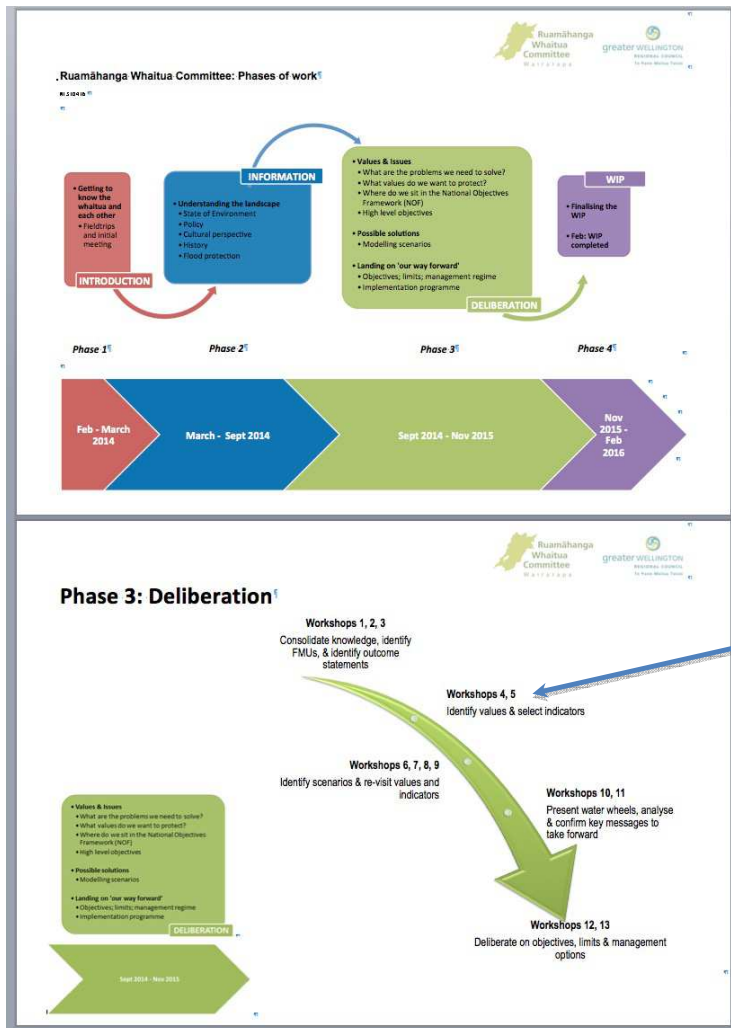


Meeting Notes: Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

Deliberations Phase 3 - Workshop 12

October 13 2015 4:00pm – 8:30pm

Greytown Community Library



Summary This report summarises notes from a workshop of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee held October 13 at Greytown Community Library.

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A Workshop Attendees

Workshop Attendees

Chris Laidlaw, Aidan Bichan, Mike Birch, Andy Duncan, Esther Dijkstra, Peter Gawith, David Holmes, Colin Olds, Mike Birch, Russell Kawana, Ra Smith Philip Palmer

Kat Banyard, Michelle Rush, Alastair Smaill, Andrew Stewart, Natasha Tomic, Emily Greenberg, Horipo Rimene

Apologies: Vanessa Tipoki, Rebecca Fox, Mike Ashby, David Holmes, Brigitte De Barletta, Mike Grace

B Workshop Purpose

Workshop Purpose

Purposes

1. To discuss and confirm the purpose, timing and format of the planned public forum
2. To discuss and confirm the Value Groupings and descriptions
3. To review and confirm attributes for the *Public Health* and *Recreation* Value sets

The first purpose was partially achieved.

The second purpose was partially achieved.

The third purpose was held over to the next workshop.

Agenda

Workshop outline

- 3:45 Arrivals
4:00 Welcome and Overview
4:15 **Session 1:** Public Forum
4:35 **Session 2:** Value Groupings Discussion
6:00 Dinner
6:30 **Session 3:** Review Attributes for Recreation & Public Health
7:45 General business
- Upcoming Project Planning
 - Papawai Marae meeting
 - East Coast Hill Country Conference
 - Other
 - Outline next meeting purpose, as per Deliberations Process
 - o Seek RWC input to agenda items
 - o Committee only or public
 - o Homework to prepare for next meeting
 - o Other upcoming events at which RWC involvement might be relevant/beneficial
- 8:00 Close
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C Actions and General Business

Actions

1) Public Forum

The notes from this session are in Section D below.

