whakaputanga / The Declaration of Independence to NRC in all activities; and c. Provides an understanding of and empathy for tikanga Māori (e.g., mauri, kaitiakitanga and mātauranga). 					
18. Invest in building Tangata Whenua capacity and capability, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reviewing Council's existing scholarship / internship programme to ensure that it supports the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tangata Whenua undertaking their role as kaitiaki; or ii. Increasing Tangata Whenua participation in jobs that are directly relevant to Council's activities; or iii. Includes governance training, such as associateships. b. Maintaining and increasing where appropriate in the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan, scholarship/ internship programmes for tangata whenua who whakapapa to Te Taitokerau iwi / hapū. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Underway	Budgeted: 8 scholarships at \$4,000 per annum (4 specifically for Māori)	Capability Capacity Partnership Te Tiriti o Waitangi	2
19. Develop an engagement policy and framework that formalises engagement procedures with iwi and hapū on Annual Plan, Long Term Plans, Regional Planning, and Regional Policy Statements.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	1 – 3 years	Unbudgeted	Capability Capacity Partnership Te Tiriti o Waitangi	2
20. Develop and maintain a digital tangata whenua contacts database that spatially identifies indicative iwi and hapū rohe boundaries that can be utilised to guide engagement processes (e.g., resource consents), that:	TTMAC, iwi and hapū with support and facilitation	Underway; and	Budgeted \$20,000	Partnership Te Tiriti o Waitangi	2

Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Takes into account overlapping iwi and hapū boundaries; b. Recognises the sensitivity and accuracy of information; and c. Uses the best available information (e.g., within IHEMPS); and 	from NRC and Te Puni Kokiri and the Māori Land Court	Completed within 12 months			
21. Investigate and identify opportunities for the transfer or delegation of decision-making powers or operations (e.g., pursuant to section 33 of the Resource Management Act 1991) in areas of interest / concern to iwi and hapū, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identifying actions needed by NRC to implement the transfer or delegation and how these will be implemented; and b. Providing assistance (e.g., staff assistance or funding support to engage an independent facilitator) to the iwi or hapū that are seeking the transfer or delegation. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	1 – 3 years	Unbudgeted	Capability Capacity Te Tiriti o Waitangi Resourcing	2
22. Ensure the successful ongoing implementation of Māori Constituencies by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promoting and raising awareness of Māori seats and encouraging Māori to stand for local government; and b. Engaging with iwi and hapū to undertake a review of Māori Constituencies within the first triennium following implementation to measure success and the representativeness of the Constituencies. 	NRC in partnership with TTMAC, iwi and hapū	Already underway and completed within Years 1 -3	Budgeted: \$20,000 allocated in governance budget for 22(a)	Capability Capacity Te Tiriti o Waitangi Resourcing	1
23. Providing ongoing support to ensure an equitable and culturally safe working environment for Councillors.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	Ongoing	Within existing resources	Capability Capacity Te Tiriti o Waitangi	1

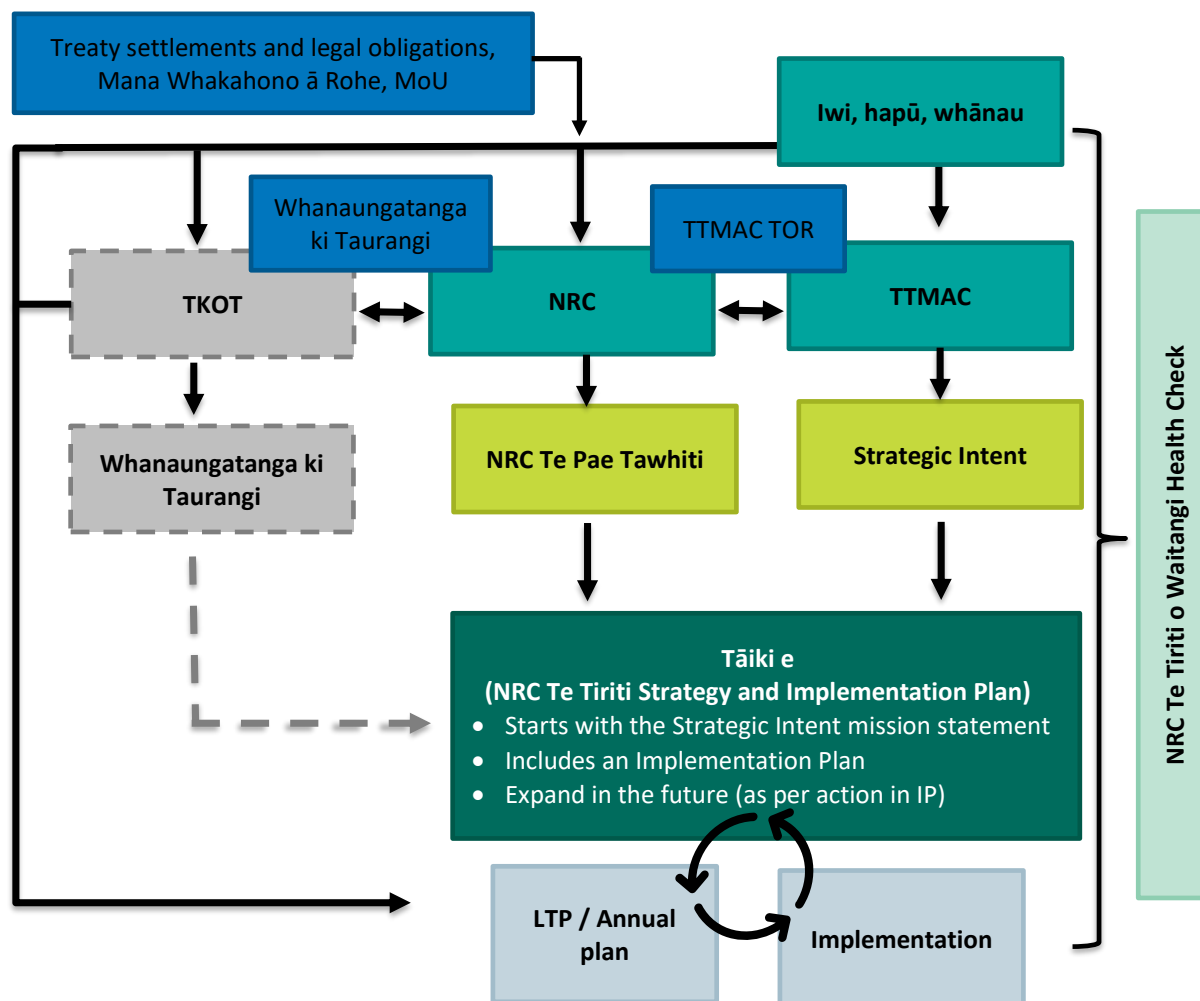
Action(s)	Who	Timeframe	Budgeted	Whainga Goal	Priority
24. Review Council procurement policies and processes to ensure fair and equal opportunities for Tangata Whenua consultants and contractors to obtain Council contracts.	NRC in partnership with TTMAC	1 – 3 years	Unbudgeted	Capability Capacity Te Tiriti o Waitangi Resourcing	3
25. Identify opportunities in Council activities for Tangata Whenua consultants and contractors to apply for Council contracts.	NRC	1 – 3 years	Within existing resources.	Capability Capacity Te Tiriti o Waitangi Resourcing	3
26. During each review of the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, consider and implement appropriate financial and other support for specific actions outlined in this Implementation Plan.	NRC	1 – 3 years and ongoing	Within existing resources.	Resourcing	1

Monitoring and review

Tāiki e (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) is designed to be iterative and will evolve over time in response to new challenges and opportunities. Tāiki e shall be reviewed:

- Every 3 years for efficiency and effectiveness of achieving the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Committee (TTMAC) Strategic Intent Te Pae Tawhiti | Vision 2040 and Te Kaupapa | Mission Statement (see above) and Northland Regional Council's (NRC) Te Pae Tawhiti – Our Vision 2021 – 2031 and whether specific actions have been adequately implemented.
- Reviewed within 6 months of any Long Term Plan.
- At any time, following a special request from TTMAC or Full Council.

It is anticipated that annual progress updates will be provided at TTMAC meetings by Council staff/CE to show continual progress towards achieving Tāiki e.





Within the context of developing a Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy and Implementation Plan, the purpose of the above diagram is to try and illustrate:

1. The relationships and connections between NRC, TTMAC, and iwi, hapū and whanau (teal boxes).
2. Identify key existing strategic documents that have influenced and guided the development of the broader Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy and Implementation Plan (light green boxes).
3. Position the new Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy and Implementation Plan (dark green box) and the cycle of its influence over NRC LTP/AP budgeting and implementation and the need for ongoing review based on council's implementation and an evolving Te Tiriti partnership (light blue-grey boxes).
4. Recognise and acknowledge that the annual Te Tiriti Health Check will be reviewing and making recommendations for constant improvement for NRC and how it supports and upholds its Te Tiriti partnership (light teal box).
5. Acknowledgement that Te Kahu o Taonui has not had an opportunity to be engaged and contribute to the development of the Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti o Waitangi Strategy and Implementation Plan yet but that it is NRC's intention to engage with TKOT in the future to seek their input and guidance to broaden the NRC strategy following elections (grey box and dashed arrow).

TITLE: Hapū/Iwi Environmental Management Plans (HEMPs)
From: Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager
Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 28 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

A total fund of \$30,000 is available from council for the development, review and updating of Hapū/Iwi environmental management plans (HEMPs). The maximum allocation for any one application for funding is \$10,000. The fund provides financial and technical support for hapū and iwi for their Resource Management Planning Project.

Applications for the contestable funding are open from Wednesday, 27 July to Wednesday 7 September 2022. Successful/non-successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

Information regarding application and the relevant forms is available on the 'Working with Māori' and 'Popular topics' sections of the NRC website homepage: [Nga Whakamahere o Te Taiao - Iwi/Hapū Management Plans - Northland Regional Council \(nrc.govt.nz\)](https://www.nrc.govt.nz/working-with-maori). A pānui has also been sent out via iwi/hapū email list.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Hapū/Iwi Environmental Management Plans (HEMPs)' by Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 27 July 2022, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

A Hapū/Iwi Environmental Management Plan (HEMP) is a resource management plan developed by a hapū, iwi or iwi authority. Hapū/Iwi Environmental Management Plans are holistic documents that describe resource management issues of importance to tāngata whenua.

The plans may also contain information relating to specific cultural values, historical accounts, and descriptions of areas of interest (hapū/iwi boundaries/rohe) and consultation/engagement protocols for resource consents and monitoring, plan changes and matters of significance for tangata whenua.

Funding can only be paid to an established legal entity such as a marae committee, hapū trust, iwi authority, or consultants acting on behalf of the applicant.

Each funding application must show:

- Whether the application is made by hapū/iwi and is a legal entity;
- Evidence of mandate and a letter of recognition supported by an iwi authority;
- The area of interest and any shared areas of interest with neighbouring hapū/iwi, and
- A breakdown of the funding sought, indicating how the funds will be used.

Applicants must agree to:

- a) The final HEMP being recognised by the relevant iwi authority
- b) A copy of the final HEMP being formally lodged with the regional council
- c) An electronic copy of the HEMP (either new, revised or updated) being placed on the regional council's website.

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 29 July 2022

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 Māori and Council Working Party.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group update' by Alison Newell, Policy Specialist and dated 27 July 2022, be received.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: Freshwater Plan - tangata whenua engagement

From: Ben Lee, Planning and Policy Manager

Authorised by Jonathan Gibbard, Pou Tiaki Taiao – Group Manager Environmental
Group Manager/s: Services, on 29 July 2022

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) has the task of preparing advice for council for engaging with tangata whenua for the development of the Freshwater Plan. The recommendation is that Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorse the advice.

The item also gives an overview of the broader Freshwater Plan communication and engagement plan.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Freshwater Plan - tangata whenua engagement' by Ben Lee, Planning and Policy Manager and dated 29 July 2022, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorse the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group advice for wider tangata whenua engagement for the development of the Freshwater Plan.

Tuhinga/Background

Council is developing a Freshwater Plan in response to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2020) (NPS-FM) direction to put in place new targets, policies, and rules to improve the state of freshwater.

Engaging with tangata whenua is a key part of developing the Freshwater Plan.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group advice

The Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) has the task of preparing advice for council for engaging with tangata whenua for the development of the Freshwater Plan¹.

