

LCAP Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 7

Date: 28 Apr 2026

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Location: Island Bay Presbyterian Church

Facilitator: Max Scott-Murray, Alex Keeble

Note Taker: Amy Prebble

1. Attendees

Present: Jack Hitchcox, Hannah Clark, Cliff Law, Hanita Dinsdale, Grant Corbishley (Lifting the Creek)

Apologies: Alanna Puketapu-White, Gabriela Roque-Worcel, Parehinetai Sannyasi, Adair Valentine-Robertson

WCC attendees: Amy Prebble, Jamuna Rotstein

WREMO: Vania Szymokowiak

2. Agenda

1. Opening, introductions and check-in
2. Reflections on the April storm
3. Mapping exercise
4. Optioneering process – priorities and assessment framework
5. Closing round (whakakapi – closing reflections)

3. Meeting Notes / Discussion

Agenda Item	Discussion Summary
Introductions	Karakia timatanga and mihi were led by Max. Opening group circle for introductions, including new members and guests.
Reflections on the severe weather event	Panel members shared lived experiences of the storm and its impacts. Vania Szymokowiak shared both personal experiences as a local resident and insights from WREMO.
	Personal impacts • Participants described their personal impacts including car hit by a landslide and the emotional difficulty of seeing neighbours affected. • Impacts varied across catchments, while Houghton Valley was not badly affected by recent flooding, extreme wind in February downed powerlines and trees, and lifted roofs.

	<i>What worked well?</i> Community response • “Response from the community was really amazing to see”. • Strong neighbourhood support, with people checking on one another in person and by phone. • Food and resources were shared, and some people offered accommodation. • Schools and groups carried out informal needs assessments. • Facebook and social media were widely used to share information. • “The best preparedness is getting to know each other.” LCAP • The Paekawakawa hīkoi was incredibly valuable in understanding how water flowed through the catchment, which was later reflected in the recent flooding. • There was interest in similar walking tours for the wider community, to improve understanding of the catchments and flood risk. • Members reflected on historical piping of streams and houses in areas that may be inappropriate given current risk. • Educational signage (eg. tsunami lines) was suggested to help visualise piped streams and flood pathways. <i>What do you wish had been in place?</i> • Alarm or warning system to alert residents during the night. • Access to practical response resources such as expandable sandbags. • Greater awareness of flood risk in some locations – some people did not expect to be in high-risk zones. • A desire for better resourcing communities, and for stronger connections between existing community resilience initiatives.
Map	Panel members placed post-it notes on a large-scale map of the area. Observations included: • Dee St - major junctions appear to be flooding hotspots - could they be redesigned? • The Parade – (shops) noticeable differences in flooding between sides of the road. • Te Wharepōuri St – thought an elevated property wouldn’t be affected but had a flooded basement. • Emerson St - shocked by the level of flooding.
Optioneering Process	Amy Prebble provided an overview of the optioneering process to set context for the next hui, where an options assessment would be led by Tonkin + Taylor. Priorities The Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment has identified the following priorities: 1. Flood risk to the Upper Catchment (Berhampore) 2. Flood risk to The Parade (Island Bay)

	3. Coastal flood risk to The Esplanade (Island Bay and Houghton Bay) 4. Widespread landslide risks 5. Multi-hazard risk – Taputeranga Marine Reserve Assessment Criteria Options will first be screened for feasibility and cost, followed by assessment against: • Environmental impact • Social/economic impact • Te ao Māori/Cultural • Adaptability of option • Complexity of option • Effectiveness in reducing risk Adaptation Options Panel members viewed examples of adaptation options from the long-list of adaptation options, which are primarily drawn from WCC's Climate Adaptation Options Catalogue.
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5. Next Steps / Action Items Summary

Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
Share long-list of adaptation options with panel members	Project team	With circulation of minutes
Prepare for facilitated options assessment workshop	Project team / Tonkin + Taylor	Next hui

6. Next Meeting: June 2026