

Wai Ora Tāmaki Makaurau,
Auckland's Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Strategy

Progress Report
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Given the warm welcome from DPA staff and the successful WOTM strategy work completed to date, my first two months have offered a smooth introduction to the role and numerous opportunities to engage with the sector.

Twenty-nine stakeholder meetings on a one-to-one basis, have been hosted to build relationships and establish each stakeholder's understanding of the strategy and where-to from here. Identified in the process were challenges, opportunities, collateral, and an overarching will to collaborate to ensure effectiveness and efficiency going forward.

The Steering Group meeting, held on the 21 March, endorsed the direction of the WOTM implementation work for the next five months, and this was reaffirmed by the Reference Group meeting held on the 23 March. Attendees voiced support for the four strategic strands and identified priority implementation initiatives for the short-term focus.

Regular engagement with the sector will continue through weekly emails, face-to-face meetings, and the creation of specific working groups. Proposed is the inclusion of further groups, organisations, and businesses outside the wet sector, who can add value and capacity through their engagement and advocacy.