



**I, Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive, hereby give notice that
an Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2024
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting

11 June 2024

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7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 30 April 2024

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD - MATANGIRAU MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 AT 10:02 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Ms Michelle McIlroy, Mr Phillip Beattie, Mr Irah Heyder,

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Sarayde Tapine** (Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Advisor), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Māori Relationships Manager),

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by Mr Irah Heyder.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/22

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the apology received from Cr Roslyn Thomas be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL.

The Chair advised members to update their register of interest forms where required.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIL.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

NIL.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

NIL.

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 APPOINTING A CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/23**

Moved: Mr Irah Heyder

Seconded: Ms Michelle McIlroy

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board

- A) Receive the report;
- B) Appoint Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare representative of Wairoa District Council as Chairperson of the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau for the next triennium.
- C) Appoint Phil Beattie representative of Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa as the interim Deputy Chairperson of the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau for the next triennium.

CARRIED

Cr Eaglesome-Karekare called for nominations and members agreed to appoint Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare as Chairperson and Phil Beattie as the Interim Deputy Chairperson of the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau for the next triennium with no objections.

8.2 TATAU TATAU O TE WAIROA INTERIM APPOINTMENTS TO TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD MATANGIRAU**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/24**

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee:

- 1. Receive the report.
- 2. Confirm the Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa interim appointments to the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau being *Michelle McIlroy, Phillip Beattie and Irah Heyder*.

CARRIED

8.3 MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/25

Moved: Mr Phillip Beattie

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report and adopt the Meeting Schedule for Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau attached as Appendix 1 for 2024.

CARRIED

8.4 DISCUSSION POINT AROUND WORKPLAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/26

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Mr Irah Heyder

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report and that an action plan be presented at the next meeting.

CARRIED

Mr Beattie raised Ngamotu and Whakamahia reserves and how the committee plans to move forward with those reserves.

The Chair raised including the Rangihoua reserve as part of the flood protection options.

Ms McIlroy suggested doing a restoration plan and asked whether there is the possibility for the Board to apply to the Cyclone Gabrielle appeal funding.

Cr Kaimoana supported the restoration of the two reserves Rangihoua and Okaka and advocacy around Rangihoua for Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) to provide protection on the waterway side. She noted that work needs to be done along Okaka as the reserve is getting wider and beginning to encroach into Maori whenua and that she would like the Board to acknowledge and raise the awareness of significance of the purakau and tipuna from the Rangihoua reserve. She further advised that she would like the Board to advocate for the Wairoa bar to be managed in Wairoa rather than from HBRC.

The Chair noted the cultural trail project currently being carried out by Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust (RIT), Wairoa District Council (WDC) and Wairoa Young Achievers Trust (WYAT) and that Rangihoua has been highlighted as an area to have a storyboard about and using local knowledge for support and implementation of the project. She advised that WDC have been liaising with Central Hawke's Bay who have already initiated a similar project. Members discussed the proposed model designs of the pou suggested for the cultural trail and future reporting to the

Board about the progression of the project.

Members discussed looking into river mouth management, depth levels and dredging of the river that impact on the reserves. Mr Beattie suggested inviting the Department of Conservation (DOC) to the next meeting to identify the connection and relationship between the Board and DOC and to look at the rookery in regards to the seagulls by Kihitu.

The Chief Executive, Kitea Tipuna entered the meeting at 10:35am.

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/27

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Ms Michelle McIlroy

That the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau support the intensive management of the Wairoa bar locally as per the Andrew Newman report.

CARRIED

8.5 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/28

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Ms Michelle McIlroy

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report.

CARRIED

The HBRC Māori Relationship Manager, Nathan Heath spoke briefly to his report highlighting:

- HBRC currently have an independent river asset management review going on.
- The woody debris is a well run project made up of local contractors and majority of the debris were being burnt during the restricted fire season with no issues raised.

Members discussed at length funding around woody debris, the removal of woody debris from beaches and the criteria to have random debris/rubbish from Cyclone Gabrielle removed from private properties that originally wasn't theirs. His Worship the Mayor advised the Board that it is in the pipeline for DIA to come to Wairoa to assist people applying for the Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal funding.

