



**I, Steven May, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer, hereby give notice that  
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Thursday, 13 June 2019**  
**Time: 12.30pm**  
**Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,  
Coronation Square, Wairoa**

# **AGENDA**

## **Māori Standing Committee Meeting**

**13 June 2019**

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- 1 KARAKIA**
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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting - 9 May 2019

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TE PUTERE MARAE, PUTERE ROAD, RAUPUNGA  
ON THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2019 AT 12.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert, Mrs Here Nissen, Mr Paul Kelly (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Ms Whaiora Maindonald, Mrs Fiona Wairau

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steven May (Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer), Charlotte Knight (Kaiarataki Kaupapa Here / Mana Ārahi Policy & Governance Team Leader), Duane Culshaw (Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager), Kitea Tipuna (Pouwhakarae – Hapori/Whakatūtaki Group Manager Community and Engagement), Nathan Heath (HBRC Catchment Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

The meeting opened with a pōhiri at 12 p.m.

Opening karakia by Mātua Walker Gilbert (hau kāinga).

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**APOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/82**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the apology received from Cr Jeremy Harker, His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, and Kiwa Hammond be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Waaka Gilbert – water running off culvert on main road, divert it towards other culvert as it is flooding paddocks.

Eddie Moses – request for a truckload of metal to be used to metal some of the crossings to the urupā

Toni Goodlass presented an update on the HBLASS Three Waters Review Project (presentation attached to the minutes).

## **7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/83**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 April 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **8 GENERAL ITEMS**

### **8.1 TE PURONGO O TE POUAHUREA MAORI**

The committee discussed:

- Bulky waste collections in May & June 2019
- NB: under the report point 6.3 it should be conclude rather than commence

At 1:58 pm, Mr Paul Kelly left the meeting.

At 2:04 pm, Mr Paul Kelly returned to the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/84**

Moved: Mrs Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert

That the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

**CARRIED**

Henare Mita spoke to his written takiwā report attached as an appendix.

Nathan Heath gave a verbal update on HBRC actions.

Verbal takiwā reports given by

- Fiona Wairau
- Here Nissen
- Sharon Cooper
- Whaiora Maindonald
- Theresa Thornton

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/85**

Moved: Ms Theresa Thornton

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

The Māori Standing Committee recommends that Council continues to support papa kāinga development projects.

**CARRIED**

Verbal takiwā report given by

- Paul Kelly

Closing karakia given by Mātua Walker Gilbert (hau kāinga).

**The Meeting closed at 3.22 p.m.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2019.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**



## 8 GENERAL ITEMS

### 8.1 CEO UPDATE REPORT

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**Appendices:**

1. Chief Executive's Consolidated Monthly Report for 2019 [↓](#)
2. CAAS Project Tracking and Activities [↓](#)

#### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 Attached is the Chief Executive's Consolidated Monthly Report for 2019.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*The Chief Executive Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.*

#### Further Information

None.



#### Background Papers

None.

#### References (to or from other Committees)

None.

#### Signatories

	
Author Steven May	Approved by Steven May

## Chief Executive's Consolidated Monthly Report for 2019

The reports will be evolved into a format that presents information in sufficient detail to enable Elected Representatives to ensure the strategic direction and specific goals set by Council are being delivered effectively and in accordance with expectations.

I aim for this report to be easily understood by Elected Members and our Community. Feedback is welcome as it allows us to continuously improve our reporting.

### Events attended by the Chief Executive

- HB Local Government Chief Executive's Group Meeting
- FAR Committee
- Council Forum
- QRS Board meeting
- Consultation on a new approach to employer-assisted work visas and regional workforce planning
- Luncheon & Visit from Minister of Civil Defence
- Discussion horticultural opportunities in the District
- Infrastructure Committee
- Rural & Provincial Meeting
- Health and Safety Meeting
- East Coast Ballance Farm Environment Awards
- Ordinary Council Meeting
- HBCDEM CEG GROUP
- WCPG Implementation Group meeting
- Pohiri - Matiti Urupa Repatriation Project
- HBFG Discussion
- HB Council CEO's / PGF Meeting
- Discussion PGF Joint Application re Airport Runway
- Maori Standing Committee
- Meet with Te Matarae Trust o Te Wairoa
- Social Housing Meeting
- Meet with CEO HB Chamber of Commerce
- MP for Ikaroa-Rāwhiti Hon Meka Whaitiri and Iwi Chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana co-facilitated the Prime Ministers visit being held at Waipatu Marae in Hastings,

### Community events attended by the Chief Executive

Cactus - Graduation of 26 young Wairoa Adults.



[Rural & Provincial Meeting Wellington](#)



Minister of Local Government

[Gumboot Charity event](#)- A great turn out from Council staff to support this worthy cause



[Korou Digital \(Charitable\) Trust & Wairoa Innovation Hub](#)



[Staffing and Organisational Review](#)

In 2014, a Functional Review of the Council was undertaken by Local Government New Zealand. In part, it directed that Council work to develop a greater focus on the delivery of quality customer service, and recommended that a management function to provide leadership in this

area be established. In 2018 a Group Manager for Information and Customer Experience was appointed.

During October through December 2018 I completed a reorganisation focusing on customer service and consistent delivery. Additional resourcing requirements were identified as necessary for Council to meet its compliance obligations and service delivery objectives. The appointment of a Customer Services Team Leader was made to provide support to specific projects in the customer experience space, and to help instil a customer focused culture.

It is essential we get the balance right between Council remaining agile enough to respond to the needs of the community and meet our legislative requirements by ensuring we are employing the right number of qualified people to get the job done.

The reorganisation removed a Senior Leadership role which enabled two frontline positions to be created. An increase in FTEs includes an additional and much needed 1.6 full-time equivalent staff in the finance department.

MBIE conducted an audit last year which highlighted human resource areas that needed addressing. As a result, two positions, a Building Compliance Officer and a Regulatory Administration Officer were created to ensure we are able to comply with central government legislation and ensure the integrity of our records.

I have a statutory duty to ensure Council is not put at risk by non-compliance relating to increasing central Government legislation. I am very cost-conscious and am constantly reviewing aspects of Council where rationalisation can take place.

Council has not had a safe vehicle storage space in the past, so staff have traditionally taken vehicles home to keep them safe, planning is underway to have a secured yard.

I am focussed on reducing the overall vehicle fleet and increasing the use of pool vehicles to gain efficiency. Three vehicles have recently been removed from the fleet for a total saving of \$105K plus operating costs.

A pool system is a rationalisation of our assets, and I believe it works well. For example, my council supplied vehicle is able to be used by staff, as it's a council asset.

A review of the Council's phone usage has been undertaken and by capitalising on Council's buying power saving around \$15,000 a year have been identified.

#### Process improvements:

An online HR and performance appraisal system has been implemented. This allows a consistency of process across Councils groups and the reducing of a paper based approach.

Conversion of the manual Health and Safety system onto an electronic platform has enabled greater efficiencies and reporting functions.

A second staff survey is planned using the online tool implemented last year.

#### Major activities



At the time of creating this report the Annual Plan process is on time and will be adopted before the statutory deadline.

Interaction with the HBRC and ourselves over Councils wastewater consent application is on going

PGF discussions are continuing at both a local, regional and national level. A region announcement is expected in May 2019

The recruitment process for QRS Directors was under taken and a separate agenda item is being presented to Council today with a recommendation of a preferred candidate for the vacant role.

## Finance and Corporate Services Group

### Group Manager's Summary

The recent increase in staff for both a vacant role and newly created positions has provided the ability to focus on both strategic and operation functions. This is illustrated in the Annual Plan process which is on time and will be delivered before the statutory time frames

- Finance Manager appointed to vacancy
- Financial accountable permanent part-time
- Internal promotion to Finance assistance

## Information and Customer Experience

### Group Manager's Summary

#### Library

- The Adult Reading Programme entitled 'Exercise Your Mind, Read' has received excellent support, with a group of 40 adults participating. The programme will run over the next four months, and due to its popularity Library staff aim to arrange another one towards the end of 2019. Feedback from patrons has included comments like "you've really hit the nail on the head with a great book selection for the reading programme." Members have also sent comments to Facebook's Wairoa Buy and Sell site to voice their support of the programme.
- In addition, visitors to the Library have commented on "how spacious and well set out [it] is", how "easy it is to find books", how "friendly the staff are", and that the Library provides "a great service for our little town."



