

Final Ruamāhanga Whaitua Values – November 2015

Value Group	Description
Māori Use – Mahinga kai	<p>Mai te pae maunga o Tararua tae noa ki Kawakawa moana (from the Tararua mountain range to Palliser Bay)</p> <p>Mauri of our wai supports our people and our place</p> <p>Wairarapa, wairua, wai whakawātea, wai tohi, wai ora, wai tohu; glistening waters, spiritual waters, cleansing waters, baptismal waters, life giving waters, guiding waters</p> <p>Wai tuna, wai pātiki, kourarau: eel waters, flounder waters, abundant crayfish</p> <p>Ngā puna, ngā manga, ngā awa, ngā roto, ngā repo, taku taimoana</p>
Te Mana o Ruamāhanga - Mauri, Habitat, Biodiversity and Natural Character	<p>The unique identity of our rivers, lakes and streams.</p> <p>Their flow, shape, form and colour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The life force of the water, the geology, plants, fish and animals. • Natural character <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian systems • Wetlands • Groundwater • Indigenous fish and in-stream habitat • Water quality and quantity (flow, depth) • Fish passage and spawning places • Interdependencies between groundwater and surface water, wetlands, forests, attenuation and recharge • Wairarapa Moana • The Conservation Estate • The coastal environment
Our Ruamāhanga river culture	<p>Our histories, our heritage, our whakapapa.</p> <p>Our traditions, our social activities, our special places related to our waterways, then, now and in the future. Our social activities; camping, weddings, baptisms and barbeques. Our understanding and respect for peoples connection to water bodies</p> <p>To tātou awa – we are shaped by the natural character of our waterways</p> <p>Assurance that our water is okay, what it looks like, sounds like, smells like, feels like to us.</p>

<p>Ruamāhanga Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity</p>	<p>He taonga te wai, water is life</p> <p>Water sustains our livelihood; water grows our people and communities.</p> <p>Reliability of water supply supports our; incomes, employment and innovation, our farming, industry, tourism and commercial fishing.</p> <p>Sustainable economic use of water brings resilience and prosperity.</p> <p>In the Wairarapa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our livelihood and wellbeing is tied to water quality and quantity • The benefits of water are shared equitably amongst our community • Our water storage can improve security of supply • Our water isn't owned by anybody • Our water is managed by everyone • We value the efficient use of water • Protection of assets through flood management
<p>Ruamāhanga community public health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Hau ora tangata</p> <p>Wai ora –Water for our health; spirit, mind and body</p> <p>Water for drinking</p> <p>Protection of public safety through flood management</p> <p>Safe management of stormwater and sewage</p>
<p>Ruamāhanga Recreation</p>	<p>Recreation supports our community's health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Currently, swimming, fishing, wading, boating and māhi parekareka ki te wai (enjoying yourself by the water) are important recreational activities in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua (catchment). Recreational activities are supported by access to water bodies</p>