8.6 CONCEPT DESIGN APPROVAL – WAIROA RIVER RESERVE RESTORATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/29

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Mr Phillip Beattie

The Pouwhakarae-Hua Pumau | Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Michael Hardie spoke to the report noting to the Board that WDC received \$1.5M of Kanoa funding to put together a concept of detailed design and to construct things along the reserves from the lighthouse to Locke Street. He noted that Council has approved for the project to be advanced to detailed design phase and funding requirements provide that the money must be spent by March 2025.

Members discussed at length the details of the project including the visual identity of the project, the potential to build local capacity within the project, that funding doesn't cover the construction of the proposed wharf and that mana whenua will be included in the design phase. Members further discussed eco-sourcing appropriate plants such as raupō for the suggested plantings in the project.

The Meeting closed at 11:20am with a closing karakia given by Irah Heyder.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting held on .

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 UPDATE ON WDC STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Author: Mike Hardie, Pouwhakarae - Hua Pumau | Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Board on WDC stormwater updates. No decisions are required by the Board at this stage.
- 1.2 This report was requested at last Te Rohe O Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau meeting

RECOMMENDATION

The Pouwhakarae - Hua Pumau | Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report.

2. STORMWATER UPDATE

2.1 Projects

2.1.1. Grey Street stormwater replacement

- 2.1.1.1. This work has been completed. The stormwater pipe had failed and needed urgent replacement because of risk of tomos forming and collapsing the road. Please see red line on map below for reference



2.1.1. Fraser Street/Kopu Road Stormwater

2.1.1.1. A site visit was held between Council staff and Katarina Kawana on the drain that connects Frasers Street and Kopu Road (aerial map below). This site visit was prompted by concerns raised about elvers being present in the area. No sign of any elvers but the group did talk about work that has been done in that area post cyclone Gabrielle.

2.1.1.2. Following cyclone Gabrielle contractors were able to clear out the drains and outlets for the above stream from Fraser Street to the outlet near Rangihoua. As part of this work 3 x culverts were replace in the Mucalo property, but unfortunately the contractors were unable to clear the area circled on aerial map below, however they have programmed this work to be completed. The aim of this work was to improve the stormwater flow affecting the Fraser/Grant/Scott/Mclean Street areas.

2.1.1.3. After feedback from the Body Representing Maori (BRM), Council staff are working on a code of practice for Tuna Extraction. This will provide guidance for when council are clearing out drains. This will be worked on in conjunction with the BRM and Te Rohe O Te Wairoa Reserves Board – Matangirau.



2.1.1. Master Planning & Stormwater Modelling – Long Term Plan

2.1.1.1. A Master Planning & Stormwater modelling project has been proposed in the Long Term Plan. The purpose of this is to better understand the stormwater assets that are currently in place, as well as plan for future growth and climate change affects.

