



Te Kaunihera o
Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta
Upper Hutt City Council

Policy Committee | Te Kōmiti Kaupapa Here

Agenda

4.30 pm, Wednesday 18 October 2023

Creative Classroom, Whirinaki Whare Taonga, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

Chair: Councillor H Newell

Deputy Chair: Councillor J B Griffiths

Members: His Worship the Mayor W N Guppy

Deputy Mayor H Swales

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Councillor M G Carey

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1. Apologies

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Report from the Director Planning and Regulatory Services dated 29 September 2023.

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Report from Director Strategy, Partnership and Growth dated 10 October 2023.

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Report from the Interim Chief Executive dated 6 October 2023

Public Excluded Business

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General subject of each
matter to be considered:

Reason(s) for passing this resolution
in relation to each matter:

Ground(s) under section 48(1)
for passing this resolution:

8. Chief Executive's Public Excluded Report	The withholding of information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. LGOIMA Section 7(2)(a).	That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, where the local authority is specified in schedule 1, under section 7 [except section 7(2)(f)(i)].
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Kate Thomson

Interim Chief Executive | Te Tumu Whakarae



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Director's Report: Planning and Regulatory Services

Purpose of report | Te pūtake

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on regulatory activity across the planning policy functions.

Recommendation | He tūtohunga

2. The Committee recommends that Council receives and notes the report titled Director's Report: Planning and Regulatory Services.

Background | Papamuri

Current District Plan changes

- 3 Work continues on a number of plan changes as part of the rolling review of the District Plan.
- 4 [Attachment 1](#) to this report outlines the current status of District Plan change proposals, including current, recent, and upcoming community engagement on plan change workstreams.

Workshops with Council on District Plan work programme

5. The next District Plan work programme update is scheduled for the 21 November 2023 workshop.

Included attachment | Ngā āpitihanga

6. [Attachment 1: Status of Current Changes to the District Plan](#) [page](#)

Date of report: 29 September 2023

Report writer:

Emily Thomson

Planning Policy Manager

Reviewed and approved by:

Helen Hamilton

Director Planning and Regulatory Services | Kaihautū Ratonga Whakamahere Me Te Whakariterite

Status of Current Changes to the District Plan

Council Plan Change No.	Status	Comments
46. Subdivision Engineering & Esplanades	Ongoing collaboration with roading and assets teams related to the Engineering Code of Practice review.	<p>Requirements for infrastructure as part of the subdivision will include three waters management, roading and esplanades. This plan change has been delayed due to uncertainty about the three waters infrastructure and the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy.</p> <p>The plan change is intended to be notified in 2024.</p>
47. Natural Hazards	The proposed Plan change was notified on 5 October 2022 and 103 submissions were received. A summary of decisions requested was notified on 8 February 2023 and 25 further submissions were received.	<p>Significant amendments are required to the slope mapping to address issues raised in submissions. This will involve site visits to some properties before a hearing can be held. We anticipate a hearing in late 2023 or early 2024</p>
48A Landscapes	Draft plan change provisions (objectives, policies, and rules) were shared with affected landowners in early July 2021 for their feedback.	<p>Council resolved to progress the Landscapes plan change towards notification separately from the Biodiversity work in accordance with the Landscape Community Reference Group's recommendation.</p> <p>The Landscapes plan change is progressing towards notification in late 2023.</p>
48B Biodiversity	Draft plan change provisions (objectives, policies, and rules) were shared with affected landowners in early July 2021 for their feedback.	<p>Affected landowner engagement is ongoing. A Biodiversity Community Reference Group was established and has held several meetings. Notes from these discussions are available on the Tiaki Taiao webpage: https://www.upperhuttcity.com/Your-Council/Plans-policies-bylaws-and-reports/District-Plan/PC48.</p>
49. Open Spaces	<p>The plan change was notified on 11 August 2021 with submissions closing on 16 September 2021. Further submissions closed on 17 November 2021.</p> <p>A variation to the plan change to address zoning and provisions for the Silverstream Spur was notified on 5 October 2022 (Variation 1 to plan change 49) and 93 submissions were received. The summary of decisions requested was notified on 8 February 2023:</p>	<p>Preparations are underway for a hearing to be held in late 2023 for plan change 49 and the Variation.</p> <p>A request has been made to the Minister for the Environment for an extension to the timeframe to make a decision on plan change 49 to enable a decision by October 2024 (this aligns the statutory timeframe to make decisions on plan change 49 with Variation 1 – to enable an integrated decision).</p>

	https://www.upperhuttcity.com/files/assets/public/v/1/districtplan/p/c49/variation-1-summary-of-submissions.pdf	
Intensification Planning Instrument (IPI)	<p>This plan change to implement the mandatory directions from the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021</p> <p>Public Notification occurred on 17 August with 73 submissions received. Further submissions closed on 7 December with 15 further submissions received.</p>	<p>The hearing of submissions occurred on 26-28 April, 8 May and 12 May 2023. The hearing has been adjourned and will be closed via a minute from the Panel once all information, including the Council Officer's reply, has been received. The hearing has been adjourned but not yet closed.</p> <p>The Minister for the Environment has granted the application made by Upper Hutt City Council to extend the date for a decision (by 3 months) until 20 December 2023.</p>
50A Rural Zones	The Rural zones plan change has been separated from the residential.	At the time of writing, this plan change is scheduled for public notification on 4 October 2023.
53. Heritage and Sites of Significance to Māori	Initial research is underway.	
51. Riverside Farm	Accepted as a private plan change. Currently on hold at the request of the applicant.	Seeking to rezone rural hill land to the rural valley floor and create up to 30 new lots ranging from 1ha to 4ha in size.
54. Industrial, Special Activity and Urban Issues	Initial research underway on this plan change and will address all remaining urban issues including designations, transport and infrastructure provision and noise.	The plan change will include all urban issues that are not addressed by the IPI. It will be developed and notified in 2024 following the IPI decision (due 20 December 2023).



