



“ Kia Tū Pakari ai Tātou ”

SmartGrowth Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum

Tuesday 28 November 2023

9:30am – 11:30am

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

1484 Cameron Road – Tauranga

Forum Members		
<b>Mauao Constituent Member to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council</b>	In Person	Matemoana McDonald
<b>Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana representatives &amp; alternates</b>	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
	Online	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
		Kura Martin – Tukaokao - Ngāi Tamarāwaho (Alternate)
		Eruera Brown - Ngāi Tamarāwaho (Alternate)
		Alison Flavell - Ngāti Ruahine
		Charnaye Walker - Ngāti Ruahine (Alternate)
	In Person	<del>Leanne Faulkner – Ngāti Ruahine / Te Wakaiti (Alternate)</del>
	Apologies	Rangiwhakaehu Irene Walker - Ngāi Te Ahi
		Rondell Reihana - Ngāi Te Ahi (Alternate)
	Online	Whitiora McLeod - Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangī
		Pia Bennett - Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangī (Alternate)
	Online	Andrea Webster – Ngati 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)
		Pine McLeod - Ngāti Kaahu
		Jesse Piri Campbell – Ngāti Kaahu (Alternate)
Online	Spencer Webster – Nga Potiki	



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		Verna Ohia-Gates – Ngā Potiki (Alternate)
		Buddy Mikaere - Ngāti Pūkenga
		Pahu Akuhata - Ngāti Pūkenga (Alternate)
		Mokoera Te Amo – Te Kapu o Waitaha
		Maru Tapsell – Te Kapu o Waitaha (Alternate)
		Rawiri Biel – Tapuika Iwi Authority
		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)
<b>Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana</b>		Bob Leef - Ngāti Taka
		Buddy Mikaere - Ngāti Pūkenga
		Reon Tuanau - Te Whānau o Tauwhao ki Ōtawhiwhi
		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
	In Person	Paea Ake - Pirirakau
	<a href="#">In Person</a>	<a href="#">Leanne Faulkner – Ngāti Ruahine / Te Wakaiti</a>
<b>Te Ihu o Te Waka o Te Arawa</b>	In Person	Geoff Rice - Ngati Marukukere
	In Person	Manu Pene - Te Runanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu
		Maru Tapsell - Te Kapu o Waitaha
		Petera Tapsell -
		Roland Kingi - Ngāti Pikiāo
		Tania Turner - Ngāti Whakahemo
	Apologies	Vivienne Robinson – Te Kapu o Waitaha
	In Person	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
		Nichola Lennard – GMD
	In Person	Chris Nepia – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Julie Waaka – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Chaquan Nepia – Western Bay of Plenty District Council
	In Person	Keren Paekau – Tauranga City Council
	Apologies	Shad Rolleston – Commissioner, Tauranga City Council
	Online	Cynthia Hamel – Tauranga City Council



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#### Forum Members

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Online	Anuradha Fitzwalter – Client Project Manager
In Person	Hank Han – Tauranga City Council, Transport Planner
In person	Timothy Allan – Priority One

**Chris Nepia opened the meeting with a Karakia.**

Western Bay of Plenty District Council introduced new Kaupapa Māori to the Forum: Julie Waaka: Apia Whenua Māori Officer and Chaquan Nepia: Graduate Kaupapa Māori Specialist.

#### 1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Shad Rolleston, Vivienne Robinson, Irene Walker, Darlene Dinsdale, Pine McLeod.
- Leaving hui early: Des Heka.

**Moved: Ngāti Te Wai (Riki Nelson)**

**Seconded: Ngati Marukukere (Geoff Rice)**

#### That it be resolved

- Apologies for absence be received from attending this meeting.

#### CARRIED

#### 2. Conflicts of Interest

- No conflicts arose.

#### 3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held 27 September 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved: Ngati Marukukere (Geoff Rice)**

**Seconded: Ngāi Te Ahi (Te Pio Kawe)**

#### No Matters Arising

Update provided on Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns.

