

Te Pūwaha is a partnership involving Whanganui iwi and five other groups invested in the project: Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Q-West Boat Builders, Whanganui District Employment Training Trust and central government.

Te Pūwaha Governance Group has been enhanced to include community leaders such as Jock Lee, Kahureremoa Aki, and representatives from local hapū through Te Mata Pūau – a collective of hapū representatives, including Kahurangi Simon, Raukura Waitai and Chris Shenton, that has been set up to drive the project alongside Whanganui community representatives.

For more information on the values, referred to as Tupua te Kawa, guiding all decision making in respect of the Whanganui River please visit the project webpage.

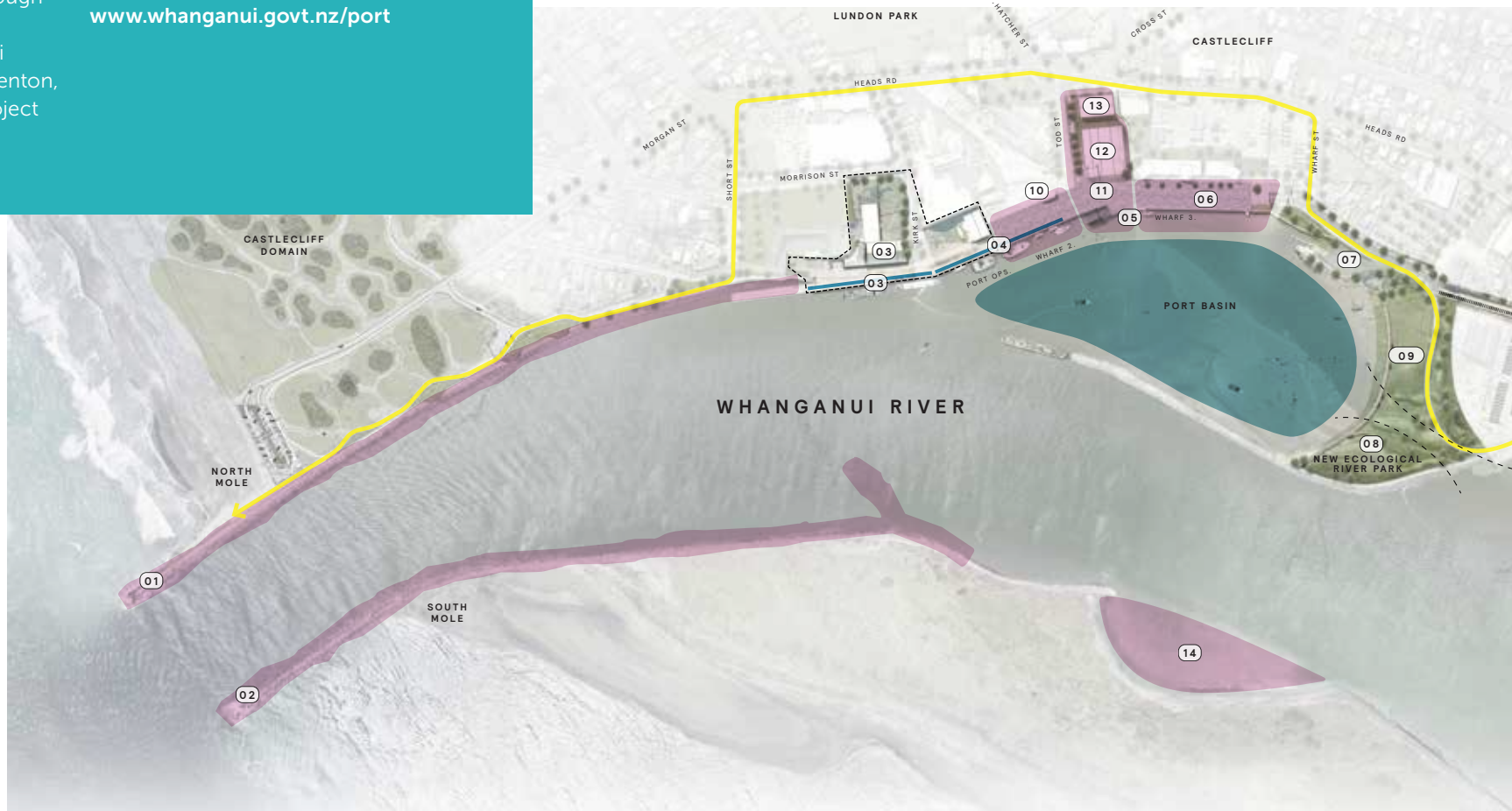
Community engagement events are intended to share project information and offer an opportunity for feedback. Dates for the hui will be published on the project webpage.

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Te Pūwaha refers to the gateway, or river mouth. It is also the name of the Whanganui port revitalisation project.



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Port Infrastructure and Marine Precinct Development

The revitalisation will enable better utilisation of the traditional Whanganui port area and establish a new Marine Precinct for boat servicing. It will improve the aesthetic appearance of the area, making it attractive to current and new users, creating jobs and training opportunities for local people.

It includes significant physical work to remediate and refurbish the two historic wharves which were built in the early 1900s. It also includes new infrastructure for launching boats and undertaking maintenance, dredging tools, building repairs and deconstruction of derelict structures.

Upon completion Whanganui will have a purpose-built marine precinct including 2000 square metres of vessel maintenance hardstand, a 300 tonne mobile boat hoist, staged dredging of the port basin to support around 400 metres of rebuilt wharves, along with new vessel building facilities for Q-West boat builders.

Whanganui District Council Port Infrastructure Project

The historic wharves that comprise Whanganui Port urgently need restoration. Without this work, the existing port operations and the businesses that occupy the area are at risk.

The Whanganui District Council Infrastructure Project includes:

- upgrading 424m of wharves
- Wharf 2 - 200m of wharf to be upgraded to enable commercial marine activities to safely operate
- Wharf 3 - 224m of wharf to be upgraded
- development of marine infrastructure
- provision of a hardstand and runway suitable for a 300 tonne mobile boat hoist to enable boats to be lifted in and out of the water
- improving dredging capabilities to enhance the local boat building and marine industry
- salvaging historic materials from the port precinct to be repurposed or restored where possible
- A \$12.5 million equity investment from the Provincial Development Unit (now Kānoa) matched Whanganui District Council's commitment, bringing funding for this part of Te Pūwaha to \$25 million in total.

Sediment remediation

In addition to Horizons Regional Council's planned works on the North and South Moles, options for managing the channel that provides vessel access to the wharves will include dredging, which will manage the ongoing deposition of sediment within the lower river areas.

The boat ramp and associated car parking will be retained so that small vessels can access the river and the Tasman Sea. Whanganui District Council will consider longer term upgrades to the parking areas in future long-term plans. As well as being a working port, this is an important waterfront space that is valued by the Whanganui community.

Whanganui District Council is researching three options for remediation and relocation of silt and sediment which accumulates in the lower river areas in preparation for community engagement.

Q-West Marine Precinct Development

Q-West Boat Builders will relocate and upgrade, establishing a purpose-built facility and 300 tonne vessel hoist for new builds, repairs, and maintenance services within the port.

When completed this development will retain 30 existing staff and create an estimated 80 additional jobs, including with neighbouring businesses.

Kānoa has supported this development with a \$5.25 million loan in addition to private investment by Q-West.

