
Workshop - Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee NOTES

Date: Tuesday 21 May 2024
Time: 4.10pm
Venue: Lyttelton Community Boardroom, 25 Canterbury
Street, Lyttelton

Present

Chairperson	Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Deputy Chairperson	Trudi Bishop - Community Representative
Members	Andrea Davis - Community Representative Paul Dietsche - Councillor Environment Canterbury

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Karakia Tīmatanga: Given by all

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Apologies were received from George Howden, Ben Manson, Tyrone Fields, Elisa Knight and Amber Moke.

2 Whaka-ora Healthy Harbour Workshop

Background

Brent Barrett (Programme Manager) gave an excellent presentation on the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme (copy attached). He noted that it was established in response to the need to deliver on the 2018 Whakaraupō Catchment Plan, originally written by the Lyttleton Port Company (LPC) and the local community as a commitment to the restoration of the ecological and cultural health of the harbour. This document gained form under the direction of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke in particular as a result of Yvette Couch-Lewis driving its completion. To this day, the plan remains a vision to be held and delivered at the community level in the landscape while being recognised as a guiding document for most agencies active in the landscape.

Mahi

Brent noted the breadth of the many projects Whaka-Ora has supported. Their mahi is based on the principles of Ki uta ki Tai. The Partnership funds and assists community groups to recruit volunteers to work on: marine enhancement, set and manage trap networks, plant native trees, and remove pest weeds. These activities can happen on multiple land tenures or under different ownership models not just on Council Reserves, convenents and public lands.

Brent outlined the Pou (the guiding principles) behind their work. These are:

1. Change making – everyone can be a change-maker with the power to influence the future state of the Harbour. Brent saw a clear link there to the Zone Committee in their role of proactively seeking change in the landscape and augmenting and facilitating that change. Brent noted Whaka-Ora have built up a strong network of contacts and can respond quickly to requests for assistance.
2. Mō tātou ā mō kā uri ā muri ake nei - Being Kaitiaki of the landscape so that it is passed on to future generation in a healthier condition than at present.
3. Collaboration – this is a fundamental activity and written into existence by virtue of the it being a partnership. Collaboration includes working with various groups such as recreational users so they can see themselves in the model.

A key focus is on protecting and creating “ecological bands” and the importance of Taonga Species which are often the “canaries in the mine.” Watching these species provide evidence of change. A common thread throughout Brent’s presentation was the importance of measurement. Traditionally this has been through physical observation(e.g. what is at the end of my hook, and

what I felt through touch). It was noted that relationships are key, when you have identified priority catchments and actions, you can move anywhere if there are good relationships.

Brent invited the Committee to identify its priority sites noting that Whaka-Ora can act quickly.

Brent outlined the work being done Te Wharau – Orton Bradley where many different land uses exist.

Brent's presentation covered a wide range of initiatives, concepts and issues. These included:

- The importance of selecting currently dog free areas for encouraging nesting penguins and creating suitable habitat for them;
- The impact of de-forestation on soil erosion and the importance of de-stocking riparian areas and establishing trees and other vegetation through dedicated targeted planting as a counter measure;
- The management of nutrients and pollutants and the useful role that chemistry can play in the measurement of the health of water bodies;
- The importance of funding restoration projects delivered by passionate committed people.
- The fundamental importance of mahinga kai and views on signage to education on appropriate tikanga around plant management and harvesting/take.

Governance

Brent outlined that governance arrangements for the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour which is a partnership of five organisations and sits under a co-governance model, these partners are Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, LPC and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. These partners collaborate by aligning their own work programmes, while also delivering joint funding to community organisations under a programme manager appointed by the governance group.

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Priorities and Actions

There was a discussion on the role of the Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee's as set out in its Terms of Reference (these were attached to the agenda) and how the Whaka-Ora partnership and Committee can work together and support one another.

It was noted that the Committee's focus was the whole of Banks Peninsula although we sometimes work at a catchment level.

Brent noted the that we need to enable cultural values and variable use models and that Whaka-Ora can help the Committee find contacts and funding, and can act as an independent facilitator if required.

It was noted that it would be good to :

- Explore synergies between the two groups (Brent presented some examples of this);

- Identify and articulate how we both reach and represent the community in our actions; and
- Attempt at reaching a shared view of catchment prioritisation and the scale of actions.

Attachments

A Whaka-ora Presentation

3 Committee Member Updates

Zone Committee Review

It was noted that that Environment Canterbury has responsibilities under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater and that the Zone Committees have a role to play in assisting them. The current review of Zone Committees was initiated by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. The update provided in the agenda was noted, and the expectation is that Environment Canterbury staff will be reporting back to the Mayoral Forum.

Fish Passage Communications

An action from the last workshop was to look at what could be done to promote the importance of fish passage. Jaimee advised the Committee members that the Environment Canterbury Communications staff had requested advice on who to target with media releases and other communications material. It was suggested that the landowners are going to undertake work already e.g replace a culvert, be targeted and informed about the Environment Canterbury global consent and Fish Habitat Funding along with using the Fish Passage Assessment Tool if they don't know if the structure is an issue.

Field Trip to Wairewa

Prior to the workshop, Ben Manson suggested that the Committee might want to do a field trip to Wairewa. He noted that it would be good to contact the Wairewa Rūnanga, and see whether they would like to provide an update of the mahi they have been working on in their rohe. It was agreed that this field trip should be scheduled for a date after daylight saving.

Funding Agency Support Group

There was a discussion on whether the Committee wanted a workshop on this and the timing for hearing applicants. Cr Dietsche will liase with the Zone Facilitator to connect and look at options for a workshop.

Karakia Whakamutunga: Given by all

Meeting concluded at 6.40pm.