- Gia presented the petition from Mount College highlighting the safety issues around rail crossing in the area to Tauranga City Council which included the endorsement from Combined Tangata Whenua Forum.
- Commitment was given from Commissioner Rolleston to incorporate a voice for the students as this has been missing in the past.



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- Matemoana McDonald, noted her attendance at hui held at Quayside Holdings Limited for the Appointment of their internship noted at the last meeting.

### CARRIED

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

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28	26/05/23	<b>SmartGrowth Strategy Workshop:</b> Jodie Rickard to share the slides from Charles Waldegrave Presentation once they become available.		27.09 – Pending Conference presentation is not yet available. 28.11 – Still pending.
29	28/07/23	<b>Water availability:</b> Present water report mentioned at the next CTWF hui	Claudia	28.11 – Pending Water report awaiting internal approval. Claudia to present at the next CTWF.
32	27/09/23	<b>Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns</b> Elva to draft an endorsement letter and circulate it to members. Gia to provide her recommendation.	Elva	28.11 – Completed CTWF endorsement letter sent to TCC, KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi on 17.10.23.
33	27/09/23	<b>Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns</b> Petition to be shared with Tangata Whenua.	SG Admin & Elva	29.9 – Petition circulated in email to all CTWF members. 28.11 – Completed.
34	27/09/23	<b>Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns</b> Elva to link Mount Spatial Plan team with Gia to coordinate a workshop with students.	Elva	28.11 – Completed. Mount Spatial Plan team confirmed feedback had been received from students at Mount Intermediate, Omanu Primary, Arataki Primary and Mount College. Hewlett’s Road Safety had been raised a lot. They also held a workshop session with Year 11 Geography students at Mount College.
35	27/09/23	<b>Hewlett’s Road Safety Concerns</b> Elva to seek approval to help draft a submission to the SmartGrowth Strategy and provided support when presenting to the hearing panel.	Elva	28.11 – Completed Draft submission content sent to Gia (via Riki) on 17.10.23



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36	27/09/23	<b>SmartGrowth Strategy Update</b> Elva to coordinate an online workshop to allow a joint support submissions from the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum members	Elva	28.11 – Completed Online sessions held on 11/10 (evening), 13/10 (morning) and 17/10 (afternoon).
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### 5. Western Bay Public Transport Services & Infrastructure

Anuradha Fitzwalter spoke to Western Bay Public Transport Services & Infrastructure.

- Mathew Kilpatrick, Western Bay of Plenty District Council sent his apologies as on leave.
- Anuradha is the Client Project Manager (on behalf of: Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Waka Kotahi) and spoke to the presentation.
- The project has been running for about 1 year. To date they have been talking to representatives of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana and more recently with Te Ihu o te Waka o te Arawa & Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga.
- Funding Partners & Project Steering Group: Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council & Waka Kotahi. Additionally, Buddy Mikaere and Western Bay of Plenty District Council are part of the Project Steering Group.
- Sub-regional project with the same geographic area as TSP, the focus is heavily on Tauranga urban area. Looking at bus routes, frequencies, inter change points, park & ride.
- Looking to change the current bus system to work for the future.
- Aim is to get more people using public transport in the future, looking at 30 years then working back to 10-year plan.
- People will use buses if it's comparable to a car trip. Experience of using the bus must be improved and improving connection to key UFTI centres and access to marae. Goal to have a 10 min walk to nearest bus route. One trip to final location, less transfers preferred.
- Map shown in presentation, looking at changes to the current bus services in the future. Thicker purple lines show the more frequent busses.
- Changes to the bus routes without infrastructure updates will not improve the congestion.
- Park and ride is an option being looked at, this requires more work to find out if it will benefit and help with congestion.
- Still limited options for rural transport, this may not resolve all issues, it will highlight the gaps for other projects to provide more options.
- Infrastructure that may be put in place, bus lanes, bus priority at intersections or fully segregated bus way.
- Acknowledge there will be downsides and trade-offs that happen. This is not just about bus priority, also managing the demand of general traffic will help encourage more people to use buses. Looking to support growth and achieve the environmental goals around VKT reduction.
- Changes are not going to be made overnight, public engagement will happen, making sure this links in with other projects.



