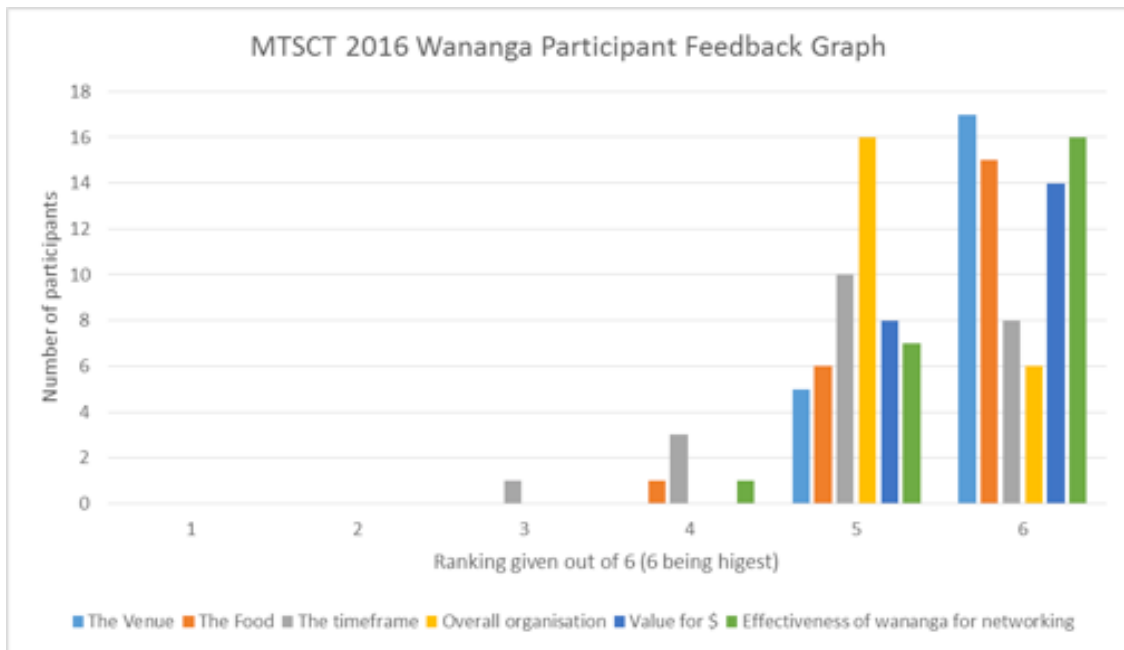


Wānanga Feedback

Please rate the following things out of 6 and include a comment if you like:



The Venue

6 - First time on a marae!
6 - Beautiful and nice to be away from everything- offers a real thinking space.

The Timeframe

3 - too short
4 - always so many more things that could be fit in if time.

The overall organisation

5 - running overtime

The Food

6 - happy belly = happy mind



Wānanga Feedback

Effectiveness of wānanga for networking:

- 4 – but only because of proximity. Networking across the Tasman has added challenges.
- 5 – Didn't get to meet everyone individually though.
- 5 – Great to talk to everyone. Would like handouts on the information shared.
- 5 – Possibly could have a slot for similar groups to hui and share contacts instead of all trying to talk during teabreaks and lunch and dinners.
- 5 – It would be good to get local farmers and dive ops on-board.
- 5 – Great time to meet new and old people. More time to talk to Samara needed!
- 5! Awesome, contact list is amazing, could have done with more down time to seek people out.
- 5 – Good opportunity Would be awesome to have other interest groups.
- 5 – It is great knowing what so many others are doing and allows me to show many pathways for my students.
- 6 - Great. Lots of time in between and collaborative bits to facilitate easy conversation.
- 6 – has been an excellent chance to meet people from all over the country and Aus and learn about what is happening.
- 6 – Best part of it! Making connections across the country. Good spread of areas.
- 6 – Building relationship and making connections. Email contact list with pictures would be an added bonus.
- 6 – Excellent forum for networking and forging strong connections.
- 6 – Reinforces old relationships and expands into new ones.
- 6 – Excellent forum to network likeminded people.
- 6 – Awesome with a whole range of people doing different things that can be combined.
- 6 – Great to meet people from around NZ and Aussie.
- 6 – You create an environment that encourages connections and attracts people who seek value exchanges. It's the best!
- 6 – Brilliant atmosphere, no. of people perfect for actual conversations.
- 6 – Great related yet professional atmosphere. People from many different regions and organisations.
- 6 – Amazing! Being new to EMR hearing about all the exciting things everyone is up to/how to be involved is so important...we're not alone out there!
- 6 – I felt a bit like an outsider to begin with (tourism) but through conversation and presentations I learnt that partnerships with conservation and tourism is totally achievable and an important way for the future.
- 6 – Great opportunity to meet like-minded people and to share stories and experiences.
- 6 – Amazing. Contact list – seriously helpful!

