



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the Waikato
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

Notice of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) to be held at:
Waikato Room, Waikato Regional Council Hamilton
On 24 October 2018, at 3.00pm

1	Apologies –
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting – 26 September 2018
3	Matters Arising from Minutes
4	Sea Change Responses WRC and Auckland Council letters attached
5	1080 Position Paper Revision (To be circulated before meeting)
6	Correspondence Sea Change – Out to WRC, Auckland Council, MPI, DOC LTP – thanks and areas of continuing interest to WRC
7	Other Business Andrew - speaker from Te Uru Rakau (1 Billion Trees) Kim Parker, Biosecurity – possible attendee for November meeting
8	Written reports - To Louise Capes at Louise.Capes@waikatoregion.govt.nz prior to meeting please – members identify highlights for discussion Topics: Identify your topics of interest.
9	Next Meeting – November 28 2018.



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Minutes of a meeting of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE) held at:
Waikato Regional Council Hamilton
On 24 October 2018, at 3.00 pm in the Waikato Room.

Present: Kemble Pudney, Brian Habberfield, Greg Hill, Anna Casey-Cox, Martin Wallace, Leo Koppens, Andrew Sinclair

In attendance: Louise Capes (minutes WRC)

1. **Apologies**

Kelvin Mouritson, Dell Hood, Katherine Hay,

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 26 September 2018**

Moved by Leo Koppens, Seconded by Anna Casey-Cox

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Kemble wrote letters to 4 agencies with regards to Sea Change. **Completed.**

4. **Sea Change Responses**

WRC – suggested to contact Hauraki Gulf Forum. **Kemble to follow up.** WRC has a Sea Change implementation plan which is reflected in a number of ways in the 2017-2018 LTP plan. The Regional Coast plan is currently under review. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act is the founding legislation for the Hauraki Gulf Forum which includes a policy coastal statement. Climate Change included in their infrastructure planning decisions and Aquaculture plan reviews.

MPI – Some of the recommendations are currently underway. Joint proposals by MPI, Fisheries NZ and DoC will be going to the Ministers and should get feedback back in November. Central Government Reserve.

Auckland City Council – Climate change - working currently with central government, mana whenua, businesses and communities to prepare an Auckland Climate Action Plan. A draft version of the consultation plan to occur in early 2019.

DoC - All supportive and referred to contact Hauraki Gulf Forum

Brian mentioned a presentation by Kalvina Goddard and will forward to all.

Action: **Kemble** to acknowledge the 4 groups letters and forward to Cllr Dal Minogue, WRC and MPI

Alan Saunders – PF 2050

Predator free program is one of the 6 strategic directions of WRC. It's the only region in the country where WRC and DoC got together to work together on the project (Hauraki, Coromandel, Kaimai and Pureora)

Focused Community groups have been established in Coromandel and getting iwi support and have supportive community predator control.

A coordinator on predator control should be in place and have a workshop:

Carry on 5 to 6 year project: pick up over 5 years; through all in birds etc, All strong support on landscape scale, bio diversity, water, land, people group.

Mokaihaha – East of Tokoroa, has strong community support.

Landcare using 2 different baits.

5. 1080 Position Paper Revision - update

Reference was made to the Ngahere Justice paper. ACRE to have more influence and show that supporting the group.

Introduction –strike out

2.4 – change – reduce to very low lever or eradicate

Take out last 2 lines ... Ngahere Justice position statement making a point around taking away right from iwi in making own decision...

Take out – there is no compelling

Moved by Martin Wallace, Seconded by Andrew Sinclair

6. Correspondence:

- Sea Change – Out to WRC, Auckland Council, MPI, DOC
- LTP – thanks and areas of continuing interest to WRC

7. Other Business:

- Andrew - speaker from Te Uru Rakau (1 Billion Trees)
Replanting pines 500 mil trees, impact on bio-diversity

Te Uru Rakau Meeting:

- To deliver billion trees through Councils.
- To find out more what they are doing
- Funds to councils and to plant
- Get a better understanding
- Steep hill country – who will this work?
- Speak on carbon credits.

