

TAUĀKĪ KĀWANATANGA

Governance Statement

This Governance Statement replaces all prior versions. It covers how the Forum works, and key roles and responsibilities. The Forum's purposes, membership, functions and powers are set out in detail in Part 2 of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 (HGMPA) and are not repeated here.

He waka kōtuia kāhore e tukutukua ngā mimira.

A canoe that is interlaced will not become separated at the bow.

In unity there is strength.

In the highly developed craft of building ocean going waka the bow section was laced to the centre hull. The waka provides a metaphor for tangata whenua, in that a people interlaced will not be separated and through that unity we find strength.

How the Forum works

Te whakahonore i o maatau hononga Tiriti hei painga mo Te Moananui-ō-Toi; Tikapa Moana; Hauraki Gulf.

The Forum will operate in partnership under the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, including the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi under Section 6.

It will integrate and respect both Te Ao Māori and other world views.

The Forum's conduct, and all those that interact with it, will adhere to the intent of the following principles:

- **Aroha:** being considerate – having respect for relationships and being of service.
- **Openness and impartiality:** having an open mind when making decisions and listening to other points of view.
- **Tautoko:** supporting others by respecting and upholding others

mana, dignity, identity and unique perspective.

- **Manaaki:** caring for others by responsibly valuing others and ensuring they feel valued.
- **Stewardship:** using powers and resources prudently.
- **Awhi:** helping others by entering into effective engagements in the spirit of co-operation and good faith.
- **Leadership:** inspiring action toward achieving common goals.
- **Tika:** being responsible – doing the right thing with integrity and accountability.
- **Pono:** being effective – building credibility.
- **Ethics:** maintaining the highest standard of ethical conduct.

The Forum will endeavour to meet quarterly, with meetings split between the Auckland and Waikato regions. It will hold additional workshops and meetings as required.

Our Roles and Responsibilities

• **Co-Chairs**

- One Co-Chair is from and elected by the membership at large.
- One Co-Chair is from and decided by the Tangata Whenua members.
- Co-Chairs lead the Forum and are its spokespeople.
- Co-Chairs work in partnership with each other.
- Co-Chairs exemplify the principles by which we work.
- Co-Chairs chair Forum meetings, set strategic direction, support and work with all Members, and front public engagement.

(A separate Co-Chairing arrangement records the practical aspects of Co-Chairing)

• **Members**

- Members support and work with the Co-Chairs and each other to take effective decisions and progress the agenda of the Forum.
- Members bring their expertise and mana to ensure quality decision making in the interests of the Marine Park.
- Members represent

their Constituent Party, as defined under the HGMPA.

- Members may send alternates to meetings they are unable to attend so long as this is notified in advance and in accordance with any applicable practice.

• **Executive Officer**

- The Executive Officer functions as the Chief Executive of the Forum and is responsible for taking forward resolutions of the Forum, ensuring adherence to the HGMPA, supporting the Co-Chairs and all Members, preparing meeting papers, coordination with external partners, and the Forum's management, contracts, finance and administration.

- The Executive Officer chairs meetings of Technical Officers and works closely with the Governance Advisor.

• **Governance Advisor**

- The Governance Advisor is responsible for collating and publishing meeting agendas, writing minutes and providing advice on process.

• **Technical Officers**

- Members are encouraged to have

Technical Officers to provide them and the Forum with expert support and advice.

- Technical Officers will work with their Members, the Executive Officer and each other to progress the Forum's resolutions, as appropriate.

• **Administering Authority**

- Auckland Council is the Administering Authority (for responsibilities see s28, HGMPA).

• **Review**

This Governance Statement will be reviewed every 3 years.