



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

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022
Time: 1.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

9 June 2022

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mrs Here Nissen, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mrs Fiona Wairau, Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton, Mr Paora Puketapu, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Ms Alex-Ann Edwards, Ms Liz Palmer, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

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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 April 2022

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022 AT 1.38PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mrs Fiona Wairau, Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton, Mr Paora Puketapu, Ms Liz Palmer

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Kimberley Tuapawa** (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki | Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Stephen Heath** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori/Ratonga | Group Manager Community Assets and Services), **Simon Mutohori** (Pouwhakarae-Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager-Planning & Regulatory Services) **Courtney Hayward** (Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Policy, Governance and Economic Development Manager), **Alannah Marshall** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Governance and Economic Development Officer), **Gay Waikawa** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Teri Wathen-Smith** (Mataaro Taiao | Environmental Engineer), **Kylie Bradley** (Kaiaaraktaki Whare Pukapuka | Library Team Leader), **David Doole** (Kaiurungi Matua Take | Senior Rates Officer), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC's Relationship Manager Northern HB)

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager, Mr Duane Culshaw

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/191

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Liz Palmer

That the apologies received from Cr Hine Flood, Alex-Ann Edwards and Here Nissen be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/192**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 February 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 HBRC'S RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT - MARCH 2022****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/193**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

The HBRC's Relationship Manager Northern HB advised the Committee the HBRC's Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee is coming to Wairoa for a field trip on 10 & 11 May and will be visiting a number of sites around the district, heading out towards Marumaru to have a look at the impact of some of the erosions and also meeting with some of the elected members of the Wairoa District Council.

9 GENERAL ITEMS**9.1 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/194**

Moved: Ms Liz Palmer

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the attendance or cancellation of Council Forum.

Opoutama Working Steering Group – contact Duane.

Feedback Iwitea Marae being part of Arowai

9.2 MSC TAKIWA REPORTS - CHAIRMAN AND RAAKAIPAAKA

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/195

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Mr Paora Puketapu

That the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The Committee raised

Verbal takiwā reports:

Mahia mai tawhiti

Matangirau

Te Wairoa Hopupu

Ngati Pāhauwera

Waikaremoana.

9.3 FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/196

Moved: Mrs Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Mrs Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

9.4 REVIEW OF RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/197**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Liz Palmer

That the Committee endorses a proposal to publicly consult on changes and additions to rates remission policies and policies on remission or postponement of rates on Māori freehold land with amendments to formatting in the report.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed:

- Remission of rates on Coastal rural land.
- Development on Maori freehold land.

Paora Puketapu abstained from the resolution.

The Meeting closed at 2.44pm with a karakia by Pouahurea Maori | Maori Relationship Manager, Duane Culshaw

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PURONGO

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

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.

2. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 2.1** Ka tākiri ake ngā haeata a Tama-nui-te rā i te rawhiti, i te whenua, ka awatea. Ka haukūnui a Papatūānuku, ka ngarue e te whenua. Haere mai a Ranginui e tū iho nei. Te oha o te ao, te oha o te pō, kia tūturu ka whakamaui kia tīna! Haumi e! Hui e! Tāiki e!
- 2.2** With the rays of the rising sun from the east, the morning has broken. Mother Earth is covered in a blanket of morning dew encompassing the land. With the coming of the morning Sky, we farewell the dawn and welcome a new day. Together we stand united, bind it, draw together, affirm.

3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1** This is a follow up from the Māori Standing Committee ordinary meeting held Thursday, 22 April 2022.
- 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 **Report an Issue**. Fill out online form and click **Submit**.
- 3.3** **Council Forum Roster** – the next three Council forum roster is **Tuesday, 31 May (Hinenui)** [cancelled], **Tuesday, 12 July (Alex-Ann)** and **Tuesday, 23 August (Theresa)** If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Pouahurea Māori in the first instance.
- 3.4** **Council Ordinary Meeting Roster** – the next three Council Ordinary meeting roster is **Tuesday, 14 June (Hinenui)**, **Tuesday, 12 July (Alex-Ann)** and **6 September (Theresa)** If you are unable to attend your designated date, please inform the Pouahurea Māori in the first instance.

