



**I, Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive Officer, hereby  
give notice that  
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date:** Thursday, 1 April 2021  
**Time:** 1.30pm  
**Location:** Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,  
Coronation Square, Wairoa

# **AGENDA**

## **Māori Standing Committee Meeting**

**1 April 2021**

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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 - 18 February 2021

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 1.30PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Jeremy Harker, Henare Mita, Here Nissen, Fiona Wairau, Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton, Liz Palmer, Paora Puketapu

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Cr Hine Flood, Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive), Duane Culshaw (Pouahurea Māori - Māori Relationships Manager), **Stephen Heath** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori/Ratonga Group Manager Community Assets and Services), **Gay Waikawa** (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi/Governance Officer), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Area Manager), **Angela Kaisa-Culshaw**

## **1 KARAKIA**

Karakia was given by Mr Henare Mita.

The Maori Relationships Manager welcomed His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little, Crs Hine Flood & Jeremy Harker and members of the committee.

The Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive, Mr Kitea Tipuna explained new committee members, elected members of Council and selected members of committee will be expected to undertake the Oath under the Local Government Act, Schedule 7 Part 1 Section 14 (3).

Maori Standing Committee members made an oral and written declaration as duly elected members of the Committee and with the written declaration signed and witnessed by His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little.

The Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive, Mr Kitea Tipuna also explained the Register of Interest and explanation of conflict of interest. Governance team to distribute the Register of Interest for members to fill out and return.

## **MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/150**

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That Mr Henare Mita be elected as the Maori Standing Committee Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

## **2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

### **APOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/151**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That the apology received from Theresa Thornton be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS****LATE ITEM – SELECTION PROCESS FOR TE WAIROA HŌNENGENENGE & PROCESS OF MARAE VISIT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/152**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mr Paora Puketapu

That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Information Meetings Act 1987 the **Item 8.3 – Selection Process for Te Wairoa Honengenenenge & Process of Marae Visit** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda complication and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.

**CARRIED**

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

NIL

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/153**

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Mrs Here Nissen

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 November 2020 be confirmed with minor amendment in confidential minutes.

**CARRIED**

The naming of Lemuel Lane was queried as to how the name came about.

**8 GENERAL ITEMS****8.1 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO / MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/154**

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Cr Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That the Māori Standing Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. To NOT elect a new Deputy Chairperson for the committee.
3. To have a remuneration workshop in March 2021.

**CARRIED**

The Pouahurea Maori Purongo/Maori Relationships Manager presented his report and reported on Informational updates being induction workshop held on 28 January 2021, resolving of appointment of selection process of the Maori Standing Committee 2020-2022 at the Ordinary Council meeting on 9 February 2021, election of chairperson and not to elect a deputy chairperson.

The report also covered attendances at Council meetings and forums, remuneration workshop, Nuhaka River Road "Shovel Ready" Project, invitation to Three Waters Reform Workshop to be held on 11 March 2021 in Palmerston North, regional collaboration day to be held on Monday, 22 March 2021, Wairoa oxidation ponds project 2021-2022, Opoutama and Mahanga beach access project and Local Electoral (Maori wards and Maori constituencies) Amendment Bill.

The Pouahurea Maori Purongo/Maori Relationships Manager, the Chairperson, Henare Mita, Liz Palmer and Here Nissen will be attending the Three Waters Reform Workshop on 11 March 2021.

Mr Paora Puketapu and Mrs Fiona Wairau will tentatively attend the regional collaboration day on Monday, 22 March 2021.

Lengthy discussions were held for rotational attendance for Council meetings and forums.

Congratulations to His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little on the submission to the Maori Affairs Select Committee for the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.

The Pouahurea Maori Purongo/Maori Relationships Manager advised the Committee with regarding the vacant seat within Te Wairoa Honengenenge. The seat became vacant with the resignation of the previous member at the beginning of 2020.

Identify a Marae who is willing to host the selection process of the Te Wairoa Honengenenge or any other options available ie Taiwhenua office or Wairoa College.

Nathan Heath (Area Manager, Northern Hawke's Bay, HBRC) presented his report and reported on HBRC updates and also gave a presentation on Freshwater Reforms & Te Mana o Te Wai.

