



“ Kia Tū Pakari ai Tātou ”

SmartGrowth Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum

Wednesday 27 September 2023

9:30am – 12:30pm

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

1484 Cameron Road – Tauranga

Forum Members		
Mauao Constituent Member to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council	In Person	Matemoana McDonald
Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana representatives & alternates	In person	Matire Duncan – Chair of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana (Chair CTWF)
		Des Heke - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ranginui (Alternate)
	Online	Destiny Leaf - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ranginui
	In Person	Parewhakarau Tapuikuka (Pare Kuka) - Ngāti Kahu
		Mita Rahiri – Ngāti Kahu (Alternate)
		Rana Witeri – Ngāti Kahu (Alternate)
		Piripi Hikairo - Ngāti Kahu (Alternate)
		Veronica Manu Seddon – Ngāti Hangarau
		Tim O’Brien - Ngāti Hangarau (Alternate)
		Des Tata - Ngāi Tamarāwaho
	In Person	Kura Martin – Tukaokao - Ngāi Tamarāwaho (Alternate)
		Eruera Brown - Ngāi Tamarāwaho (Alternate)
		Alison Flavell - Ngāti Ruahine
		Neville Walker - Ngāti Ruahine (Alternate)
		Charnaye Walker - Ngāti Ruahine (Alternate)
	Online	Leanne Faulkner – Ngāti Ruahine / Te Wakaiti (Alternate)
		Rangiwhakaehu Irene Walker - Ngāi Te Ahi
		Rondell Reihana - Ngāi Te Ahi (Alternate)
	In Person	Whitiora McLeod - Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi
		Pia Bennett - Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi (Alternate)
		Andrea Webster – Ngāti He
		Hayden Henry - Ngāi Tūkairangi
		Tui Henry - Ngāi Tūkairangi (Alternate)
		Lorin Waetford - Ngāi Tūkairangi (Alternate)
	Online	Nathan James - Ngāti Kuku
		Aroha Kopae - Ngāti Kuku (Alternate)
		Ngawaka Walker - Ngāti Kuku (Alternate)
		Puhirake Ihaka - Ngāti Tapu
		Rapata Rangitukunoa – Ngāti Tapu (Alternate)
	In Person	Pine McLeod - Ngāti Kaahu
	Jesse Piri Campbell – Ngāti Kaahu (Alternate)	



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	Online	Spencer Webster – Nga Potiki
		Verna Ohia-Gates – Ngā Potiki (Alternate)
		Kiamaia Ellis - Ngāi Tūkairangi (Alternate)
	In Person	Buddy Mikaere - Ngāti Pūkenga
		Pahu Akuhata - Ngāti Pūkenga (Alternate)
		Mokoera Te Amo – Te Kapu o Waitaha
		Maru Tapsell – Te Kapu o Waitaha (Alternate)
	Apologies	Rawiri Biel – Tapuika Iwi Authority
	Online	Helen Biel – Tapuika Iwi Authority (Alternate)
	Online	Manu Pene – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu
		Liam Tapsell – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Alternate)
	Apologies	Ropata Stephens – Ngā Potiki
	Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana	
In Person		Buddy Mikaere - Ngāti Pūkenga
		Reon Tuanau - Te Whānau o Tauwhao ki Ōtawhiwhi
In Person		Nessie Kuka - Ngāi Tūwhiwhia
In Person		Riki Nelson - Ngāti Te Wai
		Te Uta Rolleston - Ngāi Tamawhariua ki te Moutere o Matakana
	Hineira Hamiona - Ngāi Tamawhariua ki Te Rereatukāhia	
Te Ihu o Te Waka o Te Arawa	In Person	Geoff Rice - Ngati Marukukere
		Manu Pene - Te Runanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu
		Tony Wihapi – Tūhourangi
		Maru Tapsell - Te Kapu o Waitaha
		Petera Tapsell -
		Roland Kingi - Ngāti Pīkiao
		Tania Turner - Ngāti Whakahemo
		Vivienne Robinson – Te Kapu o Waitaha
		Raiha Biel - Tapuika Iwi Authority
	Online	Andy Gowland-Douglas - Tapuika Iwi Authority
		Vance Skudder - Ngati Marukukere / Tapuika
		Maihi Wihapi - Tuhourangi
	In Person	Craig Batchelar – SmartGrowth Strategic Advisor
	In Person	Andrew Turner – SmartGrowth Independent Chair
	In Person	Te Pio Kawe – Pou Ārahi Strategic Advisor / Ngāi Te Ahi (Alternate)
	In Person	Elva Conroy – Kai Ārahi Technical Advisor
	In Person	Nicola Delaney – SmartGrowth Support
	Online	Nichola Lennard – GMD
Agencies		
	In Person	Chris Nepia – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Corey Gaunt – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Ben Urbanc - Western Bay of Plenty District Council