Wānanga Feedback

Ideas on how to improve the wānanga

- Email Powhiri songs to everyone so we know what to sing. Suggest everyone to take a Te Reo course.
- Kaimoana!
- Energisers.
- If possible, allow more time for group discussion at the end of talks.
- Split the shared talk so that there may be questions time.
- Better timekeeping. Time to meet with Samara and Kim one on one.
- Opportunities for involvement in both fresh and marine experiences/field trips.
- More question time perhaps – Not really anything – I think it was great.
- Get rid of cat.
- Some way to lessen division between fresh and marine. Opportunities to do both.
- Email waiata so we feel more comfortable and proud singing at powhiri.
- Splitting up speakers and activities to keep every [one] fully engaged.
- Maybe not having late nights every night (is quite full on)
- It would be great to have the freshwater field trippers and marine-ies switch so that we can experience both special places- - of course I realise it is a matter of time and logistics * I just want one more day*
- Pecha kucha presentations – opportunities for ideas to come back to speaker e.g. sticky board for Q's, connections, observations?
- Invite other stakeholders. Farmers/forestry and the like to listen and learn.
- I can't think of any right now – will think on it and get back to you.
- Maybe a little more one-on-one/site specific reflection? Some things broad to cover all, but not quite all the help I needed specifically.
- Maybe an education email for those who have never been to a marae prior with Do's list and respect's list and a few Maori keywords with English translations so visitors can learn some Te Reo maori language and customs.
- If possible, allow more time for group discussion at the end of talks.
- It would have been nice to get some more practical work with storytelling and extend the invitation to local farmers and fishers to broaden the scope and understand their perspective too.
- Kaimoana
- More time to talk with other (non EMR) people.



Wānanga Feedback

Ah-Hah! Moments and/or highlights:

- Ah-Ha! Story workshop. Highlight – Food! Location!
- Hone and Prof Ann's speech. Kingi's. Food.
- We need to create space for stories!
- Inanga!! Eggs. Saltwater wedge.
- Storytelling session were fantastic to get a snapshot.
- Overall it was all a highlight but definitely Saturday day and night – perfect way to end on a high! 😊
- Highlights – stingray feeding – I am in love!! And getting bitten by a Kingi – my brother will be proud!! 😊 Also enjoyed being part of something really special. Thank You.
- I also thought the numbers were good, not too many people means we can get a good understanding of what people are achieving in their work and how they came to doing it – relate to what we are doing.
- Te Reo course – new project for next year. Whole wānanga was amazing!
- Stingray feeding! Food. Annes story was very inspiring.
- Use of media to portray stories.
- So many, just watching everyone light up talking about what they love.
- The snorkels were always great. Presentation speakers, Tatapouri – feeding the Kingis and Rays and the food.
- Feeling the support and like-mindedness of everyone and getting everyone's tips on how to be a coordinator before I even start – so helpful!!
- Ah–Hah! This is awesome! So many amazing caring people out there! Thank you!
- Prof Ann's korero – very inspiring!
- Food
- Evening – Stingray feeding, dinner venue, musicians and skits.
- Becoming very clear about importance of connections and relationships when it comes to positive change! Seeing one big whale with baby in my face in the marae in middle of night!
- So many questions to take back and figuring out how to fit it all in without losing the story.
- The potential lay in the way in which we share our stories.
- Storytelling. Freshie experience!
- Food. Stingray feeding. Field trip to find Inanga eggs. * Storytelling workshop on last day!!!!!!
- Listening to what awesome achievable conservation work is happening. Stingray feeding.
- Finding the eggs. Listening to all the different presentations.
- Gaining knowledge on many different aspects. Meeting and greeting. New area.



Wānanga Feedback

Actions:

- Harriet – Drains to Harbour facebook page! To share the Drains to Harbour story and brand.
- Jacques – Another year of volunteering in marine conservation before hopefully getting back to academics in order to keep pushing the fight for marine conservation with hopefully the same success as you guys!
- Jordie – To finish resource for Samara over winter to be the most planned start to being a coordinator record stories I hear!
- Richard – Find saltwater wedge. Find eggs. Restore vegetation. Cath whitebait. Eat whitebait.
- Ruth – explore opportunities for citizen science locally.
- Candace – Proceed with setting up podcast and forums (?) for sharing stories of people and water.
- Teschna – Incorporating project work and storytelling into new outreach programme.
- Amelia – To take the energy and information gained from this wānanga back to Otago and put it into our EMR and share it with more of our community.
- Lorna – Roll out Google drive.
- Kirsty – So many! Tell the stories of the people we are working with to encourage more people (and funders) to come on board.
- Te Atarangi – Building relationships within the community to progress marine protection.
- Heidi – I've been gathering a few...lots actually. I will be contacting a man who holds the laurna language (aboriginal local language). He is a starting point to develop relationship so that EMS maintains integrity of EMR. I will be initiating story capturing (already have when I saw theme). Thanks for the keys!
- Shane – Story circles
- Kaitlyn – One commitment to take this (EMR) back to Akaroa and make this work! I've got an opportunity to be a part of something awesome – I want to get this happening.
- Elle – Distribute MTS programs to other/another country.
- Pat – To investigate/implement Whitebait Connection. To find funds for a coordinator for Taranaki.
- Jude – Building relationships with more schools across the Tasman District to deliver in school snorkel programmes.
- Soozee – I will try to capture more of the stories participants bring to our programme and communicate those stories effectively.
- Helen – Arrange a DOC video conference with colleagues across country – storytelling (virtual) circle.
- Amber – Extra training in other programmes.
- Jay – To try help get that Inanga spawning site on Waiomoko registered, protected.
- Kara – Be a fulltime EMR coordinator in the summer season and post more content on social media about conservation, restoration and more about this program.

wānanga Feedback – Cont.

Do you think it's a good idea for us to hold our next wānanga (2017) in Leigh, Omaha...?

- Yes! Anywhere will be amazing no doubt.
- Yes. Opportunity for snorkelling. Access to Auckland. Visit to research centre.
- Definitely.
- Yes! So close.
- Yes! Never been.
- Yes. Look forward to it.
- Yes! Oneside of holiday season or will be too crowded.
- Ae, close to another reserve.
- Definitely! It's an awesome location.
- Leah. Originality. Lots of species.
- Yes, why not???
- Yes
- Yes. Haven't been there before.
- Nah. Whananaki.
- Yes. I've never been there. Sounds great.
- Yip! Close to my house!
- Yes 'Bringing it back to the start'
- Yes because I haven't been there and don't know where it is 😊
- Leigh would be great as it is such an inspirational and integral part to the marine conservation journey. And it's closer to home for me 😊
- Yes, easy to get there, two marine reserves, Whangateau Harbour too – and my Mum is there!
- Yes, already looking forward to next year! Somewhere new and different 😊
- Yes, I really want to visit Leigh!



Wānanga Feedback – Cont.

What do you think about the ‘time of year’ Is April the best time of year for us to hold our annual wānanga? If not, why and when is a better time?