Written Takiwā report received from:

Rakaipaaka – Henare Mita

Waikaremoana – Paora Puketapu



**8.2 NAMING OF CULVERT - WAITIROHIA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/155**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mrs Here Nissen

That the Māori Standing Committee supports the naming of the culvert as 'Waitirohia' and considers that it is acceptable and appropriate for consideration, as determined by Ngāti Rakaipaaka.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 3.24pm with a karakia by Henare Mita.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## 8 GENERAL ITEMS

### 8.1 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO

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**Authoriser:** Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive Officer

**Appendices:**

1. Three Waters Reform [↓](#)
2. HBRC Report [↓](#)
3. MSC - Chairman's Report - Apr 2021 [↓](#)
4. MSC - Te Wairoa Hopupu Takiwa Report - Apr 2021 [↓](#)
5. MSC - Mahia Mai Tawhiti Takiwa Report - Apr 2021 [↓](#)
6. MSC - Te Wairoa Matangirau Takiwa Report - Apr 2021 [↓](#)
7. MSC - Pahauwera Takiwa Report - Apr 2021 [↓](#)

#### 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 the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

The Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee resolves to accept the remuneration rates, as per the MSC remuneration workshop on Thursday, 18 March 2021, as follows Chair (\$500), Members (\$400), Marae Koha (\$600 – unchanged) and forward to Council for approval.

#### 2. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 2.1 Takatū ana ngā tai kit e ākau, e whakanukunuku, kia whakanekeneke whiua rerehia rātau ki te wai, ki te tai wiwī, ki te tai wawā. Toia te hau marangai kia kaha rongo taku kiri i te kikini o rehu tai, o ngā tai whatiwhati e haruru nei mō tātau i te rā nei.
- 2.2 E Ani, e tū ana i runga i te wehi, ko te hiahia, ko tō mana kei kōnei mātau nei hei mihi atu ki ngā hapū o Ngāi Tawhao, o Ngāti Hinepari, o Ngāti Maahu. Tēnei manawa e hē nei e Ani. Ko kōpū parapara ko tāu urunga. Te kurī mitimiti i te hinu a Houmai, ka whati.
- 2.3 Hoki mai mātau, hoki mai mātau e te hunga whakapai o tā mātau māreikura, nohoia te rangatiratanga o te rangi, kua rite noa atu mō rātau nō te orokohanga mai rā anō tea o. Kahungunu! Tēnā anō hoki tātau mō tō koutou aroha ki te tāmahine Kahurangi a Ani Aranui, ka whakawhetai, ka whakawhetai, tihei Kahungunu!

#### 3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL / DECISIONAL)

- 3.1 This is a follow up from the Māori Standing Committee ordinary meeting held Thursday, 18 February 2021.
- 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 ***Regional Collaboration Day*** – was cancelled due to the tangihanga for Annie Aranui.
- 3.4 ***Council Forum Roster*** – the next three Council forum roster is **Tuesday, 20 April (Here Nissen), Tuesday, 1 June (Liz Palmer) and Tuesday, 13 July (Theresa Thornton)**. If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Pouahurea Māori in the first instance.
- 3.5 ***Council Ordinary Meeting Roster*** – the next three Council Ordinary meeting roster is **Tuesday, 4 May (Here Nissen), Tuesday, 15 June (Liz Palmer) and Tuesday, 27 July (Theresa Thornton)**. If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Pouahurea Māori in the first instance.

#### 4. MSC REMUNERATION WORKSHOP (DECISIONAL)

- 4.1 On Thursday, 18 March 2021, the WDC Māori Standing Committee held a workshop to discuss the remuneration for the committee. We acknowledge the advice and guidance given by the Financial Account, Lauren Jones.
- 4.2 The purpose for this workshop was to take into consideration the operating budget, new Inland Revenue Department (IRD) compliance requirements for reimbursements and the similar rates paid by other Councils.
- 4.3 Previously, the Wairoa District Council paid a sitting fee and mileage reimbursement for each meeting. Mileage reimbursement for each member per meeting typically ranged from \$0 to \$290. As meeting locations varied, this reimbursement amount was unpredictable and difficult to budget for.
- 4.4 Furthermore, IRD has recently changed requirements for mileage reimbursements and now requires odometer reading of the vehicle to be submitted and checked, with different rates paid depending on total mileage travelled by that vehicle in any given tax year. This increases the time taken to process claims by Council staff (imposing an additional cost on Council) and also a risk of non-compliance if not recorded correctly.
- 4.5 A new remuneration model will simplify the sitting fee structure by removing the variable mileage component and increasing the sitting fees paid. This new structure aligns more closely to amounts paid by other Councils, whilst remaining within current budget constraints. This new structure also gives more consistency and predictability to the WDC and reducing processing, office administrative time and costs. Yet members are not disadvantaged if they travel to attend meetings as the associated costs can be claimed by them against their income in the year ending tax return.
- 4.6 The forecast costs for MSC attendance at scheduled meetings during the year remain within budget, with a buffer consistent with previous years to cover attendance at extra ordinary or unscheduled meetings. It was also noted the number of scheduled MSC ordinary meetings have reduced to eight meetings per year.
- 4.7 The Pouahurea Māori recommends that the Māori Standing Committee resolves to accept the remuneration rates, as per the MSC remuneration workshop on Thursday, 18 March 2021, as follows Chair (\$500), Members (\$400), Marae Koha (\$600 – unchanged).