At the time of writing TWWAG had yet to confirm its advice, but the aim is to do this at their 5 August meeting (which is after the circulation of the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) August meeting agenda). The engagement advice will therefore be circulated separate to this agenda.

The recommendation is that TTMAC endorse TWWAG's advice to council for consideration.

Council's communication and engagement plan

Council has started an awareness raising campaign about the Freshwater Plan. This includes updates to the website, paid content in newspapers and social media posts. Some of the communication collateral is targeted at tangata whenua – social media posts that focus on the work of TWWAG and

¹ As per their terms of reference (endorsed by TTMAC)

te mana me te mauri o te wai as key to the Freshwater Plan, an information flier, and a media release targeted at Māori media.

The following is an overview of the council's general communications and engagement plan for developing the Freshwater Plan:

Phase	Summary	Channels
Phase 1 – Pre-draft: Inform (start mid July 2022)	Raise awareness of plan change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What, when and why Significant changes coming How to be involved 	Print media, social media, radio interviews, Māori-specific information, media release, website, GIS viewer, direct contact
Phase 2 – Pre-draft: Engage (start Nov 2022)	We know a lot about what's important about our freshwater – anything missing?	As above + (TBC) video, online expert panel, Feedback – written & GIS 'drop a pin', face-to-face
Phase 3 – Pre-draft: Reflect and prepare (April 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Here's what we heard from phase 2 Draft coming out soon 	TBC
Phase 4 – Draft (June – Aug 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Here's council's draft plan change – what do you think? Communicate the information that informed council's thinking (e.g. scenario modelling) 	TBC
Phase 5 – Pre-notification (early 2024)	'Heads up' that plan will be notified soon	TBC
Phase 6 – Notification (start April 2024)	Encourage people to make a submission	TBC

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: 28 July 2022

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.

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 27 July 2022, be received.

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 7 July meeting the following topics were discussed:

- How MTAG want to work with the consultants on Review of the Regional Policy Statement
- Te Tiriti Health Check
- MTAG Work Tracker
- Updates from the Māori Relationships Team.

Following discussion, MTAG agreed to the following actions:

- Staff to provide an update to MTAG after meeting with Takiwa Ltd and DIA re indigenous mapping/data sovereignty protocols and funding availability
- Staff to update MTAG on consents mahi at August meeting and provide a summary of what's been done
- The outcome of the Coastal Occupation Charges mahi to be reported to TTMAC
- Update the Work Tracker with the suggested improvements and return to MTAG for feedback and prioritisation of items
- Barker Associates to bring an initial scope for the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) review to MTAG's August meeting for feedback from MTAG
- MTAG to email kaitiaki suggestions for Te Tiriti Health Check interviews.

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party, Chair Jack Crow

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

The next Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party is scheduled for 31 August 2022.

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

TTMAC representatives: Lynette Wharerau, Mira Norris, Rihari Dargaville, Rowan Tautari

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

A Water and Land Working Party meeting was held on 2 August 2022. The record of actions was not available in time for inclusion in this agenda. A brief verbal can be provided at TTMAC's meeting.

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

TTMAC representatives: Julianne Chetham, Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari, William Sullivan

A Planning and Regulatory Working Party meeting was held on 2 August 2022. The record of actions was not available in time for inclusion in this agenda. A brief verbal can be provided at TTMAC's meeting.

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 19 July 2022

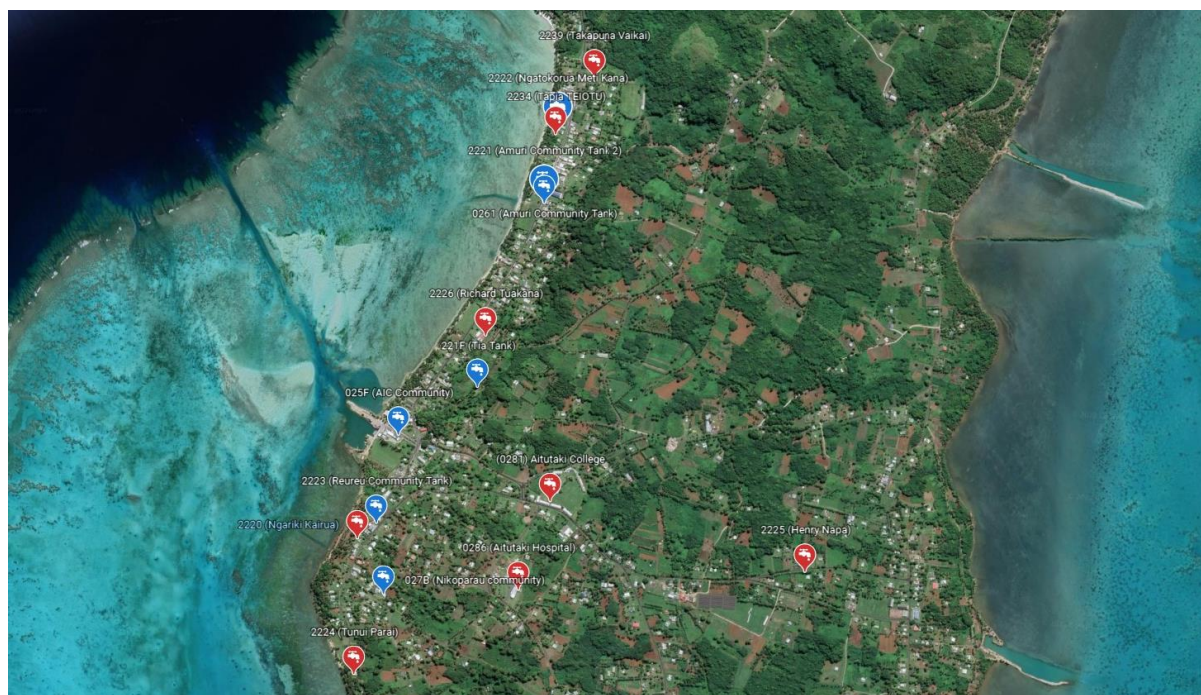
Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report to Council' by Malcolm Nicolson, Tumuaki - Chief Executive Officer and dated 27 July 2022, be received.

4.9.1 HIGHLIGHTS

Aitutaki Range Test

It is pleasing to see the trials to improve water resilience in remote communities undertaken by NRC now being implemented to support our Pacific neighbours. The first rollout in Aitutaki now underway. This trial was undertaken by Civil Defence and previously report to council



4.9.2 CEO'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	The Court has advised that a hearing is required for these appeals. All evidence is to be presented to the Court by 19 August 2022. A hearing date is yet to be confirmed.

Department	Description	Status
Consent decision appeal	Irrigation of avocado orchards and horticulture crops	The Court adjourned the hearing on 30 June 2022 and has requested final submissions to be provided. The Court will then make an interim decision on the applications. The Judge has indicated that due to prior court commitments, it may be up to three months for an interim decision and at least six months before a substantive decision will be issued.

4.9.3 CORPORATE SERVICES

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

Finance

The Finance team are currently working towards completing the 2021/22 year-end draft accounts for audit review, hence there is no financial report included in the July 2022 council agenda. These draft annual accounts will be presented to the August council meeting. Deloitte will be onsite from 22 August until early September completing their review of the final accounts, which are set to be given audit clearance and be adopted by council at the council meeting on 27 September 2022.

An verbal update on the year end externally managed fund performance will be provided at the meeting based on the Eriksens Global June 2022 report.

Council Property Update

- Due diligence is being undertaken for the purchase of two property holdings in Whangarei's CBD.
- Staff from both councils are now operating out of the Kaipara Service Centre. The Property Team will continue to work on transition issues as the full staff contingent moves into the building. Expansion of the solar energy array at the KSC occurred in late May 2022 and it will now meet 30 to 45% of the building's weekday electricity demand, up from 15% in the original design.
- The NIWA Kingfish RAS head contractor, CB Civil are currently focused on completing the RAS treatment tanks, progressing the pipework and central suspended access way. The last of the specialist equipment is now in New Zealand and the 'material supply' risk to the project is decreased substantially. The completion timeframe currently looks achievable but very tight.

LGOIMA Process Review

Council's process under the Local Government Official Information Act (LGOIMA) has been undergoing review for the purpose of continuous improvement. This is concurrent with the transferral of LGOIMA process management from the governance team to the corporate strategy team.

The review has included a self-assessment of council's LGOIMA processes based on the Ombudsman's 'Key dimensions' indicators and development of an improvement plan based on this. Staff provided this plan, and the suite of councils own existing guidelines and tools, to the office of the Ombudsman for their review. This was followed by a meeting with the staff from the office of the Ombudsman on 17 June, where the materials, self-assessment, and roadmap were discussed. The office of the Ombudsman appreciated councils proactive approach and will provide written feedback on council's material as well as working with staff to arrange ongoing LGOIMA training as required.

Staff will continue to engage with the Ombudsman office as they proceed with the implementation of the improvement plan.

Regional Accessibility Strategy

In May 2019, the Chief Executive Forum raised the possibility of developing a region-wide disability (now accessibility) strategy for Northland. The purpose of the strategy would be to enable people with access needs to live, work, play, visit and participate across our communities, in a more inclusive and equitable way.

A cross-council working group, comprising staff representatives from the three district councils and NRC, have been working to advance development of an accessibility plan, which may be a strategy or other initiative. Work to date has included:

- Seeking feedback from the Disability Advisory Group on the process of strategy/plan development and subsequent action plans
- A survey to assess the needs of the community
- A survey to gain insight from staff across all four councils on accessibility

The next step in the project is to carry out a round of community engagement to gather more in-depth information from access needs communities. Guiding documentation and a consultation plan to properly support this process is almost complete, including a shared webpage to support the engagement and a social pinpoint page which facilitates feedback via several different platforms. All material produced for engagement must be suitably accessible, with required translations planned to be carried out over the coming weeks.

Once the engagement has been carried out, feedback will be analysed and a plan, strategy, or other suitable initiative drafted in conjunction with a group of stakeholders from the access needs community.

Council approved funding in their 2021 Long Term Plan for implementation of a strategy, which is budgeted from 2023/24 onwards.

4.9.4 regulatory services

Consents in Process

During June 2022, a total of 113 Decisions were issued. These decisions comprised:

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| • Moorings | 2 |
| • Coastal Permits | 7 |
| • Coastal Discharge Permits | 3 |
| • Land Discharge Permits | 20 |
| • Land Use Consents | 24 |
| • Water Permits | 45 |
| • Water Takes | 4 |

- Bore Consents 8

The processing timeframes for the June 2022 consents ranged from:

- 4427 to 0 calendar days, with the median time being 35 days;
- 2980 to 0 working days, with the median time being 21 days.

Thirty-five applications were received in June 2022.

Of the 168 applications in progress at the end of June 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
- 25 were received between 6 and 12 months ago (most awaiting further information from the applicant);
- 114 less than 6 months.

Appointment of Hearing Commissioners

No commissioners were appointed in June 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 June 2022 is (*by number*):

- Applications Publicly/Limited Notified During Previous Month 1
- Progress on Applications Previously Notified 5
- Hearings and Decisions 0
- Appeals/Objections 2

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The results of compliance monitoring for the period 1 – 30 June 2022 (and year-end 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	38	33	3	0	0	2
Bore Consent	28	25	3	0	0	0
Coastal Discharge	30	19	8	2	0	1
Coastal Permit	68	49	6	0	1	12
Land Discharge	127	51	28	6	0	42
Land Use Consent	122	63	5	0	1	53
Water Discharge	64	39	9	7	3	6
Water Permit	161	53	4	1	0	103
Water Take	165	111	30	8	0	16
Total	803	443	96	24	5	235
Percentage		55.1%	12.0%	3.0%	0.6%	29.3%

Classification	Total	Full compliance	Low risk non-compliance	Moderate non-compliance	Significant non-compliance	Not exercised during period
Year to date	7279	4928	912	451	82	906
Percentage		67.7%	12.5%	6.2%	1.1%	12.5%

Coastal Compliance Monitoring

Compliance monitoring letters for all marine farms have been completed. Follow-up enforcement action is underway.

Annual stormwater monitoring has been undertaken at Norsand Boatyard, Dockland 5 and Oceania Marina (Port Road, Whangarei). Initial stormwater monitoring visits have revealed that only 'primary' stormwater treatment is present on heavy industry sites, directly discharging to the Hatea River.