- Yes it is fantastic way to end the ‘season’ great timing for me, and good to reflect and start planning for next season.
- Yes, weather still sweet and time less busy! Plus, what better way to end the season?
- April is perfect for weather and a bit of time for the year to start, have stories, plus leave wānanga with action plan for rest of the year.
- Yes April early!
- Great time things have calmed down and gives us the winter to plan and act on the inspiration we gather here.
- Good time, end of season to reflect and collectively think of new/positive ideas for the next!
- Yes, April is great – we bring our first term experiences and then get to ‘fine tune’ our mahi going into the rest of the year.
- Yes definitely the best time in the year.
- Perfect.
- Yes weather is still fairly settled and warm.
- Good time because it’s still warm enough to get in the water etc. but we aren’t in our peak with the kids. perfect 😊
- Yes, great after we finish the season, opportunities to re-energise.
- Anytime.
- Yes. Not too hot. Not too cold. Although maybe more daylight, so before end of daylight savings?
- Works well.
- During the school holidays is a great time for the wānanga . It allows time for planning before second semester.
- Good time of year but school holidays hard.
- OK. Early Dec for me.
- April is fine for me – school holidays seem the same – it’s wind down time for our snorkels for EMS...it’s also the time for reflection and brewing new ideas and adjustments.
- Works well
- Yes. Still good weather. Busy period finished. More time to relax.
- Good time. Not too cold. After a productive summer.
- Good time of year, everyone has recently finished summer activities, so it’s fresh to talk about.
- April is great – middle weekend of holidays better!
- Yes. Perfect to be out of peak season. Not too cold 😊



Wānanga Feedback – Cont.

Kim and Samara's ideas for next year/s:

- Have earlier and clearly communicated cut-off date for registrations. Have early bird registration rates and advertise earlier and on wider networks.
- Find out early on in planning how many the marae can sleep so we know our maximum numbers.
- Ask for photo when they register to include in contact list.
- Include full and half day rates in registration form – need to stipulate what each is.
- Have dancing at social dinner.
- Have more energiser activities.
- Having the hire vans is really good and means we can keep track of our peeps easier BUT it is a big expense. If we can avoid it and maybe just get a bus for the social night that might be better. Should be easier at Leigh as we will have a lot of locals bringing vehicles I think. One month out from wānanga when we know the main flight times – let people know what time airport pick ups will be available and on which days – the rest of the time people will need to sort themselves out.
- Have a 'noticeboard' in the whare kai for people to put up info on.
- Get Candace to do cards and nametags again - AWESOME
- More down time where Kim and Samara make themselves available for one on one time with coordinators.
- Look at feasibility of combining marine and freshwater training and field trips.
- Look at feasibility of adding one more day so that we can swap field trips and break up show n tells a bit more and allow question time.
- Theme – something around the research collaboration – **pathways for citizen science...collaborating with researchers/institutes to provide citizen science opportunities** and meaningful experiences – drawing on experts and their knowledge so that we don't have to be the experts of everything!
- Email out waiata, powhiri and marae stay protocol early on in panui email.
- Only advertise training to coordinators.
- Provide catering for coordinator training or pool resources to get food so not heaps leftover.
- Hold from 18-23 April. School holidays start on the 14th of April which is also Easter weekend.
- Terms and conditions on the programme – same as on rego form. Include info about partners – food/accommodation. Pick up/drop off times. If you need to leave early let us know so that can cancel catering for that day. All participants must be registered – can't just turn up.
- More time for poroporoake – full day last day.
- Take coordinator photos – schedule it in.
- Make a role description for everyone cleaning, notes.
- Have event plan, coordinator notes etc. all in same document again – overall h&s plans - worked well.
- Have a few drinks with coordinators on Friday night.
- Time to workshop on Seaweek and World Fish Migration Day or WWD and what's working/what's not.
- Marine field trip formula worked well with trainees leading participants.
- Shorter field trip and longer field trip to people can choose to do both.