

LCAP Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 5

Date: 20 Jan 2026

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Island Bay Presbyterian Church

Facilitator: Max Scott-Murray, Alex Keeble

Note Taker: Jamuna Rotstein / Kate Turner

1. Attendees

Present: Alanna Puketapu-White, Jack Hitchcox, Gabriela Roque-Worcel, Hannah Clark, Adair Valentine-Robertson, Cliff Law,

Apologies: Tamati Moriarty, Parehinetai Sannyasi

WCC attendees: Kate Turner, Jamuna Rotstein, Amy Prebble

Taranaki Whānui: Mark Ormsby (first 15 minutes only)

Morphum Environmental: Stu Farrant

2. Agenda

1. Opening and check-in
2. Introductions to new faces
3. Update from Mark Ormsby – invitation to mana whenua hikoi on 28 January
4. Catchment Climate Vulnerability Assessment – presentation by Stu Farrant, Morphem Environmental and group discussion
5. Community values from broad community engagement (**not covered**) - group discussion
6. Closing round whakakapi

3. Meeting Notes / Discussion

Agenda Item	Discussion Summary	Action Items
Introductions	Karakia timatanga and mihi by Mark Opening group circle to introduce new faces and share something that they had experienced with one of their sense over the break. Kate noted that Amy has just joined WCC to cover for Kate going on maternity leave	
Update from Mark	Mark invited the panel to a mana whenua hikoi through the Paekawakawa catchment next Wednesday at 6-8pm, starting at Liardet St Park.	Kate to email panel members with invitation

Introduction to the session and Catchment Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Kate introduced the session, including the the Catchment Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) and discussion on draft community values. Noted that both pieces are important to help shape how adaptation options are assessed and prioritised.

Noted that the CCVA is still in draft form awaiting review, with WCC briefed on it this morning. Mana whenua Cultural Considerations Report work will feed into it, but hasn't been incorporated yet. Note that some content will be relevant to community members, and some content will be more relevant to council and infrastructure owners.

Encouraged panel members to ask questions throughout the presentation, with a facilitated exercise to get feedback to follow.

Catchment Climate Vulnerability Assessment presentation and discussion

Stu shared a presentation on the draft CCVA.

Background

- Touches on issues from past causing issues for future
- Catchment approach – headwaters to the coast – is not often done for climate adaptation
- Scope storm surge, flooding, landslides, wind
- Importance of historical decisions to current and future vulnerabilities

Steps in the assessment

- Quantitative analysis of risk using Resilience Explorer – software WCC have set up under license.
- Mana whenua Cultural Considerations Report – being incorporated in next version (not in current draft)
- Community input through engagement results
- Technical Workshop for qualitative and thematic analysis

Themes covered

- Private Property
- Community Infrastructure
- Transport & Movement
- 3W & Utility Networks
- Environmental
- Mana Whenua

Questions from Panel

- Is there any consideration of political risks? *Not in this stage, but should come through when assessing options (eg governance with respect to Local Government entities, changes in Acts, which changes priorities).*
- For residential properties, at what scale will results be shown at? Will it show individual properties. *No. Communicating risk is challenge in communication for councils nationally, especially with residential property and the lack of information such as floor heights (require house-to-house inspection; land height is derived through LIDAR). Publicly available maps show exposure now.*
- Does the analysis include storm surge? *Yes, including with sea level rise considerations.*
- Flood risk of the esplanade – is it because it doesn't drain? *That's because it that's where the road is – built over an old stream. Parade is a natural flow path – meaning flood waters will flows over roading surfaces.*
- Does wind feel like a big issue, and how does it compare here to other parts of the city? *Several panel members shared stories of impacts at their houses and project team noted feedback on concern about wind in public engagement. Noted there is wind zone information for property owners, but impact can also be very localised.*
- Is our stormwater connected to streams? *Yes. There are lots of streams that feed into the piped stormwater network. Also lots of species still living in the pipes.*
- Any building requirements that take climate adaptation into account? *Yes, strict requirements such as freeboard and hydraulic neutrality. Limits in high/medium coastal hazard zones – which, for example, limit new bedrooms in riskier areas.*

“Speed dating” paired discussions and reflections

[Notes include what was shared in round table as well as what was noted on speed dating sheets.]

**Does this information feel valuable – why / why not?
Does it change or clarify what you know of this place?**

- Valuable and enhanced previous understanding, and was clear. Gives information for areas outside own suburbs, especially for piped rivers / stormwater / wastewater / impacts of modelling.
- Good to have transparency and create awareness.
- Clarified information, rather than creating doom.
- Risk of overload of information – careful how much info – some kind of prioritisation of regional/local

risks are per area is needed. E.g. could be worse here or there – so tailored messages.

- Valuable to know local history e.g. wetland, racecourse, social, infrastructure

Which parts of this presentation would or wouldn't you carry into conversations with friends and whānau?

- All of it – for friends and whānau who are interested and engaged and also those who don't know much about adaptation. Wouldn't hold anything back – need to address the elephant in the room with evidence.
- Framing of the themes – connection to the impacts and what it's impacting/affecting (e.g. medical centre exposed).
- High risk of landslides – don't cut trees (planting helps for smaller events)
- Good there are multiple access roads if one is blocked
- Emergency plans are important
- Trying to cut through the “white noise” of climate change and be able to identify what is most important.
- Share flooding information, as opposed to sea-level rise, as people are less aware of this risk
- Spatial information and flood maps are valuable
- Caution disclosing property risk in early discussions of climate adaptation
- All local history information valuable

How or where does this information align with, enhance or fall short of your experiences and knowledge?

- Aligned well with what learned on panel already, confirmed some intuitions (e.g. piping streams) – and clarified why.
- Improved understanding of water infrastructure and locations
- Aligned with knowledge of spatial variability of flooding, but good to have a map to show it visually. (eg connection to racecourse)

How to present information: How closely did the framing and language of this presentation match your own way of speaking about or understanding the issues?

- “1 in 100 year flood” is hard to understand. (25% chance of a flood of this size in the life of a mortgage is better; about frequency and intensity)
- Add more illustrations and visuals – eg building on top of a flood plain, waste water overflowing
- Local history useful – e.g. developers buying out the racecourse – builds empathy with Council’s challenge to amend these historical decisions; maps of where water pools and why (and to show that it’s not personal)
- Highlight impacts to key places / services – (e.g. medical centre in in an emergency)
- Important not to separate adaptation from emergency response, it is a continuum.
- Amount of work to improve water infrastructure; Council walking the talk – what Council is doing to fix the problem is reassuring
- Mentioning examples of flood events elsewhere (e.g. Auckland) as a wake-up call. Helps you understand what the blue on the map actually means – and how impactful it can be (and events bigger than the 1% AEP event are happening and can happen).
- Things that can soothe anxiety - e.g. multiple access points, water drains quickly after a flood

Community values

Due to overrunning on time, this section was not covered.

Draft community values to be discussed next session.

5. Next Steps / Action Items Summary

Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
Bring community values to next session	Project team	Next session
Invite panel to mana whenua hikoi	Project team	ASAP

6. Next Meeting TBD