



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

Date: Thursday, 8 August 2019
Time: 12.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

8 August 2019

The agenda and associated papers are also available on our website: www.wairoadc.govt.nz

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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 - 11 July 2019

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAKITIMU MARAE, WAIHIRERE ROAD, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2019 AT 12.10PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Duane Culshaw (Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager), Nathan Heath (HBRC Catchment Manager), Charlotte Knight (Kaiarataki Kaupapa Here / Mana Ārahi Policy & Governance Team Leader)

The meeting commenced with a pōhiri at 12.10pm

1 KARAKIA

Ms Theresa Thornton entered the meeting at 12.30pm

Karakia given by Cr Lambert.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/91

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the apology received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Steven May, 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

Michelle McIlroy – cultural impact assessment for waihi tapu along the river, report released a month ago, priority list developed. Restoration project – funding for the trees received, requesting any assistance from Council especially for site preparation work and digging of the holes.

Wikitoria Hauraki – community meeting on the use of P, there has been no follow up from the hui from entities. 23 July meet at Taiwhenua for 11am start of a march, will be stopping at the reserve outside the library. Gaiety Theatre to watch a movie called Let's Talk Meth (gold coin entry). Requesting support from committee for the kaupapa.

Rautima Hauraki – playground has no area for children with special needs despite amount of money spent on it. Money could have been used for other areas of concern in the community.

Kairaiti Wainohu Bird – talked about her new position, and the need for better health and support services for the district.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/92**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 June 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 TE PURONGO O TE POUAHUREA MAORI**

CEO report on Council 11 June agenda sent out to the committee.

The Māori Relationships Manager presented his report.

Cr Lambert, Mr Henare Mita, and Ms Sharon Cooper spoke on Te Maruata.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/93

Moved: Ms Sharon Cooper

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

That Mr Henare Mita, Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Kiwa Hammond, and Mrs Fiona Wairau attend the Te Reo ki Tua Language Revitalisation Symposium on Thursday, 29 August and Friday, 30 August 2019.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/94

Moved: Ms Sharon Cooper

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That the Māori Standing Committee recommend to Council that the name Waihinahina Way is acceptable and appropriate for consideration.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/95

Moved: Ms Sharon Cooper

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Māori Standing Committee recommend to Council that the native bird road naming theme for the Blue Bay development to be acceptable and appropriate for consideration.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/96

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The HBRC Catchment Manager presented his update report

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/97

Moved: Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the HBRC Catchment Manager's report be received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2019/98

Moved: Mrs Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

That the Chairperson's written report (Wairoa Hōpūpū) be received.

CARRIED

The following takiwā reports were presented:

- Rakaipaaka – written report on agenda
- Mahia Mai Tawhiti – verbal update
- Wairoa Hōnengenenge – verbal update
- Waikaremoana – verbal update
- Pāhauwera – verbal update
- Wairoa Mātangirau – verbal update

Closing karakia given by Cr Lambert.

The Meeting closed at 4.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TE PURONGO O TE POUAHUREA MAORI

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Steven May, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer

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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 Whakataranga mai, whakataranga rā e Tāne ki te ahurewa, ki te pūkenga, ki te wānanga, ki te tāura, ki te tauira. Kia tupu iho ngā pu, ngā weu, ngā rito, ngā take i te orooro. Tēnei rā te whakaahua ake i ngā maunga tapu. Ko te tapua o te rangi. Ko te tahito o te rangi. I takea mai ko te tapu, ko te mana, ko te mauri o ngā Atua i hohou mai nō lo Matua Kore. Ka whakatakina ki runga ki tēnei tāura, kia mahea te hua mākihikihi ki runga ki tēnei papa. He papa tātaki nō Ōwhatinuku, nō Ōwhatirangi, tēnā maranga kia eke tārewa tū ki te rangi. Kia eke panuku, ki eke Tangaroa. Tū mai te toki! Haumi e! Hui e..tāiki e!

3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1 This is an update from the previous minutes (July) 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, 13 August (Paul), 24 September (Here)** and **5 November (Theresa)**. If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Māori Relationships Manager in the first instance.

- 3.4 **Road Naming Process (Mahia and Blue Bay)** – at the previous ordinary Māori Standing Committee hui it was recommended to accept the two road naming options based at Mahia and Blue Bay. These were presented to the full Council ordinary meeting on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 in which the Council resolved to accept Waihinahina Way in Mahia and the Māori bird name theme for Blue Bay. The Pouahurea Māori thanked the Mahia Māori Committee and the wider Mahia community for their guidance and contribution.
- 3.5 **Waste Water Consent Hui** – at the time of this report being written, two information hui were held in Wairoa, at Whaakirangi Marae and the Wairoa War Memorial Hall. Feedback received were that both hui were informational and a good discussion was held, enabling good feedback to the community about the next steps for the consenting process.
- 3.6 **Mahia Road Signage Update** – at the request of locals at Mahia, they requested a new sign be erected to warn of a concealed exit. We extend our gratitude to the WDC Community Assets and Services team who have worked to get this request granted. Please see photos of the mock up, with the actual sign being erected in the very near future.



4. TUIA 250 MAHIA – DECEMBER 2019 (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1** We have invited Paul Ratapu, Project Manager, for Tuia 250 Mahia to give a presentation to the Māori Standing Committee. As a reminder, the Tuia 250 is the national commemoration since the first onshore meeting between Māori and Europeans.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION PROCESS (INFORMATIONAL)

- 5.1** Nominations for the 2019 Local Government elections opened on Friday, 19 July 2019 and will remain open until noon, Friday 16 August 2019.
- 5.2** We have invited the Kitea Tipuna (Electoral Officer) to address the Māori Standing Committee to remind them of their responsibilities regarding protocols for Elected and Selected members of the Māori Standing Committee.

6. PŪHORO STEM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP (INFORMATIONAL)

- 6.1** We recently received a proposal by Pūhoro STEM Academy to partner with the Regional and local authorities with regards to long term investment into a regional Māori workforce development and employment pipeline in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).
- 6.2** Through this proposal (see attachment) the organisers believe that there is a total need for this type of programme/intervention to not only disrupt the current negative prevailing narrative around engagement/participation and achievement, but to positively impact Māori future workforce potential and the future backbone of our regional economy by preparing rangatahi for a high value STEM career pathways.
- 6.3** We welcome any feedback or comment to this proposal.

7. TE HAEATA SETTLEMENT PORTAL (INFORMATIONAL)

- 7.1** Recently the Government establish Te Arawhiti – the Office for Māori Crown Relations, which replaces the former Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS). Te Arawhiti is committed to understanding and meeting its Treaty settlement commitments. As a result they have released Te Haeata, which is an online database that records commitments made in deeds of settlement and settlement legislation.
- 7.2** We have attached a brief overview of Te Haeata for your information.



8. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

- 8.1** Puhia te kākahu raukura, puhia te kaiwharawhara, puhia te pōhoi toroa. Rere atu, rere mai, whano, whano, hara mai te toki! Haumi e...hui e...tāiki e!

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The Māori Relationships Manager recommends that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

Signatories

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| Author Duane Culshaw | Approved by Steven May |



2019 Local Government Elections

Elected Member and Staff Protocols

Dale Ofsooske, Independent Election Services Ltd

12 June 2019

Controller and Auditor-General's Guidelines

- Controller and Auditor-General's 'Good Practice for Managing Public Communications by Local Authorities'
 - Dated 2016
- Two key principles (Principles 12 and 13) applicable for both elected members and staff
- Principles apply for 3 month pre-election period
 - ie 12 July 2016 to 12 October 2016

Controller and Auditor-General's Guidelines

- Principle 12
 - 'A local authority must not promote, nor be perceived to promote, the re-election prospects of a sitting member. Therefore, the use of Council resources for re-election purposes is unacceptable and possibly unlawful'

Controller and Auditor-General's Guidelines

- Principle 13
 - 'A Council's communications policy should also recognise the risk that communications by or about members, in their capacities as spokespersons for Council, during a pre-election period could result in the member achieving electoral advantage at ratepayers' expense. The Chief Executive Officer (or his or her delegate) should actively manage the risk in accordance with the relevant electoral law'.

Elected member protocols

- Promoting the re-election prospects of an existing member (directly or indirectly) is not part of the role of a local authority
- What does this mean for existing elected members?
 - Basically no Council resources can be used for re-election purposes of an existing elected member
 - Council resources include such things as phones, internet, email, postage, photocopying, stationery, staff time, vehicles, Council venues (unless paid for)
 - Use of Council's logo, branding, website, facebook page, twitter account are not permitted for re-election purposes
 - Use of Council-supplied computers, iPads and mobile phones are permitted, but not Council-issued phone numbers or email addresses
 - Mayoral car (where part of remuneration for full private use) exempt

Elected member protocols

- Reason is to provide ‘a level playing field’ for all candidates (no ‘unfair advantage’)
- Care must also be exercised not to create a perception that Council is helping existing elected members to promote their re-election
- Recommended that mass communications be suspended during pre-election period:
 - Council-funded newsletters
 - Mayoral or Members columns in Council publications

Elected member protocols

- Curtailing all Council communications during a pre-election period by elected members is neither practicable or possible – routine Council business must continue
 - For example Annual Reports, communications on matters of (strictly necessary) Council business to the public
 - Communications relating to operational matters or implementation of policy should be made by staff
- If in any doubt about using a Council resource, talk to Kitea Tipuna

Staff protocols

- SOLGM issued 'Election Protocols for Staff'
 - To provide nationwide consistency
- Follows concerns raised by PSA
 - Following Whangarei District Council issue in 2013 (CE's PA nominated mayoral candidate)

Staff protocols

- What does this mean for staff?
 - Local authorities must ensure all employees maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest
 - One such standard is for staff to observe political neutrality when performing duties as employee of council
 - Employees however also have same rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly as other members of the public

Staff protocols

- Employees need to understand action taken privately can impinge on employee's ability to perform work duties
 - ie employees statements or conduct (as private citizen) do not compromise their ability to perform their duties
- Judgement to be exercised when taking part in, or assisting with, a campaign of a candidate
 - eg organising a meeting, nominating a candidate, canvassing
 - Particularly applicable to senior staff members who provide policy advice or have regular dealings with elected members
- Staff to be aware of these obligations and exercise appropriate judgement accordingly

Staff protocols

- Council staff have same right to stand for office as any other elector
- If staff member considering standing
 - Need to discuss with senior manager
 - Must not use Council time or resources of any kind for campaigning purposes (eg internet, email, stationery, postage, vehicles etc)
- If elected, staff member must resign



2019 Local Government Elections

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12 June 2019

Chief Executive's Consolidated Monthly Report for June 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.

