

**Reference Group Meeting  
Meeting Notes – 13 February 2024**

This is a brief overview of the outcomes, updates and group reflections from the meeting.

Attendees			
Bronwyn Coers	WOTM	Tom Kearney	SLSN
David Comery	Vector Wero	Dan Carter	CLM
Megan Garforth	Aktive	Raynor Haagh	YNZ
Pippa Sommerville	Council	Thomas Dixon	Council
Heather Robertson	Council	Richard Scott	ACC
Teresa Stanley	DPA	Naadira Hassen de Medeiros	SafeKids
Apologies.			
Jason Lunjevich, MNZ		Jonny Bannister, Coastguard NZ;	
Charles Hayward, Coastguard NZ		Danni Turner, Swimsation	
Ant Hyde, Harbour Sport			

**Project updates**

A selection of workstream updates were shared and complimented by a visual presentation (attached). The circulation of the WOTM 'Progress Report December 2023' and the WSNZ Drowning report were pre-read papers and taken as read.

The main updates included:

- Profile and Identity – The 'Te Hononga' collection of graphics is now available for WOTM use. The DPA website has been refreshed to include these new graphics and content. Stakeholder websites can link to here: <https://www.dpanz.org.nz/wai-ora-tamaki-makaurau-2024/>
- Business Strategy and education at the point of sale – Research is complete Executive summaries available shortly. Meeting with friendly Boat retailers underway and approach to targeted retailers such as the Warehouse, is planned for March. Intension is to add ethical component to CPC scheme is being explored.
- Employment Journey – Workshop with Pacific youth completed. Design for ASB PolyFest inter-active booth underway. A rap is prepared (see attached MP3 file). Seeking support for working group and booth roster.
- Navigation Bylaw Amendment – Auckland Council Regulatory committee have been assigned to start the amendment process. WOTM await to be included in consultation process. Seeking letter of support from WOTM stakeholders. Recent Radio NZ interview on our work aired 21.02.24. <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons>
- Events calendar – MNZ and DPA exploring an online platform 'Teamup'. Working to enable regional and national alignment.
- Integrated Aquatic Pathway – The current environmental scan has been graphically designed. Stakeholders are to check accuracy and then the resource will be circulated for community use. It is planned refreshed version will be released 6 monthly (see attached).

## **Sector Insights.**

A brainstorming session collected current insights from the sector and stakeholder reports. Themes generated to consider within current workstreams included:

- Employment Journey – Retention by reducing challenges through employment policies regarding mental health; staff ratios; and environmental conditions (heat/humidity).
- Promotion of 'Safe Entry' competency to communities to prevent child spinal injuries. Supervision by adults.
- Support consistency of language used within data collection, eg falls, and seek additional sources of fatal and non-fatal data from Min of Health; ACC; SLSNZ to tell more of the story.
- Create a team from the aquatic sector, similar to Road Transport's 'Serious Crash Analysis' team, to capture more situational information to tell the story behind the incident and the contributing factors.

## **WSNZ Drowning Report**

Teresa outlined the Auckland findings and recommendations and added context around this report. It was acknowledged it had a new format with categories defined differently from past reports; numbers used not rates; and a combination of data from 25 yrs, 10 yrs, and 1 year. Comments from the attendees included:

- Information not very helpful based on number v's rates.
- Emphasising concerns based on a one-year blip isn't helpful.
- Difficult to compare apples with apples.
- Queried the 'Falls' definition.
- Needed more info on the circumstances / journey / association of data (eg was the aged male rescuing but recorded as a fall?)
- Recommend having a 'transition page' included in the report sections to show data using the 'old' format and how it is displayed in the new format. (As per business reporting practice)
- An indicator of trends but not

## **WOTM – Call to Action.**

Insights for WOTM workstream going forward:

- Support and continue current workstreams especially employment and messaging.
- Explore option to create a 'Serious Crash analysis' team or equivalent.
- Focus more on adult male education, relevant to recreation activity. Intercept their day-to-day journey.
- Draw on more data and reports to widen perspective.

## **Next Full Reference Group Meeting,**

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10-11 am. Online.

## **Email Attachments:**

*WOTM - Integrated Aquatic Pathway; WOTM – Employment Journey Rap*