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- Draft report is expected by Christmas whereby the partners will review and take through approval. If the business case receives approval for funding, the next stages will be design work, then eventually construction.

Questions and comments from members:

- Bus services and bus drivers are part of our community, need to be making sure they are being paid well for their work.
- Article from last year regarding Government has failed its Sustainable Public Transport Framework. Now allowing Councils to own public transport assets. Is Regional Council considering bringing the bus services in house focusing of efficiency and effectiveness?
  - Mathew Kilpatrick may be able to investigate this. Anuradha to pass on the question and seek a response.
- Raised safety issues for both bus drivers and passengers. Is there a priority for this issue?
  - It is important, we can't look to encourage people who are not feeling safe, this is part of the overall puzzle. Unsure what work is being done to improve this. Anuradha to pass on the question and seek a response.
- Note around the design options, Cameron Road already has a lot of road works happening which is affecting business. More work is not wanted.
  - Looking at stepping stones, making improvements to what has been done, not undoing. The business case will advise the existing projects on what will be required in the future.
- One design option was busses running down the middle of the road, this would be a safety issue with people getting off the bus in the middle of the road having cars coming past.
  - Safety is being considered for all people and cars.
- 30 years is too long. Plan for the expanding population that is about to come, need changes made now.
- Are there specific gap and analysis reports that can be made available? Is iwi representation sufficient or just some? Marae sector and rural sector.
  - Anuradha to talk with Matt and find out how the information can be made available.
  - The project currently has a couple of reps from each forum as part of the stakeholder group. Once the overall plan is together and at the design level the plan is to speak at a hapu level.
- Is work being done on connections to other cities? A lot of people work in Tauranga that live in Waikato or Whakatāne, are we looking wider to help with congestion?
  - This project is not looking into these services. Park and Ride is a possibility, although more work is needed in that area as Park and Ride may not have the impact expected around congestion. Looking at how to capture people coming from outside of Tauranga.
- Will this work mitigate the congestion fee being proposed?
  - Research is showing (from outside of this project) that the role of pricing does impact the choice of travel, if planning to get more people on buses it could happen. Whilst looking at options it is needed to think about the impact on all people.

### **Actions:**

- Anuradha to seek responses to the questions raised from Mathew Kilpatrick.

## **6. SmartGrowth Strategy Update**



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Craig Batchelar and Andrew Turner spoke to the SmartGrowth Strategy Update.

- Hearings are being held 4 to 6 December 2023.
- Following the hearings, a decision-making meeting will be held to adopt the strategy.
- Very open to the fact people will raise issues in the hearings, the panel will be very interested and will consider what is raised in the submissions to truly understand the issues raised.
- SmartGrowth staff will further engage with submitters making sure they are working closely with partner councils, to work through the process. The final Strategy will have an implementation plan required to make sure this is achievable.
- With a new government there will be a significant policy shift. Planning happening within one policy environment, and implementation in a new policy environment.
- Points raised at workshops held with Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum were collated and one submission was submitted.

### **Actions:**

- Elva to determine who from Combined Tangata Whenua Forum will be speaking to the submission.

### **7. Tū Pakari Update**

Te Pio and Tim Allan (Priority One) spoke about an opportunity for funding to accelerate Māori Housing & Papakāinga in the Western Bay of Plenty subregion.

