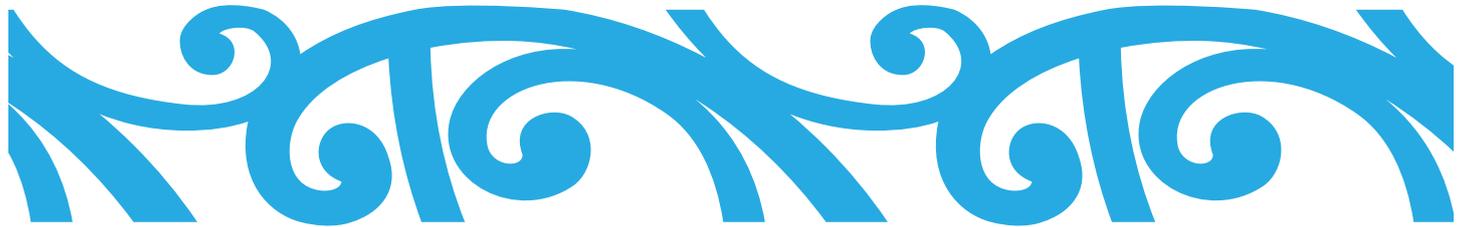




Te Hunga Whiriwhiri Pānui



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He Aha Te Mea Nui?

Ngā mihi mo te tau hou ki a koutou.

Happy New Year to you all.

Well it's the start of a new year and the end of a pretty hectic few months. Christmas is a great time to relax with whānau and unwind (meaning eating and drinking too much...). It is also a great time to take stock of where you are and think about the year ahead. We achieved a lot in 2015.

Some of the highlights include the development of Partnership Agreements with our iwi partners. This consolidates our contracting processes, improves reporting through the implementation of the Te Wahi interactive portal and improves our service and delivery internally through embedding staff into the operational aspects of key groups across GWRC.

But the year ahead has many challenges with much left to do. Some of our priorities include establishing and finalising a Māori Partnership Framework, a Takawaenga Forum and also a cultural health monitoring framework with our Iwi partners. However, I believe the biggest challenge facing us in 2016 is relevance. And by relevance I mean maintaining our relevance in an evolving strategic landscape.

Last year we managed to get around and have leadership meetings with most of the iwi. One of the biggest challenges at the moment is knowing where we are going together and how we map or plan to get there. Ara Tahī was ground breaking when it was first established in 1993, but the world has changed significantly since then. We

need to change with it. I know we can do better as a council in looking to the future and imagining a different place. Without this foresight and strategic vision we run the risk of getting buried in the grind of day to day challenges and not allowing time for us to think about the future in a constructive and meaningful

way. This will require leadership and commitment, but most importantly the space and time to think differently. Early in the year we sat down as a team and worked through what we were all about. This involved answering three key questions:

1. What do we do?
2. Why do we do it?
3. How do we do it?

This was an enlightening session and it is my expectation that once we have finalised this 'team statement' everything we do will be anchored to this. It is currently in draft form, but I look forward to putting it into the next pānui so that you can help us by monitoring how we go! It is an exciting time for us and we look forward to achieving some great things in 2016.

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New Te Wahi iwi portal up and running

Te Wahi is an interactive place for iwi to access and store documents that are shared with Council. Te Wahi also provides important information on events and activities that the Council is engaged with. Te Hunga Whiriwhiri has been working closely with the ICT staff in developing this new web portal. Te Wahi includes separate individualised portal pages for each iwi partner.



Pauline Hill, Mahinarangi Hakaraia, Caleb Royal, Chris Hunt training session for Te Wahi

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri held workshops with iwi partners collectively and separately at iwi offices to ensure they, and their systems, are able to access and work with the new portal going forward.

The initial focus has been streamlining the Quarterly Report and invoicing processes. Iwi partners have participated in a pilot of the new system. Feedback on the transparency and immediacy of the new portal has generally been positive along with signalling some areas needing improvement.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri has extended the Te Wahi focus to include non-notified resource consent processes with iwi. Te Hunga Whiriwhiri is working closely with iwi partners, resource consent teams and administrative support staff to pilot a new Te Wahi portal based system for consents. The new system enables staff to share large consents with iwi that previously crashed their emails. Iwi are able to lodge their comments in a transparent and timely way which will help improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the process.

