



WORKSHOP MINUTES

Monday, 11 May 2026

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Waikato Regional Council

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Date: Monday 11 May 2026, 9.30am
Location: Council Chambers
 Waikato Regional Council
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Warren Maher – Chair
 Cr Mich’éal Downard – Deputy-Chair (virtually via Teams)
 Cr Robert Cookson
 Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith
 Cr Kataraina Hodge (virtually via Teams)
 Cr Chris Hughes (until 2.50pm)
 Cr Keith Holmes
 Cr Tipa Mahuta (virtually via Teams)
 Cr Gary McGuire
 Cr Garry Reymer
 Cr Liz Stolwyk
 Cr Angela Strange (from 9.53am until 1.06pm)
 Cr Noel Smith (until 2.45pm)

Staff Present: Tracey May – Director, Science, Policy and Information
 Greg Ryan, Director – Integrated Catchment Management
 Mali Ahipene – Pou Tuhono
 Jordan Metz – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these workshop minutes meet all legal requirements. Workshops are not official meetings and do not contain any decisions. They are for discussion purposes only.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the workshop is available on Waikato Regional Council’s public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Meeting Recording #1	35974368	https://youtu.be/15bgm4D10TE
Meeting Recording #2	35976806	https://youtu.be/O3-lwlgI2EI
Meeting Recording #3	35970150	https://youtu.be/n-0PCpVs8Bc

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) opened the workshop with a Karakia.

2 WORKSHOP PAPER(S)**2.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE REVIEW OF TE TURE WHAIMANA O TE AWA, THE VISION AND STRATEGY FOR THE WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 28 seconds.

Presented by the Managing Director, GMD Consultants (Gavin Donald). Refer Document # 36105388 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

10.40am – The workshop adjourned.

10.50am - The workshop reconvened.

2.2 ICMC INDUCTION - INFRASTRUCTURE

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

Presented by the Acting Manager, Infrastructure (Steve Fabish) and the Land Drainage Manager (Reuben Mills). Refer Document # 35876305 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

12.39pm – The workshop adjourned.

1.05pm – The workshop reconvened.

1.06pm – Cr Angela Strange left the workshop.

2.3 REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE SERVICES

Item commenced in recording 3, at start.

Presented by the Project Director, Tonkin + Taylor (Peter Cochrane), Managing Director and Principal Consultant, Habilis New Zealand (Kent Duston) and Executive Director, Toha Network (David Hall). Refer Document # 36104993 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

2.45pm - Cr Noel Smith left the workshop.

2.50pm - Cr Chris Hughes left the workshop.

3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 3, at 2 hours 23 minutes 55 seconds.

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) closed the workshop with a Karakia.

3.29pm – The workshop concluded.