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Director's Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth

Purpose of report | Te pūtake

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on various policy and strategic workstreams.

Recommendation | Tūtohunga

2. It is recommended that the Committee receives and notes the report titled Director's Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth.

Corporate Planning

3. Development of the 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan is underway.
4. Preparation of the Annual Report for the 2022–2023 year is underway. Audit of the draft Annual Report 2022–2023 started on 18 September 2023. Auditors arrived on site at our HAPAI office on 3 October.
5. The Annual Report is scheduled to be presented to Council for adoption on 25 October 2023.

Communications and engagement

6. Communications projects listed below are categorised by priority areas in the Communications Strategy.

Increase communication

7. Let's Kōrero newsletter – the eighth edition of our newsletter will be published on 4 October. It will appear in the Upper Hutt Leader as a two-page digest, and digitally to our Mail Chimp database. Since the last Let's Kōrero we have updated the template to the current brand guidelines and have started to experiment with more visually appealing buttons in the email version aiming for higher click rates.
8. The Guardians – Pollinators by nature – We've launched a campaign that is dedicated to the unsung heroes in our community, pollinators. The campaign has been developed to help educate our community on what will happen if we don't take care of the pollinators. If we lose our pollinators, we lose the plants they help grow and the animals that depend on them. Sharing info like this helps our community take better care of our natural world, and it ties into our second sustainability goal: making our environment even better.

Be responsive

9. Proactive communications – we continue to react and provide relevant and often short-notice updates to our community. Recent examples include severe weather alerts, Eastern Hutt Road updates, Silverstream Landfill charges and EV charger installation.

Enhance engagement

10. Public consultation – Māori wards has now closed and Plan Change (PC) 50 rural chapter review is open until 3 November. Consultation on the City Centre Strategy to transform Upper Hutt's city centre is now open. We are consulting on the draft Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy, which closes on 20 October and consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan is open from 4 October until 5 November.
11. Engagement opportunities – the first round of 'general' engagement opportunities for Elected Members with the community started in September. So far, councillors have been involved in the Councillor Hot seat, Community Kōrero group and Brewtown Farmers Market. The primary purpose for these, as articulated by Councillors, is an opportunity to hear community views on a regular basis and keep a finger on the pulse to hear what's important in the community.
12. Mahuru Māori – this year we acknowledged te Reo Māori by celebrating the whole month of September and holding a series of events for staff and the community. We had a 90 sign ups to our free community te Reo Māori classes.

Improve accessibility and transparency

13. Website traffic to upperhuttcity.com/news – for all major projects and initiatives, news articles are crafted and posted on upperhuttcity.com. For the month of September, 13 articles were published and total views across the news section totalled 538. The key driver for the views was the article on the second phase of the Maidstone Park Expressions of Interest, which accounted for 103 views (19.1% of all traffic). The average time a user spent on each page was 29 seconds.
14. Social media – For the month of September, 35 Facebook posts and 5 LinkedIn posts were published. The combined reach for organic post were 37,727. The most popular posts were te Reo Māori class registrations and Golder's cottage consultation.

Be consistent and coordinated

15. Updates on key projects – we're continuing to keep our project stakeholders and wider community up to date with the progress of our key LTP projects, the Maidstone Community Sports Hub and the H2O Xstream upgrade. This is being done with a mix of digital content and includes videos and photos of the construction.
16. Blenheim Street paving upgrade and H2O Xstream sewer connection – in coordination with the Roading and H2O Xstream project teams we've communicated a series of lane closures on Blenheim Streets, as work gets underway to connect the facility to a new sewer main and then upgrade the paving and reseal Blenheim Street.

Sustainability

Sustainability Strategy vision: Upper Hutt is a resilient and adaptable city that identifies, confronts, and finds solutions to issues impacting on our four well-beings to ensure future generations can live a good life here.

Upper Hutt City Council vision: We have an outstanding natural environment, leisure, and recreational opportunities, and we are a great place for families to live, work, and play.

International and national sustainability updates are appended as [Attachment 1](#).

Regional

20. Public consultation on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) closed on 18 September. The joint committee will consider feedback and officer recommendations on 30 October.

Upper Hutt

Strategy goal 4 – Our community will be resilient, adaptable and inclusive



21. The library celebrated Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) with a full month programme of activities, including te Reo language classes.
22. The Community Development Team celebrated Welcoming Week in September. Activities included signing a Statement of Commitment, that outlined Upper Hutt's commitment to building bridges between cultures and creating an inclusive community.