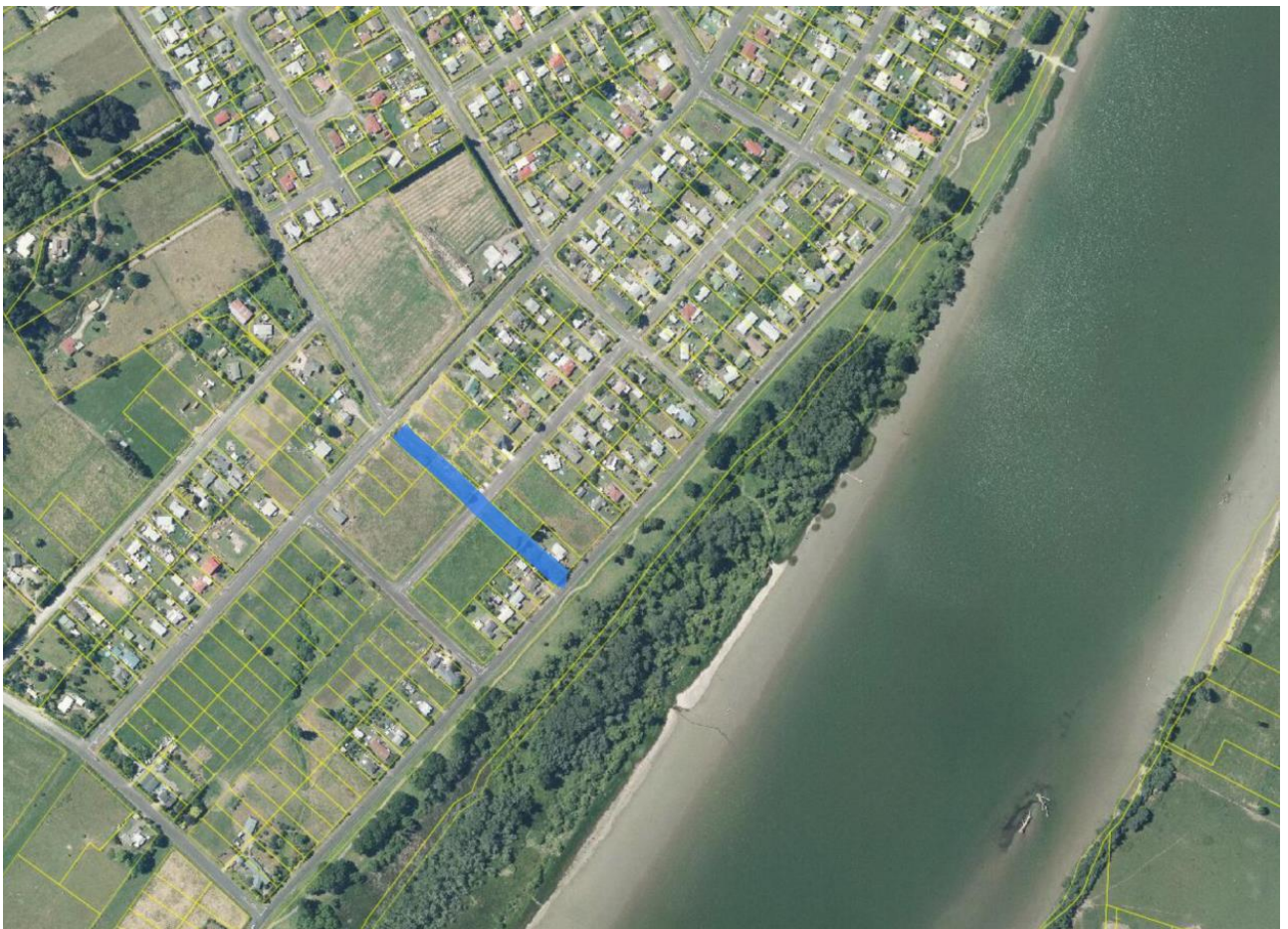
2.1.2. CCTV Investigation – A CCTV programme videoing the stormwater network has commenced. The focus has been the cyclone affected areas – mainly North Clyde area. Footage shows there is still a significant amount of silt in the lines and root intrusion – these are being cleared as they are found. CCTV on properties down Kopu Road is due to happen in the coming month, before continuing with the remainder of network

2.1.3. Groundwater monitoring station – There are plans to install a groundwater monitoring station in the Wairoa Township. The purpose of this is to help with communicating and better understanding our drainage network. I.e. if groundwater is high it won't take much rain to cause surface flooding so Council can advise the public that surface flooding could happen and drainage is not the issue etc.

2.2 The Council 3-waters team needs to consider other avenues for education plans now that the Wairoa Star has closed.

3. WAIKOROHICO AND WAIPARUPARU STREAM

3.1 On the 22nd January 2024 WDC reached out to Katarina Kawana to undertake tuna extraction and relocation prior to cleaning out the "drain" that connects Kitchener Street to Kopu Road, between Browne Street and Black Street. This work was carried out in early March and a total of 300 tuna were relocated. They ranged in size from 20cm to 800cm, the heaviest weighed in at 1.5kg but the average size was 400g. All were short-finned tuna.



3.2 Following the completion of this mahi, Katarina and her team took WDC staff on a site visit to various sites where they shared information on some of the mahi they do, their monitoring sites, areas of concern and what different invasive species they find in these areas.

