



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

**Date:** Thursday, 20 August 2020  
**Time:** 12.30pm  
**Location:** Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,  
Coronation Square, Wairoa

# **AGENDA**

## **Māori Standing Committee Meeting**

**20 August 2020**

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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 15.1 requests to speak must be made to the Chief Executive Officer at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting - 28 May 2020

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL, QUEEN STREET, WAIROA  
ON THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2020 AT 12.30PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Jeremy Harker, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Mrs Here Nissen (Came in at 1.20pm), Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mrs Fiona Wairau

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steven May (Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer via Zoom), Kitea Tipuna (Pouwhakarae – Hapori/Whakatūtaki Group Manager Community and Engagement), Kimberley Tuapawa (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), Rachel Dossor (Vision Projects), Kylie Bradley (Kaiarataki Whare Pukapuka/Library Services Team Leader), Ross Harrison-Snow (Kaiurungi Pūranga/Archivist), Simon Mutohori (Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Kiritaki/Customer Service Manager-Regulatory), Luke Knight (Kaiwhakahaere Rawa/Property Manager), Gay Waikawa (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi/Governance Officer), Tyler Trafford-Misson (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi/Governance Officer)

**1 KARAKIA**

Karakia was given by Kiwa Hammond. The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting through this COVID-19 period.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A presentation was given by Kimberley Tuapawa  
Here Nissen came in at 1.20pm.

**8 GENERAL ITEMS****8.1 TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/129**

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That Committee that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

**CARRIED**

The Pouahurea Maori Relationships Manager presented his report and reported on Informational Updates being Client Service Request, Re-appointment of CEO, MSC Terms of Reference, Patangata bridge and Three Water Review.

The Pouahurea Maori Relationships Manager also reported on COVID-19 Informational, Wairoa Centennial Library Project Informational, Other Council Projects Informational being Blue Bay Road Stopping, Vandalism and Recycling Centre, Proposed District Plan Review Informational and Rating of Whenua Maori Rating Amendment Bill Submission

Sharon Cooper left at 2.09pm.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/130**

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Maori Standing Committee accept the HBRC, Chairperson, written and verbal reports.

**CARRIED**

The HBRC Area Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay), Mr Nathan Heath presented his report and reported on supporting the CDEM response, Wairoa Office hour, Whakaki Freshwater Improvement Fund and Whakaki Catchment Pilot funded through MBIE, delivery of services, Hine Rauiri Stream, Mahanga and the Wairoa River mouth.

Written takiwa report received from:

- Rakaipaaka
- Matangirau

Verbal update received from:

- Ngati Pahauwera
- Mahia mai Tawhiti
- Ruakituri

Theresa Thornton left at 3.05pm.

**The Meeting closed at 3.30pm with a karakia by Kiwa Hammond.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2020.**



## 8 GENERAL ITEMS

### 8.1 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO

**Author:** Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

**Authoriser:** Steven May, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer

**Appendices:**

1. Blue Bay Dump Station Press Release - July 2020 [↓](#)
2. Maori Community Presentation - July 2020 [↓](#)
3. Stormwater Consent Brief - July 2020 [↓](#)
4. HBRC Update Report - July 2020 [↓](#)
5. Chairmans Report - July 2020 [↓](#)
6. Rakaipaaka Takiwa Report - July 2020 [↓](#)
7. Waikaremoana Takiwa Report - July 2020 [↓](#)

#### 1. PURPOSE

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### 2. HE PĀNUI MŌ TE URUTĀ KORONA ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT COVID-19

- 2.1 At the time this report was submitted, the New Zealand Government announced that four cases of COVID-19 had been diagnosed in Auckland. As a result Auckland shifted to Alert Level 3 effective midday, 12 August 2020 until midnight Friday, 14 August 2020. The remainder of the country shifted to Alert Level 2.
- 2.2 By the time of the scheduled Māori Standing Committee ordinary meeting on Thursday, 20 August 2020, the situation might have evolved rapidly in one direction or another. Please remain vigilant and be prepared for what may or may not eventuate. We are being reminded that as a country, a team of 5 million, we have been here before and we know what needs to be done.
- 2.3 It remains uncertain, at this time, what implications this may have on the Wairoa District Council and its associated committees and Council staff. We will endeavour to keep everyone informed as things unfold.
- 2.4 Finally, this latest announcement was unexpected in its timing, but expected in its probability. As a forward thinking community, we reiterate lets us remain vigilant, look after each other, check in on each other now and again, and if you are feeling ill or under the weather, please contact the health professionals immediately.
- 2.5 Kaue e hoki i te waewae tūtuki, apānō mā te upoko pakaru, arā, ko te upoko o te urutā korona! Mauri ora! *Let us not be impeded by a minor inconvenience, but rather lets us be fully committed to the fight and eliminate COVID-19 once and for all.*

### 3. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 3.1 Te ara i whanatu ai rā, pū rākau e tū mai nei e piki ki runga kia mārama ahau, kei raro ko Te Matau (a Māui), te whakatikanga ake ki runga rā, ka titiwha te rehu tai te ara i whanatu ai rā. Ko te kura ki ahau, hei tohu noa ake ki te kura i te rehu tai. Te whakawhiti o te rā, te whakaāio whenua. Hoki muri mai au ki te iwi te ara i whanatu ai rā.
- 3.2 Ko ngā kupu i runga rā, nā Tuirina Wehi i tito (nō Whakakī, ko ia te tamāhine a Angela Smith, te mokopuna hoki a Naina Buxton). He waiata tautoko tēnei ki a mātau ko ngā kaiārahi Māori i tērā Kaunihera, i tērā Kaunihera puta noa o Te Matau a Māui. He tūmomo karakia hoki tēnei. E ai ki tōna māramatanga ki a mātau, *‘Ko te āhuatanga o te waiata nei hei whakarereanga ki ā tātau tīpuna e wehi ana. Ko te whakarereanga kia hoki muri ai ki tā tātau taiao, arā ko Te Matau a Māui. Ka kawe atu te waiata nei ki runga ake i ngā rākau kia tirohia ki te mātārae o Te Matau a Māui. Ko te kupu ‘kura’ he kupu whakarite ki ngā mahi kia whakatūtataki ai.’*
- 3.3 On the path most travelled, behold the grove of trees I ascend that I may see clearly, below is Hawkes Bay, and as I arise to go forth, a light shines through the sea spray upon the path of the myriads. I retain this plume, as a symbol of the legacy beyond the spray of the sea. Causing the sun to shine and spreading peace over the land. I return to the people upon the trodden path.
- 3.4 The above words were composed by Tuirina Wehi (the daughter of Angela Smith and the granddaughter of Naina Buxton). This is a supporting song for the Māori Advisors of the Councils through Hawke’s Bay. It is also a type of incantation. According to her explanation to us, *‘This song highlights the legacy of our loved ones gone, the legacy that sees health return to our beautiful environment, Hawke’s Bay. This waiata takes us on a journey above the trees taking in the Hawke’s Bay panorama. The ‘kura’ is a metaphor for the work we have yet to fulfil.’*

