



ADVISORY COMMITTEE for the Waikato REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT

**Minutes of the
Advisory Committee for Regional Environment (ACRE)
held at Waikato Regional Council, Level 1 Tui/Kowhai Rooms, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton
on Wednesday 28th May 2025
3:00- 5:00pm**

ATTENDEES

Anna Casey-Cox
Megan Thomas (Minutes)
John Badham (chair)
Neville Williams via teams
Shepherd Isaac
Rachel Thompson via teams
Kristel Van Houte via teams
Steph Parkyn via teams
Tuti Cooper – Waikato River Authority

APOLOGIES

Wiea Montemezzani

OPENING

Karakia: Neville opens the meeting

Standing Items

Conflicts of Interest: No new conflicts

Confirmation of Minutes: John moves minutes, Anna seconds

Current Workplan:

Chair's Report:

Members Reports: No comments

Membership

Circulate ACRE rules and operation plan to propose new members from North Waikato, in association with Meshweyla Macdonald. Anna to follow up



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Change of ACRE meeting times. Proposed 3.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month, except December

All agreed to change the hui start time to 3:30, effective June. Megan to update meeting invitations to reflect this change

ACRE submission on WRC draft Annual Plan

Anna has submitted a submission on the WRC draft Annual Plan.

ACRE Operational Plan 2025 – next priority items for action

To discuss these priority items in June's hui

Meeting with Waikato River Authority

PowerPoint presented by Tuti Cooper from the Waikato River Authority. The PowerPoint will be circulated with the minutes

General Feedback

- Kristel discussed DOC's feral cat-catching updates. This information is available on the DOC website.
- Rachel advised of the Greening Taupō event taking place at Tauhara, 10 a.m. on 5 June.
- Shepherd will speak with Craig closer to the time regarding the spring Coromandel field trip. Steph and Shepherd will also liaise on the ACRE field trip to the Coromandel in September or October.
- Neville advised that he will be finishing with WRC soon. His last ACRE meeting will be on 25 June.
- ACRE members are reminded of the joint Ngāti Wairere and Fish and Game Matariki Lake Rotoroa clean-up on 20 June.
- We are still awaiting further information on the next Rangatahi clean-up at Waihou River.

Closing

Neville closes with a Karakia