



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the Waikato
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

Notice of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) to be held at:
Waikato Room, Waikato Regional Council Hamilton
On 24 November 2018, at 2.45 pm

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| 1 | Apologies – |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting – 24 October 2018 |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Minutes |
| 4 | Kim Parker, Biosecurity, WRC |
| 5 | 1080 Position Paper Revision (Attached) |
| 6 | Correspondence Out – MPI, DOC, Auckland City – thanks for SeaChange Responses; and to Clr Minogue forwarding their reponses. |
| 7 | Other Business Cathy Stephenson from Te Uru Rakau (1 Billion Trees) attending before December 12 meeting – confirm arrangements. |
| 8 | Written reports - To Louise Capes at Louise.Capes@waikatoregion.govt.nz prior to meeting please – members identify highlights for discussion Topics: Identify your topics of interest. |
| 9 | Next Meeting – December 12 2018. |



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Minutes of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) held at:
Waikato Regional Council Hamilton
On 28 November 2018, at 3.00 pm in the Waikato Room.

Present: Kemble Pudney, Brian Habberfield, Greg Hill, Anna Casey-Cox (left meeting at 4.15pm), Martin Wallace, Dell Hood, Kelvin Mourtison, Andrew Sinclair, Katherine Hay

In attendance: Keita Kirchin (minutes WRC)

1. Apologies

Leo Koppens

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 24 October 2018

Moved by Andrew Sinclair subject to spelling corrections **Kemble to send to Louise Capes**,
Seconded by Anna Casey-Cox

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Sea Change

Kemble to send out Hauraki Gulf Forum letter. There is a move from central government to push this through.

As agreed, the responses from the four agencies contacted have been circulated. Government response still forthcoming.

The term 'extinction rebellion' has become popular around climate change. It demands that the 'powers that be' do more than work around the edges. Climate change is often thought of as a coastal issue – David Bennet said that Hamilton won't be affected by climate change; he is not engaging in the issues. There will be significant pressure on the regional council especially around the Coromandel/Whitianga/Thames sea level rise and the expected swamping of the aquatic centre.

Kemble noted there was a large climate feature on Stuff today. The media is a lot more behind climate change now than 20 years ago.

There is news now around New York City taking the oil companies to court.

Brian has not yet heard back about a presentation by Kalvina Goddard and will forward to all. There are many things in the sea change plan that need to be done and will be of benefit. Marine reserves can be negotiated for.

4. Kim Parker, Biosecurity, WRC

Kim Parker, Biosecurity Officer at WRC, presented on Kauri Protection with a focus on kauri die-back.

Kauri dieback is caused by a fungus-like pathogen called *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA). The PA spores in soil infect kauri roots, damaging the tree's nutrient carrying abilities. One noticeable symptom are lesions that bleed resin at the base of the trunk in a V-shape.

Spreading of PA occurs via movement of contaminated soils mainly by humans, stock and feral animals.

Kemble asked if there was anything ACRE could do to help stop the spread of PA: Keep away from kauri; clean shoes and equipment between kauri stands; people operating bait lines should keep them away from kauri and speak to predator free groups (these conversations may be difficult).

Kemble asked Kim to forward a copy of her presentation to Louise.

For more information visit kauridieback.co.nz.

5. 1080 Position Paper Revision - update

Action: delete reference to kaitiaki justice letter but include the link in the table of references. Kemble believes the online reference has now had the signatories removed. Kelvin to circulate report.

Kelvin queried whether individuals who don't personally support 1080 would be appointed to ACRE. It was agreed that internal debate and individual opinion was welcome, but ACRE's position is science based and will take precedence.

6. Correspondence:

- Already covered.

7. Other Business:

- Andrew - speaker from Te Uru Rakau (1 Billion Trees), Catherine Stephenson

Points noted:

- Goal is one billion trees – 500m in pines in forestry
- Emphasis on the remaining 500m – 75% being native
- Last time forestry owners took up the slack; this time private land owners, council and iwi will be more involved
- Fits in with the Healthy Rivers Plan Change commitments
- Presentation to take 1.5 hours, suggested to hold this before the next meeting on 12 December – 1.30pm start
- Look to host at WRC if a room big enough can be found
- Catherine is happy to use the meeting time as a test and bring in attendees from other groups ie WRC (Bruce McAuliffe for Plan Change 1; natural heritage and land use teams), councillors, Waikato River Trails, Waikato River Authority and tree trusts, Alison Dews, Don Scarlet
- Comment from David Forsigh that if 300-400 pines per hectare are planted, collect the carbon credits but never harvest, eventually these will revert back into natives.
- WRC-owned land along the river could be improved and planted – could have groves of Kahikatea
- Fits into the ACRE brief under connecting with communities, natural characteristics and landscapes.

Andrew to organise to talk at December meeting (1.30pm to 3.00pm)

Kelvin to delegate venue confirmation and issuing of invitations – 12th December, 25-30 people, tea & coffee. ACRE meeting can be moved to a smaller venue after that.

- Suggestion of a light meal after the meeting of 12 December. Greg gives his apologies. **Kelvin** to book Babaganush for 5.30pm.

Next Meeting – 12 December 2018, 2.45 to 4.45pm

Reports:

| Name | Details |
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| Brian Habberfield-Short | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric car on order – chose a Leaf with a 30kw battery. Now a 4x4 is being developed in the US with a 500 mile range with a motor on each wheel. Cost is about NZD100k. |
| Andrew Sinclair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest control hubs - involved in touring the region providing private land owners with free traps, bait and education. \$4k went out to 40 people first time round. Generates goodwill to councils and DOC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding needed – currently funding provided by Auckland Council, WRC and DOC. Funding side – record email addresses and build up map through Track NZ or council and hit a 20% landowner buy-in over total area; report to council for each trap day, how much money was spent & recorded on spreadsheet. Funding of 10-15% for admin and educators on the day. ○ Hunua Ranges kiwi program didn't work as ferrets got in from border areas. Auckland needs buffer zones if you want kiwi. ○ Have a specific trailer stocked up with advertising on outside and wings that open up making materials accessible; have a tick-box list of what's inside. ○ Landowners doing it not contractors. ○ Providing Trapinator kill traps; bait stations - promoting Foolproof with paper bags (which stops birds getting in); pied pipers; CMI springs; chew cards. ○ Follow-up days held every 3-4 months ○ Kelvin suggested using the possum master. ○ A key issue for a knock-down and maintenance – people with dogs scavenging carcasses |
| Katherine Hay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kemble asked about extinction rebellion. Katherine noted that 350.org has organised activist meets. • At a Bird NZ meeting, a stoat and rat proof fence was presented – a low fence with netting at the bottom and a metal rollover at the top. This might be a viable alternative for small areas. No provider mentioned; price per metre unknown. Kemble to follow-up with John on costs. • There are enough kauri in the city, we should diversify more with bigger fruit trees. • Katherine had an email from NZ Auto Traps delegate; put him in touch with Neil Fitzgerald at Walter Scot. They are meeting this week. Quite expensive at \$235 each. Passed an OWAK trial, now going for practical applications. Katherine suggested ACRE could trial them. • 80220 possum trap for possums, rats and mice. Brian said the lure is more liquid. Liquid is squirted out onto the trap; run by battery; uses a light trigger. |

Meeting closed – 5.06pm