3.3 After these site visits:

- 3.3.1. WDC reached out to Nigel How to try and understand if these drains were of historical significance, Nigel proceeded to explain to the team that these “drains” are in fact streams and are named the Waiparuparu and the Waikorohiko streams (the one in blue on aerial map above)
- 3.3.2. Correspondence is ongoing between WDC staff and Katarina discussing what a project could look like for this stream. The idea is to treat this area as a site that offers awareness and supports habitat of native species and not just a “drain”.
- 3.3.3. 3.3.3 Local contractors have been approached to support this work i.e. money, machinery, labour resource.
- 3.3.4. NEXT STEPS
 - 3.3.4.1. A name is needed for this project. WDC have enquired whether the Waikorohiko stream restoration is a suitable name, waiting for some feedback on this. A project name will help when asking for support/funding.
 - 3.3.4.2. Establish walkways
 - 3.3.4.3. Clear area for planting
 - 3.3.4.4. Source plants (native nursery)
 - 3.3.4.5. Planting program begins
 - 3.3.4.6. Establish a maintenance plan (weekly, monthly and annual maintenance requirements and estimate of these maintenance costs)
 - 3.3.4.7. Determine what is councils involvement moving forward. A community led focus of this project will produce the greatest outcome, with Council support.

Further Information

N/a

References (to or from other Committees)

N/a

8.2 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Author: Sarayde Tapine, Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices:

1. HBRC Māori Relationship Manager - April Report 2024 [↓](#)
2. HBRC Māori Relationship Manager - May Report 2024 [↓](#)
3. HBRC Submission to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Board on the Hawke's Bay Regional Councils Māori Relationship Managers monthly April and May reports and a copy of the HBRC submission made to the Justice Committee on the proposed Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies Amendment Bill. No decisions are required by the Board at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Councils Māori Relationships Manager, Nathan Heath, provides regular reporting to the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Matangirau Reserves Board. Please find attached as Appendix 1 the regular update report for the month of April 2024 and attached as Appendix 2 the regular update report for the month of May 2024.
- 2.2 Attached as Appendix 3 is the HBRC Submission on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.



Monthly Report for Wairoa - Mohaka – April 2024
Nathan Heath – Māori Relationship Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)

2 May 2024

Wairoa HBRC activity report for April 2024.

1) HBRC update – including issues and Council & Committee meeting items of local relevance.

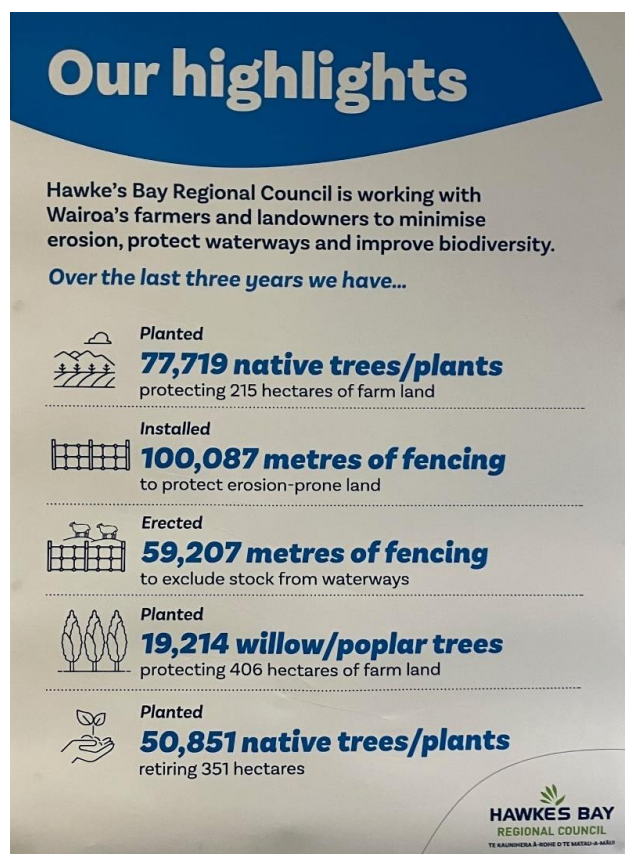
- **HBRC Te Pou Whakarae pōhiri** – I attended the pōhiri for Te Wairama Munro as the new Te Pou Whakarae for HBRC on 16 April. Te Wairama, who has been Interim Pou Whakarae since Pieri Munro left and has officially now started in the role.
- **Long Term Plan** – Public consultation was held on the 16th and 18th of April. Submissions for the 2024-2027 LTP close on 15th of May. Further information and a link for submitting can be found via <https://www.consultations.nz/hbrc/3yearplan/>
- **Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events** – Was released on the 23rd of April <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Government-Inquiry-into-the-Response-to-the-North-Island-Severe-Weather-Events>. The inquiry was undertaken by an independent panel lead by Sir Jerry Mateparae. This follows on from the Independent Review to the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Response into Cyclone Gabrielle that was released in February.
- **HBRC Committee meetings and items of interest** – April was a quiet month for Council Committee Meetings because of school holidays.
 - **10 April – Regional Council** – workshop (Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazard Strategy), Council Meeting discussing the 3 Year LTP for public consultation.
 - **24 April – Regional Council workshop** – Flood Resilience Strategy