Major activities

Councils Annual Plan was adopted within the statutory timeframes and this demonstrates the progress that has been made with filling vacancies and the impact of addition staff appointed within the Finance Team.

The LGNZ Conference was attended by over 550 persons and 28 remits were decided on at the AGM. Refer Annex 1 for the list of remits and the voting outcome.

Speakers at the conference included the PM, Min of Local Government with a strong focus on Localism and the 3 waters review.

Due to the uncertainty of how the three waters review will impact on Council a Community meeting was held with the Mahanga residence. Representatives from OPUS, HBRC and MoH attended and talked about the heightened requirements for water treatment. Central Government has stated that an announcement on a new water regulator will occur over the coming weeks.

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 was made on the 10 June 2019.

Summary of Government money that has been sought by Council under three different funding streams (YTD)

| Direct Funding Secured (July 1 2018 – June 30 2019) | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PGF Capability Funding | July 2018 | \$250,000 |
| Tourism Infrastructure Fund (Round 2) | September 2018 | \$60,000 |
| Ministry of Culture and Heritage Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund | December 2018 | \$3,000 |
| Tourism Infrastructure Fund (Round 3) | June 2019 | \$229,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$627,000 (Incl. \$85,000) |

| Indirect Funding Secured (July 1 2018 – June 30 2019) | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| PGF Funding Bridge Strengthening | May 2019 | \$2.2M \$6.6 NZTA |
| TOTAL | | \$8.8M |
| Applications in the system | | |
| Responsible Freedom Camping Fund | June 2019 | \$200,000 |
| STHW 38 | | \$15 Million |

A review of the Contract management processes at Council, initiated by the CEO, has concluded its scoping and initial feedback phases. This data is currently being reviewed with outcomes to be confirmed and implemented over the next months.

Events attended by the Chief Executive

- HB Local Government Chief Executive's Group Meeting
- FAR Committee
- Council Forum
- Rural & Provincial Meeting
- HBCDEM CEG GROUP
- HB Council CEO's /Mayor meeting
- Discussion PGF Applications
- Maori Standing Committee
- Kiwi Rail (official opening of the Napier to Wairoa Rail link)
- Police
- NZDR Exercise briefing
- Hawkes Bay CEO Strategic Planning Day
- PGF Announcements
- Library 17a Review discussion
- Fulton Hogan
- QRS Board Meeting
- Economic development meeting
- NZTA Regional update meeting
- Mahia Māori Committee Hui
- LGNZ Conference
- Staff Organisation Culture workshop

Community events attended by the Chief Executive

- Tuai Community Hui (STHW38)
- Pumanawa – Museum Launch
- Election Candidates Information session
- Hawkes Bay Business Awards Launch

Information and Customer Experience

Gaiety Theatre

- The Gaiety has been in full swing during June. New movies to have arrived include Rocketman, Yesterday, Aladdin and The Secret Life of Pets 2. Those scheduled for release include Lion King, Toy Story 4 and Spiderman: Far From Home. These are bound to be popular during the school holidays.
- The patronage at the Theatre has continued at a healthy level, with over 6000 people buying tickets for movies and events between 1 January 2019 and 20 June 2019.



Figure 1: Gaiety is "Wairoa's Window to the World".

- The "Friends of the Gaiety" volunteer program has continued to receive good support. It is encouraging to see an increase in the number of people showing an interest in joining as volunteers. We appreciate the group's commitment to providing help for the Gaiety.
- The "Extravaganza Music Movie" event was very well supported. We thank our Gaiety Operations Officer as well as the volunteers who worked hard to make this special event happen.
- A number of exciting upcoming events are scheduled. On 19 July, Gaiety will be hosting the brilliant NZ Guitar Quartet. Known to bring an infectious energy to the stage, their performances include classical, contemporary and work music that engages audiences from all walks of life. Fresh from concert tours in China and Australia, they have released two CDs. Tickets are now on sale at the Gaiety and iSite.



Figure 2: Galety is hosting the New Zealand Guitar Quartet.

Library

- The “Hell’s Pizza” Promotion is running in conjunction with the NZ Post Book Awards until December. Children are continuing to come in after school to participate and talk to staff about their books. They are required to read a total of seven books to complete the programme.
- The 7-week “Winter Warmers” programme, which started this month, has received excellent support. All 100 spaces have been filled, and an additional 48 children have been accepted with the entire Mohaka School coming on board. Children must complete five report-ins in order to attend the finale party.



Figure 3: The Library is hosting the Winter Warmers programme.

- The Adult Reading Programme continues to be popular. While it is due to close next month, Library staff are keen to start planning for the next Adult Reading event.
- The Library is exploring the benefits of a new Library Management System. The existing system is heavily reliant on “manual” processes and has technical issues, so a new system is being considered, one that is used by a number of smaller similar-sized libraries, and which would enable process efficiencies.
- Council is exploring options for providing the Library with EFTPOS facilities that will streamline payment processes.



Figure 4: The Winter Warmers programme has received excellent support.

- Library staff said “farewell” to Destiny Pene, a valued member of the Library team. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.
- More positive feedback has been received from patrons, including comments that this is “The Best Library Ever”, and feedback congratulating staff on the work they are doing to “make our Library a welcoming place”.

LGOIMA

- Nine LGOIMA requests have been received during May/June 2019 since last update.
- At time of writing eight requests have been completed and one is active.

| Date | Status | Subject | Requested by |
|--------------|-----------|---|--|
| 22 May 2019 | Completed | Information on the Mahanga area | Sarah Donovan |
| 23 May 2019 | Completed | Information on Mahanga | Lis Battes |
| 24 May 2019 | Completed | Information on Mahanga | Denys Caves |
| 24 May 2019 | Completed | CE remuneration | Tabitha Lorck – NZ Taxpayer Union |
| 31 May 2019 | Completed | Environmental Health Officers Qualifications Regulations 1993 | Janet Lewin – Population Health and Prevention |
| 4 June 2019 | Completed | Abatement Notices | Ann Revington – Wairoa Star |
| 13 June 2019 | Completed | Payments to David Cunliffe and associated businesses since Oct 2017 | Luke Redward – NZ Taxpayers Union |
| 17 June 2019 | Active | Earthquake prone building expenses | Emma Hatton – Radio NZ |
| 18 June 2019 | Completed | Diversity | Jody O'Callaghan – Stuff |

Building Compliance

Building Consent Processing times

| 5 days< | 6-10 days | 11-15 days | 16-20 days | 21 days> |
|---------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| | 1 | | 6 | 0 |

BWOI Inspections completed for this period

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Building Control & Property Information Summary

| Building Consents | Month – June |
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| Consents Issued | 7 |
| Value of building work | \$820,300 |
| % Consents processed within statutory timeframes | 100% |
| % CCC's issued within statutory timeframes | 100% |
| Inspections undertaken | 24 |
| Property Information | Month – June |
| LIM's issued | 5 |
| % LIM's issued within statutory timeframes | 100% |
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| Earthquake prone Buildings | Month – June |
|---|--------------|
| 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% |

Below are the items for this month's report for the Building Consent Authority (BCA)/Territorial Authority (TA) for the period to June 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, 1-hour time blocks are allocated to allow for other inspections running overtime.
- Wairoa District Council BCA building team now have two BCO's and have appointed a Senior BCO. While the new BCO is in training, the SBCO will work on developing guidance documents for all the BCO's to complete the required functions of the TA, including BWOA audits, EPB inspections, swimming pool inspections.
- The WDC BCA has commenced work on the required functions of the TA, including Compliance Schedule Audits, Updating compliance schedules, update required registers, this is ongoing.
- 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.
- WDC TA has until the 1st January 2020 to identify all the Priority Potentially EPB's in the district.
- The TA 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.
- BCA is working with applicants to help address common issues and misunderstandings around the building code requirements, statutory timeframes, and consenting processes. This is being completed via the new monthly newsletter the BCA is sending out to local Builders and Architects.
- BCA has set projects in place to develop consenting packages tailored to specific consent types. These packages will include what information is required for each application to help streamline the process and minimise delays.