Figure 1 Adult Reading Programme Display

- Council has invested a considerable amount of time and energy to get the Wairoa Salute Touch Table up and running. The interactive touch screen, which showcases the histories and stories of over 900 WW1 veterans, is now working well.



Figure 2 Library Staff demonstrating use of Wairoa Salute Touch Table

- Library staff supported the local programme for 'Children's Week' by hosting a story-time and craft session. This provided 40 pre-school children and parents and caregivers with the opportunity to engage. Its success resulted in a day-care centre deciding to book regular weekly visits to the Library.

- This week, Library staff are hosting the Hell's Pizza Promotion, which runs in conjunction with the New Zealand Book Awards. Children have the opportunity to read a number of books and earn a free 333 Hell's Pizza.



- This year's summer reading programme was a huge success. The Library had 79 out of 100 children complete the programme which is the highest our completion rate has been since 2016. Of the 100 registered children, 45 of them were fresh faces who registered for the first time. From these 45 first timers we saw 30 of them complete the programme.
- Library staff are currently working on undertaking a full stock-take of Library items with the aim to have this completed by end of June.

### Customer Experience

- Council is committed to developing a Customer Experience Strategy, which will map out Council's long-term direction for the delivery of quality customer service. In the meantime, various interim projects, including those which aim to improve frontline presentation and communications, are already providing benefits to both internal and external customers.

### LGOIMA

- 14 LGOIMA requests have been received since January 2019
- 4 of these requests have been from New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
- At time of writing 13 requests had been completed and one is active.

Date	Status	Subject	Requested by
16-Jan-19	Completed	Economic grants to Toyota New Zealand	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
16-Jan-19	Completed	Parking vehicles on road for sale	Pankaj Girtotra
14-Jan-19	Completed	Total funds allocated for the financial 2017/18 year to Sport and Recreation by council, and how much was	Water Safety NZ



		allocated to any swim or water safety projects.	
29-Jan-19	Completed	Resource consents for the Rocket Lab installation on Mahia	Kotuku Media
30-Jan-19	Completed	Spending on advertising in the past five financial years	Stuff
31-Jan-19	Completed	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Funding Grants	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
1-Feb-19	Completed	2019 Ratepayers Report	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
5-Feb-19	Completed	Companies with councillors as interested parties awarded council contracts	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
12-Feb-19	Completed	Tender of abandoned land	The Wairoa Star
22-Feb-19	Completed	Quarrying of aggregate - consents	Auckland University
25-Feb-19	Active	Resource consents for the Rocket Lab installation on Mahia	Ollie Neas
5-Mar-19	Completed	Applications for chicken farming operations	Safe for Animals
6-Mar-19	Completed	Recycling	RNZ
14-Mar-19	Completed	Chemicals used in Wairoa drinking water	Vania Lewis

### Gaiety Theatre

- A series of improvements have been made since Council took over operations of the Gaiety Theatre. Feedback from the community has been very positive. In addition, the theatre has experienced an increase in patronage, with nearly 300 more people attending compared to this time last year.
- Recent events at the Gaiety have been well supported by the community. These include the "Sammy J" concert and the comedy show "On the Road" with Michelle A'Court and Jeremy Elwood. The "Children's Week Event" was enjoyed by 177 members of the community, including children, and over 150 people attended the event hosted by the Lions Club to raise funds for Ozanam house.



Figure 3 "On the Road" with Michele A'Court and Jeremy Ellwood, February 21, 2019

- Council is trying to organise movie events that support specific groups in the community. These include 'Mums and Bubs', 'Ladies Nights' and 'Tea Times', all of which have been a great success and will continue on a regular basis. Event requests have also included suggestions for a 'Men's Night'. The range of confectionary and snacks has been improved following feedback from customers.
- The 'Friends of the Gaiety' volunteer programme was reinstated and has received excellent volunteer support. This will help to ensure Council can offer a high standard of customer service and develop activities that better target local audiences. Council is also developing a 'Friends of the Gaiety' Strategy to help support the delivery of cinema services and increase the level of volunteers.
- Council has been re-evaluating distributor relationships and seeking to improve lines of communication. This work has helped improve the timeliness of receiving movies on first release. Examples include 'How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World', 'Aquaman' (which alone sold over 1000 tickets), Alita, Dumbo, and Lego Movie 2.
- The team is pleased to have received confirmation from Disney Studios that the Gaiety will be able to screen the first release of the movie "Avengers: Endgame" which comes out 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am. In addition, the Gaiety was one of only a few movie theatres in the country that was able to secure the movie 'Fighting with my Family' to show as an advanced screening.



Figure 4 "Children's Week" event, 7 March 2019

- Plans for future events include options to have plays, local artists performing, touring musicians, as well as private screenings for various groups. The team is also focussed on encouraging members of the community to use the Gaiety to host special events.

### Building Compliance

#### Building Consent Processing times

5 days<	6-10 days	11-15 days	16-20 days	21 days>
0	4	2	5	0

#### BWOF Inspections completed for this period

- 20

#### Building Control & Property Information Summary

Building Consents	Month – March
Consents Issued	11
Value of building work	\$1,051,983.00
% Consents processed within statutory timeframes	100%
% CCC's issued within statutory timeframes	100%

Inspections undertaken	34
<b>Property Information</b>	<b>Month – March</b>
LIM's issued	7
% LIM's issued within statutory timeframes	100%

<b>Earthquake prone Buildings</b>	<b>Month – March</b>
Number Potentially EPB identified - Priority	0
Number Potentially EPB identified - Other	0
Number of building identified as EPB - Priority	0
Number of building identified as EPB - Other	0
Number of buildings removed from register	0
Number of buildings remaining on Potentially EPB register	0
Number of buildings remaining as EPB	0
% Buildings still to be assessed – estimate	98%

#### Building Consent Authority (BCA)/Territorial Authority (TA) for the period to March 2019

- Council as BCA continues to process Building Consents within the statutory time frames (100% within 20 working days).
- Council as BCA continues to meet the requirements of agreed inspection times, one-hour time blocks are allocated to allow for other inspections running overtime.
- Wairoa District Council BCA building team has appointed a new BCO to bring the number of BCO's up to three. Once the new BCO arrives this will allow the WDC to commence work on the required functions of the TA, including BWOA audits, EPB inspections, swimming pool inspections.
- One external contractor is currently processing building consents for Wairoa District Council.
- Building (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 took effect as of 1st July 2017 and superseded the WDC Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy
- The TA still continues to address and respond to enquiries in respect of Earthquake Prone buildings; much of this work is non-cost recoverable and still requires a substantial amount of our time and physical resources to resolve.

### Compliance Team

<b>STATS FOR MONTH OF March 2019</b>	
Barking dogs	22
Roaming Dogs	41
Dog Attacks	6
Dogs-Worrying Stock	21
Impounded Dogs	34
Destroyed dogs	7

Dogs returned to owners	27
Registered dogs (Known) To end March	3241
Aggressive/Rushing Dogs	5
Infringements Issued	40
Infringements Cancelled	7
Relinquished Dogs	12
Stock on Roads	22
Stock Welfare Issues	4
OTHER (Goats etc) Calls	4
Stock Impounding	2
Infringements issues	0
Auctions	1
Service Requests	
On Call weekend call outs	45
Lost Dogs	11
Dog Traps set in District	40 sets
Property Inspections Including Farms	39

### Planning Consents and Approvals

Table 1 below illustrates the number of applications for planning consents and approvals received by Council in the period Jan-March 2019.