Strategy goal 5 – Council will be a leader in the community on sustainability issues



23. The 2023 Young Achievers Awards were held at Whirinaki Whare Taonga on Wednesday, 13 September. Awards were given to students who showed considerable achievement in different areas; community services, arts, leadership and environment.
24. The Environment Award was awarded to Joshua MacDonald for his contribution as Heretaunga College's first Environmental Captain. Some of his achievements included running recycling and rubbish collecting competitions, educating students and staff around how to better look after the environment, and organising an e-waste drive.



Left: The winners of the 2023 Young Achievers Awards.

25. Council's Sustainability Stimulus Grant is set to open for applications in October, for the third round. So far Council has helped fund 14 projects across Upper Hutt.
26. For this round of funding, applicants will be asked to contact the Sustainability Advisor before filling out the application form, so all applicants can be advised of the eligibility requirements before applying.

Strategy goal 6 – We will reduce waste



27. In September, officers supported Keep Hutt Valley Beautiful to clean up the rail corridor of the Upper Hutt train station. KiwiRail had the tracks shut down for maintenance, which allowed access for the Keep Hutt Valley beautiful volunteers.

Strategy goal 7 – Our community will be engaged and informed on sustainability issues



Council's Pollinators campaign began in October. Further outline is provided in the Communications and Engagement section of this report.

Enviroschools have released their annual report for 2022 – 2023. Enviroschools is an optional programme that schools and Early Childhood Education Centres in Upper Hutt can join. The programme takes a holistic approach to sustainability, empowering young people to design and lead projects in their school environments. Participants are encouraged in their learning to take action together to create a more healthy, sustainable world.

- 3 The full Enviroschools report, including highlights from the year is included as [Attachment 2](#) in this report.

Bylaws and Policy

Policy work

31. We completed a public engagement as part of stage 2 of the representation review (establishment of Māori wards). 118 survey responses were collected. We also met separately with Ngāti Toa, and Taranaki Whānui.
32. We have been progressing policy work as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.
33. The Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy opened for consultation on 21 September 2023.

Kaitakawaenga māori

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/ Mahuru Māori

34. The te Reo Māori street flags were very successful. This year they stayed flying for the span of a month. Flying them longer than a week shows a willingness to go beyond the bare minimum.
35. Te Reo Story tots was a huge success. There were 30 small children and their parents engaging with te Reo, via storytelling and song.
36. The poi making workshops were a huge success. In total 75 students from Upper Hutt Primary had the chance to attend workshops to learn how to make poi, how to use poi and some of the Tikanga and history around them.
37. Community te Reo classes were very popular. We had 20 registrations for the first class (Morning). 30 registrations for the second class (Morning). And 50 registrations for the third class (Evening). In each class there were multiple requests for council to provide a space/class for people who want to learn te Reo moving forward.

Mana Whenua Engagement

38. Working on getting feedback from Ngāti Toa on Maidstone Sports Hub name gifted by Te Atiawa.
39. Waitangi day planning for council has started and engagement with mana whenua has commenced. We are also looking at supporting a localised commemoration for the day of the Port Nicholson Bloc Trust signing in the Wellington Harbour.
40. We have reached out to a collective of Mana Whenua and Ōrongomai to discuss the potential of a naming committee for whenever a te Reo Māori name is required by council.

Ōrongomai Marae

41. Kaumatua Joe Huriwai from Ōrongomai marae led the ceremony for council to re-enter the civic building.
42. Activation collaborated with Ōrongomai for their holiday program. I took Activation and their holiday program on to the marae and guided them through the tikanga process.
43. Ōrongomai have started having Whaikorero wananga to grow their base of orators. I have been supporting these hui at the request of the Marae committee chair.

Māori community engagement hui

- 44. On 3 October we held a Māori community Hui to discuss Māori wards, and CBD changes.
- 45. Feedback from the group was really valuable in relation to Māori wards.
- 46. The group appreciated that there is now a space for them to be engaged with by Council through this group.

Internal capability development

Activation Team

- 47. The Activation team have worked on a karakia and in making it more accessible among themselves.
- 48. Friday 6 October they had their first team te Reo class. These classes will focus on language that can be used in and around the pool setting.
- 49. We have started discussions with local Māori artist, Wiremu Hati to potentially create motifs for use by Council.
- 50. Wiremu Hati has provided the roading team with a design that can be applied to the pedestrian crossing outside the marae and any other spaces the roading team may see fit.

Included attachments | Ngā āpitihanga

[Attachment 1: International and National Sustainability Updates](#) page 3

[Attachment 2: Upper Hutt City Enviroschools report July 2022 – June 2023](#) page 4

Date of report: 10 October 2023

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Te Kahu Rolleston, **Kaitakawaenga Kaupapa Māori**

Approved by:

Vibhuti Chopra

Director Strategy, Partnerships and Growth | Kaihautū Rautaki, Kōtuitui Tangata, Whakawhanake ā-Iwi

Sustainability Updates: International and National Updates

Our vision: Upper Hutt is a resilient and adaptable city that identifies, confronts, and finds solutions to issues impacting on our four well-beings to ensure future generations can live a good life here.