Compliance Statistics

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| STATS FOR MONTH OF June 2019 | |
| Barking dogs | 24 |
| Roaming Dogs | 44 |
| Dog Attacks | 7 Reported |
| Dogs-Worrying Stock | 21,reported and attended |
| Impounded Dogs | 43 |
| Destroyed dogs | 32 |
| Dogs returned to owners | 11 |
| Registered dogs (Known) To end April | 3358 |
| Aggressive/Rushing Dogs | 7 reported |
| Infringements Issued These figures included final chipping of dogs, and start of de-sexing, as well as other breaches of the Act. | 27 this included final micro push |
| Infringements Cancelled | 4 |
| Relinquished Dogs | 19 |
| Stock on Roads | 42 |
| Stock Welfare Issues | 19 Increase around dog issues, SPCA been involved, as well local vets. |
| OTHER (Goats ect) Calls Reported cat issues on the increase, feral cats major problem 1 cat trap stolen, goats starting to cause issues, another organised Transit cull to be completed July 2019 | Over 40 calls for cat related issues, small increase from previous month of May. |
| Stock Impounding | 2 |
| Infringements issues | 0 |
| Auctions | 0 |
| Service Requests | |
| On Call Weekend Call outs | 53 |
| Lost Dogs | 19 |
| Dog Trap Set in District | 47 |
| Property Inspections Including Farms | 37 this was mainly to chase up registrations and chipping of working dogs. |
| ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH | |
| Liquor Licences | |
| Manager Certificate | |

Brief summation for the month.

Busy month, microchipping letters has been completed, over 300 owners contacted, files updated, information added to files, very pleasing results. June 2019, completed, all known dog owners have been contacted.

Have started 20/5/19 letter to owners with more than two dogs on urban property's, requiring permit, I have list compiled and Pete has started the contact process. June 2019, all known owners of more than two dogs on a property have been contacted via letter, very pleasing response, over 90% have replied.

Also to start contacting owner of horses in town, inadequate fencing, June 2019, main offenders have all been contacted, a slow process, but showing favourable results.

De-sexing Lewis Foundation, Farm Vet, starting to pick up again, with local dog owners approaching the vet. Worthwhile continuing, we have the blessing of the Lewis Foundation. June 2019, working well with Farm Vet, good result for this month.

An increase in the number of working dogs being chipped. June 2019, a steady increase, and many inquiries on going.

Problem area in Nuhaka Quiet at the moment, community and farmers on board, pleasing results. June 2019, no further stock loss, sightings of roaming dogs, investigated, trap x1 still on site.

We have one Court case ongoing. June 2019, 1 court still ongoing, Taurima, have has 1st Court hearing, no attendance by owner, next Court day 2/8/19

Half-Year Planning Report 2019

1. Planning consents and approvals: January to June 2019

1.1. Planning Applications Received

Over the first half of the year, the number of planning applications received has been higher than recent years. The number of planning applications has begun to decrease from April onward. However, the number has increased slightly in June as shown in Table 1. Landuse and subdivision consent applications remain steady. The most common application type has been for deemed permitted activities (DPBA) x13, followed by Subdivision x7, Landuse x6 and s223 and s224 applications. However, the numbers of DPBAs have decreased in the past 2 months. Of the x39 planning applications received between January and June 2019, x26 (x13 DPBA, x3 Land Use, x8 s223/s224, x1 Right of Way (ROW) x1 Subdivision) have been processed in-house and the remaining x13 by consultants (x3 landuse, x6 subdivision x3 other types). All consents processed by consultants are peer-reviewed in-house. All statutory timeframes pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991 have been met for processing resource consents.

The types of planning application received include:

- Land use: x2 earthworks, x3 boundary encroachment, x1 designation alteration
- Subdivision x2 boundary adjustments, x1 7 lot (Coastal Mahia), x1 4 lot (Coastal Mahia), x3 2 lot (x2 Rural, x1 Town Centre)
- COC – telecommunications utilities

Table 1: Planning applications received January-June 2019

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | Total |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Land Use | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Subdivision | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| s.223 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | 4 |
| s.224 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | 4 |
| New Designation, Alteration, Outline Plan or Waiver | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| COC | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| DPBA | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | | 1 | 13 |
| s.348 (LGA) ROW | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| S125 (Extension) | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| S127 (Change of Conditions) | | | | 1 | | | 1 |

1.2. Planning Applications Granted

Last year the total number of planning consents granted were 26 (with one cancelled) therefore 25 in total. Over the first half of this year, the number of planning applications granted has already reached 26 as shown in Table 2 and therefore has already exceeded the total number of consents for the last calendar year January to December. A number of consents received this year are still being processed. Of the applications received this year, two were cancelled (xone DPBA, and x1 Boundary adjustment). The planning team are aware of a number of consents that will be submitted in the coming months. Interest remains strong in development options in the district. There have been a high number of planning consent queries received during the first half of this year and activity remains steady throughout the usually quieter months of winter.

Table 2: Planning applications granted January-June 2019

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Land Use | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Subdivision | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| s.223 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 4 |
| S224 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| COC | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| DPBA | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 9 |
| RMA s125 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| RMA s127 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| s.348 (LGA) | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Total | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 26 |

1.3. Consenting Activity and Zoning

Planning applications continue as they have done so over the past decade to be for sites that occur predominantly in the Mahia Plan Change 1B area as shown in Figure 1. However, there has been an increase in consenting activity in the district as a whole with activity occurring in the rural and residential zones. Although, most of the consents granted this year are for activities occurring in the Coastal and Residential Mahia zones, there is still much activity occurring outside of these zones as illustrated in figure 2.

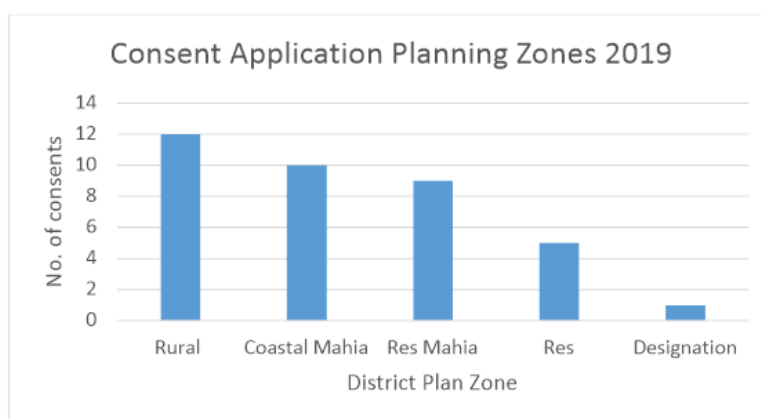


Figure 1: Consent Application Planning Zones 2019

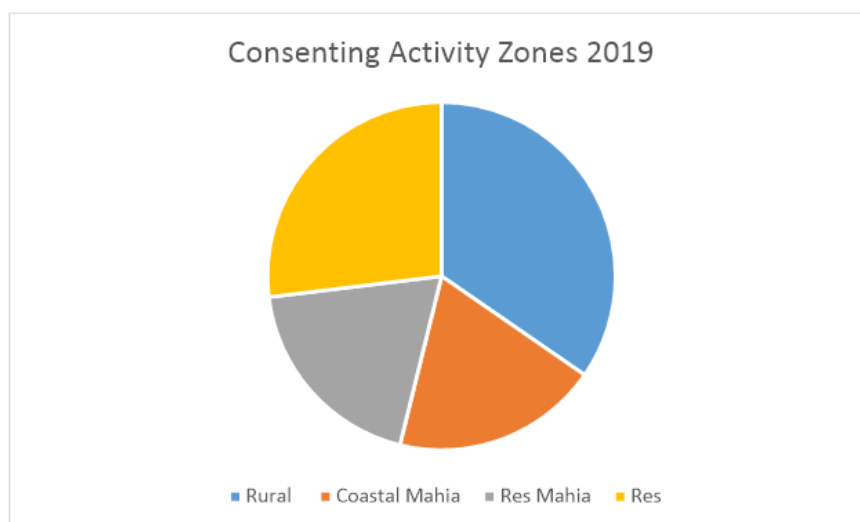


Figure 2: Consenting Activity Zones 2019

1.4 Planning and Building Compliance

The number of PIMs being received has decreased over the winter months. Table 3 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, which have triggered the need for deemed permitted boundary activity applications.

Table 3: PIM applications with resource consent outcomes January-June 2019

| Month | Total PIMs completed | RMA holds | RC required |
|-------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Jan | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| Feb | 14 | 7 | 3 |
| Mar | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| April | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| May | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| June | 5 | 1 | 1 |

2. Planning queries

2.1 General

During the month of January a total of 114 queries from the public were managed in the Planning unit of the regulatory department. This number decreased to 109 in February and rose again to 137 in March. Planning queries for April dropped slightly but were still high number at 129 for the month. May increased to 175 and was the busiest month this year for planning queries. Although there has been a decrease to 126 in June numbers still remains high.

2.2 Pre-application Meetings

The number of pre-application Hui remains high as does planning queries as shown in Table 4. January, March and June were the months with the highest number of pre-application meetings.

Table 4: Pre: application Hui January-June 2019

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|
| Pre application hui | 13 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 12 |

3. Monitoring and Complaints

Monitoring of consent conditions has occurred over the past six months in response to complaints. Complaints were up from two to four from May to June, however the numbers remain lower than the amount received earlier in the year as shown in Table 5. Furthermore, the complaints being received are predominantly long-standing issues that were first raised some time ago. All complaints are now being recorded in a complaints register and briefing reports completed for more complex issues. This information being readily available will prevent delays in addressing the matters. Some of the issues have also involved other departments. The planning team are working toward undertaking monitoring more proactively to comply with statutory obligations pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991. Monitoring reports in 2019 have been written for some of the more complex consent cases. No enforcement actions have been required yet this year.