Table 1: Resource consent applications received Jan-Mar 2019

2019-2020	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>Applications received:</b>			
<b>(R) returned s.88</b>			
Land Use	1	1	1
Subdivision		1	2
Subdivision s.223	1		1
Subdivision s.224	1		1
Subdivision s.226			
New Designation, Alteration, Outline Plan or Waiver			1
Certificate of Compliance	1		
Deemed Permitted Boundary Activity		4	2
Other Certificate (s.348 (LGA), s.241 and s.243(RMA))			1
Deemed Permitted Marginal/Temporary Activity			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Applications granted:</b>			
Land Use		1	
Subdivision			
Subdivision s.223	1		1
Subdivision s.224	1		
Subdivision s.226			

New Designation, Alteration, Outline Plan or Waiver			
Certificate of Compliance		1	
Deemed Permitted Boundary Activity		4	2
Other Certificate (s.348 (LGA), s.241 and s.243(RMA))			
Deemed Permitted Marginal/Temporary Activity			
Total	2	6	3
<u>Applications withdrawn, cancelled or declined:</u>			
(W) Withdrawn, (C) Cancelled, (D) Declined, (S) Surrendered			
Land Use			
Subdivision			
Subdivision s.223			
Subdivision s.224			
Subdivision s.226			
New Designation, Outline Plan or Waiver			
Certificate of Compliance			
Other Certificate			
Total	0	0	0
Processed within statutory timeframe	100	100	100
Complaints	6	6	5
Pre application hui	13	6	13
<u>Monitoring of land use consents:</u>			
Started monitoring this month			2
Completed this reporting period			
Monitoring ongoing (current)			
Monitoring ongoing (future)			

### Resource Consents required from Building Consent applications

Table 2 below highlights the number of resource consents that have been determined from assessing building consents in the AlphaOne system. The majority of applications have been setback issues in relation to permitted standards for bulk and location requirements.

Table 2: PIM applications with resource consent outcomes

Month	Total PIMs completed	RMA holds	RC required
Jan	10	5	3
Feb	14	7	3
Mar	8	3	3

### General comments

The KPI that requires that council is committed to processing all applications within the statutory timeframes as set under the Resource Management Act has been met for the Jan-March 2019 period. Note: some resource consents are on hold due to further information requests. All planning consent applications have been deemed non-notified.



### Planning consent and other related matters enquiries from Jan to March

During the month of January a total of 114 queries from the public were managed. This number decreased to 109 in February and rose again to 137 in March. The most common forms of contact were phone calls, emails and a few counter enquiries (note: a large number of external agency and internal enquiries were also received but not recorded)

In February the Planning Unit decided to have two non-contact days per week (Tuesday and Thursday) to complete urgent matters such as resource consents, invoicing and planning tasks that required intense research to come up to speed with prior issues (ie. parent subdivision matters not disclosed on GIS). The approach is working well with no complaints reported.

The external guidance from consultants during February and March helped alleviate the pressure of customer enquiries, as we are able to make contact with customers within a 48- hour timeframe.

### Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness

To try and remedy the issues outlined above we have been working on the following solutions:

- Application forms (x20)/checklists/info sheets/internal forms – Marrit (she has done an excellent job) to format (pdf and online forms for website)
- Recordkeeping in spreadsheets
- Justification of decisions record
- Ensuring all documentation is online and in hardcopy
- Creating a complaints register and issue files
- Creating a new suite of duty planning/resource consent internal processes and systems, templates, guidance, checklists etc to be held within council in perpetuity

## Community Assets and Services

### Group Manager's Summary

The CAAS Department is future focused and is starting to look through a long-term lens; Patrick leaving has presented another challenge that we are currently working through but will not stop BAU. Juanita has started as a Technical Coordinator, this will help deliver less reliance on Consultants Technical Coordinator. Also, employing this FTE (cost beneficial) will help remove the day to day noise from staff allowing a more focused effort to manage their respective activities and encourage and drive more ownership. Key engineering staff are starting to use Info-council reporting, with the Asset Engineer due to present a Water Loss Management Plan at the next Council meeting 30/04/2019.

A change from reactive to future focused by applying the 5y's (Root Cause Analysis) will allow a no blame culture to develop. We have a succession plan to initiate a resilience and transfer of knowledge programme to develop younger staff and develop a 2IC. This is a journey which will take time and deliver a more strategic long-term solution.

It would appear that budgets do not reflect true costs of operations and will be updated in 19/20 budgets, some initial implications may possibly be blow outs of waste, 3 waters, and transport maintenance.

### Three waters

The Wairoa wastewater discharge consent has been put on hold using the standard process with s92. HBRC asked for further information relating to the applications for resource consents for the WWTP discharge into the river, it was initially believed this information could be met without requiring the s92, however this will allow more transparency for all key stake holders. One of HBRC's queries relates to indicating the locations of the mahinga kai areas of the river and estuary/lagoons that are used by locals for harvesting kaimoana and identifying what species of kaimoana are harvested.

Lowe Environmental has been coordinating the development of responses to these questions with the technical team and will be in touch with any information that needs to come from WDC records. The response is due to HBRC on 16 April.

WDC is working in the background on a design solution to permanently fix the waste water overflow at Kopu Road, once approved the consent allows the framework for physical works to then occur. It is estimated the consent approval process could take at least 9 - 12 months, therefore WDC will consider corrective actions to minimise this current overflow issue, Lowe Environmental is meeting with HBRC Council to discuss if WDC can do a short-term fix.

The Wairoa Drinking water supply intake river bank stabilisation project is underway and will be completed before the rainy season, thus reducing serious risk of water supply failure to the Wairoa township. No other Major concerns in the 3 waters space at this stage.

### Roading

The Council has met with KiwiRail to discuss their activity in the district in the coming months. A round of public messaging has commenced which warns people to stop and look at rail crossings as the Wairoa-Napier line is now in use. The railyard development will start to unfold over the coming months.

KiwiRail agreed securing the Nuhaka-Opoutama Road at the "blowhole" was a priority until the permanent solution was found. KiwiRail is working through this with the department to provide assurance to Council that there is an immediate response plan in place should there be failure at this site.

The Unsealed Road Network Maintenance Contract awarded to Quality Roothing and Services (Wairoa) Ltd commenced March 1. This contract has regrettably seen the passing of Malcolm Tuahine, a king pin of our local roads, the contract and QRS. Wairoa District Council passes on their condolences to the Tuahine and QRS whanau.

A crib wall on Mahia East Coast Road, near the Waitapatu Culvert failed last month. WDC, with approval from HBRC, undertook an emergency response to clear the debris from the coastal zone. This was completed promptly and, in accordance with Council's consent conditions.

Putere Road has been closed to all traffic since April 3 due to an under slip. The road is currently being made safe by, retaining the toe of the batter and as contractors were already established on site, remediation was able to commence immediately.

Fulton Hogan has presented Council with an affordable low risk option to resurface the sealed areas at the Airport (including the runway). This design tackles the challenges at our airport and has a proven methodology. Fulton Hogan has a track record of resurfacing runways and this work is included in the Sealed Roads Network Maintenance Contract.

### Property



The new solid waste contract was mobilised on April 1. There have been some challenges in establishing the new contract, particularly around transition to new plant for the operators and opening hours for the public. A roll out of recycling crates was undertaken throughout Wairoa and Frasertown prior to contract start and has made a significant improvement to the volumes of recycling collected. This is a positive step for Wairoa. There are improvements planned with the new contractor for the rural recycling collections, in particular the location for Mahia recycling. At this stage a partnership is proposed between Smart Environmental and the operators of the Mahia campgrounds. Plastics still remain a problem, particularly the onward accountability and disposal. Types 1 and 2 maintain a saleable value for the contractor, Types 3-7 however are of limited value. Other councils have reduced their levels of service to include collection of types 1 and 2 only. Council staff and contractor management are discussing this regularly, any further changes or recommendations will come to Council.