- 3.5 Te Reinga Bridge** – on Wednesday, 18 March the Te Reinga Bridge was re-opened to light vehicles with a three-tonne limit, which included most cars and utes. However, at the time of writing this report, the bridge had again been temporarily closed again (Tuesday 31 May) due to high rainfall. This temporary closure was expected to be for 24-48 hours to enable the river levels to subside and that an engineering inspection can be carried out. Public safety is paramount and we will endeavour to keep you informed if any further issues arise.

4. HAWKE'S BAY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1** We have extended an invitation to Amanda Reynolds, the recently appointed Emergency Management Advisor – Community Engagement, to introduce herself to the Māori Standing Committee.

5. FREEDOM CAMPING (INFORMATIONAL)

- 5.1** We have been receiving feedback and requests from the community around Freedom Camping. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to members of the Māori Standing Committee that the Freedom Camping Act 2011 was set by Central Government.
- 5.2** In particular, section 10 (Where freedom camping is permitted) of this Act states, '*Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area unless it is restricted or prohibited in an area – (a) in accordance with a bylaw made under Section 11; or (b) under any other enactment.* This means that freedom camping can legally occur on any Council road reserve or Council reserve unless restricted or prohibited.
- 5.3** Under section 11 (Freedom camping bylaws) of this Act enables a local authority (Council) to establish a bylaw to either restrict and / or prohibit freedom camping in certain areas. The Council does have a Freedom Camping Bylaw in place, which clearly sets aside areas that are either restricted or prohibited. Furthermore it states that a bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes, '*(i) to protect the area; (ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and (iii) to protect access to the area.*
- 5.4** We would also like to point out section 12 (Bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping) of this Act is very clear, in which it states that, *(1) A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the local authority areas in its district, (2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.*
- 5.5** We acknowledge the very positive response of Freedom Camping Ambassadors in collaboration with Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust (RIT), unfortunately that funding no longer exists. If the Freedom Camping Act does come under review, we would encourage affected parties to make a submission, or in particular support the idea of this Act being reviewed. Stuart Nash is the Minister of Tourism, and this Act is within his portfolio.

6. ŌPOUTAMA RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL)

- 6.1** Council Officers are meeting with Ruawharo Marae trustees on Sunday, 12 June to give them an update on this project. We expect a planting day to be announced thereafter.

7. NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED (NKII) PŌHIRI (INFORMATIONAL)

- 7.1** On Friday, 10 June at Waipatu Marae there will be a pōhiri for new members of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII). This will also be a recognition of the contribution that Ngāhiwi Tomoana has dedicated to his iwi for the last 20 plus years, and to welcome a new members include the new Chair, Bayden Barber.

8. MRM MEETINGS (INFORMATIONAL)

- 8.1** The Pouahurea Māori *Māori Relationships Manager* has attended several meetings, some of which were via Zoom due to COVID-19 Alert Level conditions.

- Regular catch up with Planning, Consenting and Infrastructure teams to discuss projects within the district.
- Regular catch up with Nathan Heath from HBRC.
- Regular hui with Te Kupenga – Māori Specialist team for Hawke’s Bay Councils, including:-
 - Te Kupenga App 2.0 (due to be re-launched on 13 June)
 - Regional Collaboration Day – meeting with Council CE’s
 - Regional Spatial Planning forum
- Regular hui with Spatial Plan working group – inter-council meeting.
- Attended a Ministry for the Environment forum on Three Waters Reform.
- Attended RIT Pakeke Hui at Ruawharo Marae.
- Hui with Jonny Hardie and Teri Wathen-Smith – WDC Project Manager, Infrastructure.
- Hui with General Manager for Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Lewis Ratapu, topics included:-
 - Development Contribution Policy
 - Wairoa Waste Water Treatment Plan consent conditions
 - Statutory Acknowledgement regarding Resource Consent applications, this hui also include HBRC
- Hui with Michael Hardie – WDC Transport Asset Manager.
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- Hui with Tripartite and Whitiwhiti Ora Project team.
- Hui with Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust.
- Attended a presentation for the Mohaka River Plan Change via Zoom.

9. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

- 9.1** Tūtawa mai i runga, tūtawa mai i raro, tūtawa mai i roto, tūtawa mai i waho. Kia tau ai te mauri tū, te mauri ora ki te katoa. Haumi e! Hui e! Tāiki e!
- 9.2** Come forth from above, come forth from below, come forth from within, come forth from outside. For the validity and well being of all. Bind it! Draw together! Affirm it!

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1** The Pouahuea Māori *Māori Relationships Manager* recommends that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

8.2 MSC TAKIWA REPORTS - CHAIRMAN AND RAKAIPAACA

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Chairman's and Rakaipaaka Report [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

This report provides information for Committee on the Chairman and Raakaipaka Takiwā. No decisions are required by Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**WDC Komiti Māori Hui
Rāpare 9 Pīpiri 2022, 1:30pm
Heamana Purongo-ā-Takiwā
Na Henare Mita – Rakaipaaka Takiwā**

He Whakamoemiti:

Ka tūkuna he whakamoemiti ki a Īhowā-o-ngā-mano, nāna nei ngā mea katoa. Ōtira, ka tangihia te tūānitini o rātou kua rūpeke ki paerau, kua nūnumi ki te pō. Heoi anō rā, moe mai rā koutou, moe mai rā i raro i te tuanui o tōna temepara kore aue, kore mamae. Ā, rātou ki a rātou, tātau ngā waihotanga iho ki a tātau, tēna tātau, kia ora tātau katoa. Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi rau rangatira mā, tēnei ahau e mihi atu ana i runga i te karanga o te kaupapa. Ā, ma te mahitahi me te haere ngātahi, angitu ai ngā kaupapa e whaia ana e tātau.

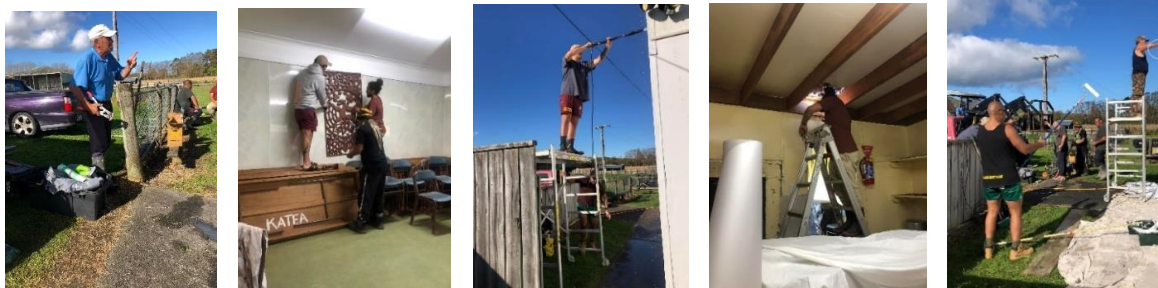
Whakaora Marae:

At long last, after frustrating but unavoidable delays, Whakaora Marae has completed their work at Manutai Marae. Ngai Te Kauaha/Kauwaha whanau have remained patient throughout this entire period, and now will meet to decide when their marae re-opens. Manutai took an absolute pounding last year during a huge storm, this occurring while they hosted a large tangihanga. So not only did parts of the marae sustain serious damage, visitor numbers too, left their mark on the marae grounds. The following photographs are taken from the Ngai Te Kauaha Facebook page.