### 4. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1 This is an update from the previous minutes (May 2020) of the Māori Standing Committee (MSC).
- 4.2 **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***).
- 4.3 **MSC Terms of Reference** – at the Council ordinary meeting, the Council resolved to extend the tenure of the current Māori Standing Committee until 31 December 2020.
- 4.4 **Pātangata Bridge** – everything is tracking well for this project. The easement has been agreed to, the workers were welcomed to the district by the hau kāinga on Monday, 3 August 2020 at Whakakī marae. Work has started on site to strengthen the current bridge before construction of the new bridge is undertaken. We have also commissioned the production of a cultural impact assessment, which is being undertaken by Whakakī Marae Trust.

- 4.5 **Nuhaka River Road** – as with the above project, the Nuhaka River Road is also progressing well. An ecological impact assessment is yet to be completed, whilst we have received the final draft of the cultural impact assessment, completed by Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust. Work has commenced on site and we look forward to working with tangata whenua.
- 4.6 **Three Waters Review** – many thanks to members of the Māori Standing Committee and elected members of Council who attended the first workshop for the Hawke's Bay Three Waters review completed by Morrison and Low. At the time of writing this report, the second workshop would have been completed on Wednesday, 19 August 2020.
- 4.7 There will be a region-wide workshop for all Council's, including elected members, Māori committee members and Council staff on Friday, 4 September 2020 in Napier.
- 4.8 **Blue Bay Waste Dump Station** – a Wairoa Star article (July 2020) – see Appendix – made reference that the waste dump station that was installed late last year (2019) was been temporarily disconnected whilst the Council apply for a variation of consent through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 4.9 Hau kāinga of Ōpoutama will be making a presentation to the Committee at this upcoming ordinary meeting (20 August 2020).
- 4.10 **District Plan Review** – on Tuesday, 28 July the Customer Service Manager – Regulatory and the Pouahurea Māori attended a Council workshop to present an overview of the upcoming District Plan Review. We also met with the Senior Leadership Team to strategise about the project plan, which includes iwi engagement.
- 4.11 Our intent is to keep the Māori Standing Committee informed along the way.
- 4.12 As part of our presentation to Council, we included a discussion around 'Who is our Māori Community', which is attached to the Appendix of this report.
- 4.13 **Wairoa Centennial Library and CBD Project Update** – things are progress well with these two projects. A draft cultural and heritage assessment has been completed and the Pouahurea Māori and Vision Projects met with the authors on Tuesday, 18 August 2020.
- 4.14 **Māhia Recycling Centre** – the Pouahurea Māori will give a verbal update on this project during the meeting.

## 5. STORMWATER CONSENT (INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSIONAL)

- 5.1 The Pouahurea Māori recently met with Grey Wilson (Good Earth Matters Consultancy) to discuss the WDC Stormwater Consent Application.
- 5.2 We have invited Grey and Karen Akuhata (WDC Utilities Manager) to the meeting to discuss further. We have also included a one page brief in the Appendix.

## 6. CULTURAL TOOLKIT APP (INFORMATIONAL)

- 6.1 The Māori specialist team in each of the five Councils and the Eastern Police District have formed Te Kupenga, an inter-council network that transcends functional difference to find efficient and effective ways to work as one, to share information and knowledge, to pool limited resources for economy of scale and to support each other.

- 6.2 Mobile technology combined with digital network connectivity is now a common place tool with NGO's, government agencies and local government as a means to support staff to acquire the basic tools for engaging and consulting with tangata whenua, an understanding of Treaty of Waitangi principles and their significance through different legislation, functional use of te reo Māori, comprehension and appreciation of cultural protocols and how these could be applied within the workplace.
- 6.3 Te Kupenga has undertaken research into the cultural application of a digital app and is working with Kiwa Digital to produce this cultural application. Te Kupenga have concluded that much merit and indeed urgency to avail these tools widely to Council staff across Te Matau a Māui. The central and guiding goal is for all staff to be responsive and proactive with Treaty principles in our business, growing our staff to have absolute comfort and confidence in their engagement with tangata whenua.
- 6.4 Production of this app is progressing really well and we are hoping to official launch this resource the week after te wiki o te reo Māori.

## **7. NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD – USE OF MACRONS (INFORMATIONAL)**

- 7.1 We recently received notification from the New Zealand Geographic Board that our respective Councils are to show macrons in our electronic systems including our Geographical Information System (GIS) software which relates to Māori place names.
- 7.2 This is in light of recent media releases about the perceived lack of consultation done with local Māori. Locally this came to light when it was announced that Māhia is to have a macron, to which Rongomaiwahine indicated that tangata whenua were not consulted.
- 7.3 The Council will not enter into discussion whether we agree or disagree with the decision, suffice to say that we will include macrons as advised.
- 7.4 Needless to say, there are many other place names within the Wairoa district that should have macrons, last year the New Zealand Geographic Board approved that a macron should be included with Mōrere.

## **8. DATACOM PAY ROLL (INFORMATIONAL, DECISIONAL)**

- 8.1 Recently, the Wairoa District Council switched to Datacom Payroll system, which included how the members of the Māori Standing Committee can access information. Our finance team have asked if this committee would like to have a workshop to discuss how to the use the app features and to understand the new system.
- 8.2 Please advise if you would like a workshop.