Some remedial work is required to the landfill to ensure it is up to a standard of risk that the contractor is satisfied to take on. QRS is currently undertaking this work.

There are no significant projects underway on the reserves, some minor improvements are planned to the cemeteries – installation of new beams and ashes garden. Contractors are due to start installation of the street lighting around the Marine Parade playground in April, with the sealing work to be completed after this.

The LED streetlight upgrade programme is progressing. Requests for proposals for supply of the luminaires have been evaluated in April, with recommendations for preferred supplier to be delivered in April. A full audit of streetlights is also being undertaken. This will provide a better picture of the existing luminaires and areas of priority for installation.

The disposal process is underway for the properties as resolved by Council in November 2018. The necessary due diligence is being undertaken in the areas of acquisition, ownership and valuation. Council will receive a further report with the results of this in due course.

The upgrade and updating of the property asset management system is being progressed with the employment of a temporary member of staff dedicated to this project. This will ensure the full range of data is entered and verified, providing property staff with a robust system to manage the properties, including maintenance, licences, leases and disposals.

The insurance process for the fire damaged flats at Hillneath (one full damage, one partial) is underway, with tender documents being made available to local contractors.

The piping of the Kitchen Street drain is still in development, with further revisions required to the design to ensure a reasonable portion of the drain can be delivered within budget.

### Projects scope

Refer annex 1

## Community and Engagement Group

### Group Manager's Summary

### VISITOR ENQUIRIES THROUGH THE WAIROA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (I-SITE)

This report will now track visitor enquiries through the Wairoa Visitor Information Centre (Wairoa i-Site) as a matter of interest with comparisons to the same month this time last year. The purpose of this level of reporting is to demonstrate increased visitor enquiries through the i-Site and clearly shows an increase compared to this time last year.

Table 1: Wairoa i-Site visitor monthly enquiries – comparison to this time last year

Month	Total	Month	Total
December 17	1,850	December 18	1,879
January 18	2,043	January 19	2,087
February 18	1,666	February 19	1,675

### KIWIRAIL

Meetings have occurred with Kiwirail representatives to discuss the opening of the Wairoa to Napier rail line. Kiwirail have also signalled their intent to support wider Wairoa district community activities. These conversations are ongoing and discussions are also occurring between Kiwirail and Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust. Proposed community event to officially open the rail line will occur in early June.

### TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (ROUND 3)

Council has made an application to Round three (3) of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund which closed on March 29.

The Tourism Infrastructure Fund provides up to \$25 million annually to develop tourism-related infrastructure that supports regions facing pressure from tourism growth.

Tourism is hugely important to the New Zealand economy and infrastructure is essential to making the most of growth in the sector.

The Tourism Infrastructure Fund supports local communities facing pressure from tourism growth and in need of assistance — areas with high visitor numbers but small ratepayer bases, for example.

The fund aims to protect and enhance New Zealand's reputation both domestically and internationally. Supporting robust infrastructure contributes to quality experiences for visitors, and maintains the social licence for the sector to operate.

Council has made an application for Round 3 and we are currently undertaking the independent financial assessment as part of stage 2 of the application process.

#### MARAE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

Marae Digital Connectivity is a multi-agency initiative to help more Marae connect to the internet.

In February 2019, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that the Government will invest \$21 million to ensure even more New Zealanders in the regions can access modern and reliable digital services in their community.

Marae Digital Connectivity will further assist whānau, hapū and iwi to achieve their goals and aspirations including social inclusion, cultural connections and participation in the wider community. Marae Digital Connectivity may also offer alternative ways to access health, social and education services.

Other benefits of Marae Digital Connectivity include:

- an enhanced ability for Māori to access key services and skills necessary for improved economic participation
- alternative ways for rangatahi and whānau to learn the skills for a modern workforce
- increased productivity of local and emerging business ventures
- the ability to leverage tourism visitations for economic growth
- connecting with whānau living out of the region and overseas

A hui, hosted and led by Wairoa Taiwhenua (in partnership with the Wairoa District Council) was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The Taiwhenua is leading a coordinated Wairoa approach for Wairoa marae to become active participants in this project to support digital connectivity for as many Wairoa marae as possible. Council acknowledges the Wairoa Taiwhenua, Te Puni Kokiri and Crown Infrastructure Holdings and interested Wairoa marae to ensure an effectively coordinated approach to marae digital connectivity.

#### ANZAC DAY

At the time of this report, ANZAC Day Services would have already occurred. Council acknowledges official guests, Squadron Leader Robert Cato representing the New Zealand Defence Forces and Flight Lieutenant Tom Sawade representing the Australian Defence Forces. Council also acknowledges the Wairoa RSA and the Mahia RSA. Services attended by the official party included the following;

- Mahia Dawn Service
- Taihoa Marae Service
- Private Service at the Wairoa Cemetery
- Wairoa Civic Service

#### YOUTH SERVICES REVIEW

The recommendation approved by Council in 2017 of the Youth Services Review will be implemented over the next few months. Council approved Model Three of the Youth Services Review which seeks to establish an external community Trust including key community stakeholders. As noted in the review, we will work closely with the Wairoa Community Partnerships Group to formulate a plan going forward for the formation of an external Trust. Implementation will formally begin in May and we aim to transition to the new model by the next financial year (July 2019). The review also notes that Council seed finance to implement the new model. This is currently budgeted for in Council's budgets

## COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES

17/04/2019

Project Description	Renewal/Capital	Reason	Phase	Risk Before No controls in place	Risk After controls are in place	Comments	% Complete
<b>PROPERTY</b>							
Street lighting LED installation and maintenance program.	Capital	Improve LOS	Design	Low	Low	RFP for luminaires out to market feb 19	10%
Tuai Playground upgrade.	Renewal	Growth	Design	Considerable	Low	Community meeting end of Feb 19	0%
Dark sky reserve status - developing proposal with Economic Development.	Renewal	Replacement	Construction	Low	Low	Shared project - Property and ED/Tourism	0%
Remodel of front office – toilet and meeting room, improvements to office space – PA and GM ICE – Jan/Feb.	Renewal	Replacement	Construction/Delivery	High	Low	Works underway	65%
Plan for Archives/bsite/Library improvements – requires council consultation.	Capital	Growth	Investigative	High	Low	Council workshop required to decide direction	10%
Unformed legal road policy.	Strategic Planning	Resilience	Investigative	Low	Low	Final review being undertaken before bringing to council	70%
Disposals of properties from council.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Low	Low	Desktop research underway, identifying former owners and methods of acquisition in line with policy	50%
Establishment of new waste contractor – April.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Construction/Delivery	High	Low	Mobilisation underway, new contractor carrying out operations, landfill hours changed	80%
Footpaths and open drains on going.	Capital	Improve LOS	Design	Considerable	Low	Working on remedial programme and maintenance proposals for CBD area and urban footpaths	30%

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Project Description	Renewal/Capital	Reason	Phase	Risk Before No controls in place	Risk After controls are in place	Comments	% Complete
<b>PROPERTY</b>							
Development of Pilot Hill area with reserves board – new toilet proposed.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Low	Low	Funds returned. Further work is dependant on establishment of governance board	0%
CCTV installation upgrade.	Capital	Improve LOS	Construction/Delivery	Low	Low	Renewal of power supplies underway, partially installed. Server and control module has been upgraded	85%
Upgrade to lighthouse interior.	Renewal	Replacement	Construction/Delivery	Low	Low	Decking and ladders repaired, new door installed, awaiting painting. Internal lighting investigations underway.	100%
Reinstatement of fire damaged flat.	Renewal	Replacement	Design	Low	Low	Design and spec complete, preparing tender documents	20%
Procurement of cemetery contract.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Low	Low	Discussions with incumbent on contractual issues to inform future documentation.	10%
Procurement of Mahia reserves contract.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Low	Low	Discussions with incumbent on contractual issues to inform future documentation.	10%
Review and update of cemetery bylaw.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Considerable	Low	Discussions with incumbent on contractual issues to inform future documentation.	20%
Insulation roll out for flats and housing.	Capital	Improve LOS	Design	Low	Low		100%
Securing site for Mahia recycling.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Considerable	Low	Working with new contractor, have proposed and agreed location at Mahia Campground. Work underway to design infrastructure that will facilitate this and agreement for operation	75%
Formalisation and procurement of Raupunga waste operations.	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Investigative	Considerable	Low		10%