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	Online	Keren Paekau – Tauranga City Council
	Apologies	Darlene Dinsdale – Tauranga City Council
	In Person	Shad Rolleston – Commissioner, Tauranga City Council
	Online	Cynthia Hamel – Tauranga City Council
	In person / Online	Rachael Davie – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Antoine Coffin – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	In Person	Manini Abernethy – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	In Person	Nathan Te Pairs – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	In Person	Henare Howard – Boffa Miskell
	In Person	Julie Black – Boffa Miskell
Observers / Guest Speakers		
	In Person	Te Taru White - Quayside Holdings Ltd
	In Person	Lyndon Settle - Quayside Holdings Ltd
	In Person	Michael Jefferies - Quayside Holdings Ltd
	In Person	Mel Manley – Quayside Holdings Ltd
	In Person	Grace Hakaraia - Quayside Holdings Ltd
	In Person	Brett Cribb – Ministry of Housing & Urban Development
	In Person	Glenys Kroon – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	In Person	Julie Bevan – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	In Person	Gia Nelson – Mount Intermediate Student

Chris Nepia opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Ropata Stephens, Darlene Dinsdale and Rawiri Biel.

Moved: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi (Whitiora McLeod)

Seconded: Ngāti Kaahu (Pine McLeod)

That it be resolved

- Apologies for absence be received from attending this meeting.

CARRIED

2. Conflicts of Interest

- In respect to the Quayside presentation, Matemoana McDonald noted she is a councillor at Bay of Plenty Regional Council.



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3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held 28 July 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi (Whitiora McLeod)

Seconded: Mauao Constituent Member to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Matemoana McDonald)

CARRIED

4. Actions from Previous Meeting (reference to Paper B)

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30	28/07/23	Other business Elva to send out an updated E-Pānui	Elva	27/09 – Complete E-pānui circulated 20 September with agenda. Action Closed
31	28/07/23	Other business Elva to circulate a survey to forum members to find out why attendance has dropped and ways to make forum meetings more engaging.	Elva	27/09 – Complete Survey circulated 12 September. Action Closed

5. Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns

Riki Nelson introduced Gia Nelson to speak to the Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns.

- Gia Nelson, Mount Maunganui College student, is a representative of Mount Maunganui College and has also been working with Whareroa Marae.
- Gia along with other students have started a petition for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists while cross rail lines within the school zones following the loss of a young life at the Hewlett’s Rd rail crossing.
- Call for Tauranga City Council, Waka Kotahi, and Kiwi Rail to implement these safety measures immediately:



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1. Pedestrian barrier arms and eye-level signal lights at rail crossings at Matapihi Road/Bayfair, Hewlett’s Road, and Hull Road.
 2. Independent Safety Risks Assessment for cyclists and pedestrians around School zones in Mount Maunganui collage, SH2 Bayfair to Hull Road and Hewlett’s Road.
 3. The establishment of a student engagement forum with TCC so students have a place they can voice their concerns and be heard.
- Reasons for safety measures
 1. Hewlett’s Road – Following the loss of a young life at the end of a school day, what evidence shows it won’t happen again? 3 schools in the area Mount College, Mount Intermediate and Omanu Primary School.
 2. Hull Road – Next to Mount Sports Centre and new skate park, hazards because at times there are no carparks near sports field, pushing parents to park near the train tracks, making it unsafe for children.
 3. Matapihi Road – Has little safety measures like railings however is still dangerous. When attending Arataki primary the safety zone for tsunami is Omanu Golf Course, which is across the rail lines to get to safety.
 - Seeking for Tangata Whenua to support the petition and the voice of your Rangatahi. This can be done though SmartGrowth Leadership Group and elsewhere.
 - Safety concerns have previously been raised with TCC and ignored.
 - Fully endorsed by the principal of Mount Maunganui College, with a record of safety concerns raised with TCC dating back to 2018.
 - Whareroa Marae has requested funding or support for a consultant to work with them to capture their concerns, to enable them to submit to the SmartGrowth Strategy.
 - Feedback was requested from Buddy Mikaere regarding TSP and Shad Rolleston Commissioner at Tauranga City Council.
 - Buddy noted TSP looks at transport issues across the city, current project is looking at the other end of Hewletts Rd/Totara St. Will take back concerns to the group.
 - Commissioner Rolleston noted his appreciation for Gia taking the time to talk with students.
 - Big challenge around how growth is managed. The strategic role of how its managed sits with Tangata Whenua Governance, TCC, WBOPDC & BOPRC. Responsibility to be taken by each party and linking up as whole.
 - Mount Spatial Plan is happening now. Looking at issues in traffic air quality, Whareroa, tamariki and how people move around.
 - Suggestion to present to the commission, at the TCC council meeting to be able to respond to the issues raised. If raised in a public forum, a response is required.
 - Noted Kiwi Rail has a national fund for safety.
 - Commissioner Rolleston noted, if the petition and submission is brought to the council meeting then TCC would need to do a report on the information presented and provide actions.
 - Encouragement is given to CTWF members to support Gia when going to Council, by accompanying her and showing support.
 - It was requested TCC organise a representative be present at the council meeting for Waka Kothi and Kiwi rail to allow response to questions.