## 9. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

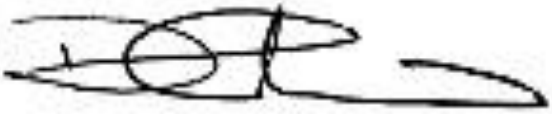

9.1 Ko te manawaroa he taunakitanga o tōu māia. Ka hōatu te kaha kia hiringa, te māia kia matatū, ā, te ngākau titikaha kia anga whakamua. Ko te manawaroa te tūāpapa o tōu āheitanga mōrehurehu ai. He whāngai atu i runga i tōu kahapupuri kia whakaniwha i te whakatara noa atu. He whai painga atu i runga i tōu whakamāramatanga i te mea pono. Hei whakaahu ka aro atu koe tē taea te aha. Ko te manawaroa te āheitanga kia aro atu i te autaia. Ka hōatu te āheitanga kia whakapātaritari i ōu koera. Ka hōatu te aronga kia whakaraupatu i te kōtonga. Ka āhei koe ki te takapapa i te taero me te pahere. Ka whakapakari tōu ake manawaroa ka taea e koe te kī: *‘Kei ahau te kaha ki te mōrehurehu. Kei ahau te matatū ki te whakawhere. Kei ahau te kaha ki te whakaniwha i te whakatara noa atu.’* Ko te manawaroa te āhukahuka atu, ka nui te aroha o tōu whānau māhau, ka nui te tautāwhi o tōu whānau māhau, ka nui te māhaki o tōu whānau māhau. Ka whakapono mātau ki a koe, me whakapono hoki koe ki a koe.

9.2 Fortitude is a testament of your courage. It gives you the strength to preserve, the courage to endure and the confidence to overcome anything. Fortitude lies in the foundation of your will to survive. It is nurtured upon your capacity to resolve any challenge. It is nourished upon what you believe to be real. It develops as you face insurmountable obstacles. Fortitude is the ability to face the unknown. It gives you the ability to confront your fears front on. It gives you the purpose to conquer adversity. It enables you to vanquish weakness and failure. Your fortitude will be bolstered by saying: *‘I have the strength of character to survive. I have the endurance to prevail. I have the stamina to overcome any challenge.’* Fortitude is recognising that your family love you, support you and respect you. We believe in you, you should believe in yourself.

## 10. CONCLUSION

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

### Signatories

	
Author Duane Culshaw	Approved by Steven May

**Opoutama dump station temporarily disconnected – July 2020**

Complaints relating to the Blue Bay Opoutama vehicle waste station has resulted in the dump station being temporarily disconnected.

At the end of last year, the Wairoa District Council installed the vehicle waste station next to the public toilet block at Blue Bay, Opoutama.

Connection of the dump station involved a new single connection to the existing wastewater scheme.

Council had informed the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee of the connection and understood the connection was business as usual and had not applied for a consent variation.

Wairoa District Council chief executive Steven May said the Hawke's Bay Regional Council has now received complaints about the connection and has advised, that while they are happy with the work Council has done, they would like the connection to be added as a variation to the existing consent.

As a result, Wairoa District Council is in the process of legitimising this variation and has disconnected the dump station until it is able to be legitimised.

The temporary disconnection will include the removal of signage and taps.

The self-contained vehicle waste station was installed last year in preparation for the busy Mahia tourism season.

The station, along with an upgrade of Mahia waste management facilities, was part of funding received through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund, which saw the Wairoa District Council receive more than \$200,000 for improvements.

Wairoa District Council chief executive Steven May said because the dump station was funded by the Tourism Infrastructure Fund it was installed at no cost to ratepayers. The funding also included maintenance and operating expenses for two-years.

"In fact, the dump station has reduced ratepayer costs, as before it was installed people would empty their portable toilets into the existing toilet block at Blue Bay which often caused the toilets to become blocked.

"The frequent blocking and smell had been an issue, and now because of a designated dumping station there are less blockages meaning less money spent to remedy an unnecessary problem.

"Mahia's waste and recycling needs have increased over the past few years, and we need to ensure that Council is responding to this increased demand.

"Mahia's population swelled to almost triple over the last summer period and this brings increased pressure on local infrastructure.

"The dump station allows campers in camper vans and caravans to responsibly dispose of their waste and we look forward to completing the necessary variation process and reconnecting the dump station."

# Māori Community

Wairoa District Plan Review 2020





# Māori Community

## Who is our Māori Community?

As a Council, how do we know we are talking to the right Māori community?

In short we do not know – especially if you are not dealing with Māori community on a regular basis.

We often hear words such as ‘whānau’, ‘hapū’, ‘iwi’, ‘mana whenua’, ‘tangata whenua’ and ‘taura here’.

There are other words, such as ‘hau kāinga’, ‘wā kāinga’, ‘māngai’, ‘tūrangawaewae’, ‘mandated iwi authority’, ‘mandated iwi organisation’ and ‘Post Settlement Government Entity (PSGE)’.



# Māori Community

## Who is our Māori Community?

### Iwi

Ngāti Kahungunu

Ngāti Pāhauwera

Ngāi Tūhoe

Ngāti Ruapani

Ngāti Rakaipaaka

Rongomaiwahine

### Post-Treaty Settlement Governance Entities (PSGE) – Treaty Partners

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust

Te Uru Taumatua (Tūhoe)

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust (including Tripartite Agreement and Matangirau Reserve Board)

# Māori Community

## Who is our Māori Community?

Mandated Iwi Authority (Resource Management Act 1991)

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust

Te Rākatō Marae

Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Incorporated/Trust

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporation (NKII)

Te Uru Taumatua (Ngāi Tūhoe)

Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust (to be confirmed by TPK)

Mandated Iwi Organisation (Maori Fisheries Act 2004)

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporation (NKII)

Te Uru Taumatua (Tūhoe)

# Māori Community

## Who is our Māori Community?

Māori Boards / Māori Committees / Tribal Authority

Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board

Waikaremoana Tribal Authority – representing interests for Ngāi Tūhoe

Ngāti Kahungunu (Wairoa Taiwhenua) Incorporated – representing the interests of NKII

Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana – representing the interests of Ngāti Ruapani (Treaty Claim)

Kahungunu Executive (Māori health and social services)

Te Whare Māire o Tapuwae (Whānau Ora)

Māhia Māori Committee (Rongomaiwahine)

Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust – representing the commercial interests of Rongomaiwahine

Whakaki Lakes Trust

Whakaki Lands Trust

# Māori Community

## Who is our Māori Community?

### Māori Land Blocks

Including Māori trusts, whānau trust (including Ahu Whenua Trusts), farm blocks (stations, etc)

### Marae

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee (representing all 39 operational marae)

Ngāti Kahungunu (Wairoa Taiwhenua) Incorporated

Kahungunu Executive (Māori Executive Committee)

Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board

Māhia Māori Committee (representing all marae in Rongomaiwahine)

All marae within the Wairoa district

### Māori Community at Large

# Māori Community

## Proposed Māori engagement strategy

### Potential two stage approach

#### Stage One

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, Tātau Tātau o te Wairoa Trust, Waikaremoana Tribal Authority (on behalf of Te Uru Taumatua), Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust, Ngāti Kahungunu (Wairoa Taiwhenua) Inc, Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust.

#### Stage Two

Marae (utilising the takiwā model – 8 takiwā), Māhia Māori Committee, Kahungunu Executive (Māori Executive Committee), Māori boards, Māori land blocks, etc.





Project Name: WDC Stormwater Consent Application  
Date: 20 August 2020  
Subject: Presentation to the Maori Standing Committee

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### **Introduction**

WDC needs to bring its existing stormwater discharges into a resource consenting framework under the Resource Management Act by applying for consent from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Good Earth Matters Consulting are assisting with that process by preparing the application and assisting in gathering information, undertaking assessments and supporting consultation that is required. The Project Team seeks assistance and guidance from the Maori Standing Committee regarding potentially affected parties to be consulted with.

The Project Team will introduce the stormwater consenting project to the Committee as set out below, with the intention that matters will be considered and discussed in more detail in a subsequent workshop:

### **Good Earth Matters and the project team responsible for the consenting process**

- WDC - Karen Akuhata Teri Wathen-Smith; Good Earth Matters - Grey Wilson and Connor Imeson and team
- Introduction to Good Earth Matters

### **What is stormwater and why do we need resource consent?**

- Stormwater is runoff from surfaces or land in urban or developed areas that ends up in a different place from where it falls. A stormwater network is a system by which rainwater is collected and conveyed (moved) before it is discharged back into the environment. The purpose is to reduce inundation and flooding and risk to people and property.
- WDC operates a stormwater network that is made up of open drains, pipes and culverts and these collect stormwater from the town and surrounds and discharge to the Wairoa River. Discharges are restricted under the RMA so we need to obtain resource consent.

### **What kind of information needs to be included in the consent application**

- Details of the network and location of the discharges;
- Information about the existing quality of the discharges - sampling results;
- Information about the risk of contamination to the stormwater discharges from existing land uses and how those risks are to be managed;
- Environmental impact assessments if needed.

### **What consultation is required and why - processing and notification under the RMA**

- RMA consultation is not required but it is best practice and applications would likely be notified;
- Opportunity for input and partnership for on-going management and monitoring;
- In Hawke's Bay, applications for stormwater consents can be processed on a non-notified basis if affected party approvals are obtained;
- MACA.

### **What assistance is sought from the MSC?**

What parties are considered to be potentially affected by the existing stormwater discharges from WDC's Wairoa stormwater network?

How does the MSC wish to be involved/updated as the project progresses?



**Monthly Report for Wairoa District – July 2020**  
**Nathan Heath – Area Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)**  
**5 August 2020**

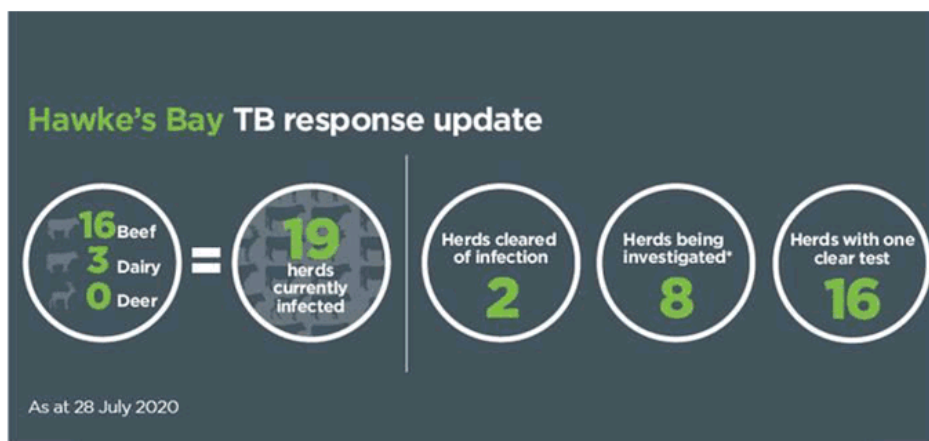
1. HBRC update – Council Committee meetings and items of interest locally.
  - a. 1 July – Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee – Right Tree, Right Place proposal.
  - b. 8 July – Maori Committee – takiwa reports and following discussion.
  - c. 15 July – Regional Council - Annual plan submissions and deliberations.
  - d. 22 July – Extra Regional Planning Committee – selection of commissioners for the Plan Change 7 – Outstanding Waterbodies hearings.
  - e. 29 July – Regional Council - The 20/21 Annual Plan was adopted by Council and is now in place. Multiple items including Climate Change Mitigation discussion and Future Farming update.

All agendas can be found online and most meetings are now video recorded and can also be found via the following link - <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/meetings>

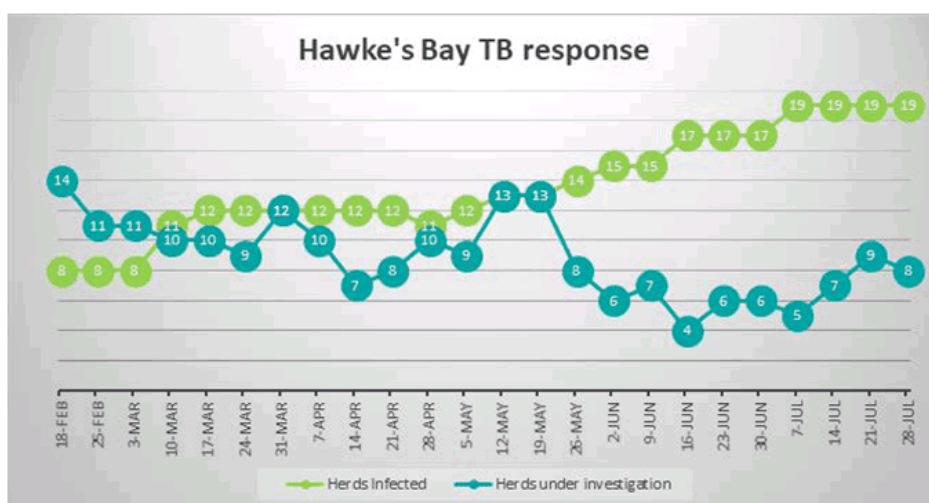
2. Two Hui were organised on behalf of the Our Land & Water, National Science Challenge project team and Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on 29 July with a range of representatives from the wider Wairoa Community. Both parties are wanting to undertake case studies in Wairoa as part of their work programs. There was robust korero but support for the parties to continue to shape their proposals and work with the community.
3. Local HBRC Activity update -
  - a. A meeting was held with WDC to discuss the Nuhaka slip. Some funding through the PGF Shovel Ready Projects is available to progress this work which was discussed.
  - b. After a number of years working on-behalf of HBRC in particular with the Mahia and Whakaki communities, Nic Caviale-Delzescaux has decided to not continue his contract with us and go out independently. Nic has done a tremendous amount of work in the rohe and we wish him all the best for the future.
  - c. A meeting to progress issues relating to the management of the wetland water levels and outlet of the Hinerauri stream at Māhanga was held between John Cheyne – wetland expert, wetland owners, Marae & Iwi representatives, DoC, WDC and HBRC. Good progress was made and a plan is being put together.
  - d. The PGF Shovel Ready projects, Nuhaka River Road realignment, Rahui Bridge replacement and Rangatahi dropout are progressing well. We are working with WDC to ensure the projects are successful and compliant.
  - e. Whakaki Freshwater Improvement Fund Project – the project continues to have to navigate hurdles to its progression. Korero is now with land owners and the Whakaki Lake Trust to obtain access and easement.
  - f. Contributed to a CDEM review on operations at the Wairoa Emergency Operations Centre, during the Covid-19 response as having been an alternate Incident Controller during the event.

4. Meetings & engagements held this month include with – Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust, Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust, Whakaki Lake Trust, Māhanga Marae, WDC, Whakatipu Mahia Project team, landholders, Edgar Burns – Professorial Chair Integrated Catchment Management (Uni Waikato/HBRC), Our Land & Water, National Science Challenge project team, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment
5. The Wairoa Awa Restoration Project team (WARP) have done an awesome job of hosting a large number of whanau to a planting day at Te Rauhinu Marae – check out the photos on their Facebook page. Another is planned for Takitimu Marae on August 6.
6. Significant progress is being made in the refurbishment of the Wairoa HBRC offices. At this point we are ahead of schedule and likely to be in our new Whare by Early September.
7. The following is an update on the TB Response from OSPRI New Zealand

A series of meetings is being held this week through OSPRI to provide updates, including at Putere on 4 August – sorry, only got to it today.



\* Herds being investigated are herds that need further testing to determine if they are clear or infected with TB





For the third consecutive week, no new herds have tested positive for infection. There are currently 19 herds with a TB-infected status in Hawke's Bay region, of which 16 have completed a first clear whole herd test. Of these herds with clear first tests, at least half are expected to achieve confirmed clear status at their next test. For infected status to return to a clear status, two clear whole herd tests are required no less than six months apart.

- 93,295 individual animals have been tested in the Movement Control Area since November last year, with a total of 49 confirmed as TB-infected in that period
- 200 pre-movement tests have been completed since February, a further 24 tests have been allocated to AsureQuality
- You can check if your property is in the MCA by entering your address [here](#)
- An aerial possum control operation across 6000 hectares of the Waitara Valley has been completed this month. Factsheets for aerial operations are available by [clicking here](#)
- OSPRI contractors have made a good start on working with landowners on plans for new ground-based possum control work for the 2020/21 financial year
- OSPRI's Hawke's Bay TB response webpage features the latest information for farmers – go to [www.ospri.co.nz/hawkes-bay](http://www.ospri.co.nz/hawkes-bay)

Please contact me directly for any clarification or additional information you may require from the report.

Ngā mihi



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Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee  
Chairman's Report  
Kiwa Hammond  
Thursday, 20 August 2020

*‘Tangi a te ruru kei te hoki hoki mai nei, e whakawherowhero i te pūtahitanga. Nāku nei rā koe i tuku kia haere, tērā puritia iho nui rawa te aroha e ...’*

*Me tīmata pēnei taku kōrero ka tika, whakamaumahara atu ai ki tētahi tipua o te ao waiata Māori, arā, ko Te Taite Cooper, i hoki wairua atu ki ngā mātua i mihia i roto i taua waiata rongonui, ko Te Hokinga Mai, nāna te rangi i whakaputa ki te ao. Ahakoa nō Houngarea a Te Taite, he pānga kaha ōna ki Te Wairoa ki ngā whānau o Ruataniwha me Ngāi Te Kapua Mātotoru.*

*‘Te Hokinga mai - tēnā koutou. Tangi ana te ngākau i te aroha. Tū tonu rā te mana te ihi o ngā tīpuna o kua wehea atu rā. Mauria mai te mauri tangata hei oranga mō te mōrehu tangi mōkai nei, e rapu ana e te ara tika mō tātau katoa.’*

It is my pleasure to present this Chairman's report for the months of June and July 2020 and where applicable includes early to mid-August and up to and including this Māori Standing Committee meeting, Thursday 20 August 2020.

Over the period that this report covers, in my role as MSC Chairman I attended the following WDC related, local government related, stakeholder meetings or events related to MSC and WDC:

- 16 June 2020 – WDC Ordinary Council Meeting
- 3 July 2020 - Wairoa Catchment Delivery Case Study Interview, HBRC
- 28 July 2020 – WDC Ordinary Council Meeting
- 5 August 2020 – Whānau Ora Local Commissioning Agency Forum
- 6 August 2020 – 3 Waters Review Report Back Workshop 1: MSC, WDC, HBRC, Māori Relationship Manager, and project managers and advisors
- 7 August 2020 – PGF Announcement for Whakaora Marae
- 8 August 2020 – Te Hononga o Ngā Awa Hui (PSGE cluster which includes MSC takiwā: Ruakituri, Te Wairoa Hōpupu, Te Wairoa Hōngenengene)
- 19 August 2020 – 3 Waters Review Report Back Workshop 1: MSC, WDC, HBRC, Māori Relationship Manager, and project managers and advisors
- 20 August 2020 – WDC Māori Standing Committee Meeting.

As many of these events mentioned above are covered in the Māori Relationships Manager report I will not repeat all these topics in this report. Rather, where applicable I will add any relevant comments when those matters are reported back to MSC by the Māori Relationships Manager. Instead this report will focus on upcoming considerations with an eye toward the future.

**Māori Standing Committee and Marae of the Wairoa District**

All current MSC members are active on many marae throughout the district, often carrying more than one role or responsibility. This proactive activity sits at the heart of the MSC in terms of its makeup and the selection process implemented to ensure that the MSC strongly reflect those it is designed to represent – our marae. The MSC is unique for this very fact and more than once other local government entities such as regional and district councils and their respective Māori and Treaty settlement partners have expressed their admiration for the manner in which MSC is selected (through a marae driven process) and the way that MSC operates in terms of tikanga Māori working hand-in-hand with the policy and Terms of Reference under which the MSC sits.

As many of us understand through our respective marae-based roles many marae throughout the district (of which there over 30) have struggled to maintain some basic facilities despite a huge amount of effort spent fundraising, running working/clean up days, not to mention hosting the many types of hui that marae are expected to host or facilitate on behalf of their hapū and whānau, and their surrounding community.

The recent PGF announcement brought a celebratory mood the marae representatives in attendance when it was announced that around \$1.6 million would be dedicated to at least 19 of our local marae (with more possible announcements to come in the near future) for the purposes of enabling them to carry out long overdue repairs, maintenance, and other physical projects that will contribute to the growth of our local economy (through local project spend and local job creation) and the continued cultural resurgence of our people.

*‘He whare tū ki te paenga, he kai mā te ahi. He whare maihi e tū ana ki roto i te pā tūwatawata a Kahukura, a Rongomai, he tohu nō te tangata rangatira.’ ‘A house that stands alone is food for the fire. A carved house that stands with the palisades of Kahukuranui, of Rongomaiwahine, is a symbol of leadership.’*

In the meantime, the Tātau Tātau PSGE kāhui or clusters continue to evolve and advance the aspirations of their respective members. Both the larger governance entity, Tātau Tātau, and the kāhui are actively engaging in many issues that fall into the scope of local and central government in addition to ensuring that the needs of their membership marae are being met.

On a wider front Te Puni Kōkiri is working with a variety of Māori and Iwi organisations around the country to improve marae connectivity through the provision of funding that will assist marae to keep up to date with rapidly changing communications trends. This includes technology such as hardware and WIFI abilities. Currently only a handful of marae in the Wairoa district have WIFI but the increased need for ready WIFI and internet capability has seen this number grow. This further pushes back the assertion made several years ago that Te Wairoa was the least digitally connected district in the country. For some marae this will only be a small step while for others it may be a huge leap that will require other forms of support – most especially in how to identify and effectively use digital applications that work best for marae – from Trustees through to marae committees, marae management, and hapū and whānau activities, projects, and assorted kaupapa.

While these initiatives are seemingly being coordinated or initiated from different places, the success of each is critical as they are reliant on the success of each other. The key is ensuring that the process is made as user friendly and seamless as possible. When impediments such as unnecessary bureaucracy or systemic prejudice is allowed to occur – or in the case of the latter to continue – then our whole community suffers as a result because there is a domino effect that has negative outcomes: He marae puehu *A deserted and dusty marae.*

With so much activity centring on our marae over the coming year MSC has an important role working with WDC to ensure that the latter can carry out its legislated role and regulatory duties while being held to account in regard to its Tiriti o Waitangi responsibilities to Māori and the wider community that local government serves.

Organisations and entities that represent Māori, iwi, hapū, marae, mana whenua, tangata whenua, taura here, kaupapa, whānau, Tiriti/Treaty partners and more, all have a part to play in getting it right. However, no single one of these can substitute what MSC brings to the local council as it is not just a Standing Committee of council but its members come directly from that one place that all the above groups cannot deny sits at the heart of our being as Māori, mana whenua, and so forth – and that place is the marae.

*‘Tangata ākōna it e marae, tū ana, tau ana’ ‘When a person has been well taught on the marae stands perform their role it is obvious’*

### **Te Reo Māori**

In middle week of September, a nationally significant event will take place. No, I am not talking about the New Zealand General Election. The event I am referring to is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Earlier this month the State Services Commission posted the following reminder online:

*‘Tomorrow we mark the day in 1987, where te reo Māori was recognised as an official language. This was the day the Māori Language Act came into force, making Māori an official language of Aotearoa. It also saw the creation of the Māori Language Commission, later renamed as Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori. Ko te reo kia tika, ko te reo kia rere, ko te reo kia rere, ko te reo kia Māori’.*<sup>1</sup>

During Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori we often remember the Māori Language Petition that was presented to Parliament in the 1970’s which led to the creation of Māori Language Day, which was later changed to Māori Language Week after much lobbying and advocacy. The Māori Language Act 1987 was the next significant step in the evolution of government and national recognition of the importance of te reo Māori. Five years ago I had the rare honour of leading the translation of the Māori Language Bill 2014 as it was introduced to Parliament and then progressed through each reading which required a huge amount of work and long hours keeping up with the many changes that were made to the Bill with each iteration. Of special note from a local perspective is the fact that four other members of the team that worked directly on that piece of legislation have strong connections to Te Wairoa through whakapapa.<sup>2</sup>

Around 18 months after the Māori Language Bill 2014 was introduced to Parliament, and after several iterations and in-depth discussions and debates about its meaning, intent, and the linguistic and legal implications of every single word in the Bill, Te Ture mō Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Act 2016 was enacted and passed into law. This important piece of legislation not only reaffirmed the legal status of the Māori Language, as set out in the earlier 1987 act, but it also sets out the terms of the relationship between Māori and the Crown as regards te reo Māori. This is articulated as Te Maihi Māori: Māori aspirations for the regeneration of the language; and Te Maihi Karauna: Crown responsibilities and obligations to Māori to realise said aspirations.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/company/state-services-commission/>

<sup>2</sup> Those being Aaron Munro, Whakakī Marae (Te Puni Kōkiri); Timoti Brown, Pūtahi/Te Reinga/Takitimu/Taihoa Marae (formerly of Te Puni Kōkiri); David Jones, Te Rauhinā Marae (Lawyer); Leon Blake, Pūtahi/Te Reinga Marae (Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori registered translator).

<sup>3</sup> See Te Ture mō Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Act 2016. New Zealand Government.

In 2017, at the initiation of WDC staff discussions began about the creation of policy to enable the Council to navigate its way appropriately regarding its responsibilities and obligations (as local government being an extension of the Crown). The Māori Standing Committee was central to the formation of what is now Te Kaupapa Here mō Te Reo Māori – WDC Māori Language Policy. At this point it is only right to point out that the Wairoa District Council was the first district council in the country to adopt an official Māori Language Policy. More important is the fact that it is a ‘living policy’, that is, one that is actively utilised daily by the Council in its formal and informal activities.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is an opportunity to celebrate the indigenous language of Aotearoa New Zealand as well as recognise the fact that te reo Māori was the first official language recognised and affirmed through that 1987 legislation.

In spite of the positive progress that has been made within just a few generations of the language almost disappearing completely, the summarised historical narrative above amounts to nothing if there is no call to action and sustained effort and application of all we have learned and fought for. The Wairoa District Council holds its own very well in that regard. However, complacency can be a killer and the gains made must not be taken for granted.

My call to action to both the MSC and WDC to mark Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2020 – Kia Kaha Te Reo is that:

- WDC actively demonstrate and reaffirm its commitment to its own WDC Māori Language Policy by undertaking activities to promote and encourage and increase in the use of te reo Māori both internally and around the community.
- WDC partner with its Te Wairoa Reorua – Bilingual Wairoa 2040 partners to create a positive celebratory atmosphere that promotes and encourages the use of te reo Māori at all levels of the community.

These calls to action do not necessarily require any formal motion by the Council itself as the current WDC Māori Language Policy provides a strong foundation for the operationalisation of activities. In saying that though, the current does not provide for a specific budget allocation although that is currently at the spending discretion of WDC departments and ultimately the CEO and Mayor.

I believe it is now time for WDC to demonstrate its qualities as a progressive council by proactively investing in the communication capabilities of its personnel through dedicated professional development opportunities that expand on previous Māori language and customs focused training. This is no different to customer first training, communications, and facilitation skills training which is not confined only to frontline staff. While language is a personal journey, development of communications skills is a professional responsibility.

Hei whakarāpopoto ake i aku whakapātaritari ka tīkina tētahi kōrero e mea ana ‘he tao rākau ka taea te karo; he tao kupu tē taea te karo’. Ko taku arero te taiaha o taku reo rangatira. Tāia!

Nāku nei,

**Kiwa Hammond**

(Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Takiwā)

**Chairman, Māori Standing Committee**

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee  
Rakaipaaka Purongo-a-Takiwā – Henare Mita  
WDC Chambers 12:30pm  
20 Akuhata 2020**

**Nuhaka River Road Re-Alignment:**

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, WDC and HBRC representatives met with Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust (TIORT) representatives regarding the impending re-alignment project of the Nuhaka River Road. We met at Te Rehu Marae. Those in attendance were WDC staff members Duane Culshaw (Pouahurea Māori/Māori Relationships Manager) and Michael Hardie (Acting Transport Asset Manager), HBRC Wairoa Area Manager Nathan Heath, myself as Rakaipaaka Māori Standing Committee representative and TIORT/TIORI representatives Johnina Symes (Office Manager) and trustee, Graeme Symes.

The project relates to the southern-most point of Nuhaka River Road and is a consequence of a massive land flow which began in the 1970's. Pine trees were planted not only for financial reasons, but also to mitigate this movement. Between 2005 and 2009 these pines were harvested. Bereft of trees the land flow increased dramatically. By 2012/13 this movement had compromised the southern end of Nuhaka River Road, a further massive shift in 2014 rendered this portion of the road, totally unusable. Attempts were made to reopen the road between 2015 and 2018, but the enormity of the land flow (recognised as the largest in New Zealand) along with the huge financial burden required to mitigate this flow, made such initiatives prohibitive. In his draft Terms of Reference, regarding the HBRC Ecological Impact Assessment (p1, June 2020), Nathan Heath wrote:

*'Between 2015-2018 there were failed attempts at re-opening the road. Multiple meetings between Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC), Wairoa District Council (WDC) and landowners took place. There was (and remains so) no secure or safe access for residents, farm operators and the Nuhaka community alike. In 2019/early 2020 the HBRC were commissioned to design a realignment of river and road through the riverbed. The WDC had previously committed \$100k-\$140k for the project, however, cost uncertainty stopped the project moving forward.'*

The meeting referred to here, took place in November 2019, and was convened not only to discuss the re-alignment design, but also to articulate associated financial concerns. Neither longevity of build, nor a willingness to consider future works, could be guaranteed. The meeting therefore generated open and frank debate. Of special concern, was the plight of sole resident in this area Linda Kurley, who could only visit her home intermittently and must board with friends in Mahia, during the inclement winter months. Despite these hardships, however, Linda has remained steadfast in her determination, to progress this matter.