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Project Description	Renewal/Capital	Reason	Phase	Risk Before No controls in place	Risk After controls are in place	Comments	% Complete
<b>ROADING</b>							
Bridge Strengthening to HPMV	Capital	Improve LOS	Construction/Delivery	Considerable	Low	Targeted strengthening underway, PGF application for future assessments and strengthening is being considered by the Minister	1%
Heavy Metal Build Up's	Capital	Replacement	Design	Low	Low	Possible delay to project with late start of contract	0%
Dust– ongoing dust issues along key HV routes within the district	Strategic Planning	Improve LOS	Construction/Delivery	High	Considerable	Ongoing management of risks and impacts.	
Connectivity to Mahia – Security of Nuhaka-Opoutama Road but specifically the Blowhole.	Strategic Planning	Resilience	Investigative	High	Low	PGF application being made for securing route - NZ rail consulted.	1%
Flood Damage Repairs	Capital	Improve LOS	Construction/Delivery	High	Considerable	Various contracts awarded, physical works underway	5%
Implementation of the Unsealed Roads contract.	Capital	Replacement	Construction/Delivery	Considerable	Considerable	Contract commencing 1 March, contract implementation on track	on going
Increased forestry demand (including rail hub) monitoring that our AMP and contract models respond to this increased demand.	Strategic Planning	Growth	Investigative	High	High	Ongoing monitoring	on going

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Project Description	Renewal/Capital	Reason	Phase	Risk Before No controls in place	Risk After controls are in place	Comments	% Complete
<b>3 WATERS</b>							
Wairoa waste water discharge consent	Strategic Planning	Compliance	Construction/Delivery	Extreme	High	Consent application submitted for processing with HBRC.	50%
Storm water Consent application and Storm water Bylaw	Strategic Planning	Compliance	Investigative	High	Considerable	Investigating requirements to consent stormwater system.	5%
Water intake stabilisation	Capital	Resilience	Construction/Delivery	Extreme	Considerable	Work is ongoing	65%
Inflow Work	Capital	Compliance	Construction/Delivery	High	Low	Remove downpipes from sewer gullies and sewer pipes phase to start end of February	70%
Wairoa drinking water Loss Management plan	Strategic Planning	Resilience	Investigative	High	Considerable	Investigations started, presentation to Council due 30/04/2019	20%
Mahanga Water Supply upgrade.	Capital	Replacement	Design	High	Considerable	Project started by undertaking of geological study of area looking at alternative bore sites- Public consultation meeting planned for 18th May at Mahanga Marae	35%
Developing a Trade Waste register.	Strategic Planning	Compliance	Design	Considerable	Low	Discussion around trade waste register has started across involved departments	5%
Water IANZ Lab MOH compliance improvements	Capital	Compliance	Construction/Delivery	High	Considerable	90% complete awaiting updated lab manuals and sign off of by IANZ	90%
Bluebay Waste Water system commissioning.	Capital	Compliance	Investigative	High	Considerable	Patrick to do report	100%



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Project Description	Renewal/Capital	Reason	Phase	Risk Before No controls in place	Risk After controls are in place	Comments	% Complete
<b>3 WATERS</b>							
Bluebay Water system upgrade	Capital	Compliance	Investigative	High	Low	Upgrade out to market on GET's, plan to grip up costs and submit final report to CEO by the end of April / May however this is looking like end of June 2019	15%
Tuai water Loss Management plan.	Strategic Planning	Resilience	Investigative	High	Low	Learnings from Wairoa transposed	5%
Water intake pipeline relocation.	Capital	Replacement	Investigative	High	Considerable	The Opus report is complete. Report to Council needs to be completed.	TBC
Tuai water chlorination	Capital	Compliance	Investigative	Considerable	Low	Consider public consultation Budget aproved by council	5%
Asset data collection of the water treatment plants.	Strategic Planning	Compliance	Investigative	Low	Low	Opus visited site 15/4/19, work is ongoing	15%
Maintenance manuals for waste water networks.	Strategic Planning	Resilience	Investigative	Low	Low		0%
Replacing the water main on Kitchener Street.	Capital	Replacement	Investigative	Considerable	Low	Water Loss Management plan help to inform renewals	TBC

## 8.2 TE PURONGO O TE POUAHUREA MAORI

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**Appendices:**

1. HBRC Report - June 2019 [↓](#)
2. MSC Chairman's Report - June 2019 [↓](#)
3. Mahia Mai Tawhiti Takiwa Report - June 2019 [↓](#)
4. Rakaipaaka Takiwa Report - June 2019 [↓](#)
5. MPI Walking Access Review [↓](#)

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on Council and community activities.

### RECOMMENDATION

*The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.*

### 2. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 2.1 Tūtakina i te iwi. Tūtakina i te toto. Tūtakina i te kiko. Tūtakina i te uaua. Tūtakina kia ū. Tūtakina kia mau. Tēnei te rangi ka tūtaki. Tēnei te rangi ka ruruku. Tēnei te papa ka wheuka. E Rangi e, awhitia. E Papa e, awhitia. Nāu ka awhi, ka awhi. Nāu ka āka, ka āka. Nāu ka toro, ka toro. Tupu he toka whenua. Tupu he toka mata-te-rā. Hui e! Tāiki e!

### 3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1 This is an update from the previous minutes (May) of the Māori Standing Committee (MSC).
- 3.2 **Client Service Request** – a kindly reminder for MSC members to refer any repair requests or complaints to the Client Service Request form (Telephone complaint in or it is accessible via the Council website – From Home Page, click on the Envelope icon (top right of page), scroll down to ***I want to...*** click on ***Get Something Fixed***. Fill out online form and click ***Submit***).
- 3.3 **Council Forum Roster** – the next three Council forum roster is **Tuesday, 2 July (Sharon), 13 August (Paul) and 24 September (Here)** If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Māori Relationships Manager in the first instance.
- 3.4 **Putere Marae** – a truckload of metal was delivered to the Marae. We extend our sincere gratitude to Nigel Pollock (CEO) and the staff at QRS for the prompt service and generosity shown to this request. We also sent our road engineers to inspect the culverts, as was requested by Waaka Gilbert.

#### 4. TE PAE URUNGI (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1 On 1-2 May 2019, the Māori Relationships Manager attended the Te Pae Urungi hui in Taupō. Te Pae Urungi is a coalition of local government practitioners with responsibilities for Māori responsiveness and effectiveness within Aotearoa. It is committed to influencing nationhood building within a local government context, serving Council-Māori relationships and driving Māori outcomes in a unified and collaborative way.
- 4.2 Held over two days, the first day included presentations from local iwi, government representatives and local Māori special interest groups. Ngāti Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board representative – Maria Nepia – spoke about the co-governance between Ngāti Tūwharetoa and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. Tina Porou (Ngāti Turangitukua) gave a presentation around their Mana Whakahono-ā-Rohe journey. Both these presentations gave an insight of how the focus with local government and iwi is based around relationship building, by all accounts it is a model based on mutual respect and a desire to do the right thing.
- 4.3 The Department of Internal Affairs also gave presentations around the Three Waters, the proposed framework for Local Governance for Community Well-being and the Local Governance for funding and financing. Representatives from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Lana Simmonds-Donaldson and Betty Hauraki) and Te Mātāwai (Te Ataarangi Whiu) gave an overview of their respective functions. The Taupō Collective is a partnership between Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Department of Corrections to integrate Tūwharetoa inmates back into society, they do this in collaborative with Te Kapua Whakapipi, which is a programme which focuses on lifestyle choices.
- 4.4 Day two of the hui included an excellent presentation by Te Ara Miraka. Miraka is owned by a group of Māori trusts and incorporations and had its genesis when the Wairarapa Moana Incorporation, which owned 10,000 dairy cows, and geothermal power station owner Tuaropaki (Kaitiaki) Trust decided to work together to get a better return on their investments and were joined by Waipapa 9 Trust, Hauhungaroa Partnership, Tauhara Moana Trust and Pouākani Trust. The processing factory in Mōkai, 30 km north-west of Taupō, is the first dairy factory in the world to use geothermal energy to process milk and is exporting milk powder and UHT milk to more than twenty countries around the world. It sources milk from 106 farms in a 85 km radius of the factory and in November last year was named MPI Good Employer of the Year.
- 4.5 The rest of the hui was based around a workshop defining a treaty partnership and regional reports. The next Te Pae Urungi hui will be hosted by Thames-Coromandel District Council in Thames.

