



Under full sail! November 2015 newsletter: Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari

Welcome back to Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari, the project to create a marine spatial plan for the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana. In this issue...

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- **Farewell:** a sad final farewell to Dr Bill Ballantine.

Under full sail: refreshed process confirmed

September 2015 saw confirmation of a refreshed process for Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari, with the final plan now to be delivered in 2016.

The announcement followed a three-month project 'pause', during which all parties involved in development of the plan undertook a process review and agreed on an extension to the project's timeframes.

"There is no question the work required to create the Marine Spatial Plan for the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana is complex and wide-ranging," said **Project Steering Group** co-chair Councillor Penny Webster. "Extra time and breathing space for important discussions was welcomed by everyone involved in Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari, simply because we're all committed to producing the best possible plan for the Gulf's future."

With ongoing process confirmed, the **Stakeholder Working Group** (SWG) tasked with producing the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan reconvened in Auckland on 19-20 October 2015, supported in their work by newly appointed Independent Chair Paul Beverley.

During the two-day meeting, the SWG confirmed the appointment of Lead Plan Writer Nigel Bradly, discussed some of the key issues the group wish to prioritise in ongoing work, and had a valuable session with international marine spatial planning expert Charles Ehler, who Skyped in from Paris.

Next steps

At their next meeting in late November, the SWG will be focussing in depth on the key issue of water quality.

The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan will now be delivered in 2016; however, a firm release date has not yet been set.

"While acknowledging that many people in the community are eagerly anticipating the release of the plan, we are clear that the SWG need time and space to work with their new Chairman and lead writer before deciding on a delivery date," said Penny Webster. "We are giving them that time because we are all committed to producing the best possible plan for the Gulf's future – one that will inform how the Gulf is shared, used and safeguarded, now and for future generations."



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Welcome to Paul Beverley

Independent Chair, Stakeholder Working Group



In September, Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari welcomed Paul Beverley as the new Independent Chair of the Stakeholder Working Group.

Mr Beverley is a partner in law firm Buddle Findlay, specialising in the Resource Management Act, Māori and Treaty settlement law and negotiations and coastal law. He was formerly the Chair of the Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari [Independent Review Panel](#). Paul had been working with the SWG in an advisory capacity since July 2015, and was confirmed in the role of SWG Independent Chair on 10 September 2015.

“In addition to his legal background, Paul Beverley brings to the project both a wealth of experience in collaborative processes and a strong knowledge of the project, courtesy of his previous role on the Independent Review Panel,” said Paul Majurey, Co-chair of the Project

Steering Group. “Reaction to his appointment has been extremely positive and we are delighted to welcome him to his new role.”

And welcome to Nigel Bradly

Lead Plan Writer, Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan



The role of the lead writer for the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan is to work closely with the SWG, supporting their deliberations and ‘holding the pen’ for the group during the drafting process. In October 2015, Nigel Bradly was appointed to this important role.

Nigel is a marine, environment, energy, green growth and resources specialist with 20 years’ experience leading complex programmes around the world.

Nigel’s outstanding tertiary qualifications underpin practical experience across strategy, policy, economics, complex stakeholder and Māori issues, programme management, science, and local and central government.

Nigel has undertaken assignments for the United Nations, several national-level government agencies in New Zealand, fishery and renewable energy companies in New Zealand, the EPA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as state government in the United States.

Thanks to Alan Proctor

As the SWG moves into its next phase of work, the group says farewell to sport and recreational fishing representative Alan Proctor, with thanks for his 18 months of dedication and commitment.



On 10 September 2015, Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari Stakeholder Working Group member Alan Proctor regretfully advised he was not in a position to commit to the extended timeframe for the project, due to other professional and personal commitments.

“We cannot thank Alan enough for his exceptional contribution to the SWG’s work to date,” said SWG Independent Chair Paul Beverley. “Over 18 months, Alan has ably and consistently represented the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council – and more broadly, the interests of recreational fishers – while also entering fully into the spirit of collaboration that characterises the work of the SWG. His steady and engaged presence within the group will be much missed.”

In his farewell letter to the SWG, Alan reiterated the importance of the project and wished the SWG well in their ongoing work.

“The importance of taking far more care of the Hauraki Gulf is beyond question. I also cannot emphasise enough, the pleasure and satisfaction I have had from dealing with all the other members of the SWG,” said Alan. “I believe we have successfully worked together collaboratively, sometimes with opposing viewpoints, and as a result we have gained a greater understanding of the issues being faced and the options available.

“I wish everyone involved in the Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari project every success in the coming months and look forward to seeing some positive changes to the state of the Hauraki Gulf.”

The Terms of Reference for the SWG call for the group to elect its own replacement member in the case of a resignation. The SWG are currently working through a selection process and will announce Alan’s replacement in due course.

Holdaway Awards 2015



Each year the Hauraki Gulf Forum's seminar brings together a range of presenters with personal and professional connections to the Gulf. This year's seminar, themed 'Forward Together' was once again a sellout, with attendees enjoying presentations on topics as diverse as waka ama and agribusiness.

People attending heard how new leadership, particularly in the farming and fishing sectors, was needed to stabilise and enhance environmental health and the social and economic benefits that would derive from it.

The seminar was also the forum for the presentation of the 2015 Holdaway Awards.

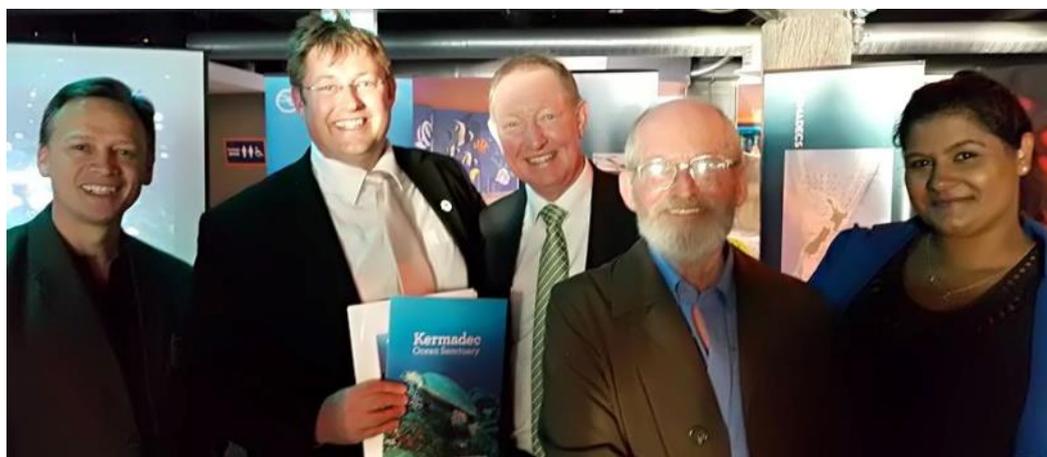
The awards recognise emerging leadership and potential, while honouring the legacy of Jim Holdaway, who championed the creation of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. The awards were presented by his wife Ann Holdaway, who celebrated her 90th birthday this year.

Huge congratulations go out to this year's winners: the Neureuter family (represented in the photo by Rod and Sue), Richelle Kahui-McConnell and Dr Nick Shears.

Sue Neureuter, who was a valued member of the Biodiversity and Biosecurity Roundtable for Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari, kindly acknowledged the work of the project in her acceptance speech – thank you Sue! Richelle Kahui-McConnell has also been closely involved with the project and will continue her valuable work in coming months as a member of the mātauranga Māori representative group and the Marine Spatial Plan writing team.

Full details of the seminar and the awards are [online here](#). Congratulations again to all the Holdaway Award winners.

Farewell Dr Bill Ballantine



At the formal announcement of the Kermadec Island Sanctuary, Dr Bill Ballantine (front) was joined by (from left): Forest & Bird CE Hone McGregor, F&B marine advocate Anton van Helden, Environment Minister Dr Nick Smith and F&B advocate and SWG member Katrina Goddard.

Photo by kind courtesy Forest & Bird.

It is with great sadness and respect that we acknowledge the passing of Dr Bill Ballantine, who was a giant in marine conservation and a driving force behind the creation of one of the world's first marine reserves, at Leigh in the Hauraki Gulf. While not involved in the project directly, Dr Ballantine had an enormous influence on a generation of New Zealand's marine scientists, including a number of people who are now actively involved in Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari. In honouring Dr Ballantine, Environment Minister Dr Nick Smith described him as "the father of marine conservation in New Zealand".

"The first step that Bill persuaded us to take as a country 40 years ago has to be acknowledged as the seed for New Zealand's strong reputation today as a world leader in the responsible use and management of our ocean environment," said Dr Smith. Dr Ballantine died on 1 November aged 78.

[Click here](#) to read more about Dr Ballantine's inspirational life and achievements.

About the project

Since late 2013, a partnership led by Mana Whenua and central and local government has been working on Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari, a marine spatial planning initiative designed to produce a Marine Spatial Plan that will secure a healthy, productive and sustainable future for the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana. The Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan aims to:

- improve the understanding of the pressures on the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana
- identify long-term solutions
- provide increased certainty for the economic, cultural and social goals of our community
- ensure the ecosystem functions that make those goals possible are sustained.

It's all about improving the Gulf – its ecology, its economy and the health and wellbeing of its communities.

The Vision

Early in the project, the [Stakeholder Working Group](#) (or SWG) tasked with developing the plan agreed on a vision for their work. The SWG aims to develop a Marine Spatial Plan that will achieve a Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana that:

- is vibrant with life and healthy mauri
- is increasingly productive
- supports healthy and prosperous communities.

The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana

- Stretching from Mangawhai, north of Auckland, to just south of Waihi on the Coromandel Peninsula, the Hauraki Gulf covers 1.2 million hectares of ocean.
- The Gulf is one of New Zealand’s most valued and intensively used resources – for food gathering, recreation and conservation. In 2000, it was designated New Zealand's first marine park.
- It is also a significant economic asset, generating more than \$2.7 billion in economic activity every year, including aquaculture, fishing, recreation, tourism, shipping and ferry transport.

The Gulf under pressure

- The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana as we know it today is an ecosystem under significant and increasing pressure.
- Growing demands on the Gulf are resulting in the loss or reduction of vital resources and resilience.
- Every three years, the Hauraki Gulf Forum produces a report on the State of the Gulf environment and the responses by agencies to its protection and enhancement.
- In the 2011 report, the Hauraki Gulf Forum identified issues of continued environmental decline within the Hauraki Gulf.
- Marine spatial planning (or MSP) was identified as international best practice to address these issues: the Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan project was the outcome.
- Marine spatial planning is designed to find ways to share and protect a marine space now and for future generations.



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