Table 5: Complaints January-June 2019

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|
| Complaints | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

4. Planning Administration

A planning administrator has provided much needed assistance during their 2 month fixed term over May/July 2019 by undertaking an online/hardcopy file review project (RM file audit for years 2019-2007 has been completed and some of the 2006 files will be completed before the end of their contract). This project has been vital to the planning team to improve efficiency in their department, having all files required easily accessible and therefore able to respond to public queries quicker. The planning administrator was also helpful with other administrative tasks such as scanning, printing and filing. The planning unit continue to be assisted with the development of their forms by Marrit who has also updated the fees and charges 2019/2020 schedule online.

5. Consultants

The planning unit is managing to process 2/3 of all planning applications. However, planning consultants Sage planning, 4sight planning and Opus will provide support with overflow consenting and for high-risk consents particularly as the planning unit is receiving more consents than usual this year. Increased resourcing will ensure we can process more consents in-house and meet our statutory obligations. Although some of the consents are being outsourced to consultants the team still has to contribute significant time in being involved in the processing work including peer review, advice, administration, providing consultants with access to WDC information and invoicing. Consultant and legal advice has been sought over the reporting period to assist with addressing complex matters.

6. 2GP - Second Generation District Plan

There has been an influx of planning consent applications, queries and other planning work this year and due to limited capacity during this period, the timeframes for the district plan review have been extended. However, work on the Second-generation plan -2GP has continued in 2019 and will be a key focus for the second half of the year. This work will include releasing monitoring reports, commissioning mandatory reports, engagement, mapping and implementing the National Planning Standards.

Community Assets and Services

Group Manager's Summary:

A lot of activity from all areas the last few months have been somewhat relentless. Chris and Vaughan are working closely with our Project Engineer and will become CAD and 12 D modelling users thus expanding our civil expertise. Juanita is championing consent management (approx. 50 RMA consents) and will have a strong focus on supporting the property team over the next 6 – 12 months.

I am really happy with progress and am starting to see the team gel more. I believe in time our department will be a strong cohesive efficient force.

Well done Richard this month for His strong community participation see photos/comments from face book.



ONE day down, THREE more to go! 🙌😄...

Early Child Care & Kohanga Reo day

Planting native trees along the river bank thanks to the HBRC & WDC Richard Grimmatt for having the holes ready and the plants handy. It was a perfect day to plant alongside the Awa - Wairoa Hōpupu Hōnengenenge Mātangirau 🌱

When the kids drive past with their parents they'll be able to tell them 'I planted those trees that's going to help the banks of our Awa'

Planting potatoes with K.E - Thank You Melissa Lenny Kiri & Harlene, your Mahi today was very much appreciated 😊 Thank You!

THANK YOU TO ALL the tamariki, teachers, kaiako who came to be a part of our day 🙌😄

✨ Wairoa Matariki Celebrations 2019 ✨

Ngā Mata o Te Ariki, Tawhirimatea

Three waters: Comments:

The Wairoa wastewater discharge consent was lodged in November 2018. The HBRC are continuing to process the consent application. A council workshop is planned for 23rd July and 2 public meetings on the 29th, 30th July, this is intended to remind the Council and community of what was originally agreed and where we have come to in the consent process before HBRC publically notify the consent.

There are three Main water reticulation areas of concern as follows:

One: Annual Water Loss, the Water Loss Management plan is kicking off with an initial focus on meter reads, installation of smart meters and a Drone Thermal image program.

Two: Achilles Street water Main is right on the truck axle line and needs relocating, the water main relocation is being scoped with possible assistance from NZTA.

Three: Water intake High Risk, the Wairoa Drinking water supply intake riverbank stabilisation project is nearing completion, see pictures below.

However, the 280m water main infeed to the water treatment plant will eventually fail and needs relocation, this project is also being scoped and will most probably be reflected in the next Annual Plan. Please note; there is a risk of losing our water supply due to 85m of the raw water pipeline lying in the high to moderate-low risk zones. To help mitigate against this risk we have purchased enough pipe and fittings should an urgent repair be required. These materials if not used before the recommended solution is put in place will be able to be used in the new realigned pipeline.



Figure 4: Slip 1 & 2 – Orthogonal View (WSP OPUS Drone Imagery – September 2018)



Transport: Comments

The failed crib wall near Waitepatu Culvert on Mahia East Coast Road has been secured by installing a bailey bridge over the drop out until the permanent repair is constructed.

The unsealed roads maintenance contract is delivering above expectation. The weather coupled with new contract KPI's has seen positive feedback over the last 3 months from the rural community.

The four flood damage repair contracts that are awarded to QRS, Fulton Hogan, Russell Roads and McNatty Construction are progressing as programmed. A new package of work is ready and will be going to tender in the coming weeks.

Skyline Aviation are supporting a number of projects at the aerodrome with project management time at no cost to Council. This includes the new instrument procedures to facilitate safer landings and departures, upgrade of the runway lighting, and the 5 yearly aerodrome OLS survey. These projects are targeted to increase the safety and resilience of the aerodrome operations. There are two new regular agriculture users now operating from the Aerodrome.

The bridge strengthening programme is tracking well with the final bridge being completed on Wairoa's side of Tiniroto Road. Once the strengthening of Te Kura Bridge has been completed, Council will be in a position to open Tiniroto Road as a HPMV route. This is consistent with our activity management planning and enabling the forestry industry to support the opening of the inland rail hub.

Property: Comments

Sealing of playground car park is underway, completion by early August.

The LED streetlight upgrade programme is progressing. RFTs for the install and maintenance contract closed on 8 July.

Smart Environmental started management of the landfill tip face on 1 July, progressing well. There are some improvements being done to the operation for the purposes of safety, out of hours operators have been given an induction. In collaboration with ED team, WDC has secured funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the construction and operation of the Mahia recycling service. 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. Remedial works on the landfill cell are ongoing.

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 that 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, pricing has been received and work awarded.

The Mahia reserves maintenance and Cemeteries maintenance contracts will be advertised later this year.

| Project Description | Renewal/Capital | Reason | Phase | Risk Before No controls in place | Risk After controls are in place | Comments | % Complete |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|------------|
| PROPERTY | | | | | | | |
| Street lighting LED installation and maintenance program. LTP Project carried over | Capital | Improve LOS | Design | Low | Low | Luminaire selection done, Contract for install out for tender - closes 8th July, commencement October 2019. | 25% |
| Tuaiti Playground upgrade. | Renewal | Growth | Design | Considerable | Low | Community meeting end of Feb 19, information supplied, awaiting direction from community. Jun 19 Community still working on design for site. | 0% |
| Dark sky reserve status - developing proposal with Economic Development. | Renewal | Replacement | Construction | Low | Low | Shared project - Property and ED/Tourism, awaiting update from ED team | 0% |
| Remodel of front office – toilet and meeting room, improvements to office space – PA and GMICE – Jan/Feb. | Renewal | Replacement | Construction/Delivery | High | Low | Final works and inspection due - tidy up, toilet connected | 90% |
| Plan for Archives/site/Library improvements – requires council consultation. LTP Project carried over | 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% |
| 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% |
| PROPERTY | | | | | | | |
| 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% |
| Reinstatement of fire damaged flat. | Renewal | Replacement | Design | Low | Low | Work tendered, consent issued. | 35% |
| Procurement of cemetery contract. | Strategic Planning | Improve LOS | Investigative | Low | Low | Draft document under way | 15% |
| 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 | Refining with Governance and Policy team leader - Jul 19 | 25% |
| Securing site for Mahia recycling. LTP Project carried over | 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. Secured additional funding through Tourism Infrastructure Fund | 75% |
| Formalisation and procurement of Ruapunga waste operations. | Strategic Planning | Improve LOS | Investigative | Considerable | Low | Contract review underway | 20% |

| ROADING | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|----------|
| Bridge Strengthening to HPMV LTP project carried over | Capital | Improve LOS | Construction/Delivery | Considerable | Low | PGF application successful. Consultant commenced work to ensure delivery remains on track. CE requesting contract from PDU to claim local share. | 1% |
| 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. \$90k allocated in the 2019/20 year towards this. | |
| Mahia East Coast Road - Dropout near Te Mahia | Capital | Replacement | Construction/Delivery | High | Considerable | Bailey Bridge installed. Design is underway for the permanent repair. | 5% |
| Connectivity to Mahia – Security of Nuhaka-Opoutama Road but specifically the Blowhole. | Strategic Planning | Resilience | Investigative | High | Low | Application not successful at this time. CE following up where this is at with the PDU. | 1% |
| Flood Damage Repairs | Capital | Improve LOS | Construction/Delivery | High | Considerable | Various contracts awarded, physical works underway, new tenders being drafted to go to market for pricing. \$5.2m of work still outstanding. | 10% |
| Implementation of the Unsealed Roads contract. | Capital | Replacement | Construction/Delivery | Considerable | Considerable | All contract plans, KPI's and outcomes set. Key focus areas & progress tracking well. | 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 |

| 3 WATERS | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--|-----|
| Bluebay Water system upgrade LTP Project carried | 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% |
| Tuairua Water Loss Management plan. | Strategic Planning | Resilience | Investigative | High | Low | Annual Water Balance for all schemes to be run in conjunction with Annual Plan reporting | 5% |
| Water intake pipeline relocation. | Capital | Replacement | Investigative | High | Considerable | The Opus report is complete. Report to Infrastructure Committee planned for August. | TBC |
| Tuairua water chlorination LTP Project carried | Capital | Compliance | Investigative | Considerable | Low | Consider public consultation meeting headed by CEO Budget approved 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 |

Finance & Corporate Support

[Annual Report](#)

Interim audit completed with no significant concerns, activity running to schedule.