If you want more information about Te Wahi please contact Pauline Hill pauline.hill@gw.govt.nz.

End of an era and new beginnings for a Waikanae park and ride

A karakia ceremony led by Kaumatua Rakauoteora Te Maipi (Koro Don) marked the end of an era and completed the long spiritual and social association with the site of the Waikanae hotel. The land was purchased by GWRC to be redeveloped into a park and ride facility which will create about 250 carpark spaces for commuting passengers in the near future.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri worked with Kaumatua Koro Don, Ake Taiaki and Manu Parata to provide tikanga leadership and support during the blessing of the Waikanae hotel building and site preparations during demolition.

Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai considers this land has great cultural significance as "it was formerly the land where Natanahira Te Umutapu, son of Wi Te Kakakura Parata's (MP Western Māori 1871), built a large homestead and lived there in the early 20th century" quote from whaea Maxine T Parata, Te Ātiawa Ki Whakarongotai 4 February 2016.

For many, the demolition of the Waikanae hotel brought mixed emotions around the community. The long standing watering hole on the Kapiti coast has been an iconic landmark for more than 50 years, and has played a major part in the community's social gatherings.

As part of the ongoing development, GWRC will continue to maintain a supportive role and work alongside iwi and the broader community to ensure the project is mutually beneficial for all.



Kaumatua Koro Don, Ake Taiaki and Manu Parata bless the site



Following demolition of part of the Waikanae hotel

Ara Matua training proves successful

Recent workshops for Councillors and our people have hit the mark gaining great feedback.

Councillors' training workshops in August and November looked at "New Directions for the Treaty Relationship: Moving from Grievance to Opportunity". Councillors provided very positive feedback on the workshops.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri worked with Professor Charles Royal to run the two Mahuri workshops. Topics included:

- New ways of thinking about the Treaty and the relationship between iwi, hapū, Māori communities and the Government
- The concept of partnership and what this means for GWRC's relationships with iwi.



Piripi Rangihaeata explaining concepts of tikanga to staff at Silverstream.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri also supported Piripi Rangihaeata, GWRC's Te Reo and Tikanga trainer, in facilitating thirteen staff as they completed their Pakiaka (basic level 1 Te Reo and Tikanga) training at a noho marae at Korounui Marae, Silverstream on 25 November. As in previous training sessions, the feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive:

- "Fantastic can't praise the course enough"
- "This was a very worthwhile course with knowledge and skills I will have for the rest of my life. Kapai"
- "Awesome course! So grateful for your energy & enthusiasm in teaching and sharing with us"
- "Conversational style of learning, fun, interactive Noho marae was tumeke"
- "My level of Te Reo really improved and will stick with me for life"
- "General knowledge of Te Ao Māori will enrich interactions".

Refresher classes are also available for staff. These classes will help refresh Te Reo knowledge and understanding in preparation for starting the Tiwai (basic level 2 Te Reo and Tikanga) training.

Look out for the next Pakiaka and refresher courses that start in the next few weeks.

We encourage staff to get involved as the training is fun and interactive and it is a great way to learn new skills. For all of these courses, go to the Training Hub://Gwennie/job_tools_and_guides/training/Pakiaka/

Refer to the Upcoming Events calendar at the end of this pānui for details on the Pakiaka and refresher course start dates.

If you want direct feedback about the training please talk to your colleagues or call Llani Harding(04) 830 4338) or Pauline Hill (04) 830 4370

Introducing Piripi Rangihaeata



I'm GWRC's Te Reo and tikanga tutor. My academic achievements include:

- Under graduate qualification through Waikato University (Māori and Māori Development).
- Post Graduate Diploma Arts through Massey University.

- Diploma Adult Teaching (tertiary) through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.
- Masters of Arts (Māori) through Victoria University.

I've been teaching in the government, tertiary and private sectors for over 15 years. I thoroughly enjoy teaching adults and feel extremely lucky to be doing something I'm passionate about! On average I teach about 1800 people a year from CEOs, Mayors, Executive Directors, Administrators, the general public and everyone else in the middle! Regardless of their position, I treat everyone exactly the same...!! Being part of GW over a number of years teaching Pakiaka, Tiwai and Waitangi sessions, I've met a lot of wonderful individuals extremely keen about learning Te Reo Māori, tikanga Māori and waiata Māori This is one significant reason

why I love doing what I do!

Outside of teaching, I'm passionate about kapa haka (Māori Performing Arts). I'm part of the group Whangara-mai-tawhiti and we've been lucky enough to compete at the highest level in NZ and overseas as well. In addition, I've taken up recently multi-sports in particular Ironman triathlons where I've completed 5 full events nationally and internationally. In 2014, I completed the New York Marathon as well as many other events (various distances) around the globe!

My iwi connections are Ngāti Konohi (between Gisborne and Tolaga Bay) on mum's side and Ngāti Ruanui (Patea) on dad's side. I've a strong sense of belonging to both sides as my upbringing has shaped my current pathway.



Taku Parai, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc, speaking at the opening



New cycle and walking trail opens in Queen Elizabeth Park Te Ara o Whareroa

The Te Ara o Whareroa cycle trail opened on 23 January 2016.

Taku Parai, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc opened the process and acknowledged the shared interests that Ngāti Raukawa, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Haumia have in the area. Taku acknowledged the support of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri and councils of the coast in developing the wonderful track and walkway.

Taku blessed and unveiled the plaque and taonga for the trail.

Taku also noted:

“Te Ara o Whareroa is significant for the area because prior to it becoming part of the public domain we traditionally used it as a kainga or pa site where a lot of whānau, particularly by Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, settled. Whareroa means long house, many houses, and a settlement. Ara means a pathway, walkway, access way on this land of Whareroa.

Today we see it transformed into a park that’s utilised by the general public and iwi still which is great. It’s great to be here and be a part of this new walkway as a place where the family can come and enjoy themselves”

Approximately 150 mana whenua, community leaders, whānau and broader community attended the opening of the trail.

Anne-Maree Ellison Interim Chair, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust ready to bike the track with Carol Reihana Trustee, Ngāti Haumia Trust, Ross Church Mayor, Kapiti Coast District Council, Mahutonga Blankensop, Chair, Kaunihera Kaumātua, Te Ātiawa marae

New agreements with iwi partners bring clarity

Four new agreements are providing greater clarity on the expectations required of GWRC and iwi partners as they replace and streamline many agreements and reporting arrangements in place.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri has completed negotiations and agreed Single Partnership Agreements/ Contracts with four of GWRC’s iwi partners and is hoping to complete this process with the remaining iwi in the near future.

The new agreements have standard contract provisions that are supported by attachments containing the detail of specific individualised arrangements (eg Whaitua, Takawaenga/Kaitiaki Forum processes) as well as new quarterly reporting and invoicing requirements.

Dealing with a potential oil spill in the Pauatahanui Inlet

A simulated oil spill training exercise was held at Pauatahanui Inlet, Porirua in October last year. Te Hunga Whiriwhiri staff participated along with our people in the Greater Wellington Regional Council Harbours Department, emergency responders, and other agencies needing to manage environment accidents like this.

These exercises are held twice a year. They provide the responders with a life like experience in managing oil spills. This exercise focused on the overall engagement strategy and resources required in responding to a small to medium oil spill.

Responding to an environmental accident requires a huge amount of effort and cohesion between multiple organisations. Te Hunga Whiriwhiri has a role in providing cultural guidance and technical support to iwi and GWRC in emergency events.



Getting ready to put the boom for constraining oil spills into the inlet



Holding pool for oil in a potential spill

New Upper Hutt railway station opens



Front row Mayor Guppy, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust representatives: Kaumatua Alex Watson and June Jackson and also Te Tumatakuru O'Connell, Councillor Swain blessing the new station.



Councillor Swain and Mayor Guppy inside the station after unveiling a plaque commemorating the opening

The redeveloped Upper Hutt Railway station was welcomed into service December last year. The project had been a collaborative effort between GWRC, NZTA and the Upper Hutt City Council.

Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust Kaumatua (elders) Alex Watson and June Jackson started the formalities with a blessing (karakia). Te Tumatakuru O'Connell then blessed the building. Councillor Paul Swain (Chair, Sustainable Transport Committee, Chair, Regional Land Transport Committee) and Mayor Upper Hutt City, Wayne Guppy unveiled the plaque for the railway station followed by official speeches.

Talks held to establish a Takawaenga/Kaitiaki Forum

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri recently facilitated workshops with staff and iwi partner representatives to explore the possibility of establishing a new Takawaenga/Kaitiaki Forum with a whole of council focus. All parties agree there is a need for such a group bringing together GWRC and iwi partners to inform effective operational delivery of its work programmes to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

GWRC recognises the importance of having iwi partner input into operational work streams to deliver outcomes which are consistent with the direction of Council (eg Te Upoko Taiao).

A Forum will support iwi-to-iwi relationships, enable whakawhiti kōrero (mutual discussions) and help build the capability and capacity of each partner to deliver the expectations of the Forum.

In February 2016 members will focus on officially establishing the Forum in preparation for developing a work programme.

Waikanae River Iwi hikoi strengthens understanding of this taonga

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri staff joined Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai representatives, GWRC members of the Flood Protection and Biodiversity Teams from the Kapiti Coast District Council for the second iwi hikoi (walkover) of the Waikanae River in 2015.

This walkover in November last year, provided an invaluable opportunity to strengthen relationships and mutual understanding of this valued taonga. The walkover started at Jim Cook Park and ended at the lower reaches of Otaihanga River. The trek included group discussions on operational and environmental enhancement work already completed along the river and what

is planned for in the future. Overall the day offered a great opportunity for all involved to express their interest in, and concerns for, the future management of the Waikanae River.



Andre Baker Trustee, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust leads a discussion before the hikoi

Ara Tahī iwi Leadership Forum update

At the last meeting for 2015, Ara Tahī members were updated on progress of Phase 2 of the Stocktake of Obligations to Māori project. Ara Tahī agreed to support this process and identify members for Paul Beverly (Contractor) to interview in the new year as part of the process.

Other items discussed included the Draft Māori Partnership Framework and the new Te Wahi web portal. Evelyn Tuuta, who was appointed by Council as the Ara Tahī nominee to the Sustainable Transport Committee, visited Ara Tahī and shared information about the experience and strengths she brings to her role on the committee.

Loss of taonga wai highlighted at Wairarapa hui

Kaumātua shared many heartfelt stories of their childhood memories of Wairarapa water ways with participants at a hui last October.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri staff joined the participants at the Papawai Marae community wānanga to share the historical knowledge and cultural values associated with local waterways from both the mana whenua/kaitiaki and wider community perspectives.

Kaumātua also signalled concerns about some places and identified the loss of many taonga wai (valued freshwater treasures) over their lifetimes. Māori Party co-leader Marama Fox presented the Government strategy Te mana o te wai that recognises the values inherent in water.

This event was the third in a series designed to explore the intergenerational connectivity that local mana whenua have with their environment. Previous wānanga on this subject had been held at Te Ore Ore and Hurunui o Rangī marae.

Information from these hui will support the Ruamāhanga whaitua Collaborative Modelling process by identifying the places, methods and indicators by which mana whenua measure the health of their waterways. The integration of such perspectives

will support future management options for the Ruamāhanga catchment.

For more information on the whaitua process see www.gw.govt.nz/whaitua-committees/

GWRC acknowledges Caleb Royal's contribution in facilitating the wānanga and the manaakitanga of our Papawai hosts Wairarapa Kaitiaki Group Chair Carlene Te Tau and whānau and Papawai kaitiaki Michael Roera.



Māori Party co-leader Marama Fox presenting Te mana o te wai - the Government's water strategy

NZ fresh water conference hosted by council



Ngāti Poneke Young Māori Club in action

The New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society and Australian Society for Limnology conference was hosted by Greater Wellington Regional Council at Silverstream Retreat in the Hutt Valley in November 2015. The conference was a huge success and provided an

excellent opportunity for delegates to network.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri engaged Taku Parai, Chair, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc who started the formalities with a mihi whakatau (welcome). Taku welcomed the guests of honour, a small aboriginal

group, and the general audience. The Minister for the Environment Dr Nick Smith followed this with a presentation.

The four day conference involved presentations from both national and international freshwater specialists with a focus on "The changing freshwater landscape: collaboration, communication & communities". If you want more information about the conference papers go to <http://nzawaterconference.com/>.

The conference enabled scientists, communicators and environmental managers to share the challenges each face in delivering information on the complexity of managing the freshwater environment. Field trips provided a physical context for participants with guided tours of both Te Awa Kairangi (Hutt River) and Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke.

A highlight of the evening function held at Te Papa was the cultural performance from Ngāti Poneke Young Māori Club.

Enabling local government outcomes for Māori



Shane Parata from GWRC with other council colleagues enjoying the sun in a break. Left to right: Todd Taiapa (Palmerston City Council), Andre Hemara (Whangarei District Council) Alma Andrews (Hutt City Council), Keriana Wilcox-Taylor (Gisborne District Council) and Shane Parata

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri staff attended the national Te Pae Urungi group meeting at the 28th Māori battalion C Company museum in Gisborne in December. The group was warmly welcomed by the Gisborne District Council (GDC) Mayor Meng Foon and a number of local Council and mana whenua representatives.

Te Pae Urungi is a national leadership forum of local government staff. The purpose of Te Pae Urungi is to guide and influence better local government outcomes with Māori. This is achieved by enabling greater local government collaboration,

sharing innovative solutions and developing strategic relationships on both national and regional cluster levels.

Te Pae Urungi has 8 regional cluster groups. The Te Upoko (Wellington) Regional Cluster members are:

- Carterton District Council
- Greater Wellington Regional Council;
- Hutt City Council;
- Kāpiti Coast District Council;
- Masterton District Council
- Porirua City Council

- South Wairarapa District Council; and
- Wellington City Council.

Te Pae Urungi runs two national events on alternate years:

- The Waka Awhina Conference targets Māori council staff nationwide. In 2015, GWRC supported 6 staff to attend
- Te Matapuna targets staff involved in work aimed at improving outcomes for Māori which will take place later this year.

The primary focus of the Gisborne hui was on land rating policies as they apply to Māori land holders throughout the North Island. This proved to be a valuable experience which enabled improved understanding of how local council apply these policies. Other issues included planning for the Te Matapuna event and the GDC communication strategies including bilingual signage. Participants were also given a brief tour of Gisborne led by Keriana Wilcox-Taylor Senior Planner (Policy) and previous GWRC employee.

Rawiri Faulkner, Pauline Hill and Shane Parata are GWRC's members of the Te Upoko Regional Cluster which meets every quarter. If you want more information please contact pauline.hill@gw.govt.nz or shane.parata@gw.govt.nz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Feb – 31 May 2016

Events/ Activities	Date
Pakiaka (Basic Level 1 Te Reo, Tikanga training) Masterton, Upper Hutt, Shed 39	Starts 12 Feb 9.30am Starts 15 Feb 9.30am Starts 15 Feb 12 midday
Te Reo refresher courses Shed 39, Upper Hutt	Starts 30 Mar 11.30am Starts 11 Apr 1.00pm
Takawaenga/Kaitiaki Forum meetings	Feb 10, 11; Mar 23, 24; Apr 27, 28; May 25, 26
Cook Strait Forum inaugural meeting	22 February
2016 Maoriland Film Festival maorilandfilm.co.nz	23 – 27 March
Ara Tahi Leadership Forum Preparation for meeting	2 June
Matariki Planning underway for events	13 June
Te Wiki o Te Reo Planning underway for events	25 July TBC

Feedback

If you have any ideas for articles or just general feedback, we would love to hear from you. Contact any one of the team or email pauline.hill@gw.govt.nz or shane.parata@gw.govt.nz