Resolution



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That the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum:

- Supports the 3 items on the petition from Mount Maunganui College, look to provide a letter of support and support Gia at her presentation to the commissioners.

Moved: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi (Whitiora McLeod)

Seconded: Ngāti Kaahu (Pine McLeod)

CARRIED

Actions:

- Elva to draft an endorsement letter and circulate to members. Gia to provide her recommendation.
- Petition to be shared with Tangata Whenua.
- Elva to link Mount Spatial Plan team with Gia to coordinate a workshop with students.
- Elva to seek approval to help draft a submission to the SmartGrowth Strategy and provide support when presenting to the hearing panel.

6. Quayside Holdings Limited

Te Taru White & Lyndon Settle spoke to the presentation provided for Quayside Holdings.

- Quayside Holdings is a 100% owned subsidiary by Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The independent board includes Sir Robert McLeod, Stuart Crosby, Brett Hewlett, Keiran Horne, Dr Warren Parker & Te Taru White. The process of replacement for some of the directors is underway with, new Directors commencing 1 October.
- Small team of 20. 12 months ago, the team didn't represent the community, now 3 new team members have joined our team, two have māori whakapapa.
- Undertaking an internship over summer, received 33 applications, wanting to give tamariki exposure to the commercial world.
- \$3B company made up of shareholdings in Port of Tauranga 54%, Property Investment/Shareholdings. Last year Quayside announced a dividend of \$42.5 million back to the regional council, with a total cash benefit of \$683 million back to the Regional Council since Quayside started.
- Welcome the opportunity at any time to host CTWF at the Rangiuru Business Park.
- Quayside has a general intent to work closely with Mana Whenua.
- 81% of the portfolio sits with Port of Tauranga shareholdings. In the future, aiming for the portfolio to be third in each area, Port of Tauranga, Property & Investments.
- Rangiuru Business Park - WBOP has been a critical partner. MOU signed with Tapuika for a great opportunity to grow together. Expected to bring 4,000 jobs in. Working with Tapuika on how to provide job opportunities to Tamariki. Quayside owns 44% of the area, the rest being owned by private landowners including Māori landowners.
- Huakiwi –8 kiwifruit orchards, partnership with Te Tumu Paeroa to do capital investments. Once capital investments are returned to Quayside and Te Tumu Paeroa, the full orchards will be return to Iwi Partners.