[Annual Plan 2019-20](#)

The group represented Council at every public engagement session.

[Staff](#)

- ❖ A preferred candidate has been identified for the vacant cashier / creditor clerk position and an offer of employment made.
- ❖ Council's Senior Rates Officer, David Doole, has been invited to present and host a technical discussion at the 2020 ALGRNZ (Association of Local Government Rating New Zealand) rating practitioners' seminar. This association exists to develop and promote best practice in rating and revenue management. David's selection therefore recognises his expertise and contribution to the sector.

[Rating Review](#)

We are in early discussions about a collaborative project to investigate alternative rating treatments for homes being used for Air BnB, book a bach, etc.



PŪHORO STEM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP HAWKES BAY REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Partnering for scalable and transformational impact in the
Hawkes Bay Region



Pūhoro STEM Academy

Pūhoro STEM Academy is a **complete** science, technology, engineering and mathematics focused **platform** which raises Māori **STEM achievement** to open up STEM pathways. Pūhoro **connects** its Academy with **scholarships, internships, industry opportunities** and **employment**, which **galvanises** and unleashes untapped **Māori potential**.

Pūhoro seeks to establish a fully integrated service embedded across the Hawkes Bay region to uplift Māori achievement and engagement in STEM related pathways, using Pūhoro as a vehicle for success. Pūhoro currently works with a diverse cross-sector of organisations across Aotearoa whom align in values, principles and purpose. Pūhoro has a comprehensive track record and would like a partnership with regional authorities to align our strategic objectives to advance shared outcomes, and positively disrupt the current narrative around Māori dis-engagement, underachievement, and un-employment in the Hawkes Bay.

Why Pūhoro STEM Academy?

Since the official launch in 2016, Pūhoro has made a major contribution and impact to Māori engagement, achievement, and qualification attainment in Aotearoa New Zealand. Due to the 'whole of whānau, holistic approach' the impact that Pūhoro has had on Rangatahi confidence, resilience, and well-being has been transformational in its impact. Pūhoro is the only programme/Academy of its kind, in the country. Although only three years in operation, Pūhoro has already honed a successful track record which include over 630 Rangatahi (will grow to 800 in 2020) in the Pūhoro STEM Academy to date, and achievement rates in excess of the national average.

Our Track Record

- Over 630 Rangatahi engaged in the Pūhoro STEM Academy across the country
- Engaged with 24 schools and institutions across 4 regions (Manawātū, South Auckland Bay of Plenty and Kapiti) with a further 45 on the waiting list. (We have just opened Canterbury region which will bring an additional 100 on in 2020)
- 98% of Pūhoro Rangatahi achieved NCEA science achievement standards (over 50% completed with merit and excellence)
- 67% of Rangatahi were not on an academic pathway prior to Pūhoro
- High overall pass rates in STEM for Pūhoro students in 2018 – Y11 95%, Y12 100%, Y13 98% (Higher than national average)
- Increased Rangatahi engagement in STEM by supporting 87% of Rangatahi into tertiary programmes (at degree level) with 9% moving into apprenticeships and employment (2018 first graduating cohort).
- The cost benefit analysis reported by ESR suggests that the net potential economic benefits of the Pūhoro Academy is \$13,380,000 to date.
- For every \$1 put in to the Pūhoro STEM Academy, it will return \$37 to the economy. External report conducted based on treasury methodologies.

What we intend to address

Despite NZ being a first world country, our system is like a leaky pipeline that bleeds Māori potential at an alarming and unsustainable rate. Many young Māori are failing within the system to engage, achieve or attain sustainable qualifications, limiting their future options, income and opportunities. This creates both social and economic harms for Māori to be active participants within our wider society. The need for Pūhoro STEM Academy is critical to the future success of Rangatahi Māori in the national economy, and most importantly the regional economy in the Hawkes Bay.

National context

- Currently Māori make up only 2% of the STEM workforce, where a large proportion of the 2% of Māori engaged in that sector consists of Māori in low-income jobs.
- The Māori achievement gap is 20% lower in comparison to non-Māori
- Only 8% of Māori are going into STEM related pathways at school, despite the trends informing the future of work and the need for a STEM component.

Changing demographics at a national level

- Māori and Pasifika will make up over 50% of the workforce population by 2050
- Māori will make up over 30% of the population by 2038

"The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) show that 30,000 workers are estimated to retire between 2014-2020, with this number rising to 46,000 between 2020 - 2025. Māori are a younger and fast-growing sector of the population, so how we prepare them for the future to be active participants in a high value economy is critical to the future growth of our country and our regions"

Hawkes Bay Regional context

- The median salary for working Māori is \$5000 less than non-Māori in the region
- More than 50% of working Māori population hold Level 1 Certificate or no qualification at all
- **1/3 of Rangatahi leave school in the Hawkes Bay without NCEA level 1**
- Only 899 Māori school leavers attain a NCEA level 2 qualification or above
- **22% of Rangatahi are Not Employment Education or Training (NEET). This demonstrates Māori are dis-engaged from the system (Has increased from 16.1 since 2013)**
- **40% of Rangatahi are in whānau where the benefit is the main source of income**
- Only 800 Māori in the Hawkes Bay hold a level 7 qualification or higher
- The median income levels for Māori whānau in the region is at \$28k (which is significantly below the national income level rate of \$35k) representing over 30% of the regional population
- **Māori unemployment rate in the region is at 11.7% (Compared to the National unemployment rate of 3.9%)**

Currently Hawkes Bay is a rated score of 55.4 in the overall indicator for economic output (income and earnings) against the rest of NZ (74.1). Closer to 100 indicates better rated well-being.

Changing demographics at a Regional level

- The Māori youth population in the Hawkes Bay makes up 26,000- 33,000 of the population with the largest cohort of Māori population being between 0 – 14 years. Māori make up 33% of the Hawkes Bay population and this is steadily increasing by 2.8% a year.

The labour market and the future of work

The labour market is constantly evolving, and many of the major drivers of transformation currently affecting global technological advances are expected to significantly impact jobs, particularly low-skilled labour, where most of our regional Māori workforce are currently employed. One example of this is the Āporo initiative where a machine has been developed to harvest fruit in the Hawkes Bay. This is just one example where disruptive technology is rising to take the place of several elements of human labour.

"Failure to attract a younger and fast-growing Māori population into STEM related, high value careers, not only sets Māori up to fail, and be relegated to low skilled finite labour jobs due to technologic advances, but the risk will only cause harm to the future economy of our region"

Alignment to the Matariki REDS outcomes

Pūhoro STEM Academy aligns both strategically and operational to regional focus priorities outlined in the Matariki REDS Action Plan. These Strategic focus areas are:

- Ara Rau, Hauku nui, Haroo o te Kahu - Improve pathways to, and through to employment
- Whai Rawa – Identify and support business growth

- Pōtikitanga – Promoting greater innovation, productivity and agility.

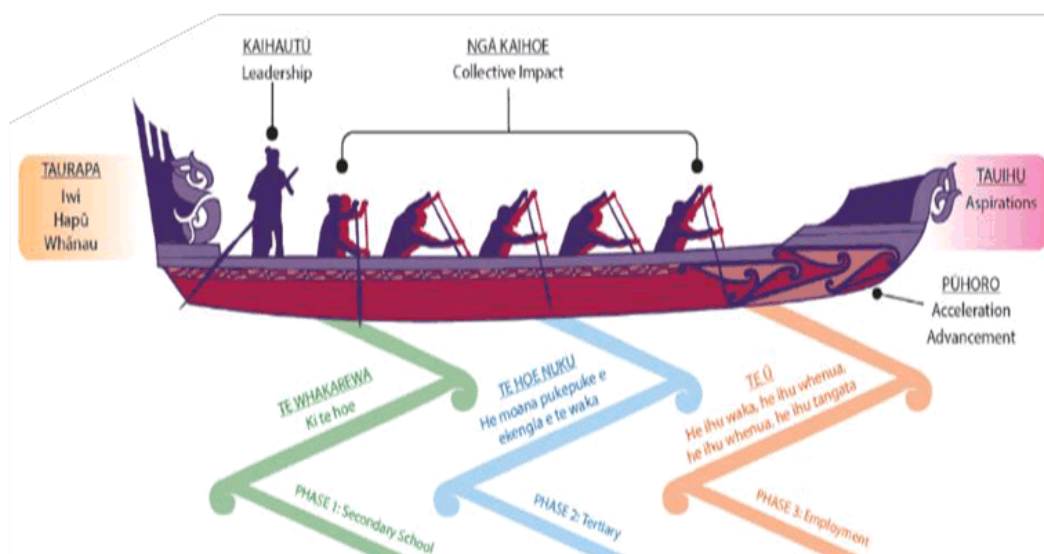
We believe we are but one key vehicle to achieving several action areas and aspirations as outlined in the Matariki REDS Action Plan.

How we expect to disrupt the bell-curve

The principal function of the Pūhoro STEM Academy is to build Māori capability and capacity towards our purpose which is to *advance Māori leadership and capability to deliver a world class STEM community*. This function enables our people to transition into **high value careers in STEM**.

Our foci centres around three distinct but interconnected phases:

- High School Y11-13 (Phase 1)
- Tertiary - scholarship, study and internships (Phase 2)
- Employment - industry and placements (Phase 3)



Pūhoro will seek to partner with selected schools, tertiary organisations and industry employers though out the Region.

