

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

**Progress Report  
August 2023**

The refreshed WOTM strategic measures, timeline and priority project documents were the main foci for July in preparation for the Reference Group meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. Concurrently, preliminary work on a logic model and developing the respective priority projects took place.

**The Refreshed WOTM strategic measures & timeline.**

The refreshed WOTM strategic measures, timeline and supporting priority project documents were circulated as pre-reads and confirmed on the 27<sup>th</sup> July as being aligned to current issues, data, and WOA strategy. From these discussions working groups were proposed for each priority project and a summary follows.

**Working Group 1 - Integrated Aquatic Pathway (IAP).**

Content from one new representative was added this month and the revised document circulated for comment. Duplications and gaps are becoming more evident and require sector discussion, along with the application of water competencies as an underlying criterion.

**Working Group 2 - Water Safety Code**

The WOTM regional working group fed insights back to WSNZ (Nina) and WSNZ's responses to the water safety code refresh will be circulated in September. Until then, the sector continues to use the current four water safety codes and DPA's 'Float First' message.

**Working Group 3 - Business Engagement Strategy**

The 'on-the-water' qualitative survey is complete and ready to pilot by DPA staff next month. Maritime Police will conduct the full survey in October. The 'Apps' register is complete also and being circulated for sector comment before becoming a resource for a retailer's education kit. The funding application submitted to MNZ was declined and further funders are being sought.

**Working Group 4 - Employment Journey**

Discussions regarding current education, recruitment, training & cross-sector support were expanded during the month, with new learnings from sector and non-sector groups, eg MSD and their reach into construction. This working group will seek community-wide avenues to inform potential employees of the wide range of employment options within the aquatic sector, along with designing initiatives to retain those currently employed.

**Working Group 5 - Tāmaki Makaurau Event Calendar**

Reference group members submitted details to populate a regional version which has since been collated to a shared document. Ongoing updates will be applied and when more populated, discussions regarding collaborative and collective efforts will be initiated.

**Working Group 6 – Life Jacket Bylaw.**

Support to change the life jacket bylaw – Rule 91 has been reignited and using past submissions and influencers, will draw stakeholders back together to create a timeline and a strategy to approach Council.

**Sector Engagement.**

This month has included a range of sector engagement as summarised below.

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| Event Engagement         | X1 DPA's World Drowning Prevention Day - Dawn Service   |
| WOTM meetings            | X 1 Steering Group 1:1 discussion – Danial Gerrard.<br>X 1 Reference Group - 19 attendees.  |
| Sector meetings          | X 10 one-on-one meetings.<br>X 1 DPA Peer Review - Splash Programme.  |
| Professional Development | X 1 DPA Leadership Capacity Building.<br>X 2 Te Kaa courses.<br>X 2 Webinars – Māori education and engagement<br>X1 WSNZ Research Forum |
| Funding Applications     | X2 Maritime NZ.   |