

Ōhiti Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes



“The role of the STAG is to inform and advise HBRC about managing and monitoring the flood mitigation works for the Project.” – Ōhiti STAG Terms of Reference

Date: 30 June 2026

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Location: Ōmāhu Marae

Meeting Chair: Tania Kerr

Attendees: Kate Davison, Val Darragh, Brian Darragh, Trish Nuku (Manu Whenua Rep), Wayne Ropiha (Cultural Monitor; joined for Agenda Item 4: Project Manager's update), Simon Moffit (Compliance – HBRC), Jacqui Davis, Kim Thomas, Dugan Weitz and Anna Threadgill (Project Team - HBRC)

Apologies: Shayne Nuku, Delia Ropiha and Ngahuia Tahau (Landowners)

	Items	Actions
1.	Opening Karakia – led by Trish	
2.	Welcome and Apologies Tania opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees and introductions took place.	
3.	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes Minutes of the 19 May 2026 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	Project Manager's Update Dugan Weitz introduced the item, which was taken as read. Dugan acknowledged recent concerns raised by the community about pot holes appearing on Taihape Road after a period of rain. The pot holes have been temporarily filled in while he works with Fulton Hogan and Hastings District Council (HDC) on a long term solution. He emphasised that the project is still in	

	progress and the road will receive a second seal within six months of practical completion. <i>Dugan presented drone footage of the Ōhiti Road stopbank.</i> - Topsoiling and hydroseeding has been completed. - Driveway (Accessway 3) from Taihape Road to be completed. Issue here with unauthorised access to site – fencing to be installed. - Dugan working with Unison to shift the powerline overhead at Accessway 3 - Culvert to be adjusted at the stopbank corner and replaced with updated design for effective drainage - Rear bund still to be completed – waste/contaminated earth has been removed from site; trees cleared and milled in this area to use as mulch for planting activities. Community will be kept updated on works. <i>Dugan presented drone footage of the Ōmāhu stopbank.</i> - Stopbank has passed its final testing and will be topsoiled and hydroseeded once weather allows. - HBRC to work with landowners to provide education on planting near the stopbank. It was pointed out that there was a tree fallen on the southern bank of the Ohiwia stream. Dugan to notify HBRC Works Group. A concern was raised about the timeline of the project due to weather. Dugan confirmed that rain had delayed work at the rear bund of the Ōhiti Road stopbank and would need to be monitored before continuing. Observation and assessment of the site to be carried out with Simon Moffitt and Cam Burton (Senior Environmental Projects and Sustainability Consultant).	<i>Dugan</i>
5.	Review of Information and Advice Log The Information Advice Log was circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair confirmed that all items had been resolved.	
6.	Ecologist's Update Dugan Weitz introduced the item, which was taken as read. Dugan emphasised that native planting would be targeted at the edge of the rear bund, to offset ecological disturbance and inhibit vehicle access onto the bund. The Project team had agreed with landowners to replant only native species.	

	Landowners had been asked to work with a local supplier and select from a spreadsheet of approved plants. HBRC was able to fund 290 plants. It was queried who would be responsible for maintaining the new plants. Dugan confirmed that all plants would be maintained by landowners unless they were within fenced HBRC areas.	
7.	Next meeting Jacqui confirmed that it was the last meeting of the Ōhiti STAG. She thanked the group for their significant input and gave letters of thanks to landowners, from HBRC. A closing celebration would be held once the project was completed.	
8.	Closing Karakia – led by Trish Waiata and karakia also led by Wayne	