Porirua Waitangi Day celebrations

GWRC and Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee attendance

When: 10am – 5pm, Tuesday 6 February 2018

Where: Porirua Harbourside. Wi Neera Drive, Porirua

Purpose:

GWRC would like to show their commitment to improving the health of the Porirua Harbour. Using Waitangi Day celebrations as an opportunity to showcase the many ways we can support harbour health, the work we do and the partnered approach to achieving desired outcomes.

Porirua City Council have invited GWRC to have a stall next to the Porirua Harbour Trust. The various departments who usually show an interest in participating in these types of events have been contacted to gauge interest. The departments who have shown interest in the past and have synergies with the Natural Resources Plan, Whaitua or opportunity for public participation in strategic direction are: Biodiveresity, Biosecurity, Environmental Science, Land Management, Environmental Regulation and Long Term Planning.

The context of the display would be to identify what the Whaitua Committee would see as a beneficial outcome for their benefit and hinge every other departments display or presence around that. This would show a unified effort across departments to improving harbor health.

Desired outcomes:

- Informing/reminding the community about the whaitua committee process ("Whaitua101").
- Generate increased contact into the community (gather contact details for newsletter database)so it is easy to reach out to them again over the remainder of the process, and particularly when progressed committee recommendations need to be tested.
- Joining up whaitua conversations with the work of PCC district plan and harbour strategy.
- Joining up whaitua conversations with other Greater Wellington work.
- Increased acknowledgement within GWRC of various departments role in implementing NRP
- Opportunity for committee members to interact with GWRC departments they may not have had the chance to

Proposed attendance:

GWRC departments provide a rolling stock of attendees to show how the work they do contributes to harbour health. This will need to be rostered and absence supported by collateral that supports the message (existing and new).

TAOPW project team roster supports the organisational representation in making the connection between the work they do and the NRP and Whaitua work.

TAOPW committee members are present to interact with members of the public and follow through on their objective for the day. Feeding information in to their decision making (TBD what this is, suggested to be a more focussed 'we know this is causing the problems, we know these options can provide the solution, what do you think?' – type conversation).