- We will look to partner with schools that have high proportion of Maori,
- We will partner with local tertiary institutions and providers that have a range of STEM related programmes and pathways,
- We will partner and develop a STEM ecosystem and network of employers and organisations that we will work closely with to pathways our Rangatahi into.

Our Target groups

Our target groups are Rangatahi Māori who are,

- On the verge, or at risk from disconnecting from school and becoming a NEET,
- Not on an academic pathway,
- Wouldn't usually continue or be engaged in a STEM pathway.

What we will provide and how we will do it

Pūhoro is a system enhancement through outreach activities. We expose Rangatahi to the breadth of careers across the STEM sector, introduces them to role models, and provide whānau, iwi and Rangatahi with 'STEM Navigators' (Kaihautū) to ensure success at a number of levels, through academic achievement, personal development, cultural connection, work readiness, and whānau engagement.

The Pūhoro model is deployed through the following outreach activities:

- Through coordination – Kaihautū will outreach with whānau, schools, tertiary sector, and industry, with a focus on organisations in STEM in the Hawkes Bay
- Weekly STEM tutorials
- Weekly mentoring sessions
- Termly wānanga and Noho Marae focused on STEM innovation
- Whānau STEM expos (This event attracts over a +200 whānau)
- Annual STEM Challenge (focused on Year 9 and 10 students, this attracts over 200+ students from school)
- Pō Whakamana (Graduation nights – to celebrate Māori success)



Projected return on investment over the next 5 years

Pūhoro suggest that the socio-economic return on investment to whānau wealth, health and wellbeing in the Hawkes Bay region would see:

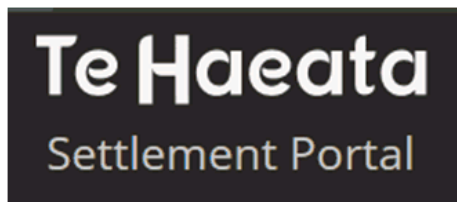
- Increased engagement in education by 70% (current Pūhoro 67%)
- Increased Māori achievement rates in Hawkes Bay on parity with national average, from 24% to 77% in STEM related subjects,
- 80% of Māori leavers achieve NCEA level 3 and transition into STEM related career pathways, prepared with the skills to succeed,
- Pūhoro engagement of around 1500 Rangatahi over the next 5 years. (250 Rangatahi per year),
- Engagement with 5000 whānau members exposing them to STEM pathways,
- Rangatahi will achieve 20% above the national achievement rate in STEM-related subjects,
- Up to 10 schools and tertiary level institutions will be engaged,
- An employment network of over 30 STEM-related organisations will be developed in the Hawkes Bay Region,
- Increased whānau income levels,
- Decrease in NEETS and truancy with the Hawkes Bay Region.

The Pūhoro STEM Academy will seek to disrupt the prevailing narrative and change the bell curve for Rangatahi education achievement and employment in the Hawkes Bay Region. Failure to intervene now will not only enhance the prevailing narrative and declining bell curve, but also will cause economic harm to a region where the future backbone of the economy and major tax paying workforce will be Māori.

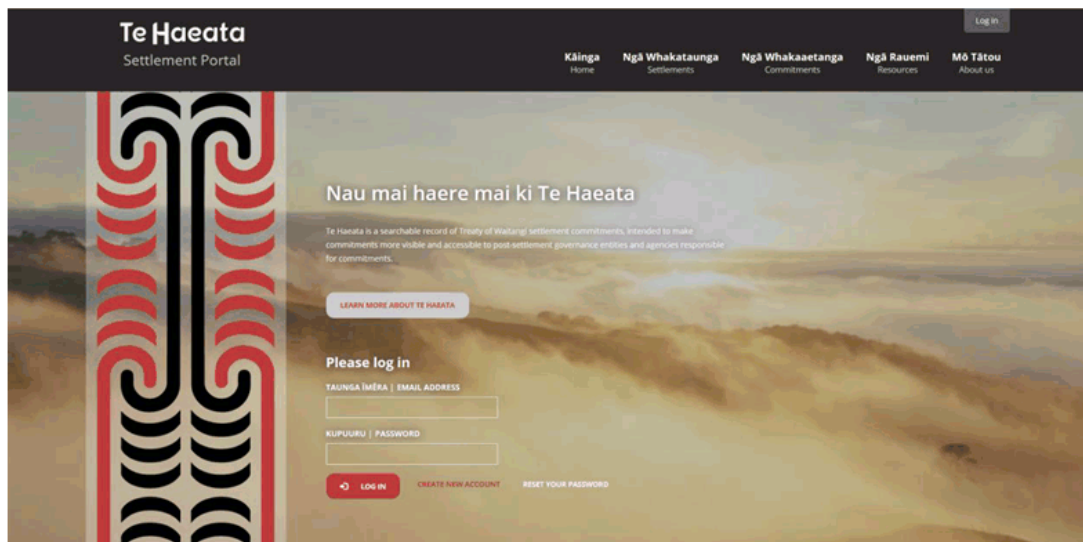
What we sought

Overall, we sought to raise \$200,000 per annum to seed and assist Pūhoro STEM Academy regional operations over the next 5 years. We believe a collaborative and collective approach is key to enhancing impact within the region.

| What is sought from Regional Authority | COST |
|--|---|
| Endorsement of Pūhoro STEM Academy | \$25,000 each per annum |
| Regional Strategic Partnership | |
| 5 Internships each (We will work with partners to identify potential Rangatahi) | \$ Internship TBC |
| What Pūhoro STEM Academy will ensure: | |
| Annual Regional Report (Reporting back on socio economic impact) | \$20,000 cost for printing and design |
| Each organisation can report back on the regional outcomes in its totality, and against its investment to stakeholders, beneficiaries, shareholders. I.e. \$25k investment returned xx, xx, xx. <i>*Dependent on full multi-lateral partnership agreement and total investment.</i> | Cannot be put in \$ terms as the economic return on investment and public good outcomes is in excess of \$ |
| Branding in Annual Report that is distributed out to schools, institutions, stakeholders, industry and media channels (over 50 organisations country wide) | \$10,000 cost for printing and design split by 4 regions |
| Regional launch and announcement of Pūhoro STEM Academy partnership | \$2,000 to ensure set up, comms, alongside channel distribution. This does not include return on PR and branding. |
| Seat on the Pūhoro regional advisory group | |



New user help guide



How to create new account

1. Go to www.tehaeata.govt.nz
2. Click 'create new account' and complete required fields.
3. You will receive an email. Follow the link to activate your account.
4. Log in to your account.

Search commitments across settlements

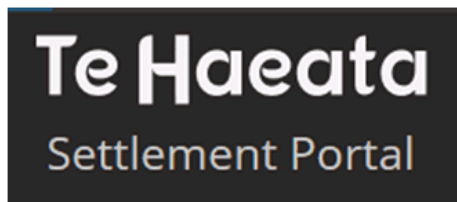
1. Login to Te Haeata – the Settlement Portal www.tehaeata.govt.nz
2. On the homepage, click 'Ngā Whakaaetanga Commitments.'
3. Use the dropdown menus to select filters to search across all the settlements in Te Haeata.
4. And/or use a keyword search. You can use 'exact match' for more specific results.
5. View the glossary via the link in the footer to learn more about the commitment types.

Search commitments within settlements

6. Login to Te Haeata – the Settlement Portal www.tehaeata.govt.nz
7. On the homepage, use the dropdown menu to select a settlement.
8. On the settlement page, click tab 'commitments for this settlement.'
9. Use the dropdown menus to select filters and/or enter keyword.

Contact us at tehaeata@tearawhiti.govt.nz with any questions or feedback





Key messages

A fundamental aspect of settlement durability is the Crown understanding and meeting its Treaty settlement commitments. As Treaty settlements progress, the number of commitments continues to grow.

Te Haeata is an online database that records commitments made in deeds of settlement and settlement legislation. It enables you to more easily search and view Treaty settlement commitments.

As at 28 June 2019, Te Haeata includes 47 (of over 70) legislated settlements. The remainder will be uploaded by December 2019.

Not all the information from deeds and legislation will be captured – commitments are generally considered to be clauses where the Crown “will” or “must” do a certain action.

Te Haeata does not monitor or track implementation of commitments. The onus is on commitment holders to be responsible for their own commitments.

We have recorded commitments where commitment holders ‘will’ or ‘must’ do something. Many of these commitments have taken place on or by settlement date while others are ongoing.

Te Haeata displays an area of interest map for each settlement. Additional maps may be added in the future.

Te Haeata is not publicly available. Only representatives of organisations with Treaty settlement commitments may register.

Te Kāhui Whakamana can provide a demonstration of Te Haeata to your staff. Please contact us at tehaeata@tearawhiti.govt.nz



Tuia 250 Mahia

Summary



In 2019, Aotearoa New Zealand will acknowledge 250 years since the first onshore meetings between Māori and Europeans. Tuia – Encounters 250 (Tuia 250) is the national commemoration that recognises this milestone in our history.

The Tuia 250 Voyage will see a flotilla of vessels, including waka hourua, va'a tipaerua, heritage vessels and their crews voyaging to and engaging communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The Tuia 250 Voyage will promote the exceptional feats of Pacific, Māori and European voyaging that brought us together, while providing an opportunity to reflect on our complex history of migration and settlement, and a platform for us to think about how we navigate the future together.

The Tuia 250 Voyage will start in October 2019 on the Tairawhiti in Whangaparaoa and Turanga, circumnavigate Aotearoa and finish at Mahia in December.