Action: Follow up at Project Planning day.

2) Values Review

The notes from this session are in Section D below.

Action: Project Team to incorporate the comments made and come back with revisions for RWC further discussion and decision.

Upcoming Events

Information about a series of upcoming events was shared. This included:

- 1) **Project Planning Session** for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee and Project Team - 28 October 2015, 12:30-4:30PM at GWRC offices, Masterton.
All RWC members welcome.
- 2) **Update to Te Upoko Taiao** – 26 November, 9:30AM start at the GWRC offices in Wellington.
Peter and Esther are providing an update to Te Upoko Taiao and it'll be an opportunity for Te Upoko Taiao to discuss the process. All RWC members welcome.
- 3) **Papawai Marae Wānanga** – 31 October 2015, 9AM-7PM, Papawai marae
RWC members welcome to attend any part of the day and don't need to stay the whole time.

- 4) **Red Bands to Red Tape** – 27 October 2015, Aidan and Mike A's farms – organised by Beef and Lamb. Contact Dave Cameron at GW for more information.
 - 5) **East Coast Hill Country Conference** – 29-30 Oct in Hastings. More information can be found:
<http://imthere.co.nz/event/111-east-coast-hill-country-conference-2015.html#>
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Next Meeting Next RWC meeting is **Monday 9 November**.

D Workshop Notes – Public Forum

Summary

Esther facilitated a discussion of the purpose, timing and potential speakers for a public forum, the idea for which had been identified earlier in the year.

Action: Project Team to report back on the areas in which a consensus was reached, and the areas that require further discussion and decision.

Forum Purpose & Format

- It was agreed that the Forum should have a local focus: that speakers needed to be able to talk to the Wairarapa context.
- It was agreed that there be an opportunity for the committee and community to hear economic speakers when there is feedback from the modelling to share.
- It was agreed that an opportunity be made to converse with WWUP.

Other ideas discussed, but upon which no specific consensus was reached were:

- That the forum give information back to the community
 - That it provide, and seek feedback on, the Values document.
 - That the forum provide an opportunity to hear innovations in both ‘good’ and ‘best’ management practices – perhaps from outside the region
 - That it be ‘solution based’ – both general, and Wairarapa specific
 - That RWC should provide a statement of the problem; that speakers should provide ideas on innovations to address these.
 - Ask speakers what practices they would propose for the ‘80%’ of people, both urban and rural; AND
 - What they saw for the innovators / cutting edge for the leading 20% going forward
 - That the NRP submissions should be synthesised to identify what Wairarapa-relevant solutions are being proposed in those.
 - That perhaps rather than one ‘forum’ there might be a series:
 - land activity management focus
 - water way management focus, e.g. natural character index
 - recreation focus
 - councillors / chief executives – district council issues focus (to happen later rather than sooner)
 - climate change focus.
 - **Action:** Discuss timing of these on the Project Planning day on October 28th.
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Potential Speakers

The list of potential speakers were assessed by RWC members against the criteria identified earlier in the year. This was:

- a) the information will help us build consensus at that point
 - b) the information is local and relevant
 - c) the information is relevant at this particular time in the process
 - d) the type of information is relevant for this time in the process, e.g. facts vs opinion.
- Zone Committees, Christina Rob
- Land activity management*
- Federated Farmers, Jamie Falloon, J R Orchards, Karen Williams Team Ag
- Water way management focus*
- Waste Water – Local knowledge, Wairarapa Water Users Group
Leo Vollebregt, Freshwater ecologist, Russell Death, Caleb Royal
- Climate Change*
- Ralph Sims/NIWA – Alex – GWRC
- Recreation*
- Hamish Carnahan, Fish and Game, Wairarapa Fishing Club

Other names considered but no longer determined as necessary to involve specifically at this stage were:

- Councillors, CEO's, Te Waari Carkeek
- Wairarapa Moana Inc.
- Information about the RMA
- Michael Woodcock, Environment matters – other options for water storage?
- Broad picture economics, Jaqueline Rowath, Gareth Morgan, Brian Easton, Allisson Dewes, Secondary Industry, Caroline Saunders.