These parties met again in early 2020, at Council Chambers and although it seemed as if an impasse had been reached, a question regarding a PGF application was made. This question would prove fruitful only a few months later. During New Zealand's COVID-19 lockdown, the government contacted organisations, such as regional and district councils, seeking 'shovel ready' projects, that could be mandated through a PGF proposal. In his draft report (p.1,2020), Nathan writes:

*'In May 2020 the Government announced that three vital Wairoa roading and construction projects were awarded funding under the Government COVID-19 'shovel ready' recovery programme. These three projects included the replacement of Te Rahui Bridge at Whakaki, realignment of the Nuhaka River Road at Nuhaka and repair of the Rangatahi Dropout at Mahia – all have received 100% Central Government funding.'*

Not only was being 'shovel ready' pivotal to their PGF application, but another important feature, was that an authority and the successful project contractor, had to guarantee the creation of vocational opportunities and/or long-term vocational training. WDC, HBRC and the successful contractor QRS, have made such a commitment. Given the go-ahead, it was now time for these authorities to start crossing t's and dotting i's. At a November 2019 meeting between TIORT/TIORI, WDC and HBRC, it was agreed that a Cultural Impact Assessment be undertaken by Rakaipaaka, should the project be green-lighted. This was re-affirmed at our June meeting, Graeme Symes asked to undertake this report, which he willingly accepted and in turn insisted, that HBRC complete an Ecological Impact Assessment. Nathan agreed to this request, both confirming that these reports would commence once Terms of Reference (TOR) had been agreed to.

Time, in truth, was of the absolute essence, as these assessments had to be completed by end of July. All parties acted quickly in finalising their TOR and at the time I began this report, were hard at work putting together their reports. Graeme Symes will present a draft copy in early July, and a final report by 31 July.

**Saturday 4 July, River Road Re-alignment Blessing:**

Graeme Symes on behalf of Rakaipaaka, convened a hui ostensibly to bless the River Road re-alignment site, but also to discuss the proposed project with interested parties. In attendance were affected landowners as well as Sam Pryde on behalf of Pryde Contractors, Nathan Heath for HBRC, Dennise and Wiremu Raroa for Riverslea Orchards, and Shade Smith, who has been commissioned to complete an Ecological Assessment Report.

Shade was accompanied by his assistant Kerenapu Pomana. On her fathers' side, Kerenapu has strong ties to Nuhaka, it was her grandparents Donald and Mauroa Pomana, along with their children who began the rebuild of present-day Te Rehu, back in the late 60's and early 70's. Her current role, therefore, very meaningful to her. Following the site blessing different individuals spoke, Johnina Symes talked about different aspects of Graeme's report, while Sam Pryde mentioned the importance of protecting the rivers' wairua during the re-alignment process. Dennise and Wiremu were there because the river supplies water to Riverslea. Ensuring the security of this water crucial to the orchard.

Prior to this gathering, Whakaki through to Mahia had been buffeted by severe winds and torrential rain, casting real doubt as to whether a ceremony would be held. Fortunately, a break in weather, offered a timely window of opportunity. It also gave us a chance to assess this area, following a weather bomb like the one we had experienced. It was obvious, with so much water running off the hills, the amount of mud and silt clogging the flats and filling the river, road re-alignment along with other future mitigation works, such as a comprehensive tree planting schedule, was crucial to land and river alike. A real highlight, however, was chatting with Shade Smith, the convictions of his words leaving an indelible impression. I mentioned to him, that he had little over a fortnight to complete his report, he was adamant in his convictions when he replied, 'No one enters the river absent that report'. There were other things he said too, that showed he was deadly serious about his work, our brief discussion, illustrative of why Nathan had spoken of him in such glowing terms, and why people like Katarina Kawana hold him in such high regard. The day was enjoyed by one and all.

**Footnote:** Graeme Symes after discussing his final report with other members of Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Iwi Trust (TIORT), emailed a copy to different individuals within WDC, HBRC and persons like myself. His work concerning local history and the associated whakapapa especially, very interesting to read through.

Nāku noa, nā

Henare Mita  
**MSC – Rakaipaaka Takiwā**

**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee**  
**Waikaremoana Takiwā Report**  
Sharon Cooper  
Thursday, 20 August 2020

Tēnā tatou katoa

**Waimako Marae**

The marae has been experiencing on going water issues and has not been used very much in the past three months though the attached Kohanag Reo is still operating with a healthy roll of children.

**Te Kūhā Marae**

Sadly, the marae have had 4 tangihanga in the past two months, but the marae coped with COVID-19 social distancing, as well as issues surrounding the tangihanga process. but issues were worked out amicably as far as I saw. I refused to hongi or kiss and saw many people refusing too as well and our stance was accepted most often than not.

The marae is still not operating at capacity due to an aging/aged infrastructure which has culminated in a closure of the marae being discussed today.

A housing hui which was scheduled for Saturday at Te Kūhā will have to relocate to the Tuai Hall if possible.

Te Kūhā marae held their AGM on July 26th and for the first time many of our whanau living overseas and throughout Aotearoa were able to attend the AGM with the wonders of ZOOM technology. Many thanks are extended to Leon Symes who installed the satellite dish and other technology that enabled us to do this. Thanks also to Duane Culshaw and Simon Mutohori for being our scrutineers and advisor throughout the AGM. I think our whānau living away from home and Aotearoa were happy to be a part of a process many of them would never have dreamed they could ever be a part of. Seven of 9 Trustees were nominated and voted back for the 2020 - 2023 term with an additional 2 new Trustees coming on board.

Te Roi O Te Whenua Trust who are the Trustees who own and administer the thirteen Māori Reservations on the Lake Waikaremoana shores, and Te Maara A Te Atua Trustees who own and administer this Māori Reservation are signalling that they too will be holding their AGMs within the next few months.

Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana Trust, which is the Trust that has the day to day running of Lake Whakamarino Lodge, ceased operating as a hotel type accommodation and has become accommodation for people who needed homing during the latter part of Lockdown. It is still being used for this purpose at present. I managed to speak briefly with one of the Trustees and she assures me they are providing safe accommodation for people who need it.

**Te Putere Marae**

I have not been able to get a report from Putere apart from the fact that there is no work happening at the Marae at present.



SH 38 was at its worst after 2 solid weeks of rain about 2 weeks ago but apart from one huge pothole on the sealed part of road before the Lake Lavender Farm the road is in better condition than it was during the rainy period.

I really would like to know what is happening to the funding which was allocated for the unsealed remainder of SH 38 and where are we, the daily users of that part of SH38 in regards to getting closer to sealing and final closure for a road that has been in some parts unsealed for all of my lifetime.

There is little else to report from Te Waikaukau at this time.

Nāku noa, nā

Sharon Cooper  
MSC Waikaremoana Takiwā