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- Te Papa Tipu – development underway in Rotorua. Scheduled to open March 2024, tenants will be Department of Conservation and Ministry of Primary Industries.
- Port of Tauranga – 54% owners in Port of Tauranga, 2 representatives on the board to represent Quayside interests. Passive investor, significant infrastructure for New Zealand. Understand the challenges currently with the court case for extension of the port and environmental consents.
- Quayside executives developed the strategy, it is approved by the board of Quayside Holdings and then shared with the owners for strategic direction.
- It was noted Whakaue Ki Maketu and Tapuika have a 7-hectare block of land located at the end of motorway and Kaituna River. Opportunity for collaborative work.
- It was requested that the board consider an Iwi director who has connection to the mahi that is happening.
- Rangiuru Business Park – Tapuika along with more Iwi have stake in this land. It was asked to include Iwi in the development from an equity asset base, in a collaborative way including Iwi and Iwi.
- Port of Tauranga doesn't always support all the economy. It was suggested when looking for investment to look back to home. Quayside noted how sensitive the Port of Tauranga is, there is an element of difficulty, been encouraging the executive to have continued conversations with mana whenua.
- Economic opportunities and pathways for rangatahi. Quayside noted the internship is for māori only. Looking forward would like to think we have someone in the investment & property spaces. We have significant leverage to help Tamariki into those roles. Social procurement is something that is being built into our contracts.
- Board directorships - the board interviews for the best they see suitable for the job, the names do go to the council for noting. 3 members are nominated by the Regional Council, who go through the same interview process. Diversity on the board is important as well.
- Matakana Island had the Huakiwi forced upon us with no benefit and uses all the water.
- It was noted for the last 20 years, Quayside has flown under the radar and engagement hasn't seen to be necessary. With Lyndon now on board, the expectation is for the engagement to be enhanced and increased.
- It was noted Tangata Whenua has only ever meet the Port of Tauranga staff.
- The harbour is part of Tangata Whenua's cultural identity. The Port still hasn't had discussions with Iwi. It is understood this has national importance, but Tangata Whenua understanding hasn't occurred. It was noted Quayside have social importance to not wipe their hands, saying they are at arms reach and the Port has its own board.
- It was noted when Quayside are mentioning Iwi partners, they need to be clear if its individual landowners or wider Iwi land trusts, could be misleading if they are only individuals.
- Quayside noted they would like to come along to future CTWF to keep discussions going.

7. SmartGrowth Strategy Update

Andrew Turner spoke to the SmartGrowth Strategy update.



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- At SmartGrowth Leadership Group workshop held 18 August 2023, issues were raised with the draft strategy. Work has been undertaken around the issues including an additional transformational shift.
- On 13 September 2023, formal confirmation was received for the draft strategy.
- Consultation is open from 18 September to 20 October 2023.
- The hearings will be held 4-6 December with deliberation in early 2024. Decision to adopt the Strategy will be made in the first quarter of 2024.
- As Chair of the Hearing Panel, it was noted they will listen, actively consider with a view to make changes from what is heard, with a commitment to further engage with submitters. Wanting to engage with submitters to obtain the best value from what is being raised.
- It was noted the e-pānui circulated with the agenda included a breakdown about the strategy. Elva will make herself available to respective hapu and Iwi via zoom meetings in the evenings.

Action:

Elva to coordinate an online workshop to support submissions from Combined Tangata Whenua Forum members.

8. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Brett Cribb spoke to Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

- Brett is the MAIHI (Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation) Partnerships Director, with 20 years' experience in education and 1 year in housing, in partnership with Te Pio around Māori Housing.
- Brett spoke to the slides in the presentation Maihi ki Tauranga Moana, showing the funding Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has invested in showing the work is contracted. There are another 8 in the pipeline.
- MBIE Community Renewable Energy, in response to the cyclone work is being done for marae hubs to have access to sustainable energy working with connection through papakāinga. Fund.
- Pine McLeod thanked Brett Cribb for getting their marae ready as we will not turn anyone away.
- To have solar available in isolated areas will be a great help.
- It was asked how difficult the funding application is and what assistance will be provided to marae to support their application. Given this is new funding only released yesterday full knowledge is not known, support will be available through either Te Pio or Brett.
- Narrative will be required if application was for fire station or sports clubs rather than marae.

9. BOPRC Freshwater Policy Team

Glenys Kroon spoke to the BOPRC Freshwater Policy

- Overall region summery, work programme going until 2025.