The Coastal and Land compliance team have also been giving ongoing support to the Consents team to improve monitoring conditions for the management and treatment of stormwater discharges in resource consent applications or renewals, including requesting a 10-year resource consent expiration for all stormwater discharges on heavy industrial (including boat yard) sites to maintain best practice.

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

- Contaminated Land Management*

Three incidents involving the discharge of hazardous substances and 18 enquiries regarding contaminated land were received and responded to. Five hundred and forty kilograms of hazardous waste was disposed of at the amnesty day, and 10 sites were added to the Selected Land-Use Register.

- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – see table below.*

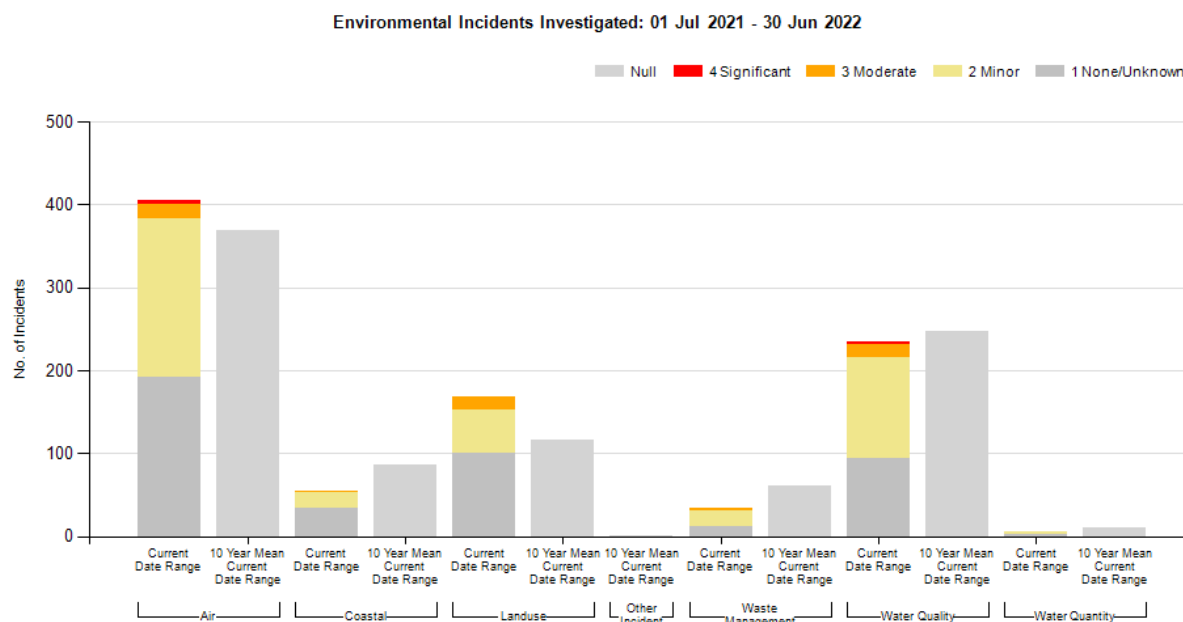
WWTP/Consent Status	Issues (July 2022)	Enforcement Action/Response
Far North District		
Ahipara Expires 2033	Ongoing non-compliance with bacteriological consent limits	<u>Under AN</u> FNDC investigating land disposal options
Hihi Expires 2022	No recent issues	None currently
Kaeo Expires 2022	No recent issues	None currently
Kaikohe Expires 30 November 2021	Intermittent non-compliances with ADW flow, ammonia and bacteriological consent limits. System overdue for de-sludging	None currently Issues will be addressed in replacement consent
Kaitiāia Expires 30 November 2021	No recent issues	<u>Under AN</u> (reticulation overflows) Issues will be addressed in replacement consent
Kawakawa Expires 2036	No recent issues	None currently

Kerikeri Expires 2036	No obvious issues from new plant (commissioned in December 2020)	<u>Under AN</u> We are keeping the Kerikeri WWTP abatement notice in place until we were sure the new plant is operating within the consent conditions
Kohukohu Expired 2016 (replacement consent application on hold)	Occasional issues with bacteriological conditions of consent	None currently
Opononi and Omāpere Expired 2019	Non-compliances with bacteriological consent limits Desludging overdue	<u>Under AN</u> Issues will be addressed in replacement consent; desludging to be undertaken
Paihia Expires 2034	Plant upgraded 2019; alkalinity issues preventing optimal ammonia treatment	None currently Alkalinity improvement project still in progress
Rangiputa Expires 2032	No recent issues	None currently
Rāwene Expires 2023	System overdue for de-sludging	None currently
Russell Expires 2024	Occasional non-compliances with E. coli consent limit post UV	<u>Under AN</u> Infringement notices issued January 2022 and June 2022 Improvements underway
Taipā Expires 2029	No recent issues	None currently
Whatuwhiwhi 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 <u>Under AN</u> for odour from Tokerau Beach public toilet pump station
Whangarei District		
Hikurangi Expires 2025	Intermittent issues with plant performance	None currently Plant performance being reviewed to identify improvements
Ngunguru Expires 2035	No recent issues	None currently
Oakura Expires 2025	Occasional spikes in E. coli	None currently
Portland Expires 2024	No recent issues	None currently
Ruakaka Expires 2046	No recent issues	None currently
Tutukaka	No recent issues	None currently

Expires 2024		
Waiōtira Expires 2030	No recent issues	None currently
Waipū Expires 2030	No recent issues	None currently
Whāngārei City Expires 2022	No recent issues	<u>Under AN</u> for odour from plant
Kaipara District		
Dargaville Expires 2022	Non-compliances with WQ discharge volume consent limits	<u>Under AN</u>
Glinks Gully Expires 2024	No recent issues	None currently
Kaiwaka Expires 2022	No recent issues	None currently
Mangawhai Expires 2042	Odour complaints and occasional exceedances of TDS consent limit	<u>Under AN</u> Infringement notice issued December 2021
Maungaturoto Expires 2032	Intermittent non-compliances, generally due to high rainfall	<u>Under AN</u>
Te Kopuru Expires 2044	Intermittent minor non-compliances	Second aerator installed 2020

Environmental Incidents

Seventy-one incidents were closed during the period 1 June to 30 June 2022. For the year ending 30 June 2022, a total of 946 incidents were reported to the Environmental Hotline. Of these 410 (43%) were air quality incidents, followed by 245 water quality; 181 land use; 64 coastal; 40 waste management and six water quantity incidents. Site visits were made to 64% of all the incidents reported to council. Four hundred and thirty-three (46%) incidents were confirmed to be a breach of a rule, national regulations or a resource consent. The chart below compares the 2021/22 year with the average for the previous 10 years. As can be seen, the 2021/22 year saw more air and land use incidents but less of the other incident types. However, over all the numbers are fairly consistent for the last 10 years.



ENFORCEMENT

Abatement Notices, Infringement Notices and Formal Warnings

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

Action Type	Number for June 2022	12 months to 30 June 2022
Abatement Notice	8	200
Infringement Notice	10	92

Other Enforcement

- Open burning on industrial/trade property – Whangārei**
 Charges were laid against an individual for open burning on industrial/trade premises; the burnt items included prohibited items. All witnesses gave evidence in front of Judge on 25 May 2022. Filing submissions have been filed as per timetable. The set date for decision was 4 July 2022. Registrar notified us on 29 June 2022 that Judge will not have the decision ready by 4 July. Registrar will notify parties when new date has been set.
- Breach of enforcement orders - Kaitiaia**
 An individual did not complete the work required by enforcement orders issued on 6 November 2020. The enforcement orders included remedial work on a contaminated land. On 28 June 2022, charging document has been filed to court for prosecution. The first appearance date allocated by the Court is 29 July 2022.
- Vessel occupying CMA and 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 area (CMA) with a boat without consent, and for reimbursement of costs associated with work to remove cladding material containing asbestos that had been

deposited within CMA. Following a joint memorandum, the individual has arranged a place to legally moor the boat. Settlement agreement was signed in early June 2022 settling the reimbursement of NRC costs for removal of cladding containing asbestos.

- *Earthworks and vegetation clearance within a wetland – Teal Bay*
Charges were laid in the Whangarei District Court on 7 December 2021 against four parties for offences relating to earthworks, vegetation clearance and discharge of sediment that occurred in December 2020. A joint memorandum was signed on 28 June 2022 to prove on one issue; whether wetland is a natural wetland or a constructed wetland. This issue is relevant for some of the charges. NRC expert evidence is to be filed by 15 July 2022 and the defendants' expert evidence is to be filed by 25 August 2022. If outcome of process is that wetland is a natural wetland, then the four defendants will enter guilty pleas to all charges.
- *Farm dairy effluent - Hikurangi*
On 28 June 2022, charges were laid in Whangarei District Court against four defendants for offences relating to the discharge of farm wastewater that occurred in November 2021. First appearance date is 17 August 2022.

4.9.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

LAND MANAGEMENT

Sustainable Hill Country and Regional Priorities Milestones	Status
Poplar timber research	This research is progressing well with a range of poplar timber products being tested for durability and how well they take preservative treatment. In addition, a small building (10 m ²) will be constructed using standard industry construction methods to test poplar cladding, window joinery, decks and framing. The poplar timber is available as a result of our sawmilling and treatment research. We have prepared the timber and the building is under construction. We will report on the acceptability of our poplar timber as a construction material for constructing the building and will also compare and contrast poplar with existing materials in 2022. This research is highly innovative, and NRC are leading the way in respect to providing hard data for end-of-life use of poplar timber. This research is fully funded by MPI, with results to date published in the NZ Journal of Forestry.
Soil Conservation Strategy	Phase 1 of the strategy is underway with the first workshop held on 16 June covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues the strategy needs to respond to (problem definition) • Clarify scope of literature review – what types of interventions and what parameters i.e., cost, effectiveness, impacts • Confirm approach to analysis of erosion sources (including what level of certainty is feasible / appropriate). The strategy will be delivered in December 2022.
Land treatments – Retirement fencing	By year end, 15 fencing projects with a combined length of 19km retired 149ha from pastoral production exceeding the 84ha target (177% completed).



Left: Poplar cabin under construction

Right: Thermally modified poplar timber front door



Environment fund progress

COVID-19 and other supply issues seem to have impacted farmers' ability to complete their fencing grants this year, causing a late rush for signoffs. The final reconciliation of the fund will be reported in July.

Whangārei urban awa project

Key updates for this project:

- An information brochure has been designed to go to those in the Otaika catchment (newly extended project area) and those in the original catchments who have not yet made contact.
- Two fencing projects were completed in Q4 totaling 275m and included one trough.
- Three sites have been sprayed out, ready for planting.
- The new Project Lead has started allowing for a full-time focus back on the project.

BIODIVERSITY

FIF Dune Lakes Project

Objective	Status
Aquatic weed and pest fish control	Staff arranged a site visit to the lakes with wetland vegetation damage with EPA compliance staff and consultant ecologist. EPA are awaiting the ecologist report and will then assess potential breaches of consent conditions and next steps. The EPA monitoring and annual report required under our permission to use Aquathol was prepared and sent this month. More Aquathol for Lake Karaka hornwort control was ordered.
Sediment and nutrient mitigation	Tender approved for wetland construction at Lakeland Station, between Black Lake and Lake Wairere, at Kai Iwi Lakes. Feasibility report will be prepared first.
Education Days	Around 50 students from 12 Far North schools attended a 'Get to know your dune lake' day at Lake Waiporohita on the Karikari Peninsula. This event was part of Te Aho Tu Roa's winter noho taiao. 2,000 plants went in around the lake, and students learnt about tuna, ika, eDNA and water quality.

Lakes Survey

An annual lakes ecological survey was postponed due to covid, but a contract was awarded in June and the survey takes place in July.

CoastCare

Contractors and volunteers have been busy with weed and pest control work, preparing for the planting season which started with planting at Mangawhai, Bream Bay and Bay of Islands in June.

At Oneroa Bay, Long Beach, a Matariki planting day was held with Russell Landcare Trust and Haratu Kororāreka Marae. The area planted was designated Wahi Tapu area as koiwi pre-Christian burials eroded out of this part of the Oneroa beach coastal reserve and there had been concern that more might be found. The area was temporarily fenced off and an excavation undertaken by Heritage NZ and the University of Auckland under the cultural guidance and direction of the Marae. No further remains were found and agreement was made to plant the area out and protect it from foot traffic. The planting day was well attended and 1000 plants, provided by NRC, were planted in just over an hour, followed by kai back at the marae.



