



MINUTES

**Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato
Regional Council Co-Governance
Committee Meeting**

Monday, 15 June 2026

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Waikato Regional Council

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee Meeting

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 15 June 2026, 12.55pm
Location: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Boardroom
1108 Fenton Street, Rotorua

Members Present: Trustee Evelyn Forrest – Committee Co-Chair – Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
Cr Tipa Mahuta – Committee Co-Chair – Waikato Regional Council
Trustee Deliah Balle – Committee Deputy Co-Chair – Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
Trustee Danielle Marks – Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
Trustee Mana Newton – Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
Cr Robert Cookson – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Keith Holmes – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Liz Stolwyk – Waikato Regional Council

In Attendance: Cr Warren Maher – Waikato Regional Council

Staff Present: Chris McLay – Chief Executive, Waikato Regional Council
Jo Ireland – Chief Executive, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
Mali Ahipene – Pou Tuhono, Waikato Regional Council
Brooke Roebeck – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Recording 1	36508506	https://youtu.be/MMZ5OQkOGHg

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

The Co-Chair (Evelyn Forrest) opened the meeting, followed by a whakawhanaungatanga.

2 APOLOGIES

ITEM COMMENCED IN RECORDING 1, AT 8 MINUTES 7 SECONDS.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/01

MOVED: CR ROBERT COOKSON

SECONDED: TRUSTEE DELIAH BALLE

THAT THE APOLOGIES OF TRUSTEE JENNY KAKA-SCOTT AND TRUSTEE LANA NGAWHIKA FOR ABSENCE BE ACCEPTED.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 8 minutes 27 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/02

Moved: Cr Tipa Mahuta

Seconded: Cr Robert Cookson

- 1. That the agenda of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee Meeting of 15 June 2026, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.**
- 2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.**

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording 1, at 9 minutes 30 seconds.

Cr Liz Stolwyk declared her involvement with the Ministry for Primary Industries on matters relating to *Corbicula fluminea* (gold clam) and Lake Karapiro in relation to item 6.3. *Update on the Corbicula fluminea* (gold clam).

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

**TE ARAWA RIVER IWI TRUST AND WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2025**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 10 minutes.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/03

Moved: Trustee Evelyn Forrest

Seconded: Trustee Deliah Balle

That the minutes of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL ITEMS

6.1 START OF TERM: COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

Item commenced in recording 1, at 10 minutes 33 seconds.

Presented by the Pou Tuhono, Waikato Regional Council (Mali Ahipene).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/04

Moved: Cr Robert Cookson

Seconded: Cr Liz Stolwyk

- 1. That the report *Membership and procedures* (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee, 15 June 2026) be received.**
- 2. That the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee notes the following appointed members:**
 - (a) Te Arawa River Iwi Trust:**
 - (i) Trustee Evelyn Forrest**
 - (ii) Trustee Deliah Balle**
 - (iii) Trustee Danielle Marks**
 - (iv) Trustee Jenny Kaka-Scott**
 - (b) Waikato Regional Council:**
 - (i) Cr Robert Cookson**
 - (ii) Cr Keith Holmes**
 - (iii) Cr Tipa Mahuta**
 - (iv) Cr Liz Stolwyk**
- 3. That the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee notes the following alternate members:**
 - (a) Te Arawa River Iwi Trust:**
 - (i) Trustee Mana Newton**

(ii) Trustee Lana Ngawhika

(b) Waikato Regional Council:

(i) Cr Kataraina Hodge

4. That the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee notes the following co-chairs:

(a) Trustee Evelyn Forrest (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust)

(b) Cr Tipa Mahuta (Waikato Regional Council)

5. That the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee notes the deputy co-chairs:

(a) Trustee Deliah Balle (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust)

CARRIED

6.2 CONTEXT SETTING

Item commenced in recording 1, at 15 minutes 40 seconds .

Presented by the Chief Executive, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (Jo Ireland).

The Manager, Resource Management Policy, Waikato Regional Council (Bruce McAuliffe) provided a verbal update on the process related to Plan Change 1 (18 minutes, 28 seconds). .

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/05

Moved: Trustee Deliah Balle

Seconded: Trustee Danielle Marks

That the report *Context Setting* (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee, 15 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.3 UPDATE ON THE CORBICULA FLUMINEA (GOLD CLAM)

Item commenced in recording 1, at 36 minutes 47 seconds.

Presented by the Chief Executive, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (Jo Ireland).

Action: Staff to provide updates to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, as appropriate, on progress in addressing the Plan Change 1 court directions, including any related engagement with strategic partners.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/06

Moved: Cr Tipa Mahuta

Seconded: Cr Keith Holmes

That the report *Update on the Corbicula Fluminea (Gold Clam)* (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee, 15 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.4 STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAMME

Item commenced in recording 1, at 47 minutes 52 seconds.

Presented by the Kaiwhakarite, Waikato Regional Council (Ashley Eden). The report was taken as read.

Action: Staff to prepare a draft Strategic Work Programme for consideration at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/07

Moved: Cr Liz Stolwyk

Seconded: Cr Robert Cookson

That the report *Strategic Work Programme* (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee, 15 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour 25 minutes and 18 seconds.

Presented by the Pou Tūhono, Waikato Regional Council (Mali Ahipene). Members received additional information (refer Document # 36948930 or on the public website).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TACG26/08

Moved: Cr Robert Cookson

Seconded: Trustee Deliah Balle

That the report *Local Government Reform* (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee, 15 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour 50 minutes and 20 seconds.

The Co-Chair (Cr Tipa Mahuta) closed the meeting with a karakia.

2.49pm – The meeting closed.