Andrew to organise to talk at November meeting (3.30pm to 4.00pm)

- **Kim Parker, Biosecurity – possible attendee for November meeting**
All agreed for Kim to present at November meeting (3.00 pm to 3.30pm)

Kemble stepping down as Chair – nominations to be received from committee members

Next Meeting – 28 November 2018, 2.45 to 4.45pm

Reports:

Name	Details
<p>Kemble Pudney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kemble Pudney ACRE Monthly Report October 2018 • Attended Waiwhakareke Advisory Group meeting • Attended Ecoday at Glenview Community Centre for Predator Free Hamilton • Planning for Community Predator Control Groups in Melville & in Fairfield Project Vicinity • ACRE correspondence, 1080 position paper with Brian.
<p>Brian Habberfield-Short</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 Sept. attended one day of the F&B NI Gathering. Lots of focus on marine issues, and presentations on the state of the play around Motiti and the Rena wreck on Astrolabe Reef, and the Hauraki Gulf, Seachange. Encouraged to support it by presenter Katrina Godddard: Hauraki Gulf Experience – Good, Bad, Ugly. • 13 Oct. Helped at a wetland planting at Waitawheta on a private block, 750 plants in the ground. • Also last plantings on own place and Waikino Recreation Reserve.
<p>Gregory Hill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month I was involved in a weekend of bait station checking at Pureora Forest Park with Pirongia Restoration Society. Good news is that there was minimal bait uptake since previously uploading bait over 2 months ago. • Also last weekend I assisted/ accompanied the society's hired ecologist in monitoring Kokako within the 1000 ha catchment. After following 3 lines we observed a newly established mating pair, which brings mating couples to 5 or more - a good start to expansion! • The Society was alerted last week that Chinese poachers are removing bracket fungus off the mountain. Well, after our Kokako excursion we happened across 4 nervous Chinese folk high on a public track with 2 very enlarged backpacks, 1 large zipped carry bag and numerous fibre shopping bags full of rounded objects. Took pictures of them and their Ute and alerted DoC. Hopefully others will that her evidence to stop the practice.
<p>Andrew Sinclair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bats - The main area of interest is that we have started using our bat boxes to monitor bats and ideally as an outcome form of monitoring pest control. Enclosed is an email that we have sent among ourselves and to DOC, Moira Pryde & Akld Council, Ben Paris. We seem to have good bat activity even at this time of the year and it is likely that long tailed bats are more widely distributed than we first thought. • Wetland birds We are doing quite a bit of wetland bird monitoring on the islands of the Waikato River out from Akaaka with help from Birds NZ. The focus is on bittern, spotless crakes, fernbirds and kingfisher • Pest Control Hubs This will be our main development focus with working out a way to start up groups around the area. This is where we find ways to fund trap & bait materials for private landowners and wrap a bit of education around it for 4 – 5 times a year. Possibly thinking of a sponsored covered trailer that can be the mobile store. In terms of accountability we are looking to ID how much we give away at each event, get an email address and ideally show on a map where people are. • Spent a weekend in the heart of the Waikato on Rangitoto Station helping out Pukekohe & Howick Tramping clubs putting out their monthly dose of Diphacinone for rats over Sept – Dec. It includes some pretty rugged country but managed to find my way out. It is a real success story with over 20 years ago just having 7 pairs of kokako. Now I think there are over 155 pairs and on top of this many kokako have been relocated from this area.

Anna Casey-Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made a submission on the proposed Amberfield development. Based on RESI submission requesting a more extensive forested area along the river. • Organised advocacy for Zero Carbon Act and Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050. Meeting with MPs on Friday 26th of October in Hillcrest Stadium. • Developed theme for Te Papanui Expo 2018 - Waikato is My Back Yard (WIMBY not NIMBY) • Organised for selling of bat houses (built by Gerard Kelly) through Go Eco.
Kelvin Mouritson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month we set recorders all over the Western Moehau to check on our resident Kiwi population in wake of the savaging just over the hill • We hosted Carey Hart and searched for Ramarama which is critically endangered and found some on Waiaro and DOC land. Waiaro • Hosted a historic meeting between Iwi and local landowners which went down well. • Also got our Facebook up and running now.
Dell Hood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 September: three of us put out 1024 plants from the WERT Mystery Creek nursery, for planting in a wet area the following day. Even though the planting site is just below the nursery the task took all day. • 28 September: 23 people turned up despite the rain, and had all those plants in the ground by midday. There was little lead time for planning this task as the commercial group who had undertaken to do the planting had to pull out at short notice. • 29 September: More planting, the last planting session for the season at Waiwhakareke