D Workshop Notes – Values Review

Summary

Emily Greenberg gave a presentation on the review of the information received from the Community Engagement meetings held over the past eight months. The review highlighted a number of areas for consideration in regards the current value groupings, and the descriptions of each value grouping.

A structure discussion followed. The questions asked were as follows:

- 1) What were some of the themes Emily identified for consideration?
- 2) What were some of the questions she posed?
- 3) What surprised you?
- 4) What does this mean for the way we have grouped the values? Do we need to change anything?
(discussion wrapped here)
- 5) What is our confirmed value set? (Time constraints meant that this final question was not asked.)

Action: Project Team to revise the values set in accordance with the comments made and come back with revisions for RWC further discussion and decision on the revised values set.

What were some of the themes identified for consideration?

- Natural character
 - Connections
 - coastal environment
 - ground water
 - Tourism
 - Flood control
 - Biodiversity
 - Public access
 - Recreation
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What were some of the questions posed in the presentation?

- Where does natural character fit?
 - How are physical connections reflected in the values?
 - Where do site-specific values fit?
 - Where do public assets e.g. flood protection and flood management fit?
 - Where does tourism fit?
 - Where does public access fit?
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What surprised you?

- Natural character — and what did this mean?
 - knowing it's there - intrinsic value e.g. brands – beyond just fish habitat
 - Shape / dynamics how this affects us **and** connection (link here to cultural aspects)
- Coastal connection not being linked, e.g. influence of Ruamahanga on the coast
- Respect for human connection

- Tourism
 - Some of this is recreation. Depends on the **type** of tourism, e.g. solitude; it's not always about economics

Clarification of terms

RWC discussed the following terms to clarify what was understood of each in the values context:

Tourism

- That tourism shouldn't be represented as a 'value'
- Need an attribute to measure economic value of it – this is important for the future
- Need an attribute to measure quality of experience with respect to amenity
- Perhaps the activity of tourism fits with economic use e.g. adventure tourism

- Kiwi tourism “as cheap as possible”
- About amenity – higher it is more you will pay
- Many activities are involved in tourism, only some may relate to water

What does this mean for the way we have grouped the values? Do we need to change anything?

The table below sets out the comments made from the small group discussions on the value sets, including comments suggesting that values be combined, and comments suggesting revisions to the value group descriptors.

No consensus was reached on these suggestions at the meeting however.

Value Group Heading	Comments
<i>Maori use – mahinga kai</i>	
<i>Natural character – connection</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The interaction between the geology, hydro-geology riparian margins and man made alterations that govern the natural character of the waterways * * Take out natural character/connection and weave into Ruamahanga river culture (because it is about how humans relate /connect) * Move to public/community health/wellbeing
<i>Te mana O Ruamahanga: Mauri, biodiversity, habitat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * * * This is only about waterways. Is this what we want? Is it inclusive enough? e.g. should climatology be here? * Coast as final receiving environment needs to be included here ** Flood management – reflect somewhere in Te Mana O Ruamahanga in terms of working with the river compared with “flood protection” which tends to be about walls
<i>Our Ruamahanga river culture</i>	* * What's the difference with respect to history etc? Combine? Not water down
<i>Ruamahanga Economic</i>	* Add tourism into last sentence

Value Group Heading	Comments
<i>use, resilience, prosperity</i>	* * Include flood control – adjust title?
<i>Ruamahanga public health, wellbeing</i>	* Adjust its expression - include waste water treatment and disposal * * * Flood management asset dimension in here “Peace of Mind” * * * Need to incorporate safety into this * * Look at combining this (the spirit / mind aspects) into Te Mana O Ruamahanga (but leave physical health aspects here)
<i>Ruamahanga Recreation</i>	* * * Supporting recreational activities while maintaining public access, e.g. if riparian planting risked recreation access for fitness. * * * * Look at site specific values in our Ruamahanga river culture OR spread according to the value(s) they relate to. AND consider how they are best expressed. In detail or not?