Only 3 Waka hourua will be coming to Mahia in December



Waka Hourua Voyage



Saturday, 14-Dec-19

- Waka Hourua arrive at Waikawa from Christchurch

Sunday, 15-Dec-19

- Waka Hourua arrival at Mahia Beach, Te Whanga-ō-Ruawharo.
- Tuia 250 Festival Begins (Public Event) at Mahia Beach

Monday, 16-Dec-19

- Waka Hourua sails from Mahia Beach to Taiwānanga.
- wananga at sea on the Waka Hourua at Taiwananga.

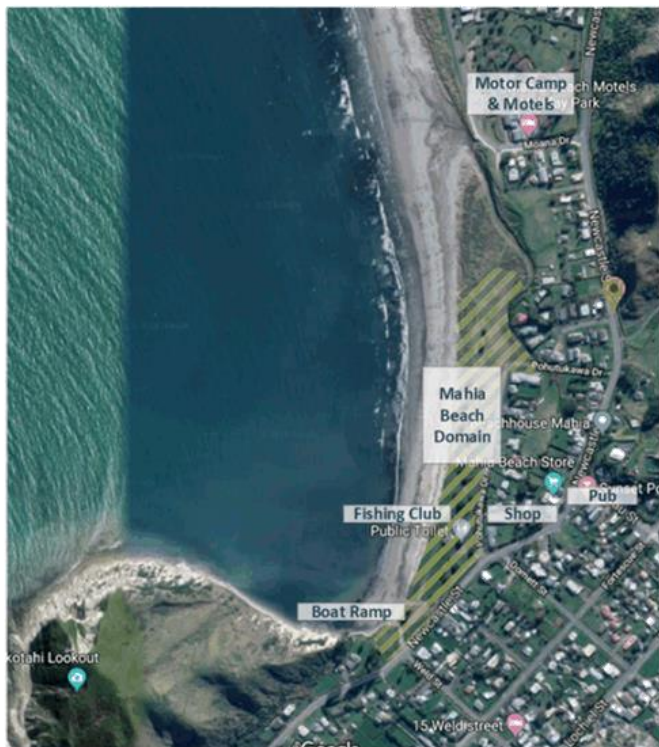
Tuesday, 17-Dec-19

- Tuia 250 Whakakapinga at Tuahuru Marae

Wednesday, 18-Dec-19

- Waka hourua depart Nukutaurua for Tauranga

Tuia 250 Festival



The Waka Festival will be a public event to celebrate Maori and Pacific Voyaging traditions, and to welcome the 3x Waka Hourua to Mahia.

Key information:

- Waka Hourua will arrive the morning of Sunday.
- Haka Powhiri on the beach at Mahia Beach, and then the Waka Crew will be transported to Ruawharo for a formal Haka Powhiri.
- An informal relaxed event.
- Public Festival will continue at the Mahia Beach domain.
- Live Entertainment
- Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free
- Beach Fun and Games
- Waka Taurua regatta

Tuia 250 Whakakapinga

On Tuesday, 17-Dec, an Official closing ceremony for the entire Tuia 250 kaupapa will be hosted at Tuahuru Marae.

In line with Tikanga Māori this will be a formal event.

Key information:

- 3x Waka Hourua will land at the Whangawehi
- Official Powhiri for Waka Crew and Manuhiri at Tuahuru Marae
- Karakia hei whakakapi i te kaupapa.
- Invitations will be sent to Tuia 250 participants
- Dignitaries and VIPs will be in attendance
- There will be a celebration Dinner



Governance



A steering Committee has been established to oversee all aspects of governance for the Tuia 250 Mahia.

The Steering committee members are:

- Paul Ratapu (Mahia Māori Committee & Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust)
- Duane Culshaw (Wairoa District Council)
- Nathan Heath (HB Regional Council)
- Ropata Ainsley (Ministry of Culture and Heritage)

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WDC Māori Standing Committee Meeting – 8 August 2019
Hawke's Bay Regional Council Update
Nathan Heath – Catchment Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)

1. There has been a lot happening at Mahia-mai-Tawhiti over the last few weeks, I wish the whānau well with all the issues they are dealing with at present. I provided a brief update to the Mahia Māori Committee meeting on Sunday, 28 July on the Rocket Lab consent application for additional stormwater discharge. On Monday, 22 July, a person was photographed dumping liquid at the Opoutama lookout. I did follow this up with our pollution response team who contacted the company in question and asked them to explain – the response given was that it was just unchlorinated water, they were given instructions (and a good lesson) on how to dispose of this properly in the future. However, it is concerning at how quickly things escalated on social media for both of these issues getting to quite a vitriolic state unfortunately. I urge anyone in the future to contact HBRC directly if they see anyone doing this sort of thing. We do have a Pollution Response team who can be contacted 24 hours a day on 0800 108 838.



2. I look forward to the presentation from Paul Ratapu to the MSC hui around the preparations for the Tuia 250 Mahia event planned for Mahia 14-18 December. Both Duane and I are on the Steering Committee to support this kaupapa. Much credit should go to Paul for all the hard mahi he has put in to get to the preparations to where they currently are.
3. I met with Kuki Green from Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust (NPDT) a fortnight ago with regards to gravel being removed from the Mohaka River outside of the consent specifications and agreement between HBRC and NPDT. I have taken this issue to Pieri Munro (HBRC Te Pou Whakarae) and asked if someone from Pieri's team could liaise with Kuki to seek a resolution to this issue. Through the kōrero with Kuki my impression is that these issues could quite easily be resolved and prevented in the future with a bit of kōrero between the parties concerned and following the protocols that NPDT have put in place.
4. Duane and I are currently working with both Whakakāi and Iwitea marae to have a Cultural Impact Assessment of where the Freshwater Improvement Funds on-ground works are to occur to ensure the appropriate tikanga is followed and areas of wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga are protected and avoided. There is still some further negotiation required at the time of preparing this report to formalise this work.

5. I have employed a consultant, Willie Smith (a retired Associate Professor in Geography from Auckland University), to undertake a review and investigation into the wider Wairoa communities concerns around the impacts of afforestation on community wellbeing and the local economy. Willie has already discussed this with a number of people locally and is keen to seek feedback from the MSC as well on this issue. The intent of the report is to accurately highlight what the communities concerns are, look for evidence that might support those concerns and present it in a report that can be provided to both HBRC and Central Government.
6. Unfortunately the Putere Lakes community day proposed for the Wednesday, 24 July, was postponed at the last minutes. I look forward to hearing when this will be rescheduled.

Nāku, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nāku, nā'.

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee
Chairman's Report
Kiwa Hammond
Thursday, 8 August 2019

Maia e te tipua, maia e te tawhito, maia e te kāhui o ngā ariki, maia e tāwhiwhi atu ki ngā atua o te ao tūroa. Mai i runga ki raro, mai i raro ki runga. Whakamaua ki roto, whakamaua ki waho, whakamaua kia tina! Tina! Hui e! Tāiki e!

It is my pleasure to present this Chairman's report for July 2019 with reference to early-August 2019 (up to and including this Māori Standing Committee meeting, Thursday 8 August 2019).

First, congratulations to the MSC for the running of the last MSC meeting at our principal marae, Takitimu-Waihirere-Sir James Carroll Memorial. By all accounts it was a highly positive hui and very successful from a community viewpoint. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou e ngā ringa me ngā waewae o te kōmiti Māori o Te Kaunihera o Te Wairoa.

Over the period this report covers, in my role as MSC Chairman I was required to attend various meetings and events as requested or required by WDC. These include:

- Te Hononga o Ngā Awa (Tātau Tātau Kāhui) (20/07/19)
- BERL Economic Feasibility Meeting re Gisborne-Wairoa Railway Line (22/07/19)
- WDC Ordinary Meeting (23/07/19)
- Provincial Growth Fund Officials Meeting (30/07/19)
- MSC Meeting (08/08/19)
- GNS Subduction Science Workshop (Wairoa Community Resilience) (08/08/19).

Te Hononga o Ngā Awa (THONA) - Tātau Tātau Kāhui – Saturday 20 July 2019: This meeting was hosted at Pūtahi Marae, Frasertown, with representation of the marae that have elected to be part of the THONA (Te Hononga o Ngā Awa) kāhui or collective as part of the Iwi and Hapū of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Settlement: Erepeti, Te Reinga, Waipaoa, Aranui, Pūtahi, Hinemihi.

As kāhui such as these go through the process (if they have not already) of implementing their own separate Trust deeds and formulating policies and procedures that are effective, transparent, authentic and responsive. They will increasingly be looking toward bodies such as MSC to discuss key issues of important to their beneficiaries which will invariably include matters that are important to many ratepayers in those kāhui. As mentioned in a previous Chairman's report the MSC takiwā of Ruakituri, Te Wairoa Hōpūpū, and Te Wairoa Hōngenengene are most closely associated with the THONA cluster.

BERL Economic Feasibility Meeting re Gisborne-Wairoa Railway Line – Monday 22 July 2019: Myself and several other WDC elected members and non-elected officials were recently part of a series of meetings or interviews where we were asked our views on the viability and opportunities that we foresee emerging from any potential re-opening of the Wairoa-Gisborne railway line. As MSC members will be aware several years ago that stretch of track was closed indefinitely due to major slips and washouts caused by significant weather events. While this has encouraged the exploration of other uses for those lines – mostly in the area of tourism – the long-held dream of many people has been the reinstitution of the lines as fully operational railway lines once again carrying freight and passengers between Gisborne-Wairoa-Napier. Some of us experienced a nostalgic taste of this just two months ago with the grand re-opening of the Napier-Wairoa line. It will be interesting to see the outcome of the BERL led research to see if it matches the appetite of KiwiRail and their promise to bring the rail lines alive again.