Nearing end of archaeological excavation work, February 2022



Well attended planting day, June 2022



Planting complete, June 2022

Wetlands

A meeting was attended as part of the Kaimaumau 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. The group is advising on actions required to restore water levels and best manage weeds and threatened species.

Terrestrial

The recent biodiversity assessment undertaken at Tāika forest highlighted the need to fence the forest and streams in the lower reaches of the block. During June a meeting with the neighboring landowner was had and a site visit was undertaken to look at fencing options. Almost 1km of fencing is expected to be installed this coming summer.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Coastal/Water Quality Operations

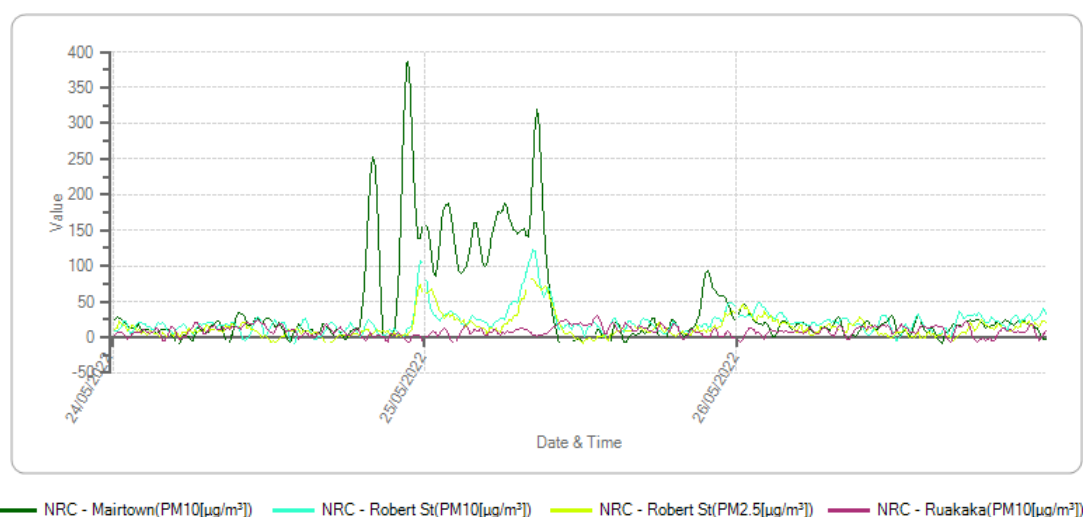
On 27 June 2022, Marine Biosecurity and Water Quality Field Operations team members held a Matariki hui with tamariki from Ngataki School at Houhora Heads. The kaupapa was based on the stars of Matariki, for example Pōhutukawa (loss/threats). Council demonstrated how the recent Kaimaumau wetland fires and marine pests affect Waitī (fresh water) and Waitā (salt water). Hiwa-i-te-rangi (actions/monitoring) was represented by the "Protect the karepō (seagrass)" sign erected early this year, annual shellfish surveys and an eDNA sample that was collected at Pukenui wharf. eDNA samples can identify thousands of species of plants, animals, fungi, bacteria, by isolating DNA shed by organisms in the wider environment. The results will improve understanding of what life is present in the waitī and waitā. An eDNA sampling kit was also gifted to the school to use at a later time.

Natural Resources Science

Air quality and carbon emission

No breach of National Environmental Standard for air quality (NESAQ) occurred in May 2022 for PM₁₀ at Robert Street in Whangārei and Ruakākā at Marsden Point airsheds. However, PM₁₀ concentrations at the Mairtown monitoring station exceeded the NESAQ on 25 May 2022 and 19 June 2022. The first exceedance on 25 May 2022 was attributed to a large vegetation fire at Paranui Valley Road between 24 and 26 May 2022. Robert Street monitors also showed elevated PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations during this period but the Ruakākā station did not pick the elevated concentrations. Ten-minute PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations for 24, 25 and 26 May 2022 are presented in the graph below. The graph shows the high concentrations of particulate matter while the fire was burning at the above location.

Please refer to the specific agenda item on this topic for further details including implications and next steps.



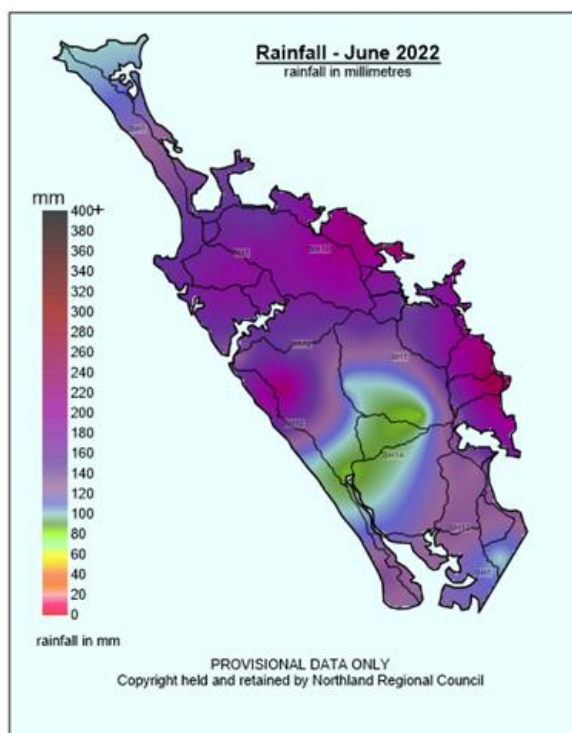
Freshwater quality

- NIWA has been selected as a preferred service provider for a study on identifying potential drivers (water chemistry and biophysical characteristics) of benthic macroinvertebrate community pattern in Northland rivers. The contract is yet to be finalised. The final report is due by March 2023.
- Science Freshwater has reviewed the final draft of NEMS (National Environmental and Monitoring Standards) protocol for planktonic cyanobacteria. This NEMS protocol will mainly focus on lakes to assist in implementing the NPS-FM cyanobacteria attributes.

Groundwater

GNS has a MBIE funded project to assess nitrate levels in rural drinking water supply bores with a pilot study in Northland (with the intent to roll it out nationally). NRC supports the project as it will provide an improved understanding of nitrate levels across Northland at higher spatial resolution than our current SoE network. GNS has been in contact with groundwater users in Northland and will be distributing self-test kits to maraes, schools and primary sector groups and is hoping to get good coverage of rural groundwater bores across the north. Samples can be collected over the next six months and the bore owners will be directly notified of the nitrate results and any further action required. The GNS communication has been reviewed by NRC.

Hydrology

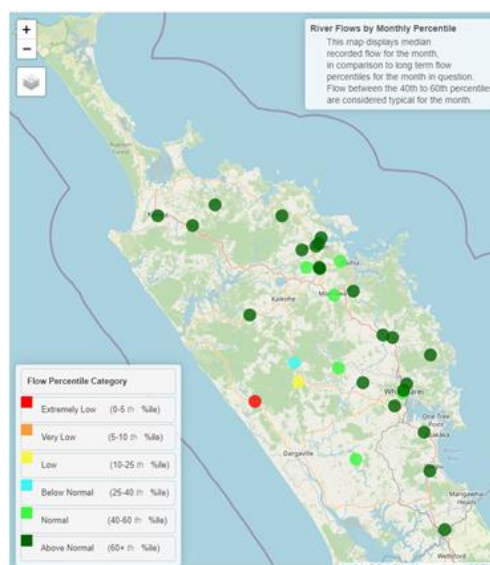


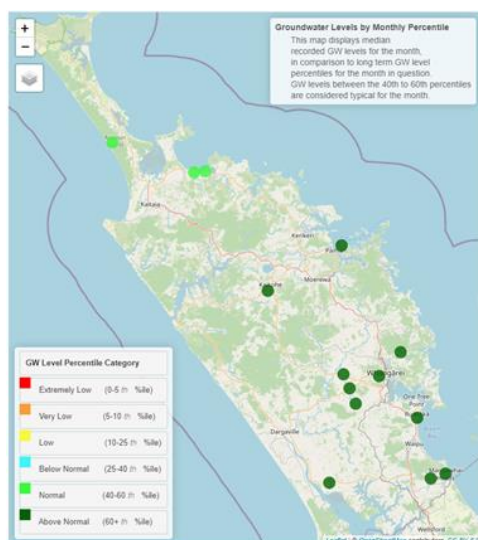
Rainfall

- The regional average rainfall for June 2022 was 150mm, which is about 95% of expected rainfall.
- The highest monthly rainfall total was recorded in the upper Ngunguru catchment with 251mm, which is 142% of expected. High rainfall totals were also recorded in Kaeo/Whangaroa and the Purerua Peninsular, all recording over 200mm. Waimamaku in the South Hokianga recorded 244mm, which is 90% of expected rainfall.
- The driest areas in Northland were from the interior around Twin Bridges (59% of expected rainfall) South-West out to the West Coast. Dargaville recorded the lowest rainfall total with 86.5mm.

Rivers

- Most Northland rivers had above normal to normal flow for June.
- The lowest flows were in the Mangakāhia, Opouteke, and Kaihū rivers which ranged from below normal to extremely low. This pattern is reflected in the monthly rainfall distribution.





Groundwater

- Recorded groundwater levels were above normal in most Northland aquifers.
- Groundwater levels in the Aupōuri Peninsula and in Doubtless Bay were normal.

POLICY AND PLANNING

Freshwater Plan Change

The results of the NIWA CLUES scenario modelling and associated costs was presented to the Primary Sector liaison Group meeting (PSLG) on 21 June 2022. A contract has been signed with NIWA to run a further 4 scenarios, the report is due end of August 2023. A presentation was given to a group on Dairy NZ farmers on 20 June on the NRC's freshwater plan change process and the opportunities for engagement.

The first phase of communications will kick off in July. This includes update of the website, social media campaign and media release. The focus is on raising awareness about the plan change and letting people know how they can get involved.

Notified Subdivision application - Kapiro Road

A hearing was held by Far North District Council on the 29 & 30 June to determine a large-scale subdivision proposal in Kerikeri. Staff had lodged a submission requesting appropriate provision for water supply and consideration of the NES-F. Staff attended part of the hearing in support of the submission on water supply requirements and the applicants subsequently confirmed that they would provide the requested amount of water storage should the proposal be approved.

Review of the Regional Policy Statement

Barker and Associates have been contracted to support MTAG in providing input on the 5 yearly review of the RPS from a tangata whenua perspective. An initial meeting has been held with staff and a Barkers representative will attend the MTAG meeting on 7 July for an introduction and discussion on a process for working together on the review.

Proposed Regional Plan Appeals

In recent weeks the Environment Court has released several decisions on the Proposed Regional Plan. A brief summary of the decisions is available below and the decisions are available in full on [Councils website](#).

- Topic 15 Mangrove Removal** - This is an interim decision on the provisions controlling mangrove removal. Overall, the Court has largely agreed with the provisions put forward by the Council however there are instances where the Court was persuaded by evidence put forward by other parties meaning that some provisions become more enabling or more restrictive. One example being restrictions on bird breeding season of 1 August and 31 March and that motorised hand-held tools must not be used. Staff are working on final wording which will be submitted to the court in due course.
- Topic 16 Livestock exclusion** – This final decision resolves appeals relating to livestock exclusion, and the definition of inanga spawning site. The Court found in favor of Council, the Minister of

Conservation and Forest and Bird. Livestock must be effectively excluded from inanga spawning sites.

- **Topic 7 Discharges to land and Topic 9 land use activities** - This is a final decision on permitted activities for land preparation (C.8.2.1), Earthworks (C.8.3.1) and vegetation clearance and coastal dune restoration (C.8.4.1).

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

- **Topic 1** (coastal activities) council staff circulated a suite of 22 rules, six policies, one objective, six definitions and maps to the appellants and Section 274 parties. We expect to file signed consent documents with the Environment Court imminently. The provisions relate to the management of coastal structures and how vessels use Northlands coastal marine area.
- **Topic 1A** (Aquaculture) has been resolved and consent documents have been filed with the Court.
- **Topic 1B** – Staff have circulated a revised rule for the parties consideration. Subject to agreement from the parties mediation on this matter will be set in late July. If significant progress is not made at mediation, we will request the Court schedule a hearing.
- A workshop with council was held on 21 June to consider the next steps on mapping of Outstanding Natural Landscapes in the Coastal Marine Area. Following this, discussions have been held with the Department of Conservation as an appeal party to consider further options.