#### 5. TE MARUATA – (DISCUSSIONAL AND DECISIONAL)

- 5.1 Te Maruata is holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual pre-conference hui for Māori in local government on Saturday, 6 July 2019 at Waiwhetu Marae, Lower Hutt. The hui, which is held on the Saturday before the annual LGNZ conference, is an opportunity for Māori elected and appointed members, and members of Te Pae Urungi, to share whanaungatanga, hear kōrero from invited guests, discuss matters of common interest and plan for the future.
- 5.2 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and decide whether they wish to send a representative to Te Maruata on Saturday, 6 July 2019.

**6. REVIEW OF THE WALKING ACCESS ACT – (INFORMATIONAL)**

- 6.1 The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is reviewing the Walking Access Act 2008 and are inviting councils to provide feedback. The Act is about increasing free access to tracks, trails and other areas for all sorts of recreation associated with walking, biking, horse riding, four-wheel driving, access by Māori to sites of significance, surfing, hunting and fishing. Tracks, trails and areas can be in, close to or far from towns and cities.
- 6.2 MPI is particularly interested to receive feedback from Māori on issues arising from this review. According to the review, ...*'many Māori want to access their wāhi tapu and other places of significant to them, including where these are on private land. They want to make sure their taonga are protected. Some will want to take up opportunities to build business opportunities based on provision of free public access to lands they own'*.
- 6.3 We have attached the Summary of Public Feedback Review for your information.

**7. MATANGIRAU RESERVES BOARD – (DISCUSSIONAL, DECISIONAL)**

- 7.1 On Thursday, 23 May 2019 an extra-ordinary meeting was held by Councillors. Group Manager Community and Engagement, Kitea Tipuna presented a report on the Matangirau Reserves Board. Five reserves surrounding the township will now be under joint management of Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa and the Wairoa District Council, which was part of the Iwi and Hapū o te Wairoa claims settlement legislation enacted last September.
- 7.2 The entity managing the reserves is Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board, but commonly referred to as the Matangirau Reserves. The five reserves are Ngamotu Lagoon Wildlife Management Reserve, Whakamahi Lagoon Government Purpose (Wildlife Management) Reserve, Rangihoua / Pilot Hill Historic Reserve and Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserves A and B. The make up of the reserves board will include three members from Tātau Tātau and three members from the Wairoa District Council. Tātau Tātau have already selected their three members.
- 7.3 Discussion at the meeting centred around whether the Council should appoint three members or ask for expressions of interest from the community. It was resolved that His Worship the Mayor Craig Little and Councillor Denise Eaglesome-Karekare would represent the Council. His Worship the Mayor has asked that the Māori Standing Committee select a MSC representative to make up the third member of the Council.
- 7.4 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to nominate a representative to be part of the Matangirau Reserves Board.



**8. KUPU WHAKAKAPI**

- 8.1 Huakina te pō uriuri. Huakina te pō tangotango. Huakina te pō i whakaū ai te moe. Whiti roua i a Whiro. Nō Tū rā ētahi tangata. Nō Rongo rā ētahi tangata. Kia mau te rongo ki te kāhui wairua. Kia mau te rongo ki te mataora. Whiti, whiti, whiti roua. Ka whiti rere ake ki te whai ao ki te ao mārama. Hui ē! Tāiki ē!

**9. CONCLUSION**

The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

**Signatories**

	
Author Duane Culshaw	Approved by Steven May

**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee Meeting – 13 June 2019****Hawke's Bay Regional Council Update****Nathan Heath – Catchment Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)**

1. I attended the HBRC Māori Committee meeting on 4 June, along with a number of the WDC MSC. I have been asked to provide an update on activity in the Whakaki Catchment over the last 2 years.
2. We are currently in the process of re-submitting the application to MfE for the Freshwater Improvement Fund for Lake Whakaki. No submissions were lodged around the limited notification for consents for the proposed work programs and we are now able to seek the funding for this project.
3. I have asked Katarina Kawana to provide an indication of the preparation work required for planting of the 10,000 plants donated by MBIE for local marae. HBRC has some funding available to support this kaupapa.
4. Several outstanding issues have been progressed for the Te Mahia-mai-tawhiti takiwā including, the replacement and upgrade of the existing HBRC signs outlining the rules for driving on the inter-tidal reef area, the procurement of a third sign to be erected where people tend to unload their quads, the production of leaflets outlining the restrictions on driving on the inter-tidal areas for distribution by fisheries officers and others, the upgrade of the Horokaka Matatai markers. A planting program to clean up the Hinerauri stream mouth is currently underway. Alongside Duane, I will be supporting the Tuia 250 organisation through my involvement in the steering committee.
5. I am coordinating a meeting for 21 June to discuss options for the organisation of the Te Wairoa Awa restoration symposium for later in the year and would like to take a brief amount of time with the MSC to gauge their support and ideas for such an event. The key areas I would like the kōmiti to consider are –
  - a. What themes would the MSC like to see covered at such an event?
  - b. What type of event or format for the symposium would be of most benefit to Māori for consideration of their issues and participation?
6. There are a number of outstanding issues that have not been forgotten and I will continue to highlight until some resolution has been reached –
  - a. My apologies to Henare around the delays in progressing action around the issues of streambank erosion threatening the Manutai marae.
  - b. Tuahuru marae visit with engineers to look at the runoff issues.
  - c. The drone work on the Raupunga water supply catchment.

Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "N. Heath", written over a horizontal line.

**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee**  
**Chairman's Report**  
Kiwa Hammond  
Thursday, 9 May 2019

*Tērā a Matariki ka rewa ake i te pae. Te kāhui whetū e tohu mai nei, e kimokimo mai nei. Mihia te tau kua taha ake nei. Rāhiritia te tau e kainamu mai nei. He tau aha te tau? Ākuanei ka hua mai.*

It is my pleasure to present this Chairman's report for May 2019 with reference to early-mid June 2019 (up to and including this Māori Standing Committee meeting, Thursday 13 June 2019).

First, my congratulations to MSC because of the way it facilitated last month's meeting at Pūtere Marae in my absence. The feedback I have received has been positive.

Over the period this report covers, in my role as MSC Chairman I was required to attend meetings requested by WDC or required to represent the MSC at other extraordinary meetings.

Along with scheduled MSC meetings and workshops these included:

- WDC Extraordinary Meeting (23/05/19)
- HBRC Māori Standing Committee Meeting, Whakakī Marae (4/06/19)
- WDC Ordinary Meeting (11/06/19)
- MSC Ordinary Meeting (13/06/19).

**WDC Extraordinary Meeting:** Among the matters discussed at this meeting (and as reported on by the Wairoa Star, Tuesday 28 May 2019) were the Tri-partite Relationship Agreement between Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Wairoa District Council, and Hawke's Bay Regional Council; and the Matangirau Reserves Board which is to be formed as a result of the Wairoa settlement legislation. The latter is a subject which MSC should discuss at today's meeting as the WDC is eager to confirm the actual membership of the Board so as not to drag the chain unnecessarily.

