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Report on Ara Tahi Meeting held on 7 April 2010

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 7 April 2010.

2. Attendance

<i>Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Nelson Rangi
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek, Te Hope Hakaraia
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Atiawa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Mark Te One
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Wilde and Glensor

Also present were Councillor Baber and Caleb Royal.

3. Comment

3.1 Kaitakawaenga Report

Jane Davis informed Ara Tahi that Riki Ellison has been appointed to the position of Manager, Māori Relations. He begins work in May and there will be a powhiri to welcome him to Greater Wellington at that time. She thanked Nelson Rangi for his help during the interview process.

Mike Grace distributed copies of a new teaching resource on Tuna Kuwharuwharu, developed in association with the Department of Conservation and Rangitāne o Wairarapa.

3.2 Mana Whenua update – Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Nelson Rangi

Nelson Rangi gave an update on the Masterton wastewater upgrade as well as other projects that Kahungunu ki Wairarapa is currently involved in.

3.3 Catchment Management update to Ara Tahī – Caleb Royal

Caleb Royal gave a presentation outlining the responsibilities of the Catchment Management Committee, as well as issues of interest that have been considered by the committee since his last update. He covered Greater Wellington's work on cleaning up the Waiwhetu Stream and a recent pilot involving kaitiaki rescuing fish from the banks of a stream after dredging is carried out.

Mr Royal also discussed a recent issue, where Greater Wellington went outside the bounds of its resource consent when carrying out works on the Ruamahanga River. He outlined the subsequent work that is being carried out with local iwi to bring Greater Wellington back inside the limits of the consent.

There were three main points that Ara Tahī wished to have followed-up that came from the presentation:

- inviting local iwi to be present at the annual walkovers Flood Protection carries out on the region's rivers
- extending the kaitiaki fish rescue pilot
- updating on the work Greater Wellington on developing cultural health monitoring.

3.4 Wellington Region Māori Steering Group for Rugby World Cup 2011

Ara Tahī agreed to formally mandate its support for the Wellington Region Māori Steering Group for the Rugby World Cup 2011. This group will assist Lee Rauhina-August's work with iwi Māori of the region in establishing goals and initiatives for the RWC. She will report to both Ara Tahī and the RWC Regional Coordination Group.

3.5 GW Heritage Discovery Protocol – Waiwhetu Stream

The meeting was told GW's Accidental Discovery Protocol was recently adopted by the Council's Executive Leadership Team. Māori Relations will work with the Environment Group to train staff on the protocol to ensure consistency of its use across the organisation.

3.6 Te Upoko Taiao Update

Cr Wilde and Mr Carkeek gave Ara Tahī an update on the proceedings of the last Te Upoko Taiao meeting, and the workshop that followed.

3.7 Charter of Understanding Update

A short discussion on the vocabulary used in the previous charters arose, specifically around the word “runanga”, and it was felt by some members of Ara Tahi that the word was not really accurate in today’s setting. Cr Wilde informed the meeting that although this may be true, the interpretation should be in line with the Crown, and “runanga” is the word used in the legislation that gives rise to Charters of Understanding.

3.8 General Business

Ara Tahi members were informed that the closing date for submissions on Greater Wellington’s draft Annual Plan is 23 April 2010.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

Report prepared by:

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Chair