**5. THREE WATERS REFORM WORKSHOP – PALMERSTON NORTH (DISCUSSIONAL)**

- 5.1** As previously discussed, the Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee, as well as other Māori Committees within Hawke's Bay Councils, has been involved with the Three Waters Reform discussion. This included attending several workshops.
- 5.2** The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), in partnership with the Joint Steering Committee, extended an invitation to attend a workshop in Palmerston North on **Thursday, 11 March 2021**. Three members of the MSC, as well as Council Officers including His Worship the Mayor attended.
- 5.3** The purpose of the workshop was to provide DIA's up to date thinking on key reform proposals and features and seek feedback on these ahead of advice to Ministers in mid-2021.
- 5.4** We will allow those members who attended to discuss this further.
- 5.5** As a follow up from this workshop, Ngā Raūira Pūmanawawhiti – Principal Advisor Iwi/Māori for the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), has contacted the Pouahurea Māori. Ngā Raūira is responsible for providing Iwi/Māori rights and interests-related advice across the Three Waters Reform Programme. He has reached out to us and others to seek advice whether it is deemed appropriate for DIA to hold a series of wānanga with whānau and hapū of Te Wairoa. We seek guidance from the MSC as to how to proceed with this invitation.
- 5.6** A resolution may be required from the MSC in regards to the current three waters reform.

**6. HUI-Ā-TAKIWĀ – TE WAIROA HŌNENGENE (INFORMATIONAL)**

- 6.1** On Tuesday, 23 March 2021, Ruataniwha Marae hosted a hui-ā-takiwā for the selection process for Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge. It was a well attended hui, with good conversation.
- 6.2** By way of a good discussion, one person was nominated. The takiwā has been given until 16 April 2021 to confirm their selection.
- 6.3** Also during the hui, the three marae that were in attendance have made the decision, on behalf of the takiwā, to remove Te Aka Matua from Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge takiwā due to the following reasons:-
  - 6.2.1** All attending marae [at the hui-ā-takiwā] have no recollection or evidence to have been consulted to accept Te Aka Matua into the Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge takiwā;
  - 6.2.2** Te Aka Matua is the property of the Ministry of Education, therefore, if Te Aka Matua were to remain within Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge takiwā, their involvement allows non-Māori participation within takiwā decisions and possibly Māori Standing Committee decisions;
  - 6.2.3** Te Aka Matua has no whakapapa nor was founded by hapū of Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge takiwā.
  - 6.2.4** The takiwā members feel that the interests of the college to Council would be better served by the recently established Youth Council of the Wairoa District Council.

**7. TE KUPENGA CULTURAL APP (INFORMATIONAL)**

**7.1** On 3 March 2021, the Te Kupenga Cultural App was formally launched. This digital app is a collaboration between all five Councils of Hawke's Bay.

**7.2** The Pouahurea Māori will demonstrate the app at the hui – time permitting.

**8. KUPU WHAKAKAPI**

**8.1** Koinei te whakapaingia i te ingoa o tō tātau Atua, o ngā mea pai katoa kua whakawhiwhia ki a tātau, Waiho i reira te awherotanga hei whakaranea atu i te āhuatanga o te reo rangatira.



**8.2** Engari ko tātau ngā pare kawakawa o tērā mate, o tērā mate puta noa, katoa koutou, rātau, tātau rā ko te hunga ora, nā reira, ka mihi atu ki a koutou, tēnā anō tātau.

**9. CONCLUSION**

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

**9.2** The Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee resolves to accept the remuneration rates, as per the MSC remuneration workshop on Thursday, 18 March 2021, as follows Chair (\$500), Members (\$400), Marae Koha (\$600 – unchanged) and forward to Council for approval.

**Signatories**

	
Author Duane Culshaw	Approved by Kitea Tipuna



# Three Waters Reform Programme

A proposal to transform the delivery of council-owned three waters services



MARCH 2021

## 1. BACKGROUND

Over the past three years central and local government have been considering solutions to challenges facing the regulation and delivery of three waters services. This has seen the development of new legislation and the creation of Taumata Arowai, the new water services regulator.

Through our work in a joint Steering Committee, both central and local government acknowledge that there are broader challenges facing the delivery of water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services.

As Crown Treaty partners, Iwi/Māori also raised concerns about current arrangements and have a significant interest in Te Mana o Te Wai and improving outcomes in Aotearoa. Both central and local government acknowledge the importance of rights and interests under the Treaty of Waitangi and the role of the Treaty partners in progressing these issues.

It is now clear that significant additional investment is required to increase public confidence in the safety of drinking water and to improve environmental outcomes of wastewater and stormwater networks. The scale of this investment need also requires a new way for three waters services to be delivered while retaining these assets in public ownership.