- Looking at the papakāinga housing there is a good level of maturity and information sitting behind it, this makes presenting significantly easier.
- All the material presented over the years to the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum, engagements that have happened, has all been provided as a collective approach for the subregion.
- Providing the opportunity for our own builders, own sub-contractors to be involved in building the housing. Provides training & development opportunities for our people who want to take up the trades.
- Figures provided in the presentation looking at 2024 – 2026. Currently working with 62 trusts, only 12 requiring investments at this stage. \$15M is required to get through establishment of trusts.
- Multi-level funding to go out to 10 years to align with the Long Term Plan. The SmartGrowth Strategy has allowed us to link all the work together, the Implementation & Funding Plan will give the opportunity to assist our whanau.

### **8. Ara Rau Tāngata Update**

- Postponed to 2024.

### **9. CTWF Workshop, Collective Purpose & Workplan for 2024**

Elva spoke to the CTWF Workshop, Collective Purpose & Workplan for 2024.





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- Elva noted the full workshop to be rescheduled for 2024 as time has run out.
- Forum-specific discussions to be a greater priority on our agenda. Otherwise, we are just receiving information from others without time to progress CTWF priorities and projects.
- 5 sessions booked for next year - 26 February, 8 May, 17 July, 25 September, 4 December.
- Ensure we are working more effectively, and forum meetings are effective. The meetings can be variable, we are missing a solid foundation, and a clear strategic focus. Who are we as a forum? What can we do collectively that we can't do alone?
- Noted members have asked for more workshops, but need to be clear on what they want to discuss at workshops.
- Set aside more time, currently the forum is looking at lots of other matters and not setting aside time to look at this forum, to make more decisions. Collective guidance is required on how the meeting can be held better.  
Connecting better with what is happening on the ground. Opportunities to learn and support more. Possibility of having offsite hui.

### Comments from Members:

- Tāngata Whenua Spatial Plan, where is this at?
  - Progress is slow due to lack of capacity.
  - Elva noted she was told support would be given for the spatial planning work. Still waiting for support. Work has been done, over the years, engagement has been happening. The information has not been pulled together yet.
  - 80% of Elva's time has been on the SmartGrowth Strategy.
  - Members noted now the strategy has been made public we can dedicate some time next year, and look at creating a small subcommittee.
  - Central government could be giving direction that they are not supporting spatial plans. Slow in the council hands as working through the change for central government.
- Could be helpful to go through strategic planning for CTWF.
- Engagement with Whanau and keeping connected with them on aspirations and plans is required. Elva and Te Pio are not expected to do everything, support is required.
- Role reps can play is to present to the forum what is happening in their rohe.
- Matemoana McDonald noted a Komiti Māori meeting being held on 12 December 2023, platform for 3 northern hapu of the rohe, if interested all are invited to come.

### 10. Update from TMBC (Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital)

Matire Duncan provided an update from Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital.

- Update on the Myrtle Rust an effect on mānuka, pōhutukawa and rātā.
- In March this year, applied for funding to support the Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital as a flagship site.
- Research proposal specifically identified Myrtle Rust as a priority, focusing on developing a framework to assess the cultural and environmental impacts of Myrtle Rust on Te Ao Māori.
- Myrtle has impacted heavily on Aotearoa, and has been identified in multiple locations in the Bay of Plenty.
- The discovery of Myrtle Rust on pōhutukawa on Mauao in April 2022 created the need for an urgent plan in Tauranga Moana.





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- Wananga have been held with several members of Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum being invited. Training programmes are scheduled to allow people to know what Myrtle Rust looks like. 3 upcoming workshops running until February.
- Seed collection is another project which is being looked at.
- Looking to gather full data collection of where Myrtle Rust is.
- Pōhutukawa are significant to whenua, the Myrtle Rust will cause a decline on the trees the effects are visible. This will have a big impact on our whenua.

Matemoana McDonald and Matire Duncan thanked the members for the valuable contribution made to the forum.

**Te Pio Kawe closed the meeting with a Karakia Whakamutunga**

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**Meeting Closed:** 11:56 am

**Next Meeting:** 26 February 2024