4.9.6 BIOSECURITY

TOWARDS A REGIONAL BIOSECURITY COLLECTIVE

Biosecurity New Zealand convened a two day wānanga hosted by the hapū of Patukeha and Ngāti Kuta in Waitangi. The wānanga focussed on Mahi Tahi – how to collaborate and create partnerships (particularly with Māori) to work together and protect Te Taitokerau. It is hoped to form a regional collective of biosecurity stakeholders similar to Tauranga Moana <https://www.tmbiosecurity.co.nz/>. The Chief Executive Officer, councillors Craw and Robinson, selected Biosecurity staff and managers attended along with Ngā hapū representatives, the Department of Conservation, Kiwi Coast, Northland ports, marinas, and other small businesses. Speakers shared current initiatives and aspirations and there was general support for better collaboration and the value that this would bring in the event of new organisms arriving in Northland. Tauranga Moana representatives also shared how a collective has worked in Tauranga to lift awareness and preparedness. Hapū were invited to consider the opportunities and feedback to the Ministry for Primary Industries as to their willingness to be part of the alliance.

NEW ZEALAND BIOSECURITY INSTITUTE CONFERENCE 2023

Biosecurity staff are involved in the planning for next year's New Zealand Biosecurity Institute which will be held in Northland. The national conference will be an excellent opportunity to promote biosecurity in the region and will bring several hundred visitors to Northland. The venue for the conference will be confirmed shortly.

WILD ANIMAL CONTROL

Deer farm escape

There was a mass escape from a deer farm in Kaiwaka on 14 June after a tree came down on a boundary fence allowing animals to escape. The landowner thought all deer had been recovered that night, however Biosecurity staff checking the location located an adult stag and hind outside the deer fence and near bush. The farmer was contacted, and he advised that he would be unable to recover the animals. It was agreed to destroy the animals before they relocated into nearby bush areas, and this was done in a combined council and Department of Conservation operation.

The farm has been involved in numerous escapes and the Department of Conservation has since met with the farmer to discuss how farming practices could be improved, or the possibility of destocking.

Feral deer

Three fallow deer were shot in the Kaitaia area by council contractors over two night (10 June and 25 June). These animals trace back to a report made of fallow deer in the area in 2020. Further surveillance will be conducted in the area to assess how many feral deer remain.

Feral pigs

Three new collapsible pig traps with a new door design have been purchased with a fourth purchased by a local contractor who has tested the trap. The trial trap has already caught five pigs over two days demonstrating its effectiveness.

Traps have been deployed near Kerikeri where there is a major pig issue. This area has the backdrop of the Kerikeri Inlet and Waitangi Forest which has historically high kiwi populations. The presence of feral pigs raises the concern of pig hunters entering the area and further endangering the kiwi population.

KAURI PROTECTION

Waitangi Treaty Grounds engagement material

The kauri protection team have printed 50,000 kauri protection visitor fliers customised for the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. They will be made available to visitors.

*The customised kauri protection information flier
printed for the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
will be made available for visitors.*



Kauri Protection National Plan

A significant milestone for kauri protection has been reached with the gazettal of the National Kauri Protection Plan. The plan has been published on the legislation website [here](#) and comes into effect on 2 August 2022. The northern regions of Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Waikato, the Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Conservation and tangata whenua are collaborating on the implementation of the national plan. Staff have a full programme of work for the coming year involving soil sampling, fencing, wild animal control and raising kauri protection awareness.

PARTNERSHIPS

Northland Regional Council – Kiwi Coast partnership

- *Partnership agreement re-signing:* The Kiwi Coast Trust and Northland Regional Council have re-signed the successful partnership for a further five years.

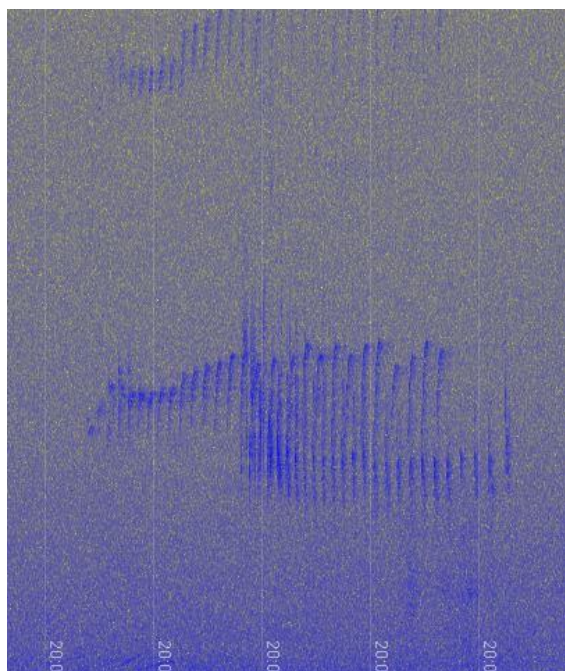
Council Chief Executive Malcolm Nicolson (left) and Kiwi Coast Chair Mike Camm at the partnership signing on 16 June 2022.



- *Northland Kiwi Call Count Survey:* Kiwi Coast are supporting Northland community projects, iwi and hapū to carry out their annual kiwi monitoring as part of the Northland Kiwi Call Count Survey. This annual outcome monitoring is one of the ways Northland projects know if all their hard work and pest control is achieving the desired result – either the return of kiwi to their area, or an increase in their local kiwi population.
- *Kiwi Coast Listening App:* An upgrade of the Kiwi Coast Listening App has been released with a key new feature that enables people to map their kiwi on their phones as they call. Over 200 people are now registered for the app. Kiwi Coast has also provided dedicated support to kiwi listeners to answer queries and assist listeners, which has been in heavy demand.

Kiwi Link High Value Area

- *Trap catch data:* Analysis of trap catch data to date shows that the Kiwi Link High Value Area has removed 9,509 animal pests over the last year, taking the grand tally since the project began to 36,958.
- *Kiwi Call Count Monitoring:* The annual Kiwi Call Count Survey has been conducted with a mix of human listening stations and kiwi listening devices. Kiwi have been discovered at new sites this year (eg. Manulife Whānui Project).
- *Trapping workshop:* A successful Ross Road Landcare Trapping Workshop was run by Kiwi Coast to help a local community increase their trapping skills. The workshop covered both the biodiversity we are trying to protect as well as the pest species we are controlling.



Kiwi duet from Waikaraka track at Mt Tiger.



Ross Road Landcare Trapping Workshop.

Whangārei Heads High Value Area

- *Kiwi Call Count Monitoring:* Kiwi call counts are nearly completed for this year.
- *Weed control:* Cotoneaster is the Whangārei Heads High Value Area “weed of the month” in an attempt to raise the plants profile in the community and to tackle areas where cotoneaster has taken a stronghold.

Weed of the month Cotoneaster.



Tutukaka High Value Area

- *Predator control:* A new Trap line added to the Sandy Bay Kiwi Project using the Predator Free funded traps. Neighbouring farm owners will be contacted to make this line into a loop. A KiwiSaver operation has involved the installation of 222 bait stations in preparation for July / August / September toxin operations.
- *Biodiversity:* The 2022 Annual Kiwi Call Count survey and winter counts of other species are underway. Kākā are being both heard and sighted regularly at Tutukaka.
- *Weed control:* Specialist Weed Action Team (S.W.A.T) volunteers carried out two-day work on a pilot site in Shoebridge Reserve.

Piroa Brynderwyn High Value Area

- *Northland Regional Council environmental award finalists:* Wairahi Charitable Trust (“Wairahi Trackies”) were finalists in council’s Environmental Awards *Environmental Action in the Community* category in recognition of their mahi at Langs Beach Scenic Reserve. The trust was awarded the Highly Commended prize at the Awards dinner, on 27 June with the Chair of the Trust accepting the prize on behalf of the many volunteers that work tirelessly on restoring the reserve. Read more at: <https://www.wairahitracks.nz>.



The Wairahi Trackies with their Highly Commended prize at the Environmental Awards.

Enviroschools Project Pest Control

The Far North Project Pest Control skills course at Lonsdale Park was conducted on 27-28 June. Some 68 students from three schools were taught skills in pest trapping, possum skinning, and possum machine plucking by Biosecurity officers from the Partnerships team.

A Biosecurity officer demonstrates trap setting techniques at the Project Pest Control course at Lonsdale Park.



Biofund

A council biofund has been featured in the June edition of *Northern Farming Lifestyles*. The article titled “Protecting the Future” (part one of a two part feature) profiles one families possum control system on their Pīpīwai farm. The system has been extremely successful removing an estimated 850 possums since inception on 25 March. Part two of the feature will appear in the July issue of the magazine. Read more here: [Northern Farming Lifestyles, June 2022 by Integrity Community Media - Issuu](#)



The “Protecting our Future” feature in the Northern Farming Lifestyles magazine.

PREDATOR FREE

Predator Free Whangārei

- *Working Block 1:* Progress on the ground at Whangārei Heads has been steady with reseriving of bait stations and traps in Working Block 1 and surrounding areas. Since going live in April,

the team have been on weekly rotation of servicing 148 active kill traps and a fortnightly rotation of servicing 180 stocked bait stations.

- **Council engagement:** The Predator Free Whangārei team have hosted three visits from council and staff. These visits included with the Chief Executive and councillors visiting on the 3 June, the Executive Leadership Team visiting on the 30 June, and the wider Biosecurity team visiting on the 1 July. In addition to providing education to council and staff about Predator Free Whangārei, the team were able to implement and practice tikanga, welcoming newcomers with a whakataukī each time.



Council Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Nicholson attending the Whangārei Heads depot presentation.

MARINE BIOSECURITY

Hull surveillance

Contracted divers completed nine days of diving in June and surveyed 269 vessels to bring the 2021-2022 hull surveillance season to a close (2,061 hulls in the season). Most vessels surveyed were based at berths in either Marsden Cove Marina or Ōpua Marina. There was 16 incidents of *Sabella spallanzanii* (Mediterranean fanworm), one incident of *Styela clava* (clubbed tunicate), six incidents of *Eudistoma elongatum* (Australian droplet tunicate) and three incidents of *Clavelina lepadiformes* (lightbulb ascidian) found on vessel hulls. The incidents of the lightbulb ascidian were all located at Marsden Cove Marina where there is a known population present.

This season was heavily impacted by Covid-19, especially for contracted divers that required a one month stand down period from diving after testing positive for virus (as set by WorkSafe NZ). Council marine biosecurity staff were encouraged with the overall standard of the fleet surveyed with 52.6% of vessels compliant (if moving between designated areas) with the rules as stated in the Regional Pest Management Plan, this represents a cleaner fleet than last season where 44.6% of vessels were compliant.

The most prominent pest species found on vessels was the Australian droplet tunicate (*Eudistoma elongatum*) followed by the Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*). A full analysis report of this season will be completed by council staff to disseminate to stakeholders and to council.

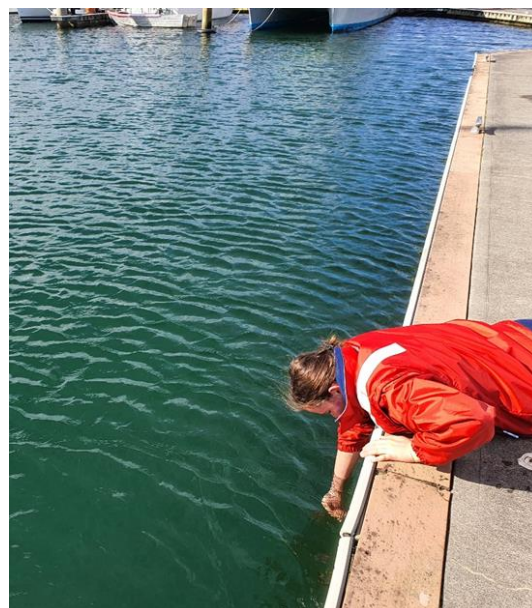
Table 1: Hull Surveillance Programme Results to 30 June 2022

Hull Surveillance Programme Results	Total this period	Total YTD
Pathways Plan Compliance if Moving*		
Number of vessels surveyed this period	279	2061
% Pathways Plan Compliance if Moving (all vessels) *	57.3	52.6
Vessels found with Marine Pests		
<i>Sabella spallanzanii</i> (fanworm)	16	62
<i>Styela clava</i> (clubbed tunicate)	1	50
<i>Undaria pinnatifida</i> (Japanese kelp)	0	0
<i>Eudistoma elongatum</i> (Australian droplet tunicate)	6	125
<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.

eDNA and empowering communities

eDNA (environmental DNA) is a relatively new scientific tool that can quickly scan the environment to provide information on local biodiversity. It can also be utilised for early detection of marine invasive species. The technology is practical for community use as it does not require people to get in the water and sampling techniques are relatively simple. Council marine biosecurity staff have supported school groups and hapū throughout Northland, empowering groups to monitor their local moana while simultaneously contributing to council's marine biosecurity surveillance program. Samples have been collected at Houhora, Ōpua/Paihia (Bay of Islands College Papa Tāiao), Marsden Cove (Whangarei Girls High School) and Ngunguru (Te Waiariki hapū) this month. There are also plans to start a regular monitoring project in Kerikeri next month (Ngāti Torehina ki Matakā).