Te Rehu Marae:

In early May, Te Rehu Marae whanau held a working bee. Te Rehu requiring a good spring clean, following the completion of Whakaora Marae and the different hui hosted there. The majority in attendance were from out of town, a large contingent of the Nepia whanau coming through, in preparation for their Labour Weekend reunion. The following photographs were uploaded from the Te Rehu Facebook page and show the incredible work they did.



As well as a working bee, whanau also held a meeting regarding a desire to change the name of the road, that runs in front of Te Rehu. Their chairwoman, Georgina Waihape, has been liaising with Duane for some time now, and so on the 16th of May, Duane held a zoom hui with chair, treasurer and secretary discussing their hopes, the process before them and council policies. It was a positive hui, the trustees aiming for their AGM to set the process in motion.



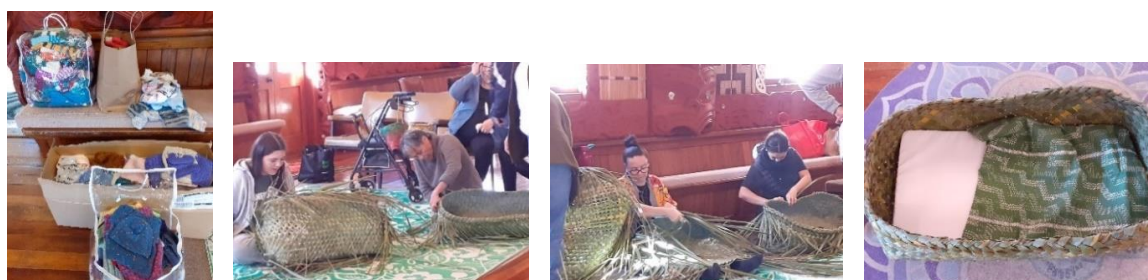
Wahakura Wānanga:

From Friday the 20th of May through to Sunday the 22nd, Kahungunu Marae played host to a wānanga that focused on weaving a specific type of wahakura (traditional flax bassinette), referred to by some as a waikawa wahakura, because of the weave employed to construct it. In addition, the wahakura being taught and promoted was developed by Whanganui weaver, Jenny Firmin, now employed by Hāpai Te Hauora - Māori Public Health, to grow awareness for this wahakura. She was accompanied by two senior Hāpai Te Hauora managers, Fay Selby-Law (GM National SUDI Prevention Coordination Service) and Nari Faiers (National Workforce Development Lead). The emergence of wahakura in a contemporary Māori context, derived from various initiatives seeking to stem worrying Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) numbers amongst Māori infants. These combined initiatives, continue to prove successful in dramatically reducing those numbers.





The wānanga arose from a conversation between midwife Tungane Kani and weaver Jan McKenzie. Tungane informing her of Jenny's work and the fact that her wahakura, is the only one that Hāpai Te Hauora endorses, because of the stringent safety regulations it must comply with. Adding, that it would be great for our expectant mothers, to access this wahakura, produced by our weavers. Tungane then contacted Hāpai Te Hauora.



What differentiates Jenny's wahakura from others, is that a baby can be safely placed between their parents without fear of suffocation, hence Hāpai Te Hauora's endorsement. Moreover, in developing this wahakura, Jenny sought to imbue it with a powerful safety message, delivered in the form of a chant that gives recognition to whakapapa, roles and responsibilities. Each section of the wahakura reinforces that message, and those participating in the wānanga, be they weaver or expectant parent was asked to learn this chant. The wahakura are gifted to expectant mothers and come with a fitted mattress, light blanket and on this occasion, woollen baby clothes. For the moment however, completed wahakura will be left in Jan's care for at least three weeks, since in their present state they remain toxic to babies. Jenny will return then to close off her wānanga, local weavers available not only to learn, but more importantly to assist those less familiar with weaving. In fact, much was required of our weavers, Jan asking them to leave their ego at the door and be totally open to Jenny's methodology. Congratulations to everyone and special commendations to caterer, the Lone Ranger herself, Joyce Lloyd.

