



Kaimai Mamaku Catchments Forum meeting Summary of notes 6 October 2017

There were 60 attendees at the ASB Arena for the most recent Kaimai Mamaku Catchments Forum meeting to discuss the future of the Forum and steps towards action on the ground. The meeting included two guest speakers (Professor Bruce Clarkson and Kelvin Hastie), presentations from Iwi and local groups and discussion focussed on key decisions to inform future action.

Decision 1. Should the Forum continue?

Overwhelming support for the Forum (95%). Comments on a lack of action and a need to focus on achieving something.

Decision 2. Do we want to commit to the Operational Plan in principle?

Overwhelming support for the Operational Plan (90%). Comments on water being a key priority that was missing, link to LTP and Regional plans, desire to review the Operational Plan with Trustees.

Decision 3. Geographical Scope of Operational Plan

- Focus on indigenous forest/bush for predator control and biodiversity improvement.
- Start with small areas and grow as we learn, build on existing successes.
- Catchments can be responsible for their own pest control/water.
- Connect estuaries and forest, following rivers and streams and ecological corridors.
- Start with existing groups - deer stalkers, pest control groups.
- Look at Halo effect - linkages to Coromandel, Waikato and Rotorua.
- Ensure Mamaku is included.

Decision 4. Steering Group details

Who: Members should be nominated/elected by their own groups. Quorum can be small (including Iwi).

Group should include 7-10 members from across the area:

- a. Representatives from community, iwi, recreation, industry, care groups, NO agencies.
- b. Representatives from community, iwi, recreation, industry, care groups, agencies.
- c. Representatives from community, iwi, recreation, industry, care groups, agencies (by request).

When: Group should meet monthly or quarterly, as required.

Where: Group should meet face to face and meetings should move around the area.

Purpose: The purpose of the steering group:

- Follow Terms of Reference, execute strategic plan, provide operational governance and guide delivery, represent and direct project groups. liaise with DoC/Iwi, approach funding streams.

Decision 5. Project Group/s details

Who: Groups should be lead by a Coordinator and members should include community, iwi, recreation, industry, care groups, agencies, technical specialists. Membership should be by appointment, nomination or voluntary.

- When: Group should meet 2-4 times per year, as required.
- Where: Group should meet face to face and meetings should move around the area and be project site specific.
- Purpose: The purpose of the project group/s:
- Follow Terms of Reference, manage project/s, engage participants, put the plan into action, monitor and report progress, prepare budgets, coordinate training and education, replicate good practice.
 - Make sure that something is happening over the whole area that is work stream related - recreation, pest control, riparian planting, etc.
 - Employ a Coordinator to act as secretariat.

Decision 6. Operational Plan Projects and Actions:

Project 1 - Pest Management Strategy

- Educate public/local communities, set up network baselines, communication issues/options paper, ongoing monitoring, community buy in, appoint pest control working/community group.

Project 2 - Projects that involve collaboration by connecting people and places

- Look for local champions, tell the stories of the Kaimai Mamaku, engage urban communities, consider streams as traplines.

Project 3 - Showcase the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges and the Forum

- Enhance awareness in schools, Enviroschools, communities.
- Showcase everything that is happening in the Kaimai Mamaku at Conservation Week.

Enabling Action 1 - Information collation and mapping

- Enhance website (including smartphone access), public interface and members section.

Enabling Action 2 - Research and monitoring

- Baselines, spectral imagery, publication/marketing, Rongoa Maori, social research, priority areas for established monitoring.

Enabling Action 3 - Communications, coordination and resourcing

- Develop a plan of long-term outcomes for funding applications, appoint a small group to oversee funding, impose a levy/rate to fund the projects.
- Employ a Coordinator immediately that sits outside of the agencies.

Enabling Action 4 - Strategic planning, overview and influence

- No feedback.

Decision 7. Kaimai Mamaku Catchments Forum details

Who: Membership should be open and include interested and affected community, ALL iwi, recreation, industry, care groups, agencies, technical specialists, funders. Anyone who works, plays and lives in/near the Kaimai Mamaku.

When: Group should meet 1-2 times per year, or as required.

Where: Group should meet face to face and meetings should move around the area and alternate Waikato/BOP.

Purpose: The purpose of the steering group:

- Networking, represent views, inform/educate, direct the steering group, ensure action, provide relevant information (fundraising, technical, etc.), maintain overall vision, give feedback on progress, showcase for what has been achieved, feed in to other relevant Forums.
- Meetings should be less bureaucratic and more inspirational.