A Whangarei Girls High School collects eDNA samples from Marsden Cove Marina.

NRC marine biosecurity staff were also acknowledged in a recent scientific publication which helped to validate molecular sampling protocols for application by non-scientist users to detect Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*).

LOF Workshop training in Auckland

Marine biosecurity staff attended a workshop hosted by the Cawthron Institute to discuss and review outputs from the Level of Fouling project funded by a Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment large advice grant supported and submitted by council. The aims of the project were to create a software application, electronic guidance manual, and a training and validation workshop to train and assist regional and unitary councils to apply the Level of Fouling ranking scale. The successful outcomes of this project will enhance how regional councils assess the biofouling risk associated with their fleet. Tools delivered will remove diver bias and subjectivity provide a greater level of confidence to both staff and the boating community that assessments are made with a high degree of accuracy.

The workshop was attended by commercial divers, consultants, and central and local government (including representatives spanning from Whangārei to Invercargill). Discussions revolved around discrepancies between individuals which allowed for those more experienced to share their knowledge.

Mangonui mediterranean fanworm incursion response

Divers were contracted by council and the Ministry for Primary Industries to conduct surveillance in the Mangonui Harbour for *Sabella spallanzanii* (Mediterranean fanworm) as a follow up in response to an incursion of Mediterranean fanworm in the harbour after a vessel was found with over fifty mature fanworm in 2020. No Mediterranean fanworm were located during the survey.

Matariki Ngātaki School hui

Council marine biosecurity staff attended a hui at Houhora heads with Ngātaki School to acknowledge Matariki through environmental monitoring. Students learned about ecosystem stability, being kaitiaki, and participated in a modified shellfish sampling exercise. Students were also introduced to marine biosecurity with discussions about the Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) as there had been a recent detection and response in the harbour after council divers detected this species on a vessel.



Ngātaki School students learning about Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) at Houhora Heads.

Invite to French Polynesia

The Marine Biosecurity Specialist Alessandra Smith has been invited to speak at events in Tahiti and Moorea, French Polynesia this September. The event aims to promote marine biosecurity and detection tools for non-indigenous marine species to research institutions, government agencies, and the communities. Working together will help nations in the South Pacific advance research, exchange knowledge and strengthen collaborations. This is an excellent opportunity for council to highlight our work in marine biosecurity on an international stage and support international marine biosecurity efforts.

PEST PLANTS

Pest plant seed germination trials

Biosecurity staff have been conducting trials on the seed viability for eradication pest mickey mouse plant (*Ochna serrulata*). Work to date has shown that both green and black berries will germinate when they are fresh (although green seed has lower germination rates), but seed viability drops significantly after the first month. This promising data has implications for the success of the eradication of this plant.



Mickey mouse plant seed planted at 3 monthly intervals but only fresh seed (far left) has germinated.

Similar trials with National Pest Plant Accord species *Araujia hortorum* (moth plant) pods has found viable seeds even in quite small pods (~5cm long) where they have been dried on cut off vines. This work empathises the importance of removing and disposing of all moth plant pods to prevent reinfestation.



Size doesn't matter...
Moth plant seed germinating from pods both large and small.

4.9.7 GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

Recently we were fortunate to have Tohunga Rereata Makiha celebrate with 30 staff and whanau at a Matariki Puanga event at the Hihiaua Cultural Centre and we were privileged to hear Rereata Makiha's kōrero on Puanga-Matariki and his stories of traditional practice and the Maramataka. He was joined by Dallas King and Te Kaurinui Parata to present the "Korero Tuku Iho" initiatives and projects they are rolling out across Aotearoa. Also an inaugural performance from the NRC staff kapa haka roopu being led out by Stella Kake-Schmid to bring values of whanaungatanga and kōtahitanga to life within NRC kaimahi.



Te Tiriti Health Check Update

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) recommended, based on their experience in the areas of Treaty audits and similar reviews across councils in NZ, that Paul Beverley, Buddle Findlay and Tai Ahu, Whāia Legal be contracted as the independent evaluators of NRC's performance against the Te Arawhiti Māori Crown Relations Framework as per the benchmarking and setting of expectations as below.

Confirmation of independent evaluators

After the March 2022 TTMAC meeting, approval was sought and received from the NRC Chief Executive to engage the services of Buddle Findlay (Paul Beverly) and Whāia Legal (Tai Ahu) to assist in the delivery of council's Long Term Plan (LTP) Independent Treaty Health Check. The budget for the health check is \$50,000 for Year 1, subsequent years \$25,000 per annum for review. There is also \$100,000 per annum allocated for implementation of recommendations.

The programme of works is now being confirmed by council, TTMAC and NRC's Executive Leadership Team, and Treaty Health Check collation of data has commenced by Paul Beverly and Tai Ahu. TTMAC tangata whenua members will guide and lead a comprehensive check of council's performance.

Te Whāriki Māori Responsiveness Framework

Level 2 Workshop Delivery

Vicky Morrison-Shaw (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Pākehā) attended and presented at the most recent Te Whāriki workshop. Vicky's experience spans environmental, local government, resource management, public and Māori law issues. The presentation covered the idea of integrating Mātauranga Māori into environmental decision making and she was able to share a few examples of the importance of this approach across the country. At this workshop we also engaged the services of David Tapene (Ngāti Hau, Ngāpuhi). David is well known across Te Taitokerau for his contribution and commitment to building knowledge and competency in regard to Maori performing arts internationally.

Approximately 30 staff attended from across the organization and the feedback given regarding the one-day training is provided from some of the attendees below:

Question: Has your understanding of how to work with Māori improved after completing this workshop?

- *Yes, better understanding of key concepts*
- *I learned more about the difference between The Treaty and Te Tiriti*
- *Better understanding of Te Tiriti and challenging traditional European approaches to how we do things*
- *Has cemented a few things and I have been working in Te Taitokerau for a long time*
- *We need to do this more regularly to keep building our knowledge and embedding Tikanga into our community engagement actions*



Staff attending Level 2 Workshop at Kaka Porowini marae

Economic development: Examples from the Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park

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 of climate change, ownership and governance process for the Park, and training collaboration with NorthTec.

Northern Waters – Te Wai Ora Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Investment and Growth Reserve – Projects Report

Project	Update	Future developments/ reporting
REL	Repayment proposal agreed by all parties.	Monitor repayments

Other Work Undertaken

- **Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (JREDC)** – Organised JREDC visit to the Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park on 17 June. The visit included a tour of the Kaikohe Berryfruit LP developments and Matawii reservoir. The quarterly workshop with Northland Inc was held at Te Kona in Kaikohe.
- **Water storage** – Council workshops held to present investment options of the Kaipara and Mid-North water storage schemes being developed by Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust.
- **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC)** – Organised an economic development update at the TTMAC meeting on 9 June. Ngati Rangi presented on their manuka oil distillery and Northland Inc on the skills development and workforce management work being undertaken at the Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park.
- **Land Use Geospatial Layer Project** – Managed the evaluation of the tenders received on the RFP published on GETS.
- **CLUES scenarios and costings** – The scenario costings report results were presented to the Primary Sector Liaison Group on 21 June.
- **Northland Economic Quarterly (NEQ)** – June issue prepared, distributed and available online at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/jvnf45rx/economic-quarterly-issue-34-june-2022.pdf>. The annual section reports on agricultural data for the year ended June 2021 while the spotlight section examines some of the impacts of the latest Covid-19 restrictions on Northland’s economy. The NEQ is available through council’s eNewsletter service, sign-up at: www.nrc.govt.nz/enewsletters

ONLINE CHANNELS

Most popular content on Facebook: Facebook post on our media release about “Total Mobility comes to the Far North” (10 June 2022). Reaching 4,082 customers and with engagement of 143.

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

Key Performance Indicators	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apl-22	May-22	Jun-22
WEB					

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# Visits to the NRC website	34,400	35,900	37,900	31,600	26,946
E-payments made	16	14	7	11	14
# subscription customers (cumulative)	1,385	1,378	1,368	1,366	1,365
SOCIAL MEDIA (cumulative)					
# Twitter followers	1,566	1,564	1,570	1,580	1,590
# NRC Facebook followers	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,700	10,682
# NRC Overall Facebook Reach	207,200	189,900	62,700	44,000	102,991
# NRC Engaged Daily Users	4,807	8,442	3,838	3,507	5,011
# CDEM Facebook fans	26,200	26,300	26,300	26,300	26,305
# CDEM Overall Facebook Reach	171,100	103,300	111,100	37,000	6,569
# CDEM Engaged Daily Users	19,500	5,564	7,168	1,895	147
# Instagram followers	1,506	1,520	1,526	1,540	1,547

ENVIROSCHOOLS / EDUCATION

Kete Aronui - Taking climate action

During June, 30 Kete Aronui - taking climate action kits - were delivered begun to Enviroschools. This - and a Google drive of resources - was our hybrid response to being unable to hold the Enviroschools Encounter events. The kete contains materials and korero for primary schools to measure rainfall and soil moisture (climate action: conserving water), set up a Bokashi waste management system (processing waste on site), make seed bombs (improving biodiversity), grow microgreens and vegies and make your own kai (grow your own food and reduce food miles), experiment with a solar kit (use renewable energy sources) and create a water catchment (find out about NRC large scale climate action - flood protection works).

Two dune lakes education days held

On 1 and 14 June, dune lakes education days were held at Rotokawau (Pouto) and Waiporohita (Karikari), respectively. The later formed part of a Noho Taiao event. The Biodiversity and Enviroschools teams led the organisation and action stations focused on water quality, pest and native fish, kākahi and tuna.

Youth Engagement at the governance level

On 8 June, members of the Community Engagement team ran a workshop with Whangarei District Council's Whangarei Youth Advisory Group. The Interactive workshop gained insight into what worked well and what could be improved for the group. It also provided information on what a diverse, authentic and region-wide youth voice might look like at Northland Regional Council.

Enviroschools Silver celebration

On 9 June, Cr Rick Stolwerk joined Portland Kindergarten on becoming a Silver Enviroschool. Having implemented Green Walks, a firepit and intergenerational knowledge sharing, the Kindergarten intends to initiate Pest Free Portland, introduce beehives and a pātaka kai

Matariki celebrations

Throughout Matariki, over 20 planting days were held by Enviroschools throughout the region. Other celebrations included kai sharing, artworks and community events.

Project Pest Control held in the Far North

From 28 – 30 June, 60 senior secondary students from five secondary schools – Kaitaia Abundant Life, Kaitaia College, Northland College, Okaihau College and Taipa Area Schools – took part in the Far North Project Pest Control skills course at Lonsdale Park, near Kaeo. The Biosecurity and Enviroschools teams were joined by the NDHB, Can Train NZ and DOC Livestock in running the event.

Enviroschools communities facilitated

During June Enviroschools Facilitators held specific interactions with 52 school and early childhood communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communications

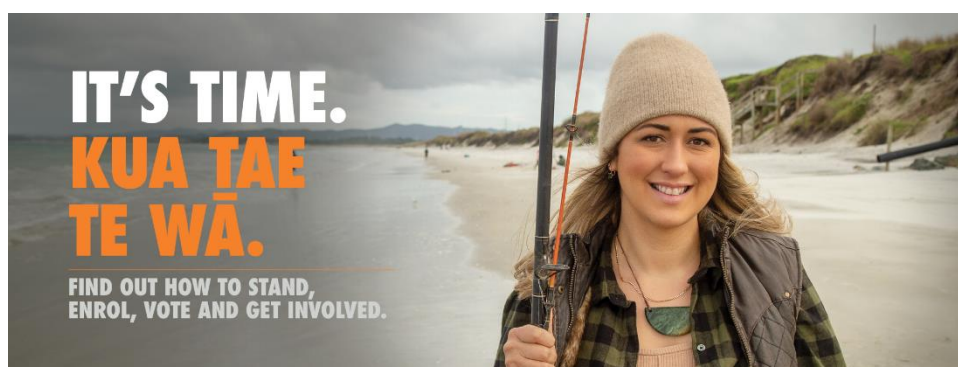
Four media releases went out in June on the following topics:

- Heads-up of nominations opening for future councillors
- Total mobility scheme coming to Far North
- Kiwi Coast partnership renewed
- Adoption of annual plan

Local elections

Our first future councillor information session took place at Hihiaua Cultural Centre on 22 June in conjunction with WDC. Around 45 people attended the first session, which included a panel session and feedback was positive. Further sessions are planned throughout July across the region including a virtual session.

Our cross council-campaign is now live under the call to action of “it’s Time: Kua tae te wā” The [local elections website can be viewed here](#) and we have ads running across multiple channels including radio, social, print and bus-backs. The initial focus is on encouraging potential candidates to stand for nomination. In a few weeks’ time, this will switch to “vote” messaging.



Otiria-Moerewa and Panguru flood protection videos

2 videos have been finalised showcasing the work NRC has done alongside the community to address the flooding in the area. The videos highlight our social procurement policy in action. These videos were released on social media prior to the pre-election period, and we have encouraged the community themselves to share them as well.

[Watch the Panguru video](#)

[Watch the Otiria video](#)

New car branding

We have a number of new fleet vehicles which have been wrapped with NRC branding and imagery. These vehicles are a great visual way of raising awareness of NRC and what we do, as they travel across Te Taitokerau.



Northland Ballance Farm Environment Awards

The Northland Ballance Farm Environment Awards were held in Whangarei in mid-June. NRC sponsors an award for Water Quality Enhancement. This year's winners were Julian McPike and Trevor & Joy Smyth of Oneriri Station. We will be looking at PR opportunities to highlight their work and how it aligns with NRC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION (LGOIMA) REQUESTS

Total LGOIMAs	May 2020 to June 2021	May 2021 to June 2022
	16	17
Number of LGOIMAs not responded to within 20 working days		1

REQ.612486 was not responded to within 20 days as the information needed to be retrieved from external archives. The requestor was happy with this, and impressed by our ability to retrieve the records.

CUSTOMER SERVICES

Telephone inbound call statistics and enquiries

	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
Call volume via Customer Services	2254	2072	1558
Average wait time	7.6 secs	5.4 secs	9 secs

Telephone call volume over the last three years

	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022
Call volume via Customer Services	20812	30566	23669

Mailroom email processing performance

	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
Mail processed	716	913	677

Satisfaction monitoring

Nine complaints were received for the month of June.

Feedback cards, compliments, and complaints

Compliments received	Total
Feedback cards	0
Total compliments recorded	0

Complaints received	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Link Customer Service Land Management 	7 1 1
Total complaints recorded	9

4.9.8 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

TRANSPORT

REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING

Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021/2027 – Three Year Review

Section 18CA of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 directs that: -

18CA Review of regional land transport plans

- (1) *A regional transport committee must complete a review of the regional land transport plan during the 6-month period immediately before the expiry of the third year of the plan.*
- (2) *In carrying out the review, the regional transport committee must have regard to the views of representative groups of land transport users and providers.*

It is important to note at this time, is that the above will depend on the Strategic Objectives and Priorities contained in the yet to be released Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024/2027 (GPS).

Should the GPS contain significant changes that will affect the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021/2027, this could potentially trigger a complete rewrite of the plan. This rewrite will take approximately 24 months to complete.

Should the GPS remain unchanged or contain minor changes that do not affect the Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021/2027, then there is the option to either review the plan or continue with no changes.

A briefing paper on the above will be tabled at the 2 August 2022 Regional Transport Committee meeting.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION

Bus Link stats for June 2022 (revenue ex GST)	Actual	Budget	Variance	Year/Date Actual	Year/Date Budgeted	Variance
CityLink Passengers	28,109	26,429	1,680	283,364	317,496	-34,132
CityLink Revenue	\$35,058	\$34,093	\$965	\$358,491	\$409,569	-\$51,078
Mid North Link Passengers	243	108	135	1,841	1,680	161
Mid North Link Revenue	\$789	\$540	\$249	\$6,576	\$8,400	-\$1,824
Hokianga Link Passengers	84	54	30	912	834	78
Hokianga Link Revenue	\$330	\$376	-\$46	\$4,740	\$5,801	-\$1,061
Far North Link Passengers	322	396	-74	2,998	4,623	-1,625
Far North Link Revenue	\$639	\$1,001	-\$362	\$6,767	\$11,696	-\$4,929
Bream Bay Link Passengers	65	30	35	568	312	256
Bream Bay Link Revenue	\$230	\$108	\$122	\$3,217	\$1,123	\$2,094
Hikurangi Link Passengers	14	30	-16	218	300	-82
Hikurangi Link Revenue	\$36	\$78	-\$42	\$503	\$814	-\$311

* = 50% Farebox + 50% Waka Kotahi

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

Whangārei CityLink Bus Service – Antisocial Behavior

Damage to the contracted CityLink buses continues with several incidents relating to graffitiing, burning and cutting of seats reported during the month under review.

In an effort to stop this damage, staff make use of the following to try and identify the perpetrators:

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- Driver incident reports.
- On bus video footage.
- Reports from the public.
- Security at Rose Street Bus Terminus.
- Whangārei District Council and CitySafe.
- New Zealand Police.
- Ritchies.

Unfortunately, the above is not always successful, and whilst the operator makes every effort to make the relevant repairs as soon as is practicable, some vehicles will be released into service with

repairs pending. This does not provide a good image of a service that staff have spent so much time trying to grow and promote.

Due to verbal abuse and threats previously experienced, staff and drivers have been asked if they witness such behavior, not to confront the perpetrators but to report to the relevant authority. Staff continue to meet with Ritchies, New Zealand Police, Whangarei District Council staff and elected members through the Joint WDC NRC Public Transport Working Party in regards the above.

National Bus Driver Shortage

This national issue continues to worsen, with the Whangārei CityLink services being impacted on Monday 27 June 2022 resulting in 9 trips having to be dropped. Notices were placed on the CityLink website, Facebook and TrackaBus advising the public of the disruptions.

Staff continue to monitor the situation and work with the contracted companies to identify and implement remedial action where possible. This situation will continue for the foreseeable future.

Half Price Fares

Half price fares will continue until 31 August 2022. From 1 September 2022, half price fares will only be applicable to those persons holding a Community Services Card. The variance in actual fare to discounted fare will be covered by the government.

Rose Street Bus Terminus Upgrade

The Rose Street Bus Terminus on road upgrade is scheduled to be completed mid-July with an opening ceremony planned for 18th July 2022.

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
May 2022	1258	\$27,905	\$25,000	+\$2,905	\$221,134	\$275,000	-\$53,866

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 May, the fares forgone were \$13,640, making the sum of Total Mobility figures - \$41,544.

This government initiative will cease at the end of 31 August 2022.

Total Mobility Scheme – Far North

The Far North Total Mobility Scheme is on track to go live Friday 1 July 2022.

The service will be starting out in the Kerikeri area. The approved Transport Operator – Driving Miss Daisy (DMD), based in Kerikeri, has had the equipment installed to take the Total Mobility electronic

swipe cards that are linked to the system “Ridewise”. Northland Transport Alliance staff are working with the operator to finalise health and safety documents and driving training.

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Road Trauma Update

Road Fatalities Statistics for the period **1 January 2021 – 4 July 2021**

Fatalities Jan – June 2021	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	2	2	2	6	80
State highways	5	3	6	14	67
TOTAL	7	5	8	20	147

Road Fatalities Statistics for the period **1 January 2022 – 4 July 2022**

Fatalities Jan – June 2022	Far North	Whangārei	Kaipara	Northland	National
Local roads	3	3	0	6	100
State highways	6	3	2	11	87
TOTAL	9	6	2	17	187

Motorcycle Safety - Ride Forever (R4E) Rider Training Update 2021/2022 Year End (Another Covid affected year)

- R4E – 2020/2021 – 186 riders completed the three courses
- R4E – 2021/2022 – 182 riders have completed courses to date:
 - Bronze Course – 78
 - Silver Course – 50
 - Gold Course – 54

Motorcycle safety continues to be a high priority area of interest and focus. There have now been five motorcyclists killed on Northland roads since the beginning of this year. These crashes will be further investigated by the Police and the Coroner.

Work continues on development of the draft Northland Motorcycle Safety Strategy.

ACC continues to lead the Ride Forever Programme and together with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency are placing safety messaging on high risk and travelled motorcycle routes around Northland.



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

Alcohol & Distractions.

Northland continues to promote the importance of wearing seatbelts.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

NATIONAL

Work continues with the Trifecta programme - NEMA's Regulatory Framework Review. Timeframes for the delivery of the bill have been extended, and a new timeline has yet to be released or confirmed.

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 has been completed. The Monitoring, Alerting and Reporting (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 National Coordination Centre (NCC)/National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) is activated.

NEMA has launched and is developing several national public education campaigns. Flooding is the number one hazard in Aotearoa in frequency and cost but has historically not been a primary focus for hazard public education. During floods, there are reports, images and videos in the media of people at serious risk in flood waters. Print, social media, video, and radio adverts are being developed for use during readiness and response. The campaign will be delivered in two parts:

- **Get the Flood Out** - The Get The Flood Out advertising is intended to be delivered in readiness. In order to grab the attention of those who may be more likely to place themselves at risk. The campaign uses bold graphics and a play on words telling people to GTFO (get the flood out).
- **Flood Waters are Deep Trouble** - The Flood Waters are Deep Trouble campaign will be deployed when severe weather likely to result in flooding is forecast (particularly if a red weather warning is in place) or when flooding is already occurring.

Tsunami evacuation zone campaign (and Long or Strong, Get Gone)

A tsunami evacuation zone advertising campaign is being rolled out in support of the launch of the online Aotearoa Tsunami Evacuation Map. The "Own Your Zone" campaign is focused on people taking responsibility for knowing whether they live, work, or go to school in a tsunami evacuation zone.

REGIONAL

The Welfare Coordination Group held a meeting on 3 June 2022, the Northland CDEM Group Meeting and Northland Coordinating Executive Group Meeting meet on 14 June 2022. Work programmes that make up the Service Level Agreements for the three councils have been developed and are now with each of the respective councils for feedback and sign off.

Work continues to progress on the Northland Tsunami Siren Network Upgrade. A representative from HSS, the contractor building the siren units visited Northland in June. The next priority for the project is to develop the tender for the next stages of the project including engineering, Geotech and installation.

The feasibility study and concept design for the Multi Agency Coordination Centre (MACC) have been completed and discussions have also commenced between the contributing stakeholders on the ownership model.

Tutukaka Marina Management Trust hosted a meeting with the Northland Regional Council Harbourmaster and four members of the Northland CDEM team on Thursday 23 June 2022 at the Tutukaka Marina. Discussion was had around the impacts, outcomes and learnings resulting from the tsunami surge event that impacted the marina on 15 January 2022.

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.

MARITIME

There were 17 maritime incidents logged in June, including two vessels sinking on their moorings, and another running aground.

The Matariki public holiday was a busy weekend, in the Far North a vessel ran aground at Kuririki Bay east of Tapuaetahi Bay, Purerua Peninsula. The vessel was purchased by a new owner on Thursday afternoon and wrecked after it hit rocks later that night. All fuel and oil were removed by the maritime team, and a contractor organised to remove the vessel. An environmental assessment was undertaken after removal. The team liaised with local Iwi throughout who assisted with local advice and thanked the team for prompt action taken.

The same weekend a vessel sunk on a mooring in Whangaruru Harbour with 600lt of diesel on board; oil spill booms were deployed to contain spillage and a dive team mobilised to refloat the vessel. A further vessel that sunk of Onerahi was refloated the following week. Costs will be recovered where possible.

Recruitment was successfully carried out to fill a vacancy as a Maritime Officer starting later in July.

The harbourmaster participated in a national exercise organised by LINZ, testing the use of data available from different agencies and assisted running an oil spill training/assessment course in Auckland. Also, attending with CDEM, a meeting in Tutukaka reviewing the tsunami impacts earlier in the year and reviewing options to modify the harbour to mitigate future tsunami effects.

Modelling has been carried out by various experts and it's considered a modification and move of the southern breakwater would improve the safety of the marina.

The deputy harbourmaster organised a joint oil spill exercise at Marsden point and assisted Marine Pollution Response Service (MPRS) in training staff based at Marsden Point from Northport, Channel Infrastructure Ltd and North Tugz Ltd over a further two days.

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 & river levels permitting).</p> <p>Contract 21/10 - Rugby Club. Earthworks 80% complete. Rock revetment is phased to continue into winter (materials & 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	<p>Stage 1 is nearing completion. Stage 2 Bridge tender on GETS (Government Electronic Tenders Service) closed 23 June. An outcome from the Māori Land Court hearing should be known mid-July to guide progression of stage 2.</p>
Kerikeri	<p>Waipapa Industrial Estate Flood Mitigation is approximate 85% completed. Because of the wet weather the site has been winterise for completion next year.</p>

NATURAL HAZARDS

Work Streams	Status	Comments
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Whangārei (CBD) River Catchment Flood Model	78% 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>
Website Natural Hazards Portal	95% complete	<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 due to internal GIS (Geographic Information System) resourcing.</u> Prior to that we will be presenting this to our Councilors, 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 & Mitigation Options</p>	<p>92% 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 whilst a peer review is taking place. <u>The project has been slightly delayed and is now expected to be completed no later than the end of August 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; support is being provided to KDC on all aspects of the engagement process, first public engagement was held from the 16-19 June which was extremely well organised and attended.</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 our commitment to DCs prior to the publication of the coastal hazard maps. In relation to the above we are supporting WDC with their up-and-coming Plan Change and Rules for “Natural Hazards, Hazardous Substances and Esplanade Areas”. A public feedback period was held, 22,000 letter drop, before going to full public engagement expected to be by the end of 2022. Support was provided in planning and policy as well as in relation to the hazard maps. Similar support will be provided for KDC, Plan Changes Engagement expected end of July, and FNDC whose Plan Changes Engagement is expected end of 2022.</p>

Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy (TTCAS): Professional Services Panel	Ongoing	<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), 6th 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 <u>delayed to the 15th of July 2022 due to the high volume of respondents</u>.</p> <p>The assessment will be conducted by representatives from all four councils.</p>
Natural Hazards Work Programme 2022-23	Ongoing	<p>Our current tentative programme, though not exclusive and in addition to the 'business-as-usual' tasks, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the next generation of our Priority Rivers hydraulic models / flood maps commencing with: Waima & Punakitere Catchment (consultant has been engaged) and Kaihu Catchment (in collaboration with KDC) • Regional beach profiles, including dunes, and coastal shorelines: this data and coastal erosion data has been analysed and reported upon by Auckland University (GIS spatial) and collected by NRC over many years though not for the whole coastline. We will be developing a 'tool,' which is based on our current data and coastal erosion hazard data (T&T), which informs us on our coastal erosion strategy, work programme, implementation and accessible to the public. This will be in collaboration with our science colleagues and DCs. • Completion of our flood warning system for Awanui (DHI has been engaged for this) with input and co-lead from our hydrology and science colleagues and CDEM (Civil Defence Emergency Management). • Completion of our hydraulic modelling guidelines for our region. Beca has been engaged for this project and is a collaborative approach amongst all our regional councils and will be peer reviewed by Auckland Council. • Scoping out and phased implementation of drought, landslide / geotechnical instability mapping for the region in collaboration with our science colleagues and DCs. Nationally, in relation to the foresaid, we are members of the following steering / reference

		<p>groups to support (and vice versa) our strategic approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Risk and Resilience Portal - Local Government Reference Group (EQC), Soils Conservation Strategy Group (Regional), Te Uru Kahika Hub (Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa) Hazard Risk Management Group (SIG Portal), Te Uru Kahika (Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa) response to drought engagement, Hazard Risk Management SIG – Landslides, NIWA Drought Forecasting Group, Flood Warning Steering Group
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NORTHLAND WIDE LIDAR SURVEY

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

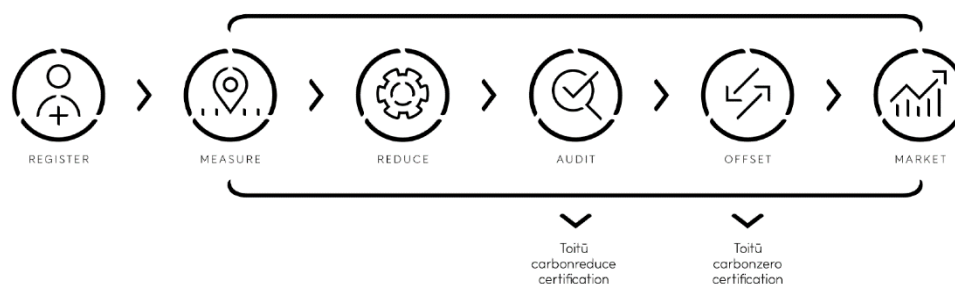
CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE

The council Climate Change Strategy “*Ngā Taumata o te Moana*” and Implementation Plan touches every aspect of Council business, so progress is on-going. 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.

Climate change considerations have been included in council’s draft procurement framework, the New Initiative planning process and work is underway to update Council report templates. This will prompt staff to ensure climate change is explicitly factored into and considered in key decision-making. These are not insignificant changes, and it is envisaged it will lead to a step-change in climate impact awareness within the organisation that will lead to better outcome for Te Taitokerau.

Toitū are engaged in activities to baseline our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, certify our accounting and provide advice on where further reductions could occur. It is expected to take up to 5 months to get to certification stage (see below sequence). Over the next 2-3 months' work will include:

- ✓ Prepare a plan and project team
- ✓ Setting the base year and reporting period
- ✓ Setting organisational boundaries
- ✓ Set operational boundaries, identify emissions sources and set scopes
- ✓ Collect and enter emissions source data into the calculation software
- ✓ Generate emission results from the calculation software



Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy (TTCAS) - Programme Implementation

All four Northland councils that form part of the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee have formally adopted the Te Tai Tokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy.

- Far North District Council – adopted 22 March 2022
- Northland Regional Council – adopted 26 April 2022
- Kaipara District Council – adopted 27 April 2022
- Whangarei District Council – adopted 28 April 2022

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). Implementation on many actions is ongoing. See www.catt.org.nz.

In June, Council formally endorsed the submission sent into the draft National Adaptation Plan by the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee. Staff also presented about the Strategy process at the Taituarā Climate Change conference in June (online).

Stakeholder engagement has occurred with the Northland District Health Board, Collaboration Taitokerau (primary industry/rural sector collective), Climate Action Te Taitokerau (Peter Bruce-Iri), Northland Inc, Auckland University and other researchers with staff also attending the Carbon and Energy Professionals conference in Rotorua.

Staff continue to support KDC's adaptation pilot project at Raupo/Ruawai. Open days were held over 4 days at the Ruawai Memorial Hall in June with staff from across NRC supporting Kaipara District's team. – see <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/news/post/350-Ruawai-Flats-Our-Stories-Our-Future>

Whangārei District Council, on behalf of the Northern Councils is investigating the development of a Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework for local government (the Framework). It is intended to respond directly to the way decisions are currently being made by local authorities. It is intended that the Framework is considered when making decisions at all stages on projects, policy or plans that may impact on the cultural values of Iwi and hapū. The project also seeks to understand what 'Climate Change' means from a Te Ao Māori perspective in Te Tai Tokerau. The Framework is Priority Action # 2 within the Te Tai Tokerau Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

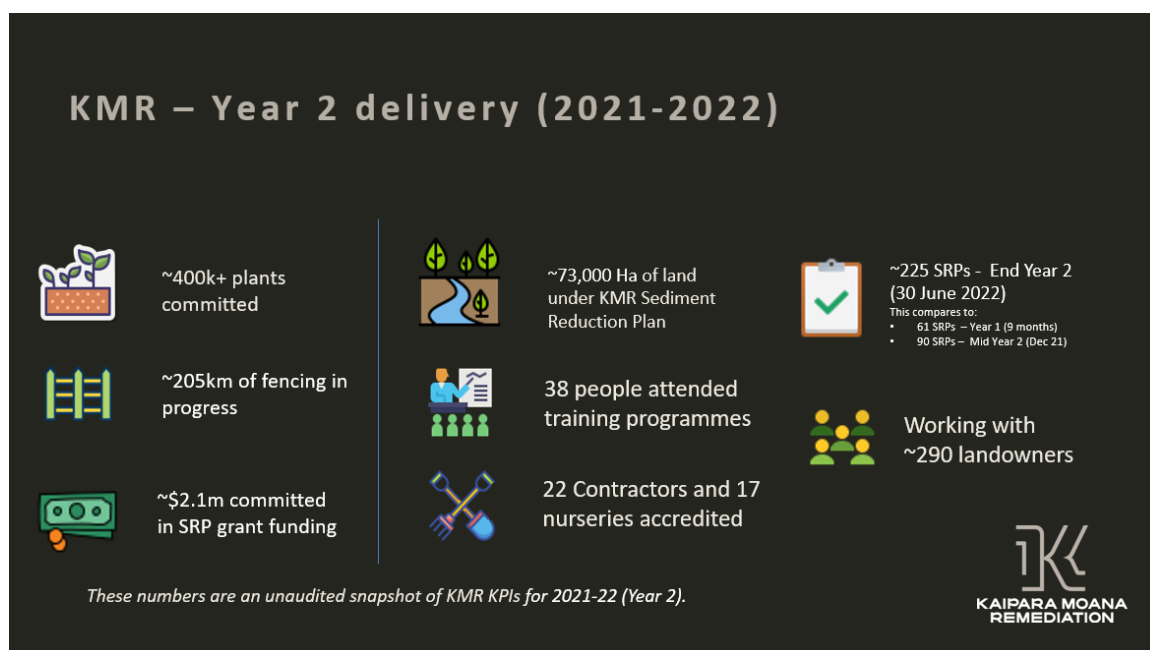
Following on from discussions at the last Climate Change Working Party, staff from across the four councils have met to discuss a potential new climate governance framework. This includes discussions about the ongoing roles and responsibilities of the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee, the ongoing role of NRC's Climate Change Working Party and how these could be streamlined and improved to better support climate change adaptation and mitigation activities across the region. Staff from each Council are now researching and ideating potential climate

governance arrangements, with the intention to come back together in July to agree on a potential way forward. This will result in a proposal that could be delivered post-election.

4.9.9 KAIPARA MOANA REMEDIATION

KMR has made ongoing progress in scaling up sediment reduction mitigation projects in the Kaipara catchment. Our (unaudited) Year 2 programme returns against our KPIs is shown in the infographic below, with demonstrated strong delivery from a low base over the 7 months since the Kaipara Maurikura was formed. KMR delivery against the KPIs in the Year 2 Annual Work Plan are as follows:

- 225 Sediment Reduction Plans completed or in progress at year end (this compares to a KPI target of 248 Plans; and 61 Plans completed in Year 1)
- 73,000 Hectares of land covered by a Sediment Reduction Plan* (KPI target of 50,000 Ha; 11,413 Ha in Year 1)
- 205km of fencing completed or committed (KPI target of 168 km; 93.57 km in Year 1)
- 400,000 plants completed (planted) or committed (agreed in Plan) (KPI target of 650,000; 156,606 Ha in Year 1).



*When KMR's digital tools suite is available, we will also be able to report on the area of project works.

KMR's growing focus on 'growing people while we grow trees' has meant ongoing delivery in our Workforce Development programme, which spans training, mentoring, accreditation and building future career pathways (with partner support). KMR has trained 51 people since November 2021, since the programme began. Approximately 20% are now contracted as KMR Field Advisors. Last week, we ran a 4th KMR Field Advisor **training course** in Auckland. The statistics below are testament to KMR's commitments to working with Kaipara Uri partners and bringing an equity lens to all aspects of our programme:

- 13 trainees, 7 of whom were women
- 11 trainees were of tangata whenua affiliation, including Te Roroa, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara kaitiaki

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil