



Regional Councils  
*“Integrated science for the future”*  
Special Interest Group Research Strategy Workshop  
20-21 July 2017  
Royal Society NZ, Wellington  
1000 first day – with dinner at 7pm  
8.30 to 3 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> day

**Invitation to:** Convenors of regional special interest groups (SIGs), the Resource Managers Group (RMG), CEO’s and others on the distribution list

**Workshop Purpose:** A fresh chance to prepare for the future together by bringing together the various SIG research strategies and re-examining them collectively, in the presence of the movers and shakers who are already waiting for you to make the first move! We seek to identify and take up opportunities for actions in the research space that will provide the greatest mutual benefit and a basis for engagement with the wider research sector.

**Background:** Most SIGs have a Research Strategy and a list of research priorities. These were used to develop the most recent version of the Regional Councils’ Research, Science & Technology Strategy (June 2016). The Strategy in turn has been used to successfully influence Government science strategies, the direction of several National Science Challenges, and MBIE contestable bidding. It is timely to update and communicate the various SIG strategies and to determine research gaps and to also identify opportunities for greater collaboration and influencing.

**Programme:** The workshop provides an opportunity for SIGs to share their current thinking on key strategic issues and research needs, but also to workshop issues that have been identified as important to SIGs and councils. In particular, the workshop will explore the integration of Mataranga Maori into council science; ideas for improved science communication to stakeholders; and also the opportunity to identify knowledge gaps and areas where SIGs should be working more closely together.

**Agenda attached**

**No cost to attend**

**Attendees** – limited to SIG convenors, or representatives, plus invited guests. In addition an attempt has been made to ensure all Regional Councils/Unitary Authorities are represented.

Please contact the Regional Council Research Coordinator Bill Dyck ([BillDyck@xtra.co.nz](mailto:BillDyck@xtra.co.nz)) if you have any questions

**Final Agenda**

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**Day 1 – Thursday 20 July 2017**

**Venue: Royal Society NZ, 11 Turnbull St, Wellington**

**Host: Gary Bedford – Chair Science Advisory Group**

<b>930 - coffee</b>	
10.00 – 1030	<b>Introduction – purpose, scene setting – Gary Bedford – Chair of Regional Council Science Advisory Group</b>
1030 - 1110	<b>Guest Speaker – Ian Ferguson, “Chief Scientist”, MPI</b>  <b>MPI’s new science roadmap and where councils can play a role.</b>
1110 - 1140	<b>Ken Taylor – Director, Our Land and Water NSC</b>  <b>“Our Land and Water NSC and Regional Councils”</b>
1140 - 1220	<b>Andrea Byrom – Director, BioHeritage NSC</b>  <b>“Biological Heritage NSC and Regional Councils”</b>
1220	Reflections
1230 – 130 lunch	
1.30 – 3 pm	<b>Updating SIG Strategies – what are the new issues? What are the new research priorities? Where is there a need for greater SIG interaction?</b>

	(SIG Convenor or alternate to present for approximately 10 minutes on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New strategic issues for the SIG</li> <li>2. Critical cross-SIG issues that need to be addressed</li> <li>3. RS&amp;T priorities to address issue)</li> </ol>
3pm -330	<b>Break</b>
330 – 5pm	<b>Updating SIG Strategies cont'd</b>
630pm – 7pm	<b>Drinks and socialising – foyer, RSNZ</b>
7pm-9:30pm	<b>Dinner, and guest speaker</b>
(before dessert)	<b>Guest Dinner Speaker - Holden Hohaia (Ngati Maru ki Taranaki) – General Manager Maori Development Landcare Research</b>  <b>“Integrating Maori Knowledge and Science”</b>

**Day 2 – Friday, 21 July 2017**

**Venue: Royal Society NZ**

**Host and facilitator: Gary Bedford – Chair, Science Advisory Group**

830 – 845	<b>Aims for the Day – Gary Bedford</b>
845 – 915	<b>Workshop 1: Science communication –</b> Introducing the topic and setting the scene for workshopping – Rhian Salmon (Senior lecturer, Science in Society, Victoria University)
915 – 1000	<b>Responses from all-</b> what steps can we collectively and individually take to improve regional council science communication? How should we work with research providers?
<b>10 - coffee</b>	

1020 – 1050	<p><b>Workshop 2: Matauranga Maori – Incorporating Tangata Whenua Perspectives into Regional Council Decision Making</b></p> <p>(How to recognise Maori knowledge and perspectives within the total evidential basis upon which decisions are reached, instead of just relying on Western science data and an end-of-process consultation.)</p> <p>Introducing the topic and setting the scene for workshopping – Holden Hohiaia (GM Maori Development – Landcare Research)</p>
1050 – 1130	<p><b>Responses from all-</b> how does this fit into what we are doing? In what ways can we change to recognise, provide for, and partner with Matauranga Maori better?</p>
1130 - 12	<p><b>Workshop 3 – Knowledge Gaps</b></p> <p>Taking into account, everything that's been talked about so far, where are the gaps that as technical groups and as regional councils we're not filling yet, across science/research/ knowledge/ information communication?</p>
12 – 1245 lunch	
1245 – 1.45pm	<p><b>Workshop 4: Opportunities for SIG alignment</b></p> <p><b>Speed dating:</b> what are the opportunities for better alignment and co-operation between SIGs? What are we going to do to seize these opportunities?</p>
1.45 – 2.45pm	<p><b>Workshop 5: What are the key actions from this workshop?</b></p>
2.45 – 3.00pm	<p><b>Wrap up</b></p>