Sustainability updates – International

1. Eight catastrophic floods within 11 days were reported around the world. 1 - 11 September saw over 10,000 people killed due to intense rain events in Libya, Greece, Turkey, Brazil, Spain, China, Hong Kong and the United States.
2. Scientists believe that climate change played a role in the simultaneous flooding events. Global warming causes air temperatures to rise. Warm air holds more water, which in turn creates significant weather events.

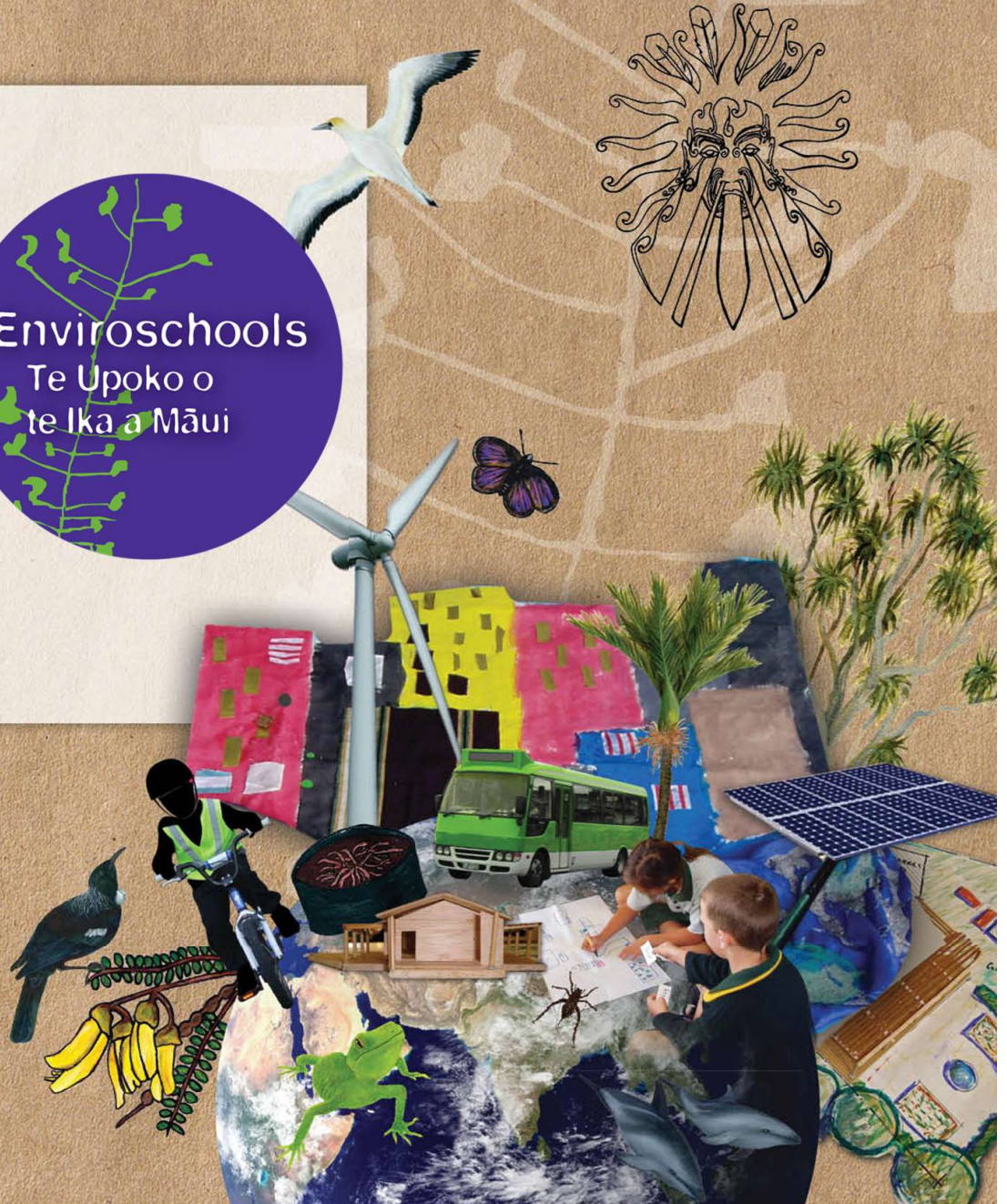
Sustainability updates – National

3. The Insurance Australia Group (IAG) have announced they won't offer ongoing insurance for properties in Category 3 of the Government's Land Categorisation Framework. The Framework was announced by the Government for properties damaged by cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland floods. Category three of the Framework is defined as areas that are 'not safe to live in because of the unacceptable risk of future flooding and loss of life.' It is expected that homes in Category 3 will receive a voluntary purchase offer from their local Council.
4. The Companies (Directors Duties) Amendment Bill has received royal ascent and came into force in August 2023. This allows directors to consider environmental, social and governance matters when considering the best interests of a company:

'To avoid doubt, in considering the best interests of a company or holding company for the purposes of this section, a director may consider matters other than the maximisation of profit (for example, environmental, social, and governance matters)'.
5. In a first for New Zealand banks, Westpac have announced they are expanding their interest-free sustainable lending programme to include lending to include electric vehicles. The loan includes 0% interest for up to \$50,000 for five years and is available to anyone with a Westpac home loan who meets the lending and affordability criteria.

Upper Hutt City Enviroschools

July 2022- June 2023



Upper Hutt City Council is part of a regional collaboration of funding partners supporting an Enviroschools network in Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui.