Tanenuiarangi and Tamakahu Marae:

Under the Orange Covid Traffic Light Alert system, marae that have been closed are now, naturally enough, discussing 'if' and/or 'when' they should open. Tane Marae will be doing so at their next scheduled meeting. Tamakahu, during the two recent weather bombs, agreed to open their doors to whanau, should they find themselves in the unenviable position of having to evacuate their homes. Thankfully, on those occasions, that was not required. They are also looking to access funding for renovations and are in the throes of processing a Marae Digital Connectivity application.

MotoV8ion Graduation:

On a Friday afternoon, the 6th of May, Tākitimu Marae hosted the graduation ceremony for the first intake of students to youth worker, Bronson Tither's, MotoV8ion programme. Established to help guide, uplift and give focus to troubled youth, Bronson aspires to disrupt the cycle of Māori youth offending and offer a more positive, more reaffirming outlook on their future. His initiative marae-based and seeks to reconnect them with their Māori ancestry. He is about them developing a plan, giving their life purpose and direction, giving it structure. For Bronson himself, that purpose initially was about owning a classic American muscle car, eventually his wife and their children became his purpose and direction. And in time, helping troubled youth whose stories, were his stories, added further purpose and direction.



His programme utilised the skill base of many people, some remunerated for their services, while others helped purely on a voluntary basis. Their input a consequence of believing absolutely, in what Bronson was trying to achieve. One of his tutors, is current 4-times National Womens Muay Thai Champion, Aimee Pearse. Her role, like all tutors in the programme, was about developing positive traits such as perseverance and determination, pushing students beyond their comfort zone. The students themselves ranged in age from Year 10 at college, through to young men with families. Their graduation day and the testimony each delivered, a stark reminder of the incredible journey they had made. It was an inspiring occasion, and proof that there is much to be applauded in what Bronson and his fellow tutors are doing.



8.3 HBRC'S RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT - APRIL 2022

Author: Gay Waikawa, Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer

Authoriser: Courtney Hayward, Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Arahi me te Whakawhanake Ohanga | Policy, Governance & ED Manager

Appendices: 1. HBRC's Relationship Manager (Northern HB)-April 2022 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the work undertaken by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Relationship Manager for the month of April 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.



Monthly Report for Wairoa - Mohaka – April 2022
Nathan Heath – Relationship Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)

1 May 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

The following is a brief update for April 2022.

- 1) HBRC update – including issues and Council & Committee meeting items of local relevance
 - Representative review outcomes – The Local Government Commission has endorsed the recommendations HBRC Councillors made to the make-up of the Council Constituencies in the next local body elections. Two Māori constituency seats have been confirmed and the constituency boundary for Wairoa remains as it was. Further information can be found <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/home/article/1254/regional-council-representation-review-decision?t=featured&s=1>
 - On the 10-11th of May, committee members of our Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee are visiting Wairoa. They will be visiting sites impacted by the storms and to visit several locations in the district to see first-hand some of the work that is going on and meet with several community representatives. The EICC Committee hui is at 9am Wednesday 11th at the Wairoa Taiwhenua and public are welcome to attend.

HBRC Council Meetings

6 April – Māori Committee

- Take Ripoata ā Tākiwa.
- Climate Change Ambassador and Work Programme
- Significant organisational activities looking forward report
- Coastal Hazards Strategy update.

8 April – Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy Joint Committee

27 April – Regional Council

- Significant organisational activities looking forward report through May 2022.

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

- 2) I have had kōrero with representatives from Wairoa District Council, Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust, Gisborne District Council. Engagement with Wairoa Community Partnerships Group, Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee, Police, Fire & Emergency NZ, ST Johns, Defence Force, Eastlands Network and Genesis.
- 3) Local Update
 - a) Yesterday (April 28) we received the sad news that one of our colleagues at HBRC, Linda Anderson passed away overnight on the 27th. Linda will be familiar to a number of you by the work she has done with the Road Safe program throughout the region. Our thoughts go out to Linda and her whānau.

- b) Civil defence response work – staff at our Wairoa office have been heavily involved in supporting the farming community recover from the recent storms. Staff have been working with landholders to assess the damage on some farms and how they can support that. They have also been involved with the “Connecting Rural Wairoa initiative” that has delivered more than 400 “parcels of kindness” to those impacted by the storms. Work is occurring in conjunction with Gisborne District Council to have aerial imagery taken of the district so an accurate assessment can be made of the extent and severity of the erosion that has occurred and enable us to prioritise just where we need to support our whānau the most.
- c) I attended a wānanga hosted by the Pohaturoa Trust as part of their Te Mana o Te Wai Project. The kōrero from the whānau, those involved in the project and scientists who have or are working on the Maunga was fascinating. As was the hospitality of the whānau at Te Reinga Marae. Not to mention the distance some had to travel to the hui without a bridge.
- d) The findings of the Shorebird survey recently carried out throughout Hawkes Bay will be discussed at an online hui at 6pm on the 10th of May. Unfortunately, this was meant to be held in Wairoa in early December just as we went into our last covid lockdown. The orange restrictions also limit us to what we can do at events still. While the information is new and current it is important to get the kōrero out there in an easy way for the whānau to participate in. To log in to this hui <https://www.facebook.com/events/379594267393942>

4) Storm events

The recent storms in Wairoa are a timely reminder of the need to continue to plan, implement and plant soil erosion control measures throughout our hill country. The impact of sediment on our waterways, infrastructure and coastal environment in Wairoa is clearly large. It has been sometime since a storm of this magnitude and extent has hit the district with it being compared in some places as worse than Cyclone Bola. Anyone who has travelled to Ruakituri or Te Reinga recently will see for themselves the impact the storm has had. Climate change projections predict that these types of storms will become more frequent and more intense in the future so how we address the long term resilience of our hill country is crucial for Wairoa.

However, it is important to remember that storms are part of life of living on the East Coast. Some fascinating research was carried out by scientist from a range of different agencies on the past storm frequency and size using sediment cores taken from Lake Tutira. By analysing these cores scientists were able to trace an intact sediment record to 7,200 years ago. By using ash falls, sediment and pollen core analysis researchers were able to map out the storm pattern and erosional effects in the Lake Tutira catchment area. They found that over that time there have been around 53 storms of a magnitude like that of Cyclone Bola and 7 events that were potentially larger. The other interesting finding was that there have been multiple clusters of storms events over years, decades and centuries rather than evenly spread out. So, in that context via that history these are the sort of events we as a community need to plan and prepare for.

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, Wairoa District Council and HBRC have partnered with the Our Land & Water National Science Challenge Whitiwhiti Ora project team to investigate the impact of sediment on the mahinga kai of the Wairoa River. Already mahinga kai values important to the whānau have been shared, identified and framed by the whānau as a way they can be measured over time. The second phase of the project will look to identify the state of and condition of the mahinga kai species present in the river and the impacts the recent storms have had on the mahinga kai values of the river. They are modelling and mapping where erosion is occurring in the catchment and what sort of mitigation measures may be required to achieve target values for mahinga kai. This is a fantastic project to be involved with locally. Unfortunately, Covid has made it difficult for the project team to come together with the whānau here to talk about the project kanohi ki te kanohi.

That is something the project team is still very keen to coordinate as soon as we can. Mahinga kai is now a compulsory value in the Freshwater Reforms process, so the knowledge gathered through this project will also help inform what that might look like in future catchment planning.

While we are undertaking what is going to be a long and significant recovery from these recent events it is an important time to work as a community to learn from this as well and reassess what we might need to do to start planning together for the longer term resilience of the district. The impacts of these storms on infrastructure, power, household resources, farm tracks, culverts, drains, plantations, fences on top of those on the whenua and whānau are significant. So what steps do we need to take to go about reducing that impact on us into the future?

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

Ngā mihi



Nathan Heath

Relationships Manager – Northern Hawke's Bay

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