



# **WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 29 April 2026**

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## Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council

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- Date:** Wednesday 29 April 2026, 9.39am
- Location:** Council Chambers  
Waikato Regional Council  
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton
- Members Present:** Trustee Jackie Colliar – Co-Chair – Waikato Raupatu River Trust  
Cr Noel Smith – Co-Chair – Waikato Regional Council  
Cr Jennifer Nickel – Deputy Co-Chair – Waikato Regional Council  
Trustee Jeff Green – Waikato Raupatu River Trust (from 9.59am)  
Cr Kataraina Hodge – Waikato Regional Council  
Cr Angela Strange – Waikato Regional Council  
Trustee Donald Turner – Waikato Raupatu River Trust (virtually via Teams, from 9.46am)
- In Attendance:** Cr Robert Cookson – Waikato Regional Council (from 10.18am)  
Cr Mich'eal Downard – Waikato Regional Council (virtually via Teams until 10.31am)  
Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith – Waikato Regional Council  
Cr Warren Maher – Waikato Regional Council  
Cr Gary McGuire – Waikato Regional Council  
Cr Garry Reymer – Waikato Regional Council (from 10.49am)  
Cr Liz Stolwyk – Waikato Regional Council
- Staff Present:** Mali Ahipene – Pou Tuhono, Waikato Regional Council  
Ashley Eden – Kaiwhakarite, Waikato Regional Council  
Peata Graham – Kaiwhakarite, Waikato Regional Council  
Dave Daggart – Team Lead, Democracy, Waikato Regional Council  
Jaedyn Falwasser (virtually via Teams)  
Karuna Deobhakta (virtually via Teams)  
Nicole Forbes (virtually via Teams)  
Marae Tukere (virtually via Teams)
- Apologies Received:** Trustee Jackie Colliar – Waikato Raupatu River Trust (for lateness)  
Trustee Jeff Green – Waikato Raupatu River Trust (for lateness)  
Trustee Hinerangi Raumati-Tu'ua – Waikato Raupatu River Trust (for absence)

***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	35749288	<a href="https://youtu.be/gYF8AwQOT94">https://youtu.be/gYF8AwQOT94</a>



Item commenced in recording, at start.

The Co-Chairs (Cr Noel Smith and Trustee Jackie Colliar respectively) provided a brief introduction prior to the workshop commencing.

## **1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Item commenced in recording, at 1 minute 45 seconds.

The Pou Tuhono (Mali Ahipene) opened the workshop with a karakia.

## **2 WORKSHOP PAPER(S)**

### **2.1 STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAMME RESET AND CO-DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Item commenced in recording, at 2 minutes 13 seconds

The Pou Tuhono (Mali Ahipene) introduced the session. Refer Document # 35754986 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

9.46am – Trustee Donald Turner entered the workshop.

The Kaiwhakarite (Peata Graham) facilitated the remainder of the session. Members online contributed via the Teams chat (Document # 35754893).

9.59am – Trustee Jeff Green entered the workshop.

10.18am – Cr Robert Cookson entered the workshop.

**Action:** That Staff summarise Waikato-Tainui positions on a range of topics (particularly submissions to central government) and circulate to Waikato Regional Council elected members.

10.31am – Cr Mich'eal Downard left the workshop.

**Action:** That a report (or presentation) be provided to Waikato Regional Councillors to provide context about Te Matatini.

10.49am – Cr Garry Reymer entered the workshop.

**Action:** That a short workshop be scheduled for Iwi and Waikato Regional Councillors prior to the June Co-Governance Committee hui to work through the draft strategic work programme.

## **3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour, 19 minutes, 45 seconds.

The Pou Tuhono (Mali Ahipene) closed the workshop with a karakia.

11.00am – The workshop concluded.