**HRBC Māori Standing Committee:** Whakakī Marae recently hosted the meeting of our Māori Standing Committee counterparts at the Hawkes Bay Regional Council. It was good to see several of our MSC members in attendance along with various representatives from the Wairoa Taiwhenua and PSGE Kāhui. As always, a significant part of the meeting related to topics around the environment and in particular – water. Chairman Mike Mohi indicated that this would be his last time in the role as was looking to step down at the upcoming local body elections. Topics of interest for WDC/MS and Te Wairoa included: Consented Discharges to the Marine Environment (WDC/AFFCO), an upcoming presentation by Mahaanui Karataiao Ltd on a model of iwi-based consenting entities, reports from Taiwhenua representatives (including our own Wairoa Taiwhenua). As also occurs in our marae based MSC meetings the local hau kāinga had the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and present issues pertinent to their area. A words thanks to Pieri Munro and the HBRC and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Māori Committee for the invitation to attend.

**Wairoa Māori Film Festival:** It was a pleasure to attend the Gala evening of the festival held on Queens Birthday Weekend. I was honoured to present the Reo Māori Award to Bex Arahanga for her stunning short film, Hinekura, which was also screened the same night. It was fantastic to see Manauea Elizabeth Hunkin be recognised through being awarded the Leadership in Media Award. For many years now this kuia has produced numerous articles and has been featured in many documentaries and television programmes for her work in the regeneration of te reo Māori throughout Te Wairoa and her iwi.

On the night she made the profound statement, 'Kāore ahau i whānau mai ki tēnei ao kia whakanuia' ('I was not born into this world to be getting accolades'). In a world where so many people set out to make a name for themselves through social media, and unashamed self-promotion it was a refreshing to hear such an expression of humility. Congratulations to all involved in the entire festival event with friendships renewed, new talent revealed, and homegrown legends past and present recognised.

**Provincial Growth Fund:** At the time this report was prepared several proposals from the Wairoa district were being prepared for consideration by the government. Following on the energy created by *Kakapa: The Pulse – Wairoa Showcase* at Parliament last month it is hoped that all the proposals will be successful although the competitive nature of such application processes means that some may miss out. In saying that the Provincial Growth Fund should be considered as one of several opportunities and avenues to attract resource to regenerate our community. We look forward to any major announcements that may be delivered in the coming (or perhaps recent) days.

**Kiwi Rail Line Re-Opening:** As MSC members will be aware already a special event will take place tomorrow (Friday 14 June 2019) to mark the official re-opening of the Napier-Wairoa railway line. This event will reportedly involve several government Ministers and officials not to mention local government representatives and various members of the Wairoa community and wider Hawke's Bay region business sector. For some this will be a nostalgic event and a reminder of the past travel by train to and from Wairoa and renewed hope for a return to passenger services. For others the short trip from Napier to Wairoa marks a resetting of economic priorities for the region and provide some relief from the pressure on local roading infrastructure through increased use by heavy commercial traffic. It remains to be seen whether these things come to fruition. Nonetheless one can only hope it will have positive outcomes for our community although one could argue the outcome is also dependent on how the community makes best use of the opportunity.

**Matariki – Māori New Year:** This time of year we remember those people that have passed on (Kua takitahi te whānau o Matariki), celebrate the bounty of seasonal harvests (Matariki ahunga nui), as well as to plan for the year ahead (Matariki tohutohu), and mark the end of one year and the beginning of the next. This Matariki will herald upcoming changes with Local Government Elections in October as well as the final six months or so of this current Māori Standing Committee.

At this time, I wish to remind all MSC members that we all have a legal, ethical, and social responsibility to carry out our roles with integrity, honesty, and without any personal bias or expectation of benefit to ourselves or the takiwā we represent. While it is our takiwā who give us the mandate to represent them on the MSC, our role is to assist the WDC to be a more effective and responsive local authority through the MSC providing well considered advice, recommendations, and actioning resolutions that will benefit our community. Any comments and activities that may bring this MSC into disrepute or deemed contrary to the above-mentioned documents is unacceptable and to be avoided. This is a high-trust role that is clearly defined by our Terms of Reference in the WDC Māori Policy and we are subject to the Code of Conduct.

Kia tika, kia pono, kia mārama. Kia kaha rā tātau. Nō reira, tēnā tātau katoa.

Nāku nei,

**Kiwa Hammond**

(Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Takiwā)

**Chairman, Māori Standing Committee**

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**



**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee**  
**Mahia Mai Tawhiti Takiwā Report**  
Fiona Wairau  
Thursday 13 June 2019

Tena koutou katoa.

I attended the Council Forum held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019. I would like to thank you all for this opportunity.

**Te Rakato Marae**

Tuia 250 Mahia, wananga to be held on Sunday, 9 June 2019 at 10.00 am. The Mahia Māori Committee Chairman would like to thank the Wairoa District Council for the koha given to support this wananga.

**Kaiuku Marae**

East Coast Road Drop off (between Te Mahia School and Kaiuku Marae). A lot of work has been done to improve road safety however a request has been raised (by 3 pensioners).

- Can the white stop line (Te Mahia School side) be moved 3 metres back (Car length)?



**Apa-Apa-A-Rangi Marae**

Nukutaurua road, awesome work. Comment from a kaumatua "*Road has never been so good*". Like myself, a lot of the locals went for a ride 'just to check it out'. 'Wow!!'



Nukutaurua Road (approximate distance of one kilometre)



**Ruawhāro Marae**

I will be attending the Māori Land Court hearing for the Ruawhāro Marae trustees held on Thursday 6 June 2019 at the Wairoa District Court to tautoko our whānau.

**Tuahuru Marae**

A lot of work has been completed around the Marae. "Looks great"

**Mahanga Marae**

"No news is good news"

**Papa Kāinga**

Oraka 8D2, three families (Kereru, Ormond and Kawana) have their homes built on this land (Maori Land). However, the right of way comes off the old East Coast Road. Pink forms have been completed.

- Concerns raised, because they do not pay rates the road will not get fixed?
- Owner of Oraka 8D1 (Maori Land) has paid rates for 25 years and seen no improvements to this road



Te Nahu property 720 East Coast Rd Mahia, whanau would like to request to have a road sign that reads: "Extreme Caution Concealed Exit Around Corner". I have attached a copy of the email.

At the last MSC meeting held at Putere Marae, I seconded and supported a motion moved by Theresa Thornton as I could see the benefits for Te Mahia Mai Tawhiti takiwā.

Paul Kelly mentioned a comment he found valuable- ***"The value of Maori land is based on a hypothetical buyer and a hypothetical seller. The land cannot be sold and cannot be used for security for bank loans. Therefore, the land is valueless."***

**Freedom camping**

Concerns raised

- Car parked by cross roads, by pile of shingle
- Oraka, campers camping on toilet side (next to toilet facility) is this part of the designated freedom camping area?

Ngā mihi,  
Fiona Wairau  
**MSC Mahia Mai Tawhiti**

**WDC Maori Standing Committee**  
**Rakaipaaka Purongo-a-Takiwa**  
Henare Mita  
Thursday, 13 June 2019

**Wairoa Waste Management:**

It was disappointing to read the amount of criticism our new Waste Management Contractor received recently. I think teething problems were to be expected as Smart Environmental settled into their new surroundings, and more importantly I am confident that Wairoa District Council is monitoring their progress closely. It is not that I am against constructive criticism, but what appeared in the Wairoa Star, was to me, petty and vindictive. Moreover, by implication it reflected poorly on Smart Environmental's staff, most of who are local. I would argue that their staff take a lot of pride in what they do, and when the company they work for is spoken of in such disparaging terms, then their performance too is also called into question. Smart Environmental may be an outside organisation, but the majority of their Wairoa staff are not. It was incumbent upon Council to reply to this criticism, but the mischaracterisation of local staff, to me also deserved a Council response. There is only one local staff member of Smart Environmental that I know personally, so I have no barrow to push here. I think we need to consider these things when directing criticism at an organisation and speak specifically to supposed systemic deficiencies. I like the new schedule and Smart Environmental's job performance. My only gripe is trying to find a store, beside our Council office, that sells rural rubbish bags. Mind you, I will probably stay with purchasing from Council, they are cheaper there.

