



Notes from December 7th 2021

Shedwood Hall, Tapawera

3.30 -6.00pm

Attendees:

Jo Leyland – MCC Co-convenor
Craig Allen – TET
Scott Nicol – Baton
Marios Gavalas – TET/Greenhill
Annette Litherland – NZ Landcare
Bill Booth – Sherry bluerockwsb@gmail.com
Sky Davies – Graham
Debbie Win – Dove
Sharon Rogers – Tapawera
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Martin Bonny – Glenrae/ Tadmor thebonnys@gmail.com
Andrew Fenemor – ICM - whole catchment fenemor@landcareresearch.co.nz

Goals of meeting

1. Work on a catchment management plan
2. Formulate clear directions with a framework on what to work towards
3. End point – action plans. All working on a defined plan.

Important to give structure,

- for those supporting,
- other people who are considering joining
- and for funding applications.

Jo Leyland Introduction

Motueka Catchment Collective Vision

Ko te tūmanako, ka tū kotahi tātou hei whakamahea i ngā pēhitanga o te wā. Otirā ko te whitiki ngā taonga ā kui mā, ā koro mā ki ngā mahi tika o tēnei ao hurihuri, hei waihanga i tētahi huarahi tika. E kīa nei te kōrero, Taiao Ora, Tangata Ora - me pēnei te ara whaihua mā tātou, hei anga whakamua ki te angitū.

Our aspiration is to walk a shared path together as we address the challenges of our time. And by this shared path, to promote a new way of doing, built from a weaving together of traditional knowledge, science and exemplary practice, that will redefine our interactions with Te Taiao, our natural world, for the benefit of current and future generations.

From an impartial standpoint, facilitate weaving the communities of the Motueka catchment together to ensure the wellbeing of the freshwater system and connected environment.

Motueka Catchment Collective Objectives are to:

- Act to protect and enhance the Motueka catchment as a vital resource for the future
- Develop a community that is inclusive of all
- Encourage interest and build understanding of freshwater ecosystems
- Weave matauranga Maori knowledge and wisdom together with an evidence-based conventional scientific approach to promote Kaitiakitanga (guardianship)
- Emphasise the involvement and engagement of young people in catchment guardianship
- Enhance the health of the river and landscape environs through making sound choices based on good science and knowledgeable expertise
- Establish a robust, transparent monitoring framework that is accessible to all whilst protecting the privacy rights of individuals' information input
- Obtain funding and guidance for relevant initiatives identified and collectively agreed upon.

[Note: These aims and objectives are subject to revision as agreed by the Collective]

Different communities do different things. Collective weaves together. Previous talks were to generate interest and knowledge and use that for better practice managing freshwater systems.

Iwi engagement already taken place to review early draft on plan.

Annette Litherland – NZ Landcare Trust

Catchment Plan

1-page summary will be produced.

Will be done in a Google Doc for everyone's input.

What issues does the Motueka River face?

In 20 years time – what outcomes would we like to achieve?

- Native fish and tuna and trout
- Landfill – rubbish dumps close to banks removed
- Water budgets
- Understanding climate change impacts – droughts and intense precipitation
- Sedimentation
- Swimmability and drinkability
- Weeds – OMB, Muehlenbeckia,
- Supporting whio
- Pest control – flora and fauna
- Trout
- Human management of riparian – rocks, planting
- Access
- 13 Water quality
- Flooding control
- 15 Monocultures – hops and pines

6 key ones

1. Sediment 13
2. Weeds – especially OMB 11
3. Water quality – swimmable/drinkable 7
4. Predator control 6
5. Human management of riparian margins 8
6. Flooding resilience and climate change 7

Stakeholders

- TDC – water quality, river flood, groundwater, landuse, regulatory (consents)
- Hop NZ
- NZLT
- Land Research - Cawthron
- Beef Lamb NZ
- Forestry
- Dairy
- Hort NZ
- Baton Valley Trust
- Iwi
- DOC
- Forest and Bird
- Fish and Game
- Community
- Schools
- Landowners / Land-users
- All sub-catchments
- Marine Farmers
- Fisheries
- Coastal Recreation
- Tasman Bay Guardians
- Urban (Motueka) Community
- Funders (MPI)
- Kotahitanga mo te Taio
- Community Groups – weedbusters

Review of Vision and goals

Some discussion around the word 'impartial'. Considered 'informed', 'scientific based'.

Agreed on 'From an 'informed and respectful standpoint...'

TDC currently undertaking 5yearly review of river health information

Landowner survey

- Important because it informs us on what we want to achieve
- Full stakeholder survey important
- Powerful in search for funding
- Contacts with people who might not be part of catchment groups.
- Do separate ones for forestry owners (see PF Olsen Heather for GIS database)

Governance Group

How would a group form? We need a process for decision making. A group of people who are representative. A mandate. Approved actions.

Would a further group act like Kaitiaki? This could link into a flat entity which then allows TET to take care of red tape. Some groups eg iwi not engaged

What scale do we operate at?

Sub-catchments can apply to funders but might need guidance on where to get funding.

Engagement on getting people together.

Multi-pronged – sub-catchment - Conference – larger may be only twice yearly

Model on Te Hoiere - Pelorus catchment

Governance – kaitiaki – bigger picture – DoC, forestry, farmers, iwi

steering group – sub catchment convenors. Advise TET on what to do.

Then sub-catchment working action groups

Important to give difference between advisory and voting rights.

Strength in community led. Liaison and advisory important, but ultimate decision is with community.

Forestry/farmers have protocols and regulations. Can advise

Forestry 141 have grants for small groups.

Community actions helps with funders

Actions:

Annette

1. Draft up how objectives might link to goals. How do we operate our goals?
2. What would questions be on stakeholder survey?
 1. On your own property, what would you like to do to improve your environment?
 2. What would you like to see in your sub-catchment?
 3. What are you willing to contribute? (in-kind contribution)

Scott

1. Elaborate on models for Governance Structure

Follow-ups

Difference between sub-catchment engagements

Use Microsoft forms or Survey Monkey to gather data with lower overheads?

Next meeting in early February TBA – make sure all are happy with objectives, actions plans, timelines, record of actions, monitoring progress.

Concept map picture of what we want to achieve.