

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HBFGC MEETING

At the **Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council Meeting** on **20 Jan 2026** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council
Date:	Tuesday, 18 November 2025
Time:	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (NZDT)
Location:	Hawkes Bay Fish & Game , 22a Burness Road Jervoistown Napier
Board Members:	Bruce Bates (Chair), Blair Slavin, Callum Slavin, Dan Jones, Gary Bowcock, Glenn Morgan, Greg Duley, Henry Melville, Jeff Niblett, Karl Goodchild, Peter Coles, Steve Evans
Attendees:	Lyndon Slater, John Lumsden
Apologies:	Corina Jordan

1. Opening Meeting 6pm

1.1 Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda & General Business

1.3 Conflict of interest

All councillors signed the register

1.4 Confirm Minutes

HBFGC Meeting 14 Oct 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Meeting Minutes 14 October 2025

That the meeting minutes from 14th October 2025 are a true and accurate record.

Decision Date:	18 Nov 2025
Mover:	Karl Goodchild
Seconder:	Gary Bowcock
Outcome:	Approved

1.5 Matters arising from minutes

Mssr Coles, Education trust deed needs to be moved to an action register. Draft annual report has gone to the auditor. Staff are working through the queries from the auditor. Add to action list. Compliance & Infringement notice, feedback received and forwarded onto NZC.

1.6 Health & Safety Report



Health & Safety Report

HBFGC accepts the health and safety report.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Callum Slavin
Outcome: Approved

Mssr C Slavin concerned the lack of new risk identified or hazards that staff are not giving H&S the necessary attention. Staff addressed the H&S meetings and regular discussions that are being had over H&S. Audits are underway around the regions and Hawke's Bay will be participating in 2026

2. Discussions & Decisions

2.1 Tranch 2 Decision

2.2 2026 Game Bird Season Draft Regulations



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Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Henry Melville
Seconder: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved

Discussion on monitoring mallards and the need for a national approach to population monitoring.

Staff to liaise with other stakeholders included Federated Farmers to establish a best practice response to issues when they arise for permits to disturb swan, pukeko and paradise shelduck.



Swan Population Monitoring

Apply to NZC for funding to establish a program for population monitoring. Co-ordinate with other regions to establish SOP and monitoring.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Karl Goodchild
Seconder: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved

2.3 2026 Meeting Dates



2026 HBFGC Meeting Dates

HBFGC accepts the 2026 meeting dates with changes to move May, June & July to Wednesday.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Bruce Bates
Seconder: Blair Slavin
Outcome: Approved

2.4 Body Cameras for Fish & Game Rangers



Body Cameras for Rangers

That HBFGC make Body cameras available for use, but not mandatory primarily for improving H&S of rangers while doing compliance work.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Peter Coles
Seconder: Steve Evans
Outcome: Approved



Body Cameras for Rangers

Staff to pursue the purchase of body cameras for rangers, liaise with Eastern and establish processes for use and storage of data.

Due Date: 20 Jan 2026
Owners: John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater

2.5 Fish & Game Legislative Changes

3. Regional Business

3.1 Operations Report

Taken as read

3.2 Tractor Policy & SOP



Tractor SOP & Policy

HBFGC accept the tractor policy & SOP

Trained staff only to use. Concern that nursery staff (The Pa) may have use of tractor.

Must add - operator must read OEM operators manual prior to use.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Henry Melville
Outcome: Approved

3.3 Finance Reports



Finance Report

That the payments for 1st September to 31st October 2025 totalling \$155,685.43 be approved.

Current Account – October 2025	\$154,353.18
Credit Card (KM) – October 2025	<u>\$1332.25</u>
Total	<u>\$155685.43</u>

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Karl Goodchild
Seconder: Gary Bowcock
Outcome: Approved

3.4 Licence Report

Taken as read

4. General Business

4.1 General business



Horseshoe Lake

Liaise with the Hearts on stocking lake and obtaining permission from Ferny Trust for access.

Due Date: 20 Jan 2026

Owner: John Lumsden



Dr Death river study

Follow up with Dr Death on progress for the Tukituki river study and process going forward. What involvement can staff and angler club have in sampling.

Due Date: 20 Jan 2026

Owners: John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater



Tukituki river water storage scheme

Follow up on progress of the Tukituki water storage scheme.

Due Date: 20 Jan 2026

Owner: Lyndon Slater



Review of Nursery Agreement with The Pa

Review and update the nursery agreement with The Pa in consultation with Peter Coles on correct legal process.

Due Date: 24 Mar 2026

Owner: Lyndon Slater

Lake Rununga Weir. Waiting on HBRC reports on the lake findings on the lake and weir with aerial surveys having been completed. Costs were to assess the weir and repairs and provide an engineers report. Staff have done some remedial repairs of the weir to stabilise water flow and reduce erosion issues. Staff also investigating sub standard concrete batch issues when the weir was originally installed. The main issues is the scouring out at the bottom following the cyclone damage and not allowing fish passage making the weir non compliant. Is there opportunity for surrounding land owners to contribute to repair costs?



Education Trust

Make updates with lawyer and resend to council for feedback.

Due Date: 20 Jan 2026

Owners: Bruce Bates, Kerry Meehan

5. Public Excluded

5.1 Public excluded session



Move into Public Excluded

HBFGC move in to public excluded to discuss management contract.

Decision Date: 18 Nov 2025
Mover: Gary Bowcock
Seconder: Bruce Bates
Outcome: Approved

6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council Annual General Meeting - 10 Dec 2025, 6:30 pm

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
2.4	Body Cameras for Rangers Due Date: 20 Jan 2026	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
4.1	Horseshoe Lake Due Date: 20 Jan 2026	John Lumsden
4.1	Dr Death river study Due Date: 20 Jan 2026	John Lumsden, Lyndon Slater
4.1	Tukituki river water storage scheme Due Date: 20 Jan 2026	Lyndon Slater
4.1	Review of Nursery Agreement with The Pa Due Date: 24 Mar 2026	Lyndon Slater
4.1	Education Trust Due Date: 20 Jan 2026	Bruce Bates, Kerry Meehan

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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