## 2. CHALLENGES

Our understanding of challenges has been improved by the most comprehensive data collection from councils on three waters assets and service delivery ever undertaken in New Zealand\*.

### PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS SHOWS:

The investment needed to maintain and enhance infrastructure, and meet requirements of growth, over the next 30 to 40 years, could be in the order of: **\$50-\$90 billion**

The total investment, on top of maintenance and renewals, over the next 30 to 40 years could be in the order of: **\$110-170 billion**

Councils currently spend around \$1.5bn annually which adds, over the next 30 years, to around: **\$45 billion**

**Without this investment and efficient service delivery and infrastructure upgrades we can expect a continued decline in outcomes for our communities.**

\*Financial analysis available mid-2021

## 3. WHAT IS PROPOSED

### Multi-regional entities of scale

Significant aggregation into a smaller number of multi-regional entities

### Public ownership

Entities must be publicly owned, with mechanisms to enable community and Iwi/Māori input, and prevent future privatisation

### Balance sheet separation

Complete structural separation from local authorities

### Asset ownership

Three waters entities responsible for ownership of all water infrastructure assets

### Competency based boards

Professional directors on three waters boards

### Statutory entities

Three waters entities designed and established by legislation

### SUCCESS FACTORS



## 5. OPTIONS RELATED TO IWI/MĀORI INTEREST

### OPTIONS FOR STRATEGIC INFLUENCE

Council and mana whenua representatives could have a key role in governing the new entities through the Governor Representative Group or through a mana whenua forum

### STATUTORY RECOGNITION

Statutory reference to both the Treaty of Waitangi and Te Mana o Te Wai

### BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY

Statutory roles and responsibilities as Treaty partners

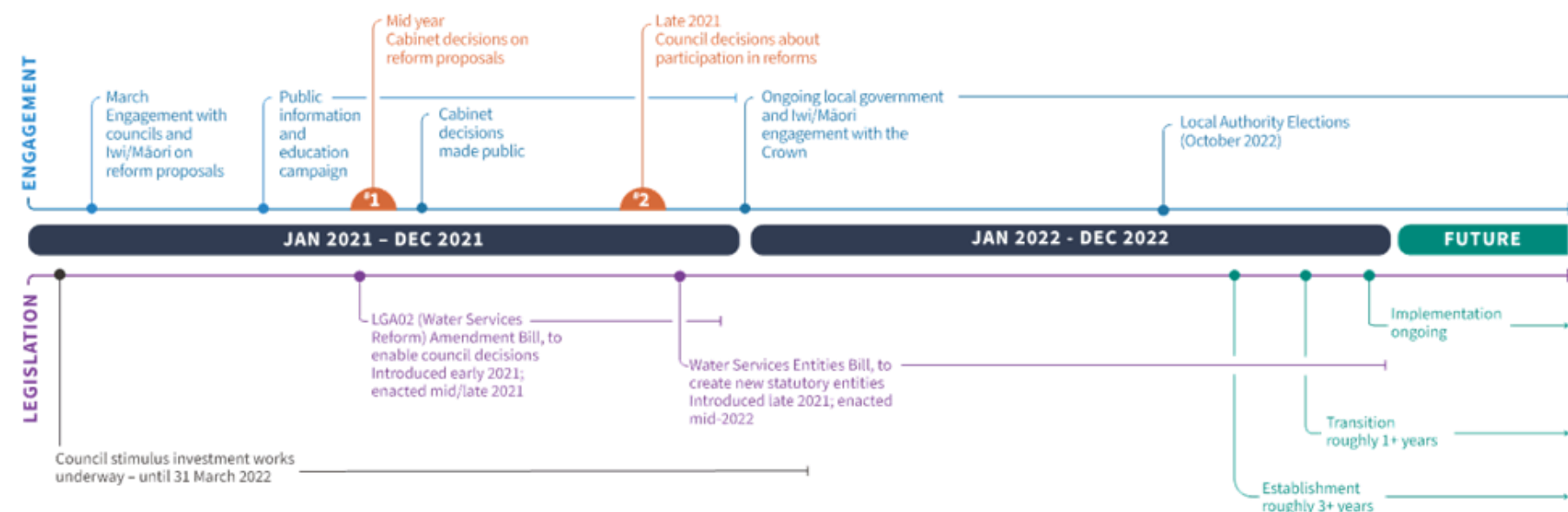
Competency requirement of all Directors and specific requirements for mātauranga Māori knowledge

### LOCAL INFLUENCE

Capacity and capability support to ensure mana whenua are best supported to express Te Mana o Te Wai

Mechanism to enable mana whenua to influence local investment decisions and prioritisation processes

## 7. NEXT STEPS



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webpage: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Three-Waters-Reform-Programme>

## 4. WHY WILL THESE BIGGER ENTITIES BENEFIT COMMUNITIES?



### Greater financial capability

Balance sheet separation and the ability of the entities to borrow at advantageous rates will enable the significant intergenerational investment required to ensure fit-for-purpose water services for our communities

Freeing Council balance sheets from funding water infrastructure and services will allow an enhanced capacity to focus on place-making and community well-being



### Far more efficient providers

Large entities will be far more efficient providers than individual Councils and this will mean cheaper water services for households than otherwise would be the case

A step-change in operational scale will enable greater professional pathways for staff, contribute to improved procurement practices and lower operating costs while facilitating a more strategic and co-ordinated investment approach across catchments



### Cost sharing across communities

Cost-sharing across larger areas of population will bring the average price of future water services down particularly for smaller communities, compared to having to meet those costs alone should Councils opt-out of the reforms



### Improved outcomes for communities

Ensuring an affordable way for communities/households to meet cost of water services now and into the future

Significant contributions to improving water quality and environmental outcomes

More direct mechanisms for Iwi/Māori to influence outcomes with clearer accountabilities

Introduction of a range of protections for consumers through a new regulatory regime

## 6. OPTIONS RELATED TO COMMUNITY INFLUENCE

### STRATEGIC INFLUENCE

Council and mana whenua representatives could have a key role in governing the new entities through the Governor Representative Group

### PLANNING MECHANISMS

Requirements for the new entities to work alongside, and with regard to, planning and mechanisms such as Long Term Plans and Resource Management Act tools (or replacement tools)

### LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS TO ENGAGE ON INVESTMENT DECISIONS

New mechanisms that require engagement and consultation on the core business documents outlining the entity's investment decisions

### VULNERABLE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

New mechanisms to protect interests of smaller communities and vulnerable consumers, for example through a Government Policy Statement

### ECONOMIC REGULATION

An economic regulatory regime designed to ensure that entities act in the best interests of consumers







**Monthly Report for Wairoa District – February 2021**  
**Nathan Heath – Area Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)**

**1 March 2021**

I would like to start off on a very sad note – one of the HBRC family passed away last week. Dean Roughton who many in the district will know worked at HBRC for 10 years. He was heavily involved in our (PCA) possum control program with the Biosecurity team and then shifted to the Catchment Management team based in Waipawa. Dean was a huge contributor to the heart of Council and leaves behind a young family. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

1. HBRC update - Council & Committee meeting items of local relevance
  - 3 Feb – Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee
    - i. Presentation from local community groups (Ruakituri, Māhanga & Mahia) on their Freshwater Improvement Fund application proposals.
    - ii. Update on the ICM Catchment Delivery teams work and Erosion Control Scheme progress.
    - iii. Regional Water Security program update, which is of significance to Wairoa.
  - 10 Feb – Māori Committee Meeting
    - i. Take Ripoata ā Takiwā – Taiwhenua Representatives' Updates
    - ii. Māori Representation on Hawke's Bay Regional Council
  - 24 Feb – Regional Council
    - i. 2019-20 Annual Report adoption
    - ii. Māori Representation on HBRC

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

2. Local Activity update for October -
  - Nuhaka River Road official opening – at 10am, Saturday 6 March an official opening of the Nuhaka River Road will occur. Please feel free to join us in this celebration of the completion of a long journey to a resolution to this issue and a job well done.
  - There have been a number of issues arise locally this month including -
    - i. The dumping of rubbish and car wrecks along the Wairoa river through Te Uhi Pa Road. WDC & HBRC are discussing how to address this issue.
    - ii. Concerns around the water quality of the Tahaenui River and the limestone quarry on Kokohu Road. This is being followed up by HBRC Compliance staff.
    - iii. Concerns about the damage occurring to sand dunes at Blue Bay/Opoutama through vehicle access and trafficking. WDC is currently working closely with all parties on a solution to this problem.
    - iv. The progression of the Whakatipu Mahia predator free project.
3. Meetings & engagements held this month include with – Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Our Land & Water National Science Challenge, WDC Māori Standing Committee, Mahia Māori Committee. Te Kupenga HB Council collaboration. I also attended the East Coast Farming Expo last week and

would like to congratulate the organisers and their dedication to providing such a fantastic event locally.

4. Over the last few months our Asset Management team has undertaken a significant amount of work at a number of locations in the district clearing trees and spraying riverbanks. This is a continuation of the great work the team has been involved in locally which, last year focussed heavily on cleaning up around Pakowhai, Ruataniwha, Te Rauhinu and Takitimu Marae.
5. Te Kupenga app – Te Kupenga is a collaboration of the Māori Partnerships teams from Wairoa DC, Hastings DC, Napier CC, Central HB DC and HBRC. One of the products of this collaboration has been the development and release of a cultural capability building app called “Te Kupenga”. The application provides a wealth of information for engaging with tangata whenua in Hawkes Bay and is now available via your devices app store.
6. Te Mana o Te Wai Fund – the Ministry for the Environment has recently announced a \$30 Million fund for Te Mana o Te Wai Projects. The goal of the fund is to:
  - support Māori to improve the health of freshwater bodies of importance to them
  - create nature-based employment opportunities
  - build capacity and capability for Māori to participate in and make decisions for freshwater management (including in the implementation of the Essential Freshwater reforms).Further information on the fund can be found on the MfE website  
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/te-mana-o-te-wai-fund>
7. Our Land & Water National Science Challenge Proposal - The tripartite partners of Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Wairoa District Council and HBRC have been working with scientists from Our Land & Water (OLW) to explore options for a research project that aligns with each organisations aspirations and would be collectively of value to the Wairoa District. We have made good progress with this and a project proposal for Wairoa is being put together by the OLW to seek funding from the challenge.
8. Community presentations and korero around work ahead through the Freshwater Reforms and Te Mana o Te Wai – I have given several presentations this month to the Community Partnerships Group and WDC Māori Standing Committee on what the Freshwater Reforms and Te Mana o Te Wai mean for Wairoa. This work locally is likely to commence in the middle of the year, and I am available at any time for hui with anyone who would like a heads up on what this is all going to mean.

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  
Tā Te Tiamana Purongo  
Rakaipaaka Purongo-a-Takiwā  
WDC Chambers 12:30pm  
1 Paenga-Whāwhā 2021**

**Te Kupenga App**

On Monday, 22 February, I accompanied Duane to the launch of a new application called Te Kupenga. It is a Te ao Māori/te reo Māori tool put together by Duane and his counterparts Pieri Munro (HBRC), Morehu Te Tomo (Napier City Council) and Dr James Graham (Hastings District Council). Te Wairama Munro (HBRC) role was to gather the thoughts and ideas of the four Pouahurea Māori and co-ordinator with the app designers, Kiwa Digital. The purpose of the Te Kupenga is to assist council staff and management with any te ao Māori/te reo Māori queries. Te Kupenga, for instance, has a waiata written specifically for the five councils. Written and sung by Tuirina Wehi, Te Kupenga can assist staff to learn this waiata.

Morehu Te Tomo, created an amazing logo for the app, depicting the five councils and the notion 'Ki uta, ki tai' – 'From the mountains to the sea'. A number of Mayors and their Chief Executive Officers, along with HBRC management were present, and congratulated the Pou Ahurea for their work, remarking they were confident Council staff would find Te Kupenga of great assistance. The name Te Kupenga is derived from our Kahungunu ancestor Te Huki, and his political alliances referred to as 'Te Kupenga a Te Huki' (The Net of Te Huki).

**Tahaenui Bridge**

At long last, widening of the Tahaenui Bridge has commenced, and it would be fair to say that this is work long overdue. But what has stood out for me is the relationship, built through genuine engagement and consultation, between Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) and mana whenua Ngāi Kauwaha/Kauaha of Manutai Marae. I commend them both for their efforts.





### Māori Cancer Community Hui

A cancer consultation hui was held at Kahungunu Marae, Nuhaka on Thursday, 25 February, but also looked at broader health issues within the Hawke's Bay region. It was an incredible hui, attended by many Crown, and non-government health providers. It was unfortunate that so few local residents were in attendance because they would have learnt a great deal, and just as importantly been able to contribute to the wider health discourse. What was concerning however, were the horrendous health statistics that beset Wairoa, especially Māori and more specifically our Māori men. We have much to learn and do, to reverse these frightening trends.



### Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

On Thursday, 4 March, I had the pleasure of accompanying HBRC staff in and around some of our Wairoa marae. They spoke about riparian planting, mitigation work along different parts of the Wairoa and Waiau rivers, as well as looking at an area where extensive tree felling had been completed, in readiness for riparian planting. Much of this remedial work, the consequence of hardworking people like Katarina Kawana, who pinpointed these areas of concern, and helped galvanise much of the planting efforts. HBRC's work at Ruataniwha Marae was especially interesting. I want to thank Nathan Heath, Graeme Edmundson, and Mark Hudson for setting aside so much of their valuable time, to do this for me. The ultimate aim is for Nuhaka/Rakaipaaka, like our Wairoa whanaunga have done, to establish our own River Management Plan.

### Nuhaka River Road

On Saturday, 6 March, I attended the official opening of the Nuhaka River Road and the naming of a portion of that road [culvert], Waitirohia. Much has already been said about this project suffice to say, that QRS Project Manager, Mike Wilson needs to be congratulated for the awesome work of his skilled crew. The opening itself, a timely reminder of what can be achieved when Crown, local government and iwi, through Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust, collaborate under a common goal.



### Three Waters Reform Workshop

I, along with Duane, Here and Liz travelled through to Palmerston North on Wednesday, 10 March, in order to attend a Three Waters Reform Workshop the following Thursday. Arriving on a separate vehicle was [His Worship the] Mayor Craig Little, Luke Knight and Jonny Hardie. Personally I found the workshop very rewarding and although overwhelmed by all that was said and discussed, it is always a positive to glean the many opinions of local government, regional councils and Māori representative. Three Waters Reform is hugely transformational, and it is incumbent upon our council and MSC members to remain as up to date in this space, as we possibly can. Our Wairoa residents will require quality information in order to produce quality, impactful submissions. We all wear many hats. I, for example, have an iwi hat, a hapu hat, a mana whenua hat and a rural ratepayers hat. Our mayor has often used the metaphor of government wielding an unruly hammer when speaking about three waters reform. In legislative terms, and to continue his metaphor, I would like my iwi, hapu, mana whenua and rural ratepayer's hand on that hammer, so that I can help shape and mold this new apparatus. The only drawback about the workshop, was the distance involved. Thankfully, we have been informed, DIA will be coming to Wairoa.



### New Napier City Council CEO

A powhiri for the new CEO of Napier City Council, [Dr] Stephanie Rotarangi, was held at Pukemokimoki Marae, Maraenui on Friday, 19 March. Stephanie and her whānau have recently re-located from Australia and have whakapapa connections to Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa.



### He Aitua

Duane and I attended the tangihanga of well known MSD Regional Commissioner Annette (Annie) Aranui, held at Moteo Marae. In keeping with the many committees and boards she sat on, as well as the high national profile she had garnered, Annettes tangi was rich with dignitaries from throughout the Hawke's Bay. But Annette had touched the lives of all and sundry, from politicians and mayors, through to gang members. And because she sat on the Community Partnership Group, a large contingent from Wairoa, came through to pay their respects to her and her family. Gone at such a relatively young age, it is a cautionary tale to those of her ilk, that caring for our community, should not place in jeopardy your own well-being.



**Metal Roads in Nuhaka**

A lot of work has been undertaken recently to a number of our side-roads in Nuhaka. A significant portion of Blucks Pit Road for example has been tar-sealed, while Mataraua/Pomana Road and Papanui Road have had some type of oil-based sealant, added to the metal to give the roads greater integrity. I am sure the Hickling whanau are extremely happy with their newly sealed road and would ask, that council keep the Symes whanau along Mangaone Road in mind, when considering any future works.

Blucks Pit RoadMataraua/Pomana RoadPapanui Road

Nāku nei,

**Henare Mita** (Rakaipaaka Takiwā)  
Chairman, Māori Standing Committee  
**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Thursday, 1 April 2021

**Whetu Marama Makoro Marae***PGF Marae Renovations Fund*

The Mill Pā was fortunate enough to receive PGF Funds for Marae Renovations. They are almost complete, with renovations and work carried out on the whare nui (walls and roof) and the whare kai (painting, re-flooring, reconnections for kitchen equipment and electrics). Trustees thank the PGF and Kahungunu Executive for their support.

*Strategic Plan*

Work is progressing on the Marae's Strategic Plan in terms of what will be carried out to align to Oranga Marae requirements. The Marae will be making an application to Oranga Marae in line with the intent of the Marae's Strategic Plan.

*Water Services Bill*

The Mill Pā also made a submission to the Water Services Bill. The submission opposes the inclusion of Marae in the Water Services Bill

**Putahi Marae***PGF Marae Renovations Fund*

Putahi received PGF funds which has gone toward a completely new re-do of the kitchen. Replacing storage space, re-polishing of floors, wall taken out to add more working space, the power box has been moved to another area, more cupboards added and a fresh coat of paint. The other major job was adding another layer of gravel over the whole parking area.

*Strategic Plan*

Putahi are still working through their Strategic Plan to apply for further funding.

Nāku noa, nā

Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

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Kia ora koutou katoa

**Ruawharo Marae**

No Report

**Māhanga Marae**

Whare tipuna needs a lot of work, roof repair, black mould, bore & replace stain carpet.

**Te Rakatō Marae**

Planning Rangatahi Wananga

Marae hire – no gang/patches

On Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 5.30pm, I attended a hui at Te Rakatō Marae. It was good to hear that the Wairoa District Council accepted the invitation from Te Rakatō Marae to discuss the rates remission policies.

Good turn out considering another hui was held at the Golf course to discuss Civil Defense awareness.



**Kaiuku Marae**

No Report

**Tuahuru Marae**

Fence at rear not finished, short of bolts

Paintings nearly finished

Change of Chairman, Airini Campbell replacing Dawn Karangaroa



**Apaapa-ā-Rangi Marae**

Fencing around urupā

**Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust**

Pākeke hui held at Kaiuku Marae on Friday, 26 February 2021 and the next is scheduled for Friday, 26 March 2021 at 11am, location RIT Offices.

Tohorā – On Sunday, 14 March 2021, a male pigmy sperm whale, 3.4 meters stranded along Māhia Beach. The Tohorā was named Te Tai Tonga o Te Parehuia.

**Māhia Māori Committee**

The Māhia Māori Committee Triennial Elections was held at Kaiuku Marae on Saturday, 13 March 2021.

Rocket Lab – MMC are strongly opposed to all experimental/military pay loads being launched from Māhia.

Letter to be sent to MPI, rāhui for 2 years for taking of green lip mussels in the area of the Te Hoe Mātaitai.

Te Rakatā Marae and Kaiuku Marae concerns raised about the pipi bed. MMC to schedule a wānanga

Nāku noa, nā

Fiona Wairau

**Māhia Mai Tawhiti Takiwā**

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**Te Wairoa Matangirau Takiwā Report**  
Liz Palmer  
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**WHAAKIRANGI MARAE** (Chair - Dale Robinson)

Nothing to report

**TAIHOA MARAE** (Chair – Aroha Moeau)

Nothing to report

**TE POHO O TIAKIWAI MARAE** (Chair – Ronald Nepia)

Nothing to Report

**TE RAUHINA MARAE** (Chair – Naomi Wilson)

A hui was held Friday, 5 March at Te Rauhinā Marae with interested parties from Kihitu and WDC's Duane Culshaw, Grant Young and myself to communicate the on-going water supply issues to Kihitu village. A request from the residents to plan a test on the Back Flow Preventor without compromising the system was received by WDC. Duane was to have a preliminary conversation with Infrastructure Team of WDC. An implication raised by a resident also is from a Health and Safety issue in an event of a Fire! There are continuing discussions to resolve the issue.

**WHAKAKĪ MARAE** (Chair – Bob Solomon)

Whakakī Marae Trust hui are the third Sunday of every month. The email address for any comms is: [whakakimarae1@gmail.com](mailto:whakakimarae1@gmail.com)

**IWITEA MARAE** (Chair – Liz Palmer)

- Iwitea Road was recently resealed. Much appreciated.
- Wairoa Kindergarten Association recently visited with their tamariki to learn about The Seven Whales and our marae. It was an excellent morning.
- Iwitea Marae Committee put in a submission against part of the proposed Water Services Bill, which if passed could see marae committees forced to become Water Service providers. I will keep an eye on this!
- In partnership with members of Whakakī Marae, Whakakī Lake Trust and Materoa Hook Whānau Trust, members of Iwitea Marae have been participating in monthly tikanga wānanga supported through Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou

Nāku noa, nā

Liz Palmer

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**TE HUKI MARAE**

With the front carpark finally sealed and disable carparks finished, all that's left to do is the upgrade of the fire alarm system from a grade 3 to 4 to make the Marae compliant. The AGM for Te Huki Marae was held in December 2020, majority of the Trustees including myself have served their time and felt it is a good time to stand down. It has been a long journey but well worth the wait now Te Huki Marae is complete.

**WAIPAPA-Ā-IWI MARAE**

Mohaka Marae held their AGM Sunday 21 March, current Trustees will serve another term, the Marae has decided to become alcohol free.

**TE MAARA A NGATA KAHUNGUNU MARAE**

Major works have been done on the Kahungunu Marae including replacing iron on the roof and walls, with the kitchen completely gutted and still to be refitted, the ablution block has been painted and had other minor work.

**KURAHIKAKAWA MARAE**

Renovation's has started on the Kurahikakawa Marae through the PGF funding.

**HIKOI TO TAWHIRIRANGI**

On Saturday, 20 March, Ngāti Pāhauwera hosted over 100 iwi members at Waipapa-ā-Iwi Marae, Mohaka, through funding from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Whānau members were able to travel back to Mohaka to hikoi to their maunga – Tawhirirangi.

Much korero was had by many speakers on the day including Toro Waaka, Kuki Green, Trevor Taurima, Chaans Tumataroa, and also good to see Nathan Heath attend and kōrero to his mahi, whakapapa and history, Poutiri Ao o Tāne project, as well as environment mahi done by Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust (NPDT), wānanga through Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi (TWWOA) were the main topics. NPDT have received funding for improvement of the Te Awaawa stream located on the other side of Tawhirirangi, the mahi is part of ongoing work for river, lake and tributary restoration in the Pāhauwera rohe. Tawhirirangi is also part of the project and will be replanted in native trees over the next three years.



Above Pāhauwera Iwi members

Nāku noa, nā

Theresa Thornton  
**Pāhauwera Takiwā**