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- A large programme of community engagement at various venues around the region was done.
- Based around National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM), Te Mana o Te Wai and the 6 principles on how we do it.
- Hui a rohe in this sub-region was held in May with 26 attendees.
- Kaupapa Māori workstream working with an approach to have input from Tangata whenua into the plan change. Tangata Whenua are welcome at all community events.
- Scale of change required for water quality – highlights Little Waihi Estuary & Kaituna River needing a high level of changes, moving to good practice is a requirement for every FMU.
- Surface water quality - some streams are fully or over allocated. Historically minimum flows have not been applied and NPS now requires this.
- Need to ensure users are not allocated more than they need. Some older resource consents do not have meters and others have meters but don't report electronically, making it difficult to access information about actual use. Currently only now getting reliable information. Important municipal takes are in some over allocated streams.
- Groundwater allocation – majority of resource consents are to take ground water.
- Review of our limits - the draft new limits review of how ground water limits are set, Northern Tauranga harbour, Katikati, Waihi Beach, Waipapa Omokoroa, plus coastal areas are over resourced.
- It was noted that we are water rich and at this stage most water users don't need storage (dams) to improve access to water. New rules have been put in place to look at dams and improving storage. Generally, new dams should not be in the bed of streams.
- Water Quality is very important to Regional Council, Has the most work and effort taken in this area.
- Looking to phase out over allocation of water.
- New house builds and roof tanks are a responsibility of city and district councils. Regional Council currently works with councils in relation to their demand management plans, which addresses matters including, but not limited to leaks.
- When setting new limits in the plan it is intending to make a statement that resource consents will be reviewed, additionally in 2026 more than half of our water consents for surface water expire. Now we have much better understanding of how much water is being used, for renewing consents. The Regional Council will now look at water use history and modelling to show how much water is actually required.
- One-on-one Hui on freshwater with Regional Council - this can be organised by emailing Margaret.Courtney@boprc.govt.nz
- Many steps to go before we have a plan notified before we have a decision on the plan. It was noted there is still further engagement happening and many steps to go before a plan is made and decisions are made. December 2024 is plan notification.

Comments and questions raised by CTWF members:

- Concern was raised that water comes from high ground and slowly feeds down to fill underground catchments this process takes years. Water banking is an option, filtering rainwater and storing on Iwi land then using gravity to be feed to other areas.
- It was raised we are not water rich and a lot of our water is not necessarily clean. But we need to talk around banking water in areas of land, like valleys, we don't use (not necessarily referring to the building and use of dams). Iwi have a lot of underutilised whenua. Currently



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water is finding its way down to catchments and how do we know it's clean, Regional Council need to look into this.

- Is there a requirement by councils look at roof/stormwater takes for new house builds? This would reduce the amount of water required from municipal supply.
- All of the three municipal takes listed as surface water takes should be considered groundwater as they come from springs. To ensure water health, all 3 rivers used for municipal take should have its own policy, given their importance to ensure measures to ensure their health.
- We need to consider whether we can afford to keep taking from these rivers on an ongoing basis to ensure the health of the river is protected for the future.
- In terms of the water banking discussion, we have catchments. The issues is how land has been shaped over the years, rain water is now running into the rivers and out to sea, not to the catchments. Regional Council are aware of this as they are planting vegetation to try and retain the water to recharge our ground water.
- Questions were asked about the mechanism by which Council can pull back the amounts allocated within consents.
- Reducing water availability in northern Tauranga, doesn't sound right when 2 of the 3 drinking water rivers comes from within the area. It was noted the reductions in the northern area are ground water not stream water takes.
- This forum is the place to discuss how we treat the water. How we treat the water currently, accessing good municipal drinking water then flushing it down the toilet, need to look at recycling. 28 streams mana whenua has an interest in rivers and streams of varying quality. Unresolved issues around ownership of water, that always gets pushed off to the side. Don't think we are doing enough planning for the future, doing our bit to recycle our own water.
- Water in terms of the fact its running through our hapu lands. The councils are having to answer for the water required for those who are not Tangata Whenua. Consultation is required when taking from our lands, that is what cultural investment is about.

10. SmartGrowth Leadership Group Meeting - Update from Tāngata Whenua Representatives

- It was noted Geoff Rice has raised the Hewlett's Road hui that has been had today.

11. Outcomes of CTWF Survey

Elva Conroy spoke to the outcomes of the CTWF Survey presentation.

- This survey is to assess the declining attendance to CTWF hui and what issues members have.
- Feedback has been provided by past and current members.
- What we can anticipate from these results is looking at our purpose and collectively what we can that we can't do individually, ensuring we are not just receiving presentations, pairing up with workshops.
- Aspirations from marae and land trust are required to be known, marae trustees should be included in the meeting with the land trust.

Antoine Coffin closed the meeting with a Karakia Whakamutunga



ACTIONS

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36	27/09/23	SmartGrowth Strategy Update Elva to coordinate an online workshop to allow a joint support submissions from the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum members .	Elva	

Meeting Closed: 12.35 pm

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