ENDS

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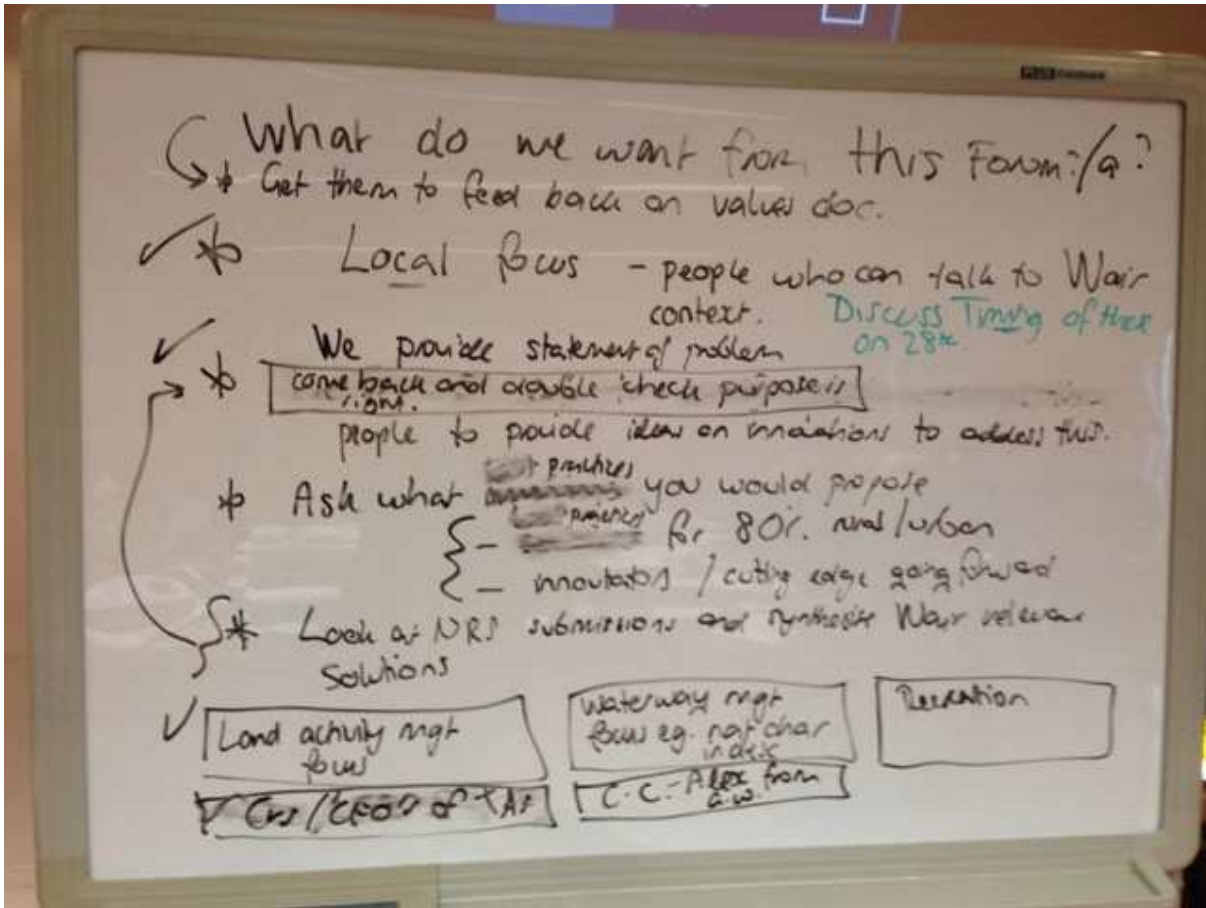


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Forum purposes

- giving information back to the community
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not a lot at the moment
- Hearing from innovations could be from outside the region
good / best Management Practice
- Solution based - general Wairarapa

Other actions
- e-con speaks when modelling fed back.

Zone Committee
Christina Rob

Feed Farmers
Team Ag

Info will help us build consensus at this point

Info is local and ~~very~~ relevant

Jamie Fallowen

Will provide useful info relevant at the time

type of info is relevant for this time e.g. facts vs opinion

Leo Vollebregt

right time in process to hear this

Sarah Williams

Freshwater ecologist
Russell South

Waste water
↓
local knowledge

J & R Orchards

• Councillors
CEOs

• Michael Woodcock
environmental matters → other options for water storage