



# **WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 20 May 2026**

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## Waikato Regional Council

### OPEN WORKSHOP MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday 20 May 2026, 9.30am  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
 Waikato Regional Council  
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

**Members Present:** Cr Warren Maher – Chair  
 Cr Mich’ael Downard – Deputy-Chair  
 Cr Robert Cookson  
 Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith  
 Cr Kataraina Hodge  
 Cr Chris Hughes  
 Cr Keith Holmes  
 Cr Tipa Mahuta (virtually via Teams)  
 Cr Gary McGuire  
 Cr Jennifer Nickel (from 11.10am)  
 Cr Garry Reymer  
 Cr Liz Stolwyk  
 Cr Angela Strange  
 Cr Noel Smith

**Staff Present:** Tracey May – Director, Science, Policy and Information  
 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
Workshop Recording #1	36041595	<a href="https://youtu.be/R5ZXUFqW85A">https://youtu.be/R5ZXUFqW85A</a>
Workshop Recording #2	36034270	<a href="https://youtu.be/GbYOVx8MRYM">https://youtu.be/GbYOVx8MRYM</a>

**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 MANA WHAKAHONO A ROHE AGREEMENT WITH NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 30 seconds

Presented by the Pou Tuhono (Mali Ahipene). Refer Document # 36031285 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

10.59am – The workshop adjourned.

11.10am – Cr Jennifer Nickel entered the workshop.

11.12am – The workshop reconvened.

**2.2 WATER SECURITY ACTION PLAN**

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

Presented by the Team Leader, Hydrology and Groundwater (Thomas Wilding) and Technical Fellow, Policy and Strategic Advisory, Beca (Robert Brodnax). Refer Document # 35978733 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

**3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 24 minutes 7 seconds.

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

12.36pm – The workshop concluded.