2) Wairoa District Update.

- Alice Wilson who has been part of the Catchment Delivery Team in Wairoa has been appointed a Senior Rural Advisor for Wairoa. This is a new role and Alice will be working closely with catchment groups and working with the primary sector and landholders to support recovery following Gabrielle and in implementing good land management practices.
- Nuhaka & Whakakī update – work has commenced on the construction of the weir in the Rāhui Channel at Lake Whakakī. HBRC and WDC council staff met with Ministry of Education, engineers and contractors to progress the Nuhaka school rebuild.
- Predator Free Mahia – significant work to completely eradicate possums from the Mahia Peninsula is still progressing. Trail cameras, extensive trapping and dogs are being used to identify where the remaining possums are living and contractors used to focus on the Mahia Scenic Reserve and forestry blocks where some concentrations of possums still exist. A virtual barrier of bait stations and traps to prevent future infestations of possums into Mahia has been put into place and is being maintained on a regular basis. The HBRC team of Allan Beer and Andrew Richardson are doing a great job pursuing the local community aspiration of a predator free Mahia. The project is looking to extend through to the end of this year.
- The HBRC Environmental Monitoring team undertook fish surveys at several sites across the rohe this month as part of the on-going work the HBRC Science team are undertaking to better understand the impacts of the severe weather events on waterways and aquatic life. A second round of eDNA testing

has recently been carried out across 11 different sites in the district and all data gathered is being collated into a component of the State of the Environment Report that will soon be produced.

- Other local issues raised this month included the smoke at Mahia Beach, gaining permission from owners for contractors to undertake works maintaining and upgrading the Paeroa drainage scheme, enquires around the woody debris activity and burning, wānanga with the whānau at Te Reinga looking at the long term restoration of their whenua, supporting the cultural impact assessment work for the flood protection project and Whitiwhiti Ora project.
- I attended the Matangirau Reserves Board meeting on 30 April 2024. Multiple items were discussed including restoration plans for Matangirau Reserves, river bar management, erosion at Rangi-houa, funding for silt and woody debris removal on whenua māori, river management of the lower Wairoa River and the Wairoa River Reserve Restoration project.
- Wairoa items of significance
 - Announcement of the shift of the provisional land categorisation of Wairoa properties from 2A to 2C has been made. The project will now be consulting the community to progress the shortlisted options for flood protection.
 - The WDC independent flood review was presented to Council in April and can be viewed via <https://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Reports/Wairoa-Cyclone-Gabrielle-Review-April-2024.pdf>
 - Community hui were held earlier in the month with staff from East Coast Lab to kōrero about our proximity to the Hikurangi Trench Subduction Zone and the potential impact on our communities of a significant earthquake or tsunami. The bottom line for those living in coastal communities is having your whānau prepared by knowing when and how to act should an event happen independent of advice from someone else.
- The infographic below was recently compiled by the team in the Wairoa Office to show the work they have undertaken with landowners over the last 3 years.



3) Further information and funding

- The “Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust” funding closes on 29 May. Applications can be made via <https://www.cycloneappeal.org.nz/>
- There is significant information on the Hikurangi Sub-duction Zone and the work of East Coast Labs, including a response planning toolbox via <https://www.eastcoastlab.org.nz/projects/hikurangi-response-planning-toolbox/>

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

Ngā mihi

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Monthly Report for Wairoa - Mohaka – May 2024
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5 June 2024

Wairoa HBRC activity report for May 2024.

1) HBRC update – including issues and Council & Committee meeting items of local relevance.

- Submissions have closed for the HBRC Long Term Plan. Submissions were heard on 29-30 May. Council will make its deