

**Report 06.507**  
10 August 2006  
File: E/6/21/2

**Minutes of the Ara Tahi meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 9 August 2006, at 10.00am**

**Present**

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| <i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>                                 | Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene                     |
| <i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua</i> | Thomas Paku, Charles Morunga, Peter Flynn       |
| <i>Taranaki Whanui</i>  | Ihaia Puketapu, Teri Puketapu                   |
| <i>Ngati Raukawa</i>  | Rupene Waaka, Te Waari Carkeek, Richard Orzecki |
| <i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>                            | Jack Rikihana                                   |
| <i>Wellington Tenth</i>                                       | Liz Mellish, Mark Te One                        |
| <i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>                    | Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver               |

**Officers Present**

Joe Hewitt, Jason Kerehi, Margaret Meek, Tami Woods and Amy Norrish

**Also Present**

Cr McDavitt, Bev James, Graham Spargo and Robert Quigley

**Procedural Items**

## 1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Te Waari Carkeek offered the karakia.

## 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Richard Orzecki)*

*That the apologies from Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Graeme Hastilow and Miria Pomare (all from Ngati Toa Rangatira), for absence be confirmed.*

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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*Resolved*

*(Ian Buchanan/Thomas Paku)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 14 June 2006 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Update on Regional Land Transport Strategy Review

Joe Hewitt, Manager, Transport Strategy Development spoke to the report and gave a presentation providing an overview of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). Joe Hewitt emphasised that the RLTS is a living document which relies on a number of different agencies to work. Joe Hewitt advised that the Regional Land Transport Committee anticipated that the RLTS would be adopted by April 2007.

Joe Hewitt introduced Robert Quigley, of Quigley and Watts Health Consultants, to the group. Robert Quigley has been looking at the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as part of the development of the RLTS. Robert Quigley gave a presentation to the group about why the HIA was important to the RLTS. Robert Quigley advised that on Friday 12 August a stakeholder workshop was being held to look at how the draft RLTS might affect health and wellbeing or whānau ora.

In response to a question by Liz Mellish, Joe Hewitt commented that sea and air transport are not covered by the RLTS, because the RLTS only looks at land transport, however he did note that harbour ferries were included in the RLTS under buses.

Liz Mellish also commented that no Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) was being undertaken. Joe Hewitt advised that it would be for the Regional Land Transport Committee to consider whether a CIA should be undertaken. Robert Quigley advised that he supported the request for a CIA. Terry McDavitt, Chairperson of the Regional Land Transport Committee, commented that CIAs have proven to be of strong value when considering

specific transport initiatives, but noted that the RLTS looked at the issue of how much public money would be put into roading and public transport. He advised that if a CIA were done for the RLTS it would only look at the above issue.

The group discussed the changing nature of transport. Joe Hewitt noted that part of the RLTS process is review, and that the RLTS may need to be adjusted in the future to meet these changing needs.

#### **Report 06.375**

**File: TP/01/04/02**

*Resolved that Ara Tahi*

*(Jack Rikihana/Teri Puketapu)*

(1) *Receives the report.*

(2) *Notes the content of the report.*

### **5. Wellington Regional Strategy Update – Oral Report**

Graham Spargo, Project Manager, Wellington Regional Strategy provided an update on the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS). He advised that Greater Wellington has now appointed a new standing committee which will be completing consultation on the WRS. Graham Spargo advised that an aim was to have a working draft of the WRS by 4 September 2006.

Ian Buchanan advised that it was intended that the Committee would have a member who was able to represent Maori and that he would consult with the Chair of Ara Tahi to help determine an appropriate candidate. The group discussed the difficulty in having one person to represent the views of all iwi in the region. Rupene Waaka commented that he believed there should be an equal number of Māori and non-Maori on the Committee.

In response to a question by Teri Puketapu, Ian Buchanan advised that the Interim WRS Committee would consult with all the people in the Wellington region, including iwi.

Liz Mellish enquired whether the new Committee would report back to Ara Tahi. Ian Buchanan advised that they would if Ara Tahi requested it.

Jack Rikihana requested that people advise him of any suggested candidates in the next few days.

Mark Te One left the meeting at 12.10pm and advised the group that Sir Paul Reeves was being appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal on Friday 11 August.

### **6. Ara Tahi Logo**

Jason Kerehi spoke to the report, He advised that the report had been presented in response to a request from Ara Tahi at the last meeting. The group discussed the merits of a logo.

**Report 06.370****File: X/16/07/01***Resolved that Ara Tahī:**(Ihaia Puketapu/ Jack Rikihana)*

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Decides to develop a logo to represent Ara Tahī.*

**7. Hui a Ara Tahī - Presentation**

Te Waari Carkeek gave the Hui a Ara Tahī presentation that is intended to be given to the Council. Alma Mihaere commended Te Waari for his presentation. In response to a question from Chris Turver, Te Waari advised that he intended to give the presentation to the Council once he had received information from all the iwi. Ihaia Puketapu nominated Te Waari Carkeek to give the eventual presentation to the Council. Ara Tahī noted that the next two Council meetings are on 12 September and 17 October 2006. Thomas Paku noted that he had not been contacted or involved in the presentation.

**Report 06.371****File: X/16/07/01***Resolved that Ara Tahī**(Liz Mellish/Alma Mihaere)*

- (1) ***Receives** the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Notes the request for information from individual iwi to be given directly to Te Waari Carkeek by the end of August.*
- (4) *Decides that Te Waari Carkeek should make the presentation to Council.*

**8. Changes to Iwi Funding**

Jason Kerehi spoke to the report and noted that changes to iwi capacity building will take effect immediately and that proposals for next year's funding (07/08) need to be submitted through the Council's annual planning process from November 2006. Proposals for iwi project funding for the 06/07 financial year will still be accepted as usual. In response to a question from Teri Puketapu, Ian Buchanan noted that consideration of proposals would be taken by either Council officers or the Council, depending on the level and size of the proposal. Jack Rikihana stressed the importance of reporting back to the Council on how money has been spent. Ian Buchanan noted that the issue of scholarships will be considered at the next Ara Tahī

**Report 06.373****File: X/16/07/01***Resolved that Ara Tahī**(Jack Rīkihāna/Liz Mellish)*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report, in particular the new iwi funding structure.***

**9. Report – Policy Advisor Maori - August**

Jason Kerehi presented this report. He advised that Tami Woods and Bev James had come along to the meeting to talk with iwi about the review of the Regional Policy Statement.

Ihaia Puketapu requested that an update on iwi funding expenditure be provided at each Ara Tahī meeting. In response to a question from Teri Puketapu, Ian Buchanan advised that funding variances go into Greater Wellington's operating surplus and do not roll over from one year to the next. Ian Buchanan stated that he would get Barry Turfrey, the Chief Financial Officer, to speak to Teri Puketapu about operating surpluses.

Liz Mellish and Chris Turver left the meeting at 1.00pm.

Teri Puketapu brought up the issue of funding and noted that Maori are ratepayers and taxpayers and yet only receive a small amount of funding from the Council. A general discussion took place about the Council's Annual Plan and Ara Tahī funding. The Group decided that funding should be put on the agenda for the Hui a Ara Tahī.

*Resolved**(Thomas Paku/Ihaia Puketapu)*

- (1) ***That iwi funding should be placed on the agenda for the Hui a Ara Tahī at the end of the year.***

Teri Puketapu commented on the need for an Iwi Management Plan for each iwi and the status such plans have at the Environment Court.

**Report 06.374****File: X/16/07/01***Resolved that Ara Tahī**(Jack Rīkihāna/Thomas Paku)*

- (1) ***Receives the report.***
- (2) ***Notes the contents of the report.***

**11. General Business**

Richard Orzecki discussed the recent decision allowing Fonterra to pump waste water into the Manawatu river. The group discussed this decision. Jack Rikihana noted that the decision was made by commissioners and not by Horizons Regional Council.

Jason Kerehi advised that Chris Turver had asked him to congratulate the three Ara Tahī members who had received Iwi Accreditation, Liz Burge, Liz Mellish and Jack Rikihana. The group agreed that Heitia Raureti and Te Waari Carkeek should sit accreditation in either September or October.

The meeting concluded at 1:20pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahī is 27 September 2006.

**Jack Rikihana**  
Chairperson

Date: