



Hauraki Gulf Forum

Tikapa Moana

Te Moananui-ā-Toi

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Hauraki Gulf Forum will be held on:

Date: Monday, 4 March 2024
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Waikato Regional Council Chambers
Venue: 160 Ward Street
Hamilton Central

Hauraki Gulf Forum

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Co-chairperson	Mayor Toby Adams	Hauraki District Council
Co-chairperson	Ms Nicola MacDonald	Tangata Whenua
Tangata Whenua		
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	Ms Charmaine Bailie	Tangata Whenua
	Mr Andrew Baucke	Department of Conservation
	Mr Joe Davis	Tangata Whenua
	Cr Christine Fletcher	Auckland Council
	Mr Terrence Hohneck	Tangata Whenua
	Mr Jacob Hore	Ministry for Primary Industries
	Cr Mike Lee	Auckland Council
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	Auckland Council
	Cr Warren Maher	Waikato Regional Council
	Mr Paul Majurey	Tangata Whenua
	Mr Martin Mariassouce	Te Puni Kōkiri
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	Ms Bianca Ranson	Waiheke Local Board (Auckland Council)
	Cr James Sainsbury	Matamata-Piako District Council
	Mayor Len Salt	Thames-Coromandel District Council
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Selected extracts from the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000

3 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to—

- (a) integrate the management of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
- (b) establish the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park:
- (c) establish objectives for the management of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
- (d) recognise the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of the tangata whenua with the Hauraki Gulf and its islands:
- (e) establish the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

Part 1 Management of Hauraki Gulf

7 Recognition of national significance of Hauraki Gulf

- (1) The interrelationship between the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments and the ability of that interrelationship to sustain the life-supporting capacity of the environment of the Hauraki Gulf and its islands are matters of national significance.
- (2) The life-supporting capacity of the environment of the Gulf and its islands includes the capacity—
 - (a) to provide for—
 - (i) the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of the tangata whenua of the Gulf with the Gulf and its islands; and
 - (ii) the social, economic, recreational, and cultural well-being of people and communities:
 - (b) to use the resources of the Gulf by the people and communities of the Gulf and New Zealand for economic activities and recreation:
 - (c) to maintain the soil, air, water, and ecosystems of the Gulf.

8 Management of Hauraki Gulf

To recognise the national significance of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, the objectives of the management of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments are—

- (a) the protection and, where appropriate, the enhancement of the life-supporting capacity of the environment of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
- (b) the protection and, where appropriate, the enhancement of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
- (c) the protection and, where appropriate, the enhancement of those natural, historic, and physical resources (including kaimoana) of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments with which tangata whenua have an historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship:
- (d) the protection of the cultural and historic associations of people and communities in and around the Hauraki Gulf with its natural, historic, and physical resources:
- (e) the maintenance and, where appropriate, the enhancement of the contribution of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments to the social and economic well-being of the people and communities of the Hauraki Gulf and New Zealand:

- (f) the maintenance and, where appropriate, the enhancement of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, which contribute to the recreation and enjoyment of the Hauraki Gulf for the people and communities of the Hauraki Gulf and New Zealand.

Part 2 Hauraki Gulf Forum

15 Purposes of Forum

The Forum has the following purposes:

- (a) to integrate the management and, where appropriate, to promote the conservation and management in a sustainable manner, of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and communities of the Gulf and New Zealand:
- (b) to facilitate communication, co-operation, and co-ordination on matters relating to the statutory functions of the constituent parties in relation to the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, and the Forum:
- (c) to recognise the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of tangata whenua with the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and, where appropriate, its catchments.

16 Establishment of Forum

- (1) A body called the Hauraki Gulf Forum is established.
- (2) The Forum consists of the following representatives:
 - (a) 1 representative appointed by the Minister:
 - (b) 1 representative appointed by the Minister of Fisheries:
 - (c) 1 representative appointed by the Minister of Maori Affairs:
 - (ca) 7 representatives appointed by the Auckland Council:
 - (d) 1 representative appointed by each of the following local authorities:
 - ...(iv) Hauraki District Council:
 - ...(vi) Matamata-Piako District Council:
 - ...(ix) Thames-Coromandel District Council:
 - ...(x) Waikato District Council:
 - ...(xi) Waikato Regional Council:
 - (e) 6 representatives of the tangata whenua of the Hauraki Gulf and its islands appointed by the Minister, after consultation with the tangata whenua and the Minister of Maori Affairs.
- (2A) The representatives appointed in accordance with subsection (2)(ca) must—
 - (a) be members of—
 - (i) the Auckland Council; or
 - (ii) a local board of the Auckland Council elected in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001; and
 - (b) include 1 member of each of the Great Barrier Island and Waiheke Island local boards.
- (3) The representatives appointed in accordance with subsection (2)(d) or (5) must be members of the local authority elected in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

17 Functions of Forum

- (1) To promote sections 7 and 8, the Forum has the following functions in relation to the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
 - (a) to prepare a list of strategic issues, determine a priority for action on each issue, and regularly review that list:
 - (b) to facilitate and encourage co-ordinated financial planning, where possible, by the constituent parties:
 - (c) to obtain, share, and monitor information on the state of the natural and physical resources:
 - (d) to receive reports on the completion and implementation of deeds of recognition:
 - (e) to require and receive reports from constituent parties on the development and implementation of policies and strategies to address the issues identified under paragraph (a):
 - (f) to receive reports from the tangata whenua of the Hauraki Gulf on the development and implementation of iwi management or development plans:
 - (g) to prepare and publish, once every 3 years, a report on the state of the environment in the Hauraki Gulf, including information on progress towards integrated management and responses to the issues identified in accordance with paragraph (a):
 - (h) to promote and advocate the integrated management and, where appropriate, the sustainable management of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments:
 - (i) to encourage, share, co-ordinate where appropriate, and disseminate educational and promotional material:
 - (j) to liaise with, and receive reports from, persons and groups having an interest in the Hauraki Gulf and business and community interests to promote an interest in the purposes of the Forum:
 - (k) to commission research into matters relating to the functions of the Forum.
- (2) When carrying out its functions under subsection (1), the Forum must have particular regard to the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of tangata whenua with the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments.

18 Powers of Forum

- (1) The Forum has the powers that are reasonably necessary to carry out its functions.
- (2) The Forum's powers include the powers—
 - (a) to consider issues related to its purpose; and
 - (b) to receive reports from constituent parties; and
 - (c) to make recommendations to constituent parties; and
 - (d) to advise any person who requests the Forum's advice; and
 - (e) to commission or undertake those activities that are necessary to achieve its purpose.
- (3) The Forum must not—
 - (a) appear before a court or tribunal other than as a witness if called by a party to proceedings; or
 - (b) take part in a decision-making process under any enactment other than to advise when requested to do so.

Governance Statement – updated May 2021

Whakatauki

“He waka kōtuia kāhore e tukutukua ngā mimira.”

A canoe that is interlaced will not become separated at the bow. In unity there is strength.” In the highly developed craft of building ocean going waka the bow section was laced to the centre hull. The waka provides a metaphor for tangata whenua, in that a people interlaced will not be separated and through that unity we find strength.

This Governance Statement replaces all prior versions. It covers how the Forum works, and key roles and responsibilities. The Forum’s purposes, membership, functions and powers are set out in detail in Part 2 of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 (HGMPA) and are not repeated here.

How the Forum works

Te whakahonore i o maatau hononga Tiriti hei painga mo Te Moananui-ō-Toi; Tīkapa Moana; Hauraki Gulf. The Forum will operate in partnership under the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, including the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi under Section 6.

It will integrate and respect both Te Ao Māori and other world views.

The Forum’s conduct, and all those that interact with it, will adhere to the intent of the following principles:

- Aroha: being considerate – having respect for relationships and being of service.
- Openness and impartiality: having an open mind when making decisions and listening to other points of view.
- Tautoko: supporting others by respecting and upholding others mana, dignity, identity and unique perspective.
- Manaaki: caring for others by responsibly valuing others and ensuring they feel valued.
- Stewardship: using powers and resources prudently.
- Awhi: helping others by entering into effective engagements in the spirit of co-operation and good faith.
- Leadership: inspiring action toward achieving common goals.
- Tika: being responsible – doing the right thing with integrity and accountability.
- Pono: being effective – building credibility.
- Ethics: maintaining the highest standard of ethical conduct.

The Forum will endeavour to meet quarterly, with meetings split between the Auckland and Waikato regions. It will hold additional workshops and meetings as required.

Our Roles and Responsibilities

- Co-Chairs
 - One Co-Chair is from and elected by the membership at large
 - One Co-Chair is from and decided by the Tangata Whenua members
 - Co-Chairs lead the Forum and are its spokespeople
 - Co-Chairs work in partnership with each other
 - Co-Chairs exemplify the principles by which we work
 - Co-Chairs chair Forum meetings, set strategic direction, support and work with all Members, and front public engagement

(A separate Co-Chairing arrangement records the practical aspects of Co-Chairing)

- **Members**
 - Members support and work with the Co-Chairs and each other to take effective decisions and progress the agenda of the Forum
 - Members bring their expertise and mana to ensure quality decision making in the interests of the Marine Park
 - Members represent their Constituent Party, as defined under the HGMPA
 - Members may send alternates to meetings they are unable to attend so long as this is notified in advance and in accordance with any applicable practice

- **Executive Officer**
 - The Executive Officer functions as the Chief Executive of the Forum and is responsible for taking forward resolutions of the Forum, ensuring adherence to the HGMPA, supporting the Co-Chairs and all Members, preparing meeting papers, coordination with external partners, and the Forum's management, contracts, finance and administration.
 - The Executive Officer chairs meetings of Technical Officers and works closely with the Governance Advisor.

- **Governance Advisor**
 - The Governance Advisor is responsible for collating and publishing meeting agendas, writing minutes and providing advice on process.

- **Technical Officers**
 - Members are encouraged to have technical officers to provide them and the Forum with expert support and advice.
 - Technical Officers will work with their Members, the Executive Officer and each other to progress the Forum's resolutions, as appropriate.

- **Administering Authority**
 - Auckland Council is the Administering Authority (for responsibilities see s28, HGMPA)

Review

This Governance Statement will be reviewed every 3 years.

Karakia

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1 Apologies

Apologies from Cr A Baker and Ms B Ranson have been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Monday, 4 December 2023](#), including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.

4 Public Forum

4.1 Public Forum - Seabird smart fishing – review of summer campaign

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. Janice Molloy and Ann Ward will present the results of the summer seabird smart fishing campaign on the East Coast of the Coromandel.

Ngā tūhonga

Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) thank Janice Molloy and Ann Ward for their presentation on the results of the summer seabird smart fishing campaign on the East Coast of the Coromandel.

5 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Co-Chairs' Report

File No.: CP2024/00926

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update from the Forum's Co-Chairs.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. It has been wonderful to have a true summer this year, and to see so many out enjoying all that the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park has to offer.
3. The year ahead is going to be a pivotal one. There is a once-in-a-generation shot at increasing the level of marine protection from the current 0.3% to around 6%, with the Hauraki Gulf Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill before Parliament. There are also decisions due on the Hākaimangō – Matiatia Marine Reserve proposal and on options for restricting bottom-impact fishing in the Marine Park.
4. If there is one issue that has dominated the summer months, it's Caulerpa. Like rust, it never sleeps, and we have seen further spread at Aotea Great Barrier Island. We are also seeing a big step up in the fight against it, with new technology deployed at both Te Rāwhiti and Waiheke. Just prior to Christmas we met with new Minister for Biosecurity, Hon. Andrew Hoggard, and were heartened to hear of his determination to make this a top priority. Minister Hoggard has since announced a significant \$5m investment (see: <https://beehive.govt.nz/release/government-boost-fight-against-caulerpa>). Co-Chair Nicola acknowledged the importance of this in a combined release with Auckland's Mayor (see: <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2024/02/hope-in-battle-against-exotic-caulerpa-following-govt-s-5-m-injection/>)
5. The health of our moana has also been a subject of discussion at various gatherings this year, including at Tūrangawaewae (Te Kiingitanga) and Waitangi. There is an increasing disconnect between large-scale management and localised impacts, be that on fisheries, sedimentation, pollution, or biosecurity. Local communities, iwi and hapū are making it clear that agencies need to make greater efforts to manage at fine-scale and deliver local improvements.
6. Finally, it is great to be here in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton, today and to be hosted by Waikato Regional Council. WRC Member Cr Warren Maher and Alternate Member Cr Jennifer Nickel have been active in their support of the Forum and are making a real difference. We particularly want to recognise the mahi that Warren and TCDC Alternate Member Cr Deli Connell led over the summer to work with our recreational fishers on seabird smart fishing. We will be briefed on the results of that campaign this afternoon.



(With Minister for Biosecurity, Hon. Andrew Hoggard)

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) note the report.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Constituent Party Updates

File No.: CP2024/00927

Item 7

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To brief Forum members on key priorities and work programmes among the Forum's Constituent Parties.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The Forum has received written briefings from:
 - Waikato Regional Council
 - Hauraki District Council
 - Thames Coromandel District Council
 - Fisheries NZ and the Department of Conservation
 - Auckland Council
3. The Forum will also receive oral briefings during this agenda item on:
 - Revitalising the Gulf (Fisheries New Zealand and the Department of Conservation); and
 - Caulerpa (Biosecurity New Zealand, Auckland Council) – see also attachment F.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) thank Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, Thames Coromandel District Council, Fisheries NZ & the Department of Conservation, and Auckland Council for their written reports
- b) thank Fisheries NZ, Department of Conservation, Biosecurity New Zealand and Auckland Council for their presentations
- c) note the report.

Ngā tāpirihanga

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Waikato Regional Council Constituency Report – February 2024

Key projects for the year 2024

Long Term Plan (LTP)

- The council has landed on a draft for consultation - proposed 10-year budget with a 6 per cent rates rise in rates revenue from current ratepayers in 2024/25.
- 10-year plan focused on resilience, efficiency, cost effectiveness and strategic investment in areas that are important to the rohe, now and into the future.
- Proposing to invest more in biodiversity and biosecurity, increase in coastal and marine science and maritime services, protecting and preserving taonga species and locations in our region.
- Consultation between 2 April and 2 May.
- [Media release](#)

Coastal Plan review

- Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan notified.
- Notification of the summary of decisions requested in the next few months.
- Hearings expected to be held late 2024.

Freshwater Review

- On December 2023 the new government outlined a new approach to review and replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2020 (NPSFM) and that this will occur within this term of government (September 2026). Following this, the statutory period to notify the review was increased by 3 years, i.e. to 31 December 2027.
- Appeals to Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments have been heard and a decision can be expected mid to late 2024. The decisions (when final) will then be incorporated into the Freshwater Policy Review process.
- There will be a shift in approach on the Freshwater Policy Reviews, a refreshed project focused on matters of most importance to the region will be developed in the coming months. A suite of communication messages will then be developed to key audience members such as the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

Regional Resilience projects

- Wharekawa Coast 2120 - A 100-year community plan which provides a pathway for how the community and the councils can work together to ensure a safe and resilient future for the Wharekawa Coast's communities. The community plan has been adopted and throughout 2024 we have moved to implementation of the plan, working through LTP process and investigating how councils can implement the first steps of the plans.
- Hauraki Plains Adaptation Project - working with the Hauraki plains communities within the Hauraki district to develop an adaptation plan. Results this year include engagement with the communities to start conversations around natural hazard risk and community risk thresholds alongside updating current flood models to inform community adaptation planning.
- Waikato and Waipa River flood susceptibility tool - a tool which allows the community to explore the impact of climate change on flooding along the Waikato and Waipa rivers alongside different land use scenarios. This will assist with adaptation planning along these rivers. Results this year include the modelling and development of the tool.
- CE KPI - A trial project and community engagement methodology for application of the Sustainable Infrastructure and Development Framework is adopted by council by June 30 2024. the SIDF looks at guiding decision making around investigation and building critical infrastructure by taking a risk-based resilience approach.
- Performance reviews - Waihou and Mangatawhiri - this includes reviewing the performance of our stopbanks to ensure their level of service is current for our stakeholders. Expected results

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this year include completing a river model and beginning a performance review for the Waihou river and a model update for the Mangatawhiri stream.

- The Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment had its geospatial exposure assessment published and phase two (detailed risk assessment) completed.
- Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) Shoreline Management Pathways – this project developed adaptation pathways for the coastal communities of the district. The project is currently in its implementation stage; WRC, TCDC and Royal Haskoning DHV (TCDC contractor) worked on prioritising adaptation actions for different coastal compartments.

Funding boost to improve flood resilience of communities affected by 2023 cyclones

- The council has been awarded \$2.286 million from the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund towards three projects to improve the resilience of communities impacted by Cyclone Hale and Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023.
- The funding includes:
 - \$940,000 towards river management within the Waihou Valley scheme, with a focus on gravel management and stabilisation/revetment works in the Kauaeranga River, Kirikiri Stream, Puriri River, Omahu Stream, Hikutaia River, Komata River and Ohinemuri river
 - \$704,000 towards mitigating future flood risk in the Waipā, lower Waikato and west coast catchments by removing waterway obstructions and constructing at least 85 in-stream erosion control structures
 - \$642,000 towards the removal of storm affected vegetation (largely old poplar, willow and pine) from waterways in the Coromandel Peninsula and planting willows and poplars to help stabilise the riverbanks. This work is underway. Funding is through to June 2025.
- The funding is in addition to the \$1.038 million it received from the fund in October last year, towards river management works in the Coromandel Peninsula (\$708,000 to June 2025) and to upgrade the weir and remediate damage to the Graham's Creek catchment flood scheme in Tairua (\$330,000 to Feb 2025).
- This also supports biosecurity efforts.

Shovel Ready Projects:

- Piako Green Corridor – this five-year project, now in year four, seeks to reconnect the Kopuatai wetland to the Firth of Thames. To date, 18km of fencing has been completed and 146,697 native plants have been planted. Work this year is progressing with the remaining planting sites along the Piako River.
- Upper Waiomou Habitat Enhancement – this four-year project seeks to restore 48 km of riparian margin along the Tukutāpere, Rapurapu and Waiomou streams. To date, 45.8 km of fencing has been completed and 195,000 plants planted. Work this year is progressing with fencing, planting and maintenance and is due for completion in October 2024.
- These projects are a funding partnership with MfE's Public Waterways and Ecosystems Restoration Fund as part of the Jobs for Nature programme for the Waihou Piako zone.

Hill Country Erosion Programme

- This programme is a partnership between the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), councils and landowners. It provides funding support to regional erosion-control projects that are beyond the capacity of councils to address on their own.
- Funding for the current financial year till June 2027 (four years) for the Waihou Piako and Coromandel Zones is:
 - Waihou Piako: WRC \$445,100, MPI \$445,100, Landowner \$381,514
 - Coromandel: WRC \$458,827, MPI \$314,534, Landowner \$331,440.

Supporting the takutai moana coastal and marine strategic priority

File No.: CP2024/00929

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To brief the Forum on research and monitoring work led by Waikato Regional Council of relevance to the health of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and its catchment.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Forum will be briefed by Dr Michael Townsend, Coastal and Marine Science Team Leader.

Background

3. This agenda item will outline current information gaps and areas of coastal-centric work proposed to be addressed in the current Waikato Regional Council Long Term Plan process until 2034. This new programme, in combination with existing business as usual workflows, will help evaluate whether the takutai moana coastal and marine strategic priority is being achieved.
4. See more: <https://www.strategicdirection.waikatoregion.govt.nz/coastal-and-marine>

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) thank Dr Michael Townsend for his presentation
- b) note the report.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Discusson on draft Work Plan 2024-2026

File No.: CP2024/00930

Item 9

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an opportunity for Forum members to discuss and put forward ideas for the refresh of the Forum's work plan for 2024-2026.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. By law the Forum is required to identify and maintain a list of strategic issues, and to keep that list under review. The Forum is also required by law to produce a comprehensive state of the environment report every three years (last done in 2023). The Forum is not required to maintain a work plan, though it has in the past, and a three-year work plan has proved valuable as a mechanism for the prioritisation and delivery of key work. With the previous work plan having expired, it is recommended that the Forum develop a new work plan for the 2024-2026 period.
3. Under this agenda item, the Executive Officer will facilitate a round-table discussion on priorities for members for the next three years. The Executive Officer will then take that feedback and circulate a draft work plan for comment, before proposing a final version for adoption at the Forum's next meeting on 10 June 2024.
4. Copies of the Forum's expired work plan and other relevant documents are attached to this report. See Attachment A for a discussion paper for this agenda item. Attachment B for the Forum's Governance Statement. Attachment C for the Forum's Strategic Issues.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) request that the Executive Officer proceed to draft the 2024-2026 work plan, taking into account feedback received today, for adoption by members at the 10 June 2024 meeting.

Ngā tāpirihanga

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Ngā kaihaina

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Item 9

Retreating from the tide: integrating ecosystem improvements into a flood scheme

File No.: CP2024/00928

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To brief the Forum on work underway in Waikato Regional Council to integrate ecosystem improvements into the flood protection scheme for the Piako catchment.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Forum will receive a briefing from Adam Munro, Manager Flood Protection and Land Drainage, Waikato Regional Council.

Background

3. The Piako River flood scheme includes a range of flood protection assets to protect people and property from frequent flooding. These assets include drains, stopbanks, floodgates and pump stations that provide varying levels of protection depending on location and land use.
4. Three floodgates on the true right bank near the mouth of the Piako River and the Firth of Thames are nearing the end of their useful life. The floodgates provide protection to 850ha of good agricultural land and the communities within. This project seeks to rationalise these into one floodgate asset to reduce replacement and ongoing operation and maintenance cost as well as ensuring the level of service is maintained along with options for longevity of flood protection in this area.
5. This area has significance due to the RAMSAR site at the Firth of Thames, and the link to the RAMSAR site at the Kopuatai Peat Dome. Wetland habitat will be created where stopbanks are set back. This project ties in with the Piako River green corridor project.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) thank Adam Munro for his presentation
- b) note the report.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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Executive Officer's Report

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Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update from the Forum's Executive Officer.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Change is the only constant for the Hauraki Gulf, and the last quarter was marked by political change as the new government got underway. Just prior to the break I was honoured to attend the State Opening of Parliament at the invitation of the Governor General. I met briefly with our Ministers and, separately, around 20 MPs from across the House.
3. Since then, I have had meetings in the past month with the ACT Party and the Green Party, spoke at the National Party Bluegreens Forum, and anticipate soon being able to sit down with Minister Potaka along with the Co-Chairs to learn more about his priorities as he takes charge of the Conservation portfolio.
4. Another priority has been following up with Watercare (see Attachments A and B). There was a real depth of feeling among members at the recent raw sewage overflow from the collapse of the Parnell sewer line. We have received Watercare's commitment to provide us with a copy of the review into that failure once ready. I have also engaged with their team overseeing the Beachlands development. I clearly registered the Forum's opposition to any discharge structures being built out into the Hauraki Gulf.
5. With everything happening all at once, I am keeping a focus on the progress of the Marine Protection Bill. The Select Committee is due to come to Auckland next week for hearings and Co-Chair Toby and I will deliver the Forum's position in person then. I had an editorial about this in the NZ Herald, published on Auckland Anniversary Day. A non-paywalled copy is available here: <https://gulfjournal.org.nz/2024/01/2024-a-make-or-break-year-for-the-hauraki-gulf-marine-park/>.

Ship Speed

6. Please find attached (Attachment C) the latest ship speed data from the Port of Auckland, showing continued compliance with the voluntary protocol. No reports of ship strikes on Bryde's Whales were reported in the last quarter.

Financial Position

7. Please also find attached (Attachment D) the Q2 2023-2024 financial position of the Forum.

Technical Officers

8. Finally, please find attached (Attachment E) the notes of the most recent meeting of the Forum's Technical Officers.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) note the report.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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