We are all working together towards a more sustainable future.

Enviroschools supports a **network** of schools and early childhood education (ECE) centres learning and taking action together to create a more healthy, peaceful and sustainable world.

The Enviroschools approach empowers young people to be **active citizens** – designing and leading projects in their ECE centres, schools, neighbourhoods and beyond.

Enviroschools takes an **holistic approach** to sustainability, drawing together all aspects of what takes place in the school or centre.



Upper Hutt City Council funds a part time **Enviroschools Community Facilitator**.

The facilitator builds **long-term, supportive relationships** with schools and centres in the Enviroschools Network.

The kinds of things a facilitator does include:

Holistic Reflection - supporting schools and centres to reflect holistically on their overall sustainability journey according to the Enviroschools Guiding Principles, identify next steps and maintain momentum

Events and gatherings - providing opportunities for schools and centres in the network to learn and take action together

Relationship building - connecting schools and centres with one-another and relevant people in the community

Sharing ideas and resources - providing a pathway into people and resources in a national network

Enviroschools

*Key focuses for the Enviroschools Network
in Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta
2022/23*

- Sustain connections for rangatahi with their local places
- Support schools and centres to sustain and embed established sustainability practices
- Connect schools and centres with local providers who can support them in their sustainability mahi

Schools and centres connecting to the Enviroschools Network in Te Awakairangi Ki Uta 2022/23

Active School Participants in the Enviroschools Network

*Birchville School
Fergusson Intermediate School
Mangaroa School
Pinehaven School
Plateau School
Silverstream School
St Brendan's School
Trentham School
Upper Hutt School
Maidstone Intermediate*

Active ECE participants in the Enviroschools Network

*Heretaunga Kindergarten
Silverstream Kindergarten
Smiley Faces Educare
Steppingstones Childcare Centre
Upper Hutt Kindergarten
Te Marua Playcentre
Marlborough Street Childcare Centre
Pinehaven Playcentre*

Connecting with taiao as a network

Kids Connect Student Event

*An event co-created with the lead EnviroSchools Teacher from Plateau School
Trentham Memorial Park
6 March 2023*

80 students and their teachers from 7 schools

15 people from UHCC, Library, EnviroSchools, GWRC, Predator Free Upper Hutt, Friends of Māwai Hakona, Friends of Horoeke providing activities



Introducing tamariki to different ways to connect with the park through nature connection, conservation and place-based activities.

EnviroSchools

*Inspiring our
young people*

Responses to Kids Connect Event . . .



I liked the activity that helped one of the streams and getting wet. The rest of the day was amazing especially learning about one of the tallest trees in New Zealand.

Georgia - student

I learnt how to look after the environment and to act like the gods and liked helping people unclog the stream and I felt so happy and excited and seeing the eels. I made friends and before I was nervous about that, then I did it, Best Day Ever!

Eli - Student

Enviroschools

Embedding an Enviroschools Approach

Celebrating the Silver/Ponga Stage of an Enviroschools Journey at Smiley Faces Educare 31 May 2022

Centre kaiako take time to connect tamariki with the gifts of our natural world through composting, gardening, making kai and harvesting rainwater. Their curiosity and wonder are nurtured. Manaakitanga and whānangatanga are at the heart of their centre philosophy and they show an ongoing commitment to reflecting upon how this looks for their very diverse tamariki and their whānau. The centre has also been on an ongoing journey to reduce waste. (See slide 16)



Enviroschools

Embedding an Enviroschools Approach

Celebrating the Silver/Ponga Stage of an Enviroschools Journey at Silverstream Kindergarten 4 July 2022

The Silver/Ponga stage in a centre/school's journey honours the way that sustainable practices and approaches have been maintained and extended.

Maintaining and extending are clearly evident the ongoing commitment to recycling, composting and gardening at Silverstream Kindergarten. Tamariki spend time in their gardens, make kai and harvest rainwater. By paying attention to the changes in the seasons through their programme, tamariki at the kindergarten develop curiosity and wonder about te taiao. This builds the motivation for sustained action to care for taiao. When they celebrated being a Silver/Ponga Enviroschool, the children and adults showed beautiful manaakitanga, another key element of social sustainability.



Enviroschools

Ongoing connections with local places

Building on previous years' visits to the Māwai Hakona, EnviroSchools was able to recommend three schools to work with Mountains to Sea in 2022. The students investigated the water health of the stream at Heretaunga Park and compared it to that at Tunnel Gully. As a result of the comparison the students decided, with the support of EnviroSchools, to plant the stream edge.

The students followed up in 2023 with mulching and additional planting.

Mountains to Sea hope to be able to support ongoing understanding of healthy waterways with these schools on a two yearly cycle.

Planting Action at Māwai Hakona

August, September 2022

Follow up in May and June 2023

Approximately 80 students and their teachers from Pinehaven School, Fergusson Intermediate, Trentham School

Support from Mountains to Sea Trust, Friends of Māwai Hakona, UHCC, Growing Places Trust, Upper Hutt Forest and Bird and 1 Billion Trees

Gillian, Teacher at Trentham School, described this as one of the best Environmental Education opportunities she's experienced.