WDC Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 23 July 2019: One matter that arose from this meeting was the results of the latest Communitrak Survey¹. One statistic in particular caught my eye as follows: (Page 139) ii. Council's Level of Consultation with Māori In The District

Overall

- 23% of residents think that the Council's level of consultation with Māori is more than enough (18% in 2018), while 40% think it is enough (48% in 2018).
- 22% feel there is not enough/nowhere near enough consultation, and 14% are unable to comment.
- Residents more likely to think the Council's level of consultation with Māori in the District is more than enough/enough are ...
 - NZ European residents,
 - residents aged 45 years or over.

The figures from the survey were gathered from telephone calls to a random sample of 202 Wairoa District residents from households with landlines within the boundaries of the district from a range of age groups. This figure is interesting in that it is arguable whether it is a true reflection of our district. This may require further reflection and discussion.

Provincial Growth Fund: There is still a great deal of talk around the district and wider region about potential projects that may attract PGF investment. The process of identifying and prioritising opportunities and then promoting them through written applications, events, and presentations while working directly with PGF officials is not straightforward. Increasingly there seem to be more hoops for applicants to jump through as they navigate the complexities of bureaucracy and policy. At the time this report was written I was scheduled to meet with PGF officials to further promote and contextualise the WDC led application Te Wairoa E Whanake. Hopefully we will have some positive news to report back to this MSC meeting.

Te Wairoa Reorua Update: As MSC members will already be aware at the last MSC meeting a decision was made for MSC to support attendance of the upcoming Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Language Symposium – Te Reo ki Tua (29-30 August). Prior to this MSC meeting another reo Māori event took place here in Te Wairoa on Wednesday 31 July, that being a Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Commission supported initiative to mark 2019 as The Year of Indigenous Languages: Raranga Tahi 2019.

This Hui Rangatahi is one of seven regional hui that will lead up to a National Rangatahi Summit in December 2019. Run by Mokowhiti Consultants, these events invite all rangatahi Māori and non-Māori who are aged between 13-18 years old to participate. These hui are about te reo Māori and tie in with two important events: The Maihi Karauna (Crown's Strategy to revitalise the Māori language) and the International Year of Indigenous Languages. At the time this report was submitted the Wairoa event was in progress at the War Memorial Hall. Thus, I will provide more feedback on this event at today's MSC meeting.

Another event which took place in our district recently was the Pūkōrero Speech Competitions held at Takitimu-Waihirere and Sir James Carroll Memorial Marae (25/07/19). WDC's own Kitea Tipuna was among the judges who had the difficult task of determining the winners on the day. Needless to say, it was heartening to hear the voices of our tamariki ringing around the whare and resonating through the rafters. E ngā manu kōrihi o te wao, kōrero mai!

¹ Communitrak™ Survey, Public Perceptions and Interpretations of Council Services & Representation, Prepared as Part of The Public Feedback Programme For: Wairoa District Council, March/April 2019. National Research Bureau Ltd PO Box 10118, Mt Eden, Auckland, New Zealand, www.nrb.co.nz

A reminder also to members that Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (9-15 September 2019) is not far away. I would like to encourage the MSC to consider ways that it could show its support for the growth and promotion of te reo Māori in our district and especially through all levels of WDC. Therefore, I invite all members to bring ideas for discussion to this meeting with a view to making a resolution that supports an event or activity to take place during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Nō hea taku reo? Nō te rangi, nō te whenua, nō te wai, nō te hau, nō te rā, nō te taiao e rere nei. Hei whakaputanga iho ki te whāiao, ki te ao mārama – maia e te tipua! Maia e te tawhito! Maia e kāhui o ngā ariki! Maia e! Maia e!

Nāku nei,

Kiwa Hammond

(Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Takiwā)

Chairman, Māori Standing Committee

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

WDC Māori Standing Committee
Rakaipaaka Purongo-a-Takiwa
Henare Mita
Wairoa District Council, Wairoa
Thursday, 8 August 2019

Te Maruata:

On Saturday, 6 July 2019 I, together with Sharon Cooper (Waikaremoana Takiwā), Duane Culshaw (Pouahurea Māori) and Councillor Charles Lambert, had the privilege of attending the Maruata hui, hosted at Waiwhetu Marae, Lower Hutt. Although the weather over that weekend was awful, I would not hesitate in recommending this gathering to any MSC member, nor anyone else interested in Council or Regional Council politics. Maruata members [made up of elected Māori Councillors and selected Māori members of committees] are an enthusiastic group, you have your elder statesmen like Councillor Trevor Maxwell (Rotorua Lakes Council), along with first term newbies like Councillor Bayden Barber (Hastings District Council) and our own Councillor Charles Lambert. Everyone, irrespective of who they were, remained cognisant of the constituency they serve and are answerable to, especially in an election year.



There were several keynote speakers. Nanaia Mahuta as Minister for Local Government and Māori Development, and Associate Minister for Trade and Growth, Housing (Māori Housing) and Environment, delivered a well-received speech, which gave rise to a lengthy Q & A session. Not really a fan of Minister Mahuta beforehand, her presentation impressed me a lot and it seems to me that marriage and a young child has had positive spin-offs for her as a person. Minister Mahuta was followed by LGNZ President and Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull, who introduced me to a new political term, called 'localism'. A determination to turn the present local government model on its head to enhance constituency participation and influence; constituency political empowerment. Despite Mayor Cull's obvious enthusiasm though, I could not help but feel sceptical about his presentation. Theoretically, 'localism' sounds wonderful, but those who wield political influence, are generally not prone to relinquishing such influence. That is my real fear. I would be ecstatic, if Mayor Cull could prove me wrong.

There were other terrific speakers who raised many important issues, but one feature that stood out for me, was how fortunate we are in Wairoa. Councillor Barber in his whaikorero, spoke about often feeling like a lone voice, a lone Māori voice amongst his fellow Councillors at the Hastings District Council. Prior to morning tea, he reminded some of us that Councillor Apiata Tapine, was the first Māori to ever win a seat on the Napier City Council.



We would learn too, that a Manawatu District Council attendee was the first Māori Councillor they had had, in over a hundred years. We contrast this to our own situation here in Wairoa, and we can see how different it is for us. Wairoa for example has had a Māori Mayor, we are not strangers to being served by Māori councillors, and we have even had Māori Wards in the past. Presently we are served by three Māori Councillors, we have a Māori Standing Committee where our Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are encouraged to sit at the Council table. We have a Council in fact, that consults and engages whānau, hapū and iwi representatives on a regular basis. For the upcoming local government elections, Wairoa has opted again for Māori Wards. So politically, Māori constituents within the greater Wairoa electorate, occupy a very influential space.



Herein lies the significant difference between Wairoa and other Council districts. Māori comprise 60% of the Wairoa voting electorate, which is a huge political base from which to work from. Moreover, electoral figures from the last local government elections, show that Wairoa rated second overall in terms of electoral voter participation, which is an incredible result, one we should be very proud of and one that we must seek to replicate or exceed. Our upcoming local government elections are pivotal if we wish to continue the type of Māori representation Wairoa enjoys.

Resource Consent Application:

As the Rakaipaaka takiwā MSC representative, the Pouahurea Māori invited me to accompany him and Hinetaakoha Viriaere (Senior Planner) to a site visit with Nuhaka farmer Rex McIntyre, of Clonkeen Farm. Mr McIntyre is seeking to renew a resource consent for the continued extraction of limestone from his quarry. I was there purely as an observer, and in no way did I have any input, regarding his application. In truth, this was no small favour, as I would be privy to some sensitive information. Prior to the meeting, Hine and Duane undertook a review of the original application, Duane acting as a sounding board while Hine shared details about volume of extraction and environmental parameters, governing the consent. Satisfied with their review, we set off for Clonkeen and after a warm welcome from Rex, he along with Hine, drove off to his quarry with Duane and me, following behind.



As the District Planner, it was important for Hine to engage Rex one-on-one. They maintained a relaxed demeanour while exercising the necessary due diligence. Rex was a hospitable host who presented his case in a very persuasive manner. All-in-all, the meeting took about two hours, with constant back and forth from both sides. Some of it more about Clonkeen in general, rather than his consent application. The quarry itself looks across to Moumoukai and because it was such a beautiful day, we were able to make out Panekire to one side, and to the other we enjoyed a panoramic view of the Wharerata Forestry, Nuhaka and Mahia. We ended the meeting at his home, where his lovely wife Anne played host.

March Against Methamphetamine (P):

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 'March Against P' on Tuesday, 23 July 2019. A special vote of thanks to organisers like Wiki Hauraki, Ngaire Culshaw and other concerned grandparents, distraught about the terrible impact methamphetamine 'P' is having on our community. The alarm was obvious to hear as they pleaded for help to combat this scourge. It was great to see some of our Councillors, along with our CEO Steven May and His Worship the Mayor Craig Little. Thank you also to the police who ensured everyone's safety. The march commenced at the Wairoa Taiwhenua, crossed over the Wairoa bridge, moved along Marine Parade and paused outside the library where various speakers shared their thoughts and aspirations. Some marchers dispersed at this point while others proceeded to the Gaiety Theatre, to watch a sobering documentary about 'P' in New Zealand. It became all too clear that this is going to be a long, arduous battle against methamphetamine 'P' and those distributing it.



Marchers crossing the Wairoa bridge



Wiki Hauraki addressing marchers



Concerned grandfather sharing his thoughts



Deputy Mayor speaking, His Worship listening