Last month when attending a tangi at Ruawharo Marae, there were more dumped rubbish bags at the Opoutama Lookout point. Whether the culprits are freedom campers, Bach owners or locals, it is an eyesore and I hope the Council will be able to resolve this issue.

On a more positive note, it was good to see locals taking the opportunity to drop off old whiteware and bulk waste at the QRS depot in Nuhaka. Thank you to the Council and hardworking QRS staff.

**Road Safety Mirrors:**

Thank you again Duane for your assistance with this issue. Duane recently met with a NZTA representative who had good and not so good news to offer any resident considering erecting a Safety Mirror outside their residence. The good news is that it is a relatively straight-forward process, the not so good news is that there are significant associated costs, that must be met by the resident. Nonetheless, the two affected whanau are wiser for the advice and know that Duane can assist them, should they proceed with this matter.

**HBRC Maori Standing Committee Meeting:**

I attended the HBRC Standing Committee meeting held at Whakaki Marae and found it very informative. It was a long meeting reflecting the many issues Regional Council has to deal with. The real reason I wanted to attend this hui however, was to hear first-hand how work relating to Whakaki lake was progressing. Unfortunately, progress has been slow, and it soon became evident as to why this had occurred. In theory, it is easy for us to speak about 'consultation', but sometimes theory and practice are at odds with one another and the process is readily compromised. What happens, for instance, when there is discord amongst hau kainga? Where some whanau believe their wishes and aspirations are being marginalised, and their opposition to what other whanau members are saying, is not being heard? What happens when some whanau believe that true or genuine 'consultation' is not taking place?

I don't envy the role or function of HB Regional Council in this instance, and I dare say this is not an uncommon situation. Maori politics is just as colourful and partisan as its parliamentary counterpart. So, I can well understand, the angst and frustration everyone is feeling. Regional Council is walking a fine line, between passionate peoples. Finding common ground for a greater good is not proving easy. For the future of a once splendid lake, I trust they will find a solution.

Nāku noa, nā

Henare Mita  
MSC – Rakaipaaka Takiwā



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# Reviewing the Walking Access Act 2008

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# Walking Access Act Review

## Have your say on public access to the outdoors

**We are reviewing the Walking Access Act 2008 and we want to hear from organisations and individuals involved in access to the outdoors so we get the best possible outcome. The Act is about providing free access to the outdoors for walking and for types of access that may be associated with walking, such as access with firearms, dogs, bicycles, or motor vehicles. Access to the outdoors can be in, close to, or far from towns and cities.**

New Zealanders value having access to our outdoor spaces, our land, bush, mountains, rivers, coasts, and areas of cultural significance. That access is also an important attraction for visitors to New Zealand, who support many businesses around the country.

The Walking Access Act 2008 says the Act must be reviewed 10 years after its introduction. The findings must be tabled with the House of Representatives before 30 September 2019.

The Act, including the role of the Walking Access Commission it established, is being reviewed to determine whether changes are needed. It aims to ensure the Act and the Commission are fit for the future.

The New Zealand Walking Access Commission is an independent body that leads and supports the negotiation, establishment, maintenance, and improvement of access. The Commission works with private landowners, local government, the Department of Conservation, community groups, and others to carry out this work. It also provides detailed information to help people find tracks and trails across the country and use them safely and respectfully.

The Ministry for Primary Industries is leading the review, because it is responsible for administering the Act. A review panel has been appointed with expertise in public access to the outdoors, how government works, Māori cultural values, and landholder issues.

The review will not consider the "right to roam" over private property. Changing the premise that the New Zealand Walking Access Commission must negotiate access with landholders is specifically excluded from the review.

### Public feedback paper

The success of the review will depend on the input we get from organisations and individuals with an interest in access to the outdoors. A public feedback paper has been prepared to help people engage and give feedback. It is available at [www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview). It includes the views of some stakeholders we have already spoken to and responds to issues they have raised.

We've prepared this summary of the issues and two key questions to be addressed. There are more questions in the public feedback paper and you are welcome to provide your views on any of these.

### Two key questions

The two questions we'd like you to consider are:

1. What's working well?
2. What could be improved?

Please provide examples or evidence to support your responses.



## 1. What's working well?

We have heard there is support for the Commission's independent brokering role in public access issues, and support for the role that its Regional Field Advisors play in working with landowners, councils and others to secure public access. Do you agree these roles are important?

What other aspects of the Act and the Commission's work do you think have been effective over the past decade?

## 2. What could be improved?

We have received a range of suggestions on improvements that could be made to the Act and the Commission.

### Reviewing the purpose, priorities, objective and functions in the Act

Do the purpose and priorities in the Act need any updating? Do the names of the "Walking Access Act" and "Walking Access Commission" reflect public access issues now?

### Working towards equal access

Do you think the outdoors is less accessible for some groups? If so, who? What has been your experience?

### Māori perspectives on access

Many Māori want to access their wāhi tapu and other places significant to them, including where these are on private land. They want to make sure their taonga are protected. Some will want to take up opportunities to build business opportunities based on provision of free public access to lands they own.

### Coping with visitor numbers

High visitor numbers can provide economic benefits in the regions, but put pressure on the host community. What do you think the Commission's role should be in managing the impact of high visitor numbers?

### Addressing barriers to landowners providing public access

Some landowners see risks in providing public access to their land, from disruption to farming through to having to take responsibility for the safety of all visitors. What barriers do you think exist, and what should be the Commission's role in addressing them?

### Encouraging positive visitor behaviours

Can you provide any information to help us understand the scale of poor visitor behaviour on tracks and trails on private land, particularly those shared by different groups of users? Does the Commission provide enough guidance on responsible behaviour at wāhi tapu and other sites of cultural significance?

### Organisations working together

Do you have any examples where a lack of coordination or duplication between agencies and the Commission has got in the way of maintaining and improving public access?

### Tools for the Commission

The current instrument for creating walkways under the Act doesn't allow for a changing pathway – for example, if a stream bed moves. It doesn't allow the landowner to change the pathway easily if their farming operations change by season for example. Would a more flexible means of formalising a walkway be a useful addition to the Commission's tool box or would it create other issues?

### Governance for the Act and Commission

Do you think that the Ministry for Primary Industries, or another government agency, should administer the Act? What are your views on the size of the Commission's Board and the ideal skills and experience for its members?

### Funding

The Commission receives annual government funding of \$1.789 million, which it uses to employ Regional Field Advisers, provide advice about public access, cover survey and legal costs, and provide public information about tracks and trails. Should the Commission supplement this with private funding and/or cost recovery?





## Having your say

We want to hear from anyone who has a view on any aspect of the review. You can comment on one particular issue, or on every issue, and use whatever method you prefer – it's up to you.

We have developed a simple survey. To carry out the survey go to [www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview) and click on the *online feedback form*.

Alternatively, you can email or post your contributions to us (contact details below) by Tuesday 2 July.

A broad range of agencies and organisations are involved in the public access system. When you are providing input, it would help us to know which organisations you work with, or contact, when you have public access issues.

### Contact details

Visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/walkingaccessreview) for access to the Public feedback paper, the Terms of Reference, the legislation, information about the New Zealand Walking Access Commission and the Review Panel, and the online survey.

**You can email responses to the questions and any other input you have to [walkingaccessreview@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:walkingaccessreview@mpi.govt.nz) or you can write to Ministry for Primary Industries, Walking Access Review Team, Environment & Communities Directorate, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140.**

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