EnviroSchools

*Connecting with
local places and
projects*

Fergusson Intermediate Poet's Park Planting

beside Te Awa Kairangi
11th and 18th November 2022

*Approx 150 students and their teachers, with support from 6 GWRC
contractors*



Michelle, our EnviroSchools Facilitator in Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta, connected Fergusson Intermediate students with this GWRC Climate Change Action Project, close by their school.

EnviroSchools

***Connecting
teachers with
nature***

Teacher Nature Connection Workshop

23 March 2023

(Upper and Lower Hutt teachers participating)

Introduction to Mana Whenua perspectives of Percy Scenic Reserve.

Opportunity to hear how local ECE Enviroschool, Imagine Childcare, connect tamariki with their surrounding natural places.

Teacher Nature Connection Workshop

*25 May 2023 at Tōtara Park School
(12 teachers from a range of Upper Hutt
Schools)*

Experiential activities to identify
a range of pathways to nature
connection, well-being and a
desire to take action for our
environment.



Enviroschools

Connecting tamariki with local places

**Tamariki from Silverstream
Kindergarten**
visit pou at Māwai Hakona
1 March 2023

50 tamariki and their teachers

Connecting
tamariki and
whanau with
this local
space, some of
the natural life
and the stories
of the pou.



Creating Water Scoopers to care for Heretaunga Park plantings

13th and 14th December 2022

Approx. 50 tamariki from Trentham and Pinehaven schools.

To support students and
their whānau to care for their
plantings at Heretaunga Park
over summer, students
worked with their
Enviroschools Facilitator to
make water scoopers.



Enviroschools

*Creating
connections
between teachers
in the network*

Teacher Networking and Kaupapa PD Opportunities

**On-line Climate Change
Catch up
29 August 2022**

Follow up opportunity for teachers who had attended an on-line NZEI hui to make connections between their work and climate change.
3 x Upper Hutt Teachers participated.

**Enviroschools Early Childhood
Teacher
Professional Development
Cluster**

15 Sept 2022

6 ECE teachers participated in a PD session to explore how their practices connect with the Enviroschools Guiding Principles and Wider Kaupapa.

**Sustainable Communities Early
Childhood Teacher
Networking Event**

19 Sept 2022

Stepping Stones Early Learning Centre shared their sustainability journey with teachers from across the region. A highlight was ways they are connecting with whānau.

**End of year Garden to Table/ Waste
Networking**

*16 Nov 2022 at Mahinga Kai Gardens,
Upper Hutt*

Learning and sharing related to local initiatives that look after food, waste, soil, and connect these to the Garden to Table Programme.



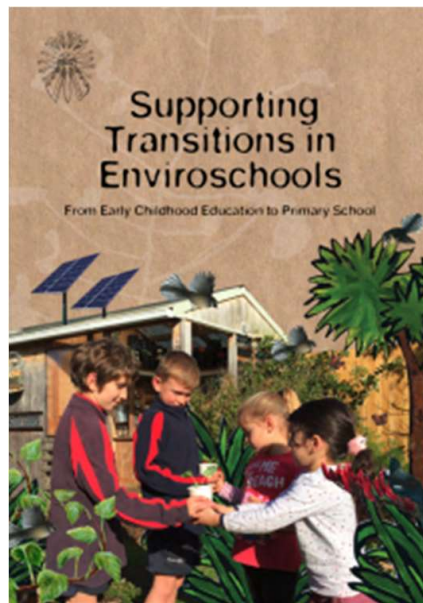
Enviroschools

*Creating
Connections
between teachers
in the network*

Supporting Transitions in Enviroschools Workshop
Introducing a new Enviroschools Transitions resource
5 Sept 2022

Regional workshop including Upper Hutt teachers from Pinehaven Playcentre, Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten Association, Matariki Kindergarten, Heretaunga Kindergarten and Trentham School

Teachers from Early Childhood education, and the schools they feed, gathered together to explore how connecting via the Enviroschools Kaupapa can ease the transition for Tamariki between ECE and school.



Enviroschools

*Connecting
teachers with
other providers
and programmes*

Supporting. . .
**Introduction to Garden
to Table for Teachers**
9 Aug 2022 at Pinehaven
School

Connecting teachers with this programme that enables deeper connections with natural cycles through growing, harvesting, preparing and regenerating soils.

Introducing . . .
The Upper Hutt Seed Library

26 Oct 2022 at Upper Hutt Library

Exploring seasonal approaches to growing food and seed saving. Introducing ways schools can use and contribute to the seed library.



Supporting action in individual schools and centres

Cloth Nappy Project

Smiley Faces Educare

After the centre identified nappies as a significant contributor to their waste system, they applied for an UHCC grant to pay for a starter pack of cloth nappies.

Michelle, their Enviroschools Facilitator, connected them up with Little Earth Montessori, a Kāpiti based Enviroschool with experience using cloth nappies, and they subsequently trialed using them in their tuakana and teina areas.

The room set-up in the teina area was not conducive to the cloth nappy systems but use of cloth nappies is now well established in the tuakana area.

Diverting 30
nappies a
day from
landfill.

Mangaroa School Planting

31 Oct 2022, Mangaroa School

Small group of Y1 students and their teacher.

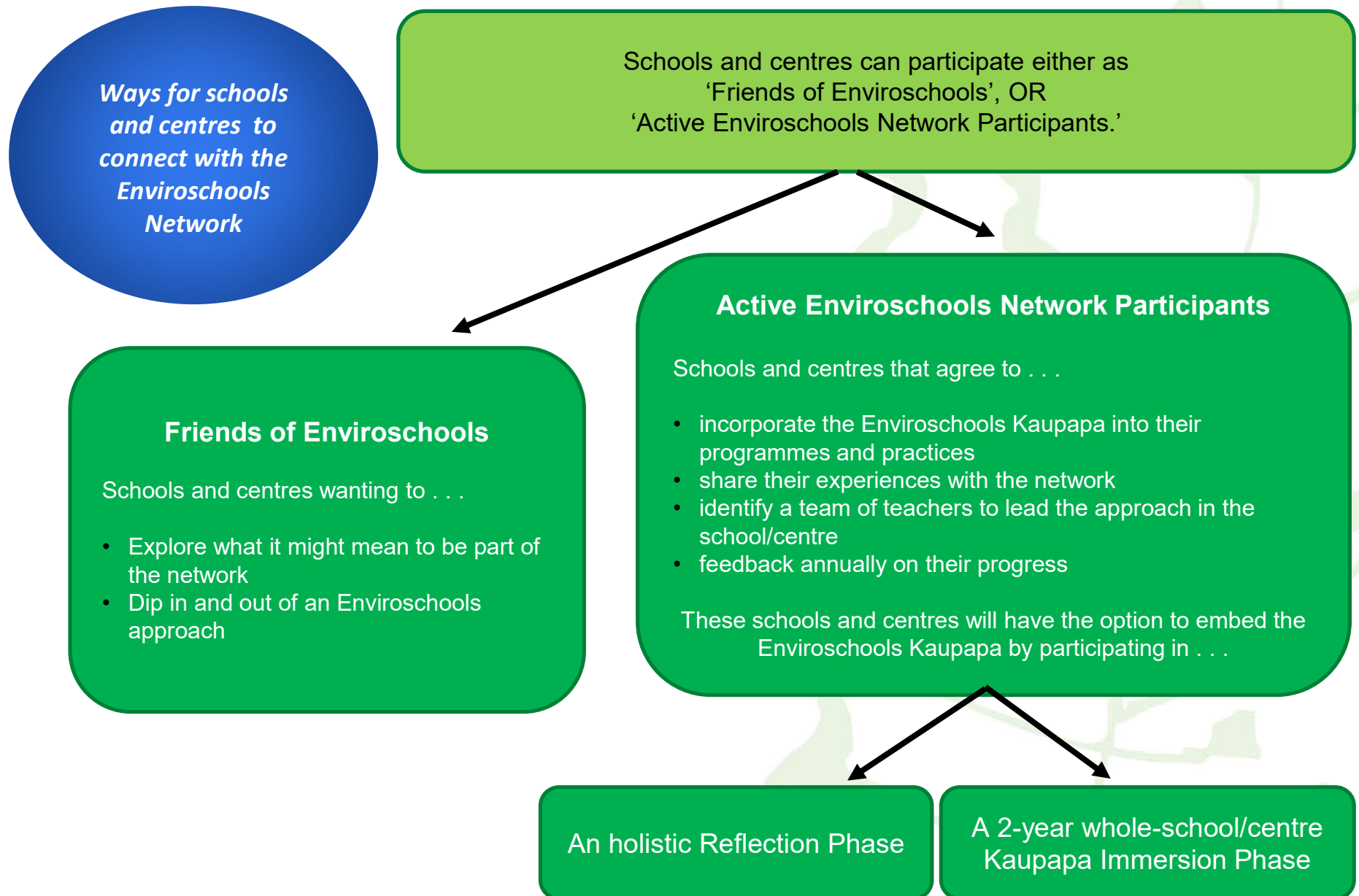


Composting at Birchville School

7 Sept 2022, Birchville School

Full class of year 3/4 students.

Supporting students to build on their knowledge and enthusiasm for composting by developing some practical skills.



*Thank you for supporting this thriving
network of young people and their
teachers in school communities.*



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Policy Committee | Te Kōmiti Kaupapa Here
18 October 2023

Chief Executive's Report

Purpose of report | Te pūtake

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to and update Council on matters that are currently being overseen by the Chief Executive (CE).

Recommendation | He tūtohunga

2. That the Committee recommends that Council receives the report titled Chief Executive's Report.

Wellington Regional Leadership Committee

3. I have attached the summary of the meeting held on 19 September as Attachment 1, for your information. Please note that this is just a summary and not the formal minutes of this meeting.

Meetings and events attended between 1 September – 6 October 2023

4. Since the last Policy Meeting the Chief Executive has attended the following meetings/events, being a combination of Teams/Zoom and physical meetings:
 - a. Welcoming Communities signing event, 6 September
 - b. WRLC CEO Group meeting, 8 September
 - c. Wellington Region Chief Executive Forum, 8 September
 - d. Water Shortage Summit, 11 September
 - e. Young Achievers Awards, 13 September
 - f. Blossom Valley opening, 13 September
 - g. Civic Blessing, 15 September
 - h. Wellington Regional Leadership Committee, 19 September
 - i. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, 19 September
 - j. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group workshop, 19 September
 - k. Regional Transport Committee, 19 September
 - l. Regional Transport Committee Workshop, 19 September
 - m. Hutt Valley Services Committee, 22 September

- n. The Mayor and Interim CE met with John Allen, CE of WellingtonNZ, 28 September
- o. Standard & Poors site visit, 5 October

Included attachment | Ngā āpitihanga

- 5. [Attachment 1: Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting summary - 19 September 2023](#) page 34

Date of report: 6 October 2023

Report writer and approver:

Kate Thomson

Interim Chief Executive | Te Tumu Whakarae

Overview of WRLC meeting 19 Sept 2023

Deputy Chairperson Darrin Apanui started the meeting with a Karakia.

No conflict of interests.

No public participation.

Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee on 13th June 2023.

1- Programme Director's Report - September 2023

- Four WRLC meetings are proposed for 2024, consistent with the practice in 2023. These will be held quarterly in March, June, September, and late November. More meetings may be scheduled if, and when, required. This will be done in consultation with the Programme Director and the Joint Committee Chair (or Deputy Chair in their absence).
- The WRLC Programme Director noted that if there are any changes to the number/timing of meetings and work programme for next year as a result of the outcome of the health check these changes can be approved at the WRLC December meeting.
- The recommendations in the report were approved.

2- Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Annual Reporting

- Annual Report WRLC - the WRLC Programme Manager noted there were no changes since the papers were circulated. No questions were asked. Report approved.
- Annual Report REDP – WellingtonNZ staff were available for questions – there were none. Report approved.

3- Draft Future Development Strategy

- The WRLC Programme Director commented that this is the second spatial planning for the region, when some regions have not yet undertaken one. Our process is also more complicated as compared to the rest of urban partnerships given the size of our partnership.
- She noted multiple staff over 1000s of hours have input into the Future Development Strategy and supporting documents and we really appreciate the contribution of everyone who has participated in any capacity throughout the process.
- The Future Development Strategy Project Lead spoke to the Future Development Strategy report – This document plans for the needs of the region to support an additional 200,000 more people in the Wairarapa-Wellington-Horowhenua region over the next 30 years. For this we need 99,000 more homes and infrastructure to support this growth.
- The Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment (HBA) in the papers identifies the region has enabled capacity for over 198,000 homes in the region, which is twice as much as we need over the next 30 years. Further refinement since the WRLC papers were sent brings this figure to over 206,000 homes in the region. This is a major shift from our previous spatial plan.
- Other supporting technical reports are the Constraints Report (revised), Scenario Evaluation Summary Report, Foundation Document, Iwi Values and Aspirations Report and Engagement Report.
- Key comments/points of discussion from WRLC member included:
 - The need for infrastructure to support this level of growth is very important – this point was emphasised by a number of members. We need to have serious conversations about the infrastructure required to support this Future Development Strategy.
 - The commentary in the Future Development Strategy seems to suggest limiting the growth in the Wairarapa – this was noted and will be reviewed.

- KCDC noted support for the Future Development Strategy is subject to discussion with Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust. The WRLC Secretariat to follow up on this.
- The recommendations in the report were approved.

4- Future Development Strategy consultation and hearings plan

- The paper recommends the Future Development Strategy goes out for public consultation commencing for a period of one month from 9 October 2023.
- The team has proposed organising and running hearings with the WRLC Subcommittee for the Future Development Strategy in the week beginning 11 December 2023.
- WRLC members commented on the structure of the hearings with suggestions that we could take the approach of first come first served approach as conducted by Auckland Council, however the majority of members agreed that this may lead to a less democratic outcome and preferred to undertake hearings as normally done with Long Term Plans ie fit in everyone who wants to be heard.
- WRLC members agreed with the plan for holding hearings in three places – one in the Wairarapa, one in the western corridor and one in Wellington city and to also to provide a platform for the public to speak online.
- The WRLC also recommended adding as a recommendation *“Explore options of engagement with community including holding wananga and drop-in sessions with whanau for successful consultation with iwi/Māori “*. This was agreed to.
- The WRLC supported the Future Development Strategy team to develop a detailed and structured approach to carry out all the recommended engagements and hearings.
- The recommendations in the report were approved including the additional recommendation.

5- Joint Committee Subcommittee for the FDS – Remuneration for iwi members and any Independent Chair; Appointment of local authority members to the Joint Committee Subcommittee for the Future Development; Appointment of Iwi members to the Joint Committee Subcommittee for the Future Development Strategy

- These three papers all dealt with the set up of the Joint Committee Subcommittee to undertake hearings for the Future Development Strategy
- The WRLC Programme Director spoke to the committee about the proposed remuneration for iwi members and any independent Chair of the Joint Committee Subcommittee on the Future Development Strategy (the Subcommittee), noting that given the calibre of people being appointed to the Subcommittee she was not expecting the need for an independent chair.
- It was noted that there may be additional WRLC iwi members for the Subcommittee and these could be appointed at the 5 December 2023 meeting.
- It was also suggested to the WRLC Secretariat team to keep reaching out to Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust as it is worthwhile to keep them in conversations and ask for their engagement in the Future Development Strategy
- The recommendations in all three reports were approved.

Darrin Apanui ended the meeting with a Karakia.