Our ambitions for our port and people

The project includes:

- Delivering the project in line with the Te Awa Tupua status and therefore in collaboration with the community
- Upgrading the two historic wharves, which are neglected and urgently need restoration.
- Building onshore infrastructure to support a wide range of commercial activities.
- A new vessel building facility for Q-West Boat Builders and a mobile boat hoist.
- Upgrading both moles and other lower river structures to ensure the port is stable and protected from flooding.
- Maintaining the harbour to allow for medium sized commercial vessels.
- More than 250 jobs within the first three years of the marine precinct opening.
- A new port employment precinct to provide specialist training and upskilling, connecting local people to local jobs.
- Protecting and enhancing values of the Whanganui Estuary and harbour environment.

The project will improve the look of the port area, which will attract new users and businesses, stimulating ongoing local economic development.

Work to upgrade the North Mole has begun and is expected to be complete by late 2022.

Nau mai haere mai - Welcome

There are greater opportunities for community engagement over the proposed work than ever before under a Te Awa Tupua model.

If you would like to find out more, please visit **www.whanganui.govt.nz/port** or email us on **portproject@whanganui.govt.nz**.

Acknowledgements

Te Pūwaha would like to acknowledge Te Awa Tupua and its communities, who are integral to the port revitalisation project.

The total investment in Te Pūwaha is over $50 million, with works carried out over three phases.

This investment includes a $26.75 million investment managed by Kānoa – Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit, with the remaining costs covered by:

Whanganui District Council,

Horizons Regional Council,

Q-West Boat Builders, and the

Whanganui District Employment Training Trust.

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Artist impression for future aspiration at the port

Te Pūwaha is the name of the Whanganui Port revitalisation project. The name refers to the gateway, or river mouth.

Te Pūwaha will be the first true community led exercise for management of a project under the new legal status of the Whanganui River as Te Awa Tupua.

Under this status, the project is a collaborative effort involving hapū, the community, and Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Q-West Boat Builders, and the Whanganui District Employment Training Trust.

Te Pūwaha is aimed at securing the Whanganui port as a community asset for the next 50 years and beyond. Upon completion, Whanganui will have a modern marine precinct.

How we work

Under the legally defined status of Te Awa Tupua, a set of innate values called Tupua Te Kawa, now guides all decision-making in respect of the Whanganui River.

Ko te Awa te mātāpuna o te ora

The river is the source of spiritual and physical sustenance: Te Awa Tupua is a spiritual and physical entity that supports and sustains both the life and natural resources within the Whanganui River and the health and well-being of the iwi, hapū, and other communities of the river.

E rere kau mai i te Awa nui mai i te Kahui Maunga ki Tangaroa

The great river flows from the mountains to the sea: Te Awa Tupua is an indivisible and living whole from the mountains to the sea, incorporating the Whanganui River and all of its physical and metaphysical elements.

Ko au te Awa, ko te Awa ko au: I am the River and the River is me

The iwi and hapū of the Whanganui River have an inalienable connection with, and responsibility to, Te Awa Tupua and its health and well-being.

Ngā manga iti, ngā manga nui e honohono kau ana, ka tupu hei Awa Tupua

The small and large streams that flow into one another form one river: Te Awa Tupua is a singular entity comprised of many elements and communities, working collaboratively for the common purpose of the health and well-being of Te Awa Tupua.

Working under the guiding values of Tupua Te Kawa requires an innovative, collaborative approach by all project partners. This way of working is not something that has been previously undertaken by an infrastructure project of this scale in our community.

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PROJECT PLAN

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Key_

01 Lower River Control Structures – protect economic capability

02 Lower River Structures – adverse weather protection

03 **Wharf 1**: Port operations and freight

04 **Wharf 2:** Dredging barge and mid-sized vessel berthage

05 **Wharf 2**: Transition elbow to Wharf 3

06 **Wharf 3**: Marine businesses

07 Boat ramp upgrade

08 Proposed reclamation constructed from port silt dredge.

09 Flexible open space

10 Site Office & Te Mata Puau

11 Boat launch infrastructure: hard-stand and travel lift bay.

12 Q-West boat building sheds

13 Q-West boat building front of house.

14 South Spit Embayment

15 Proposed dune restoration

16 Proposed carpark and amenities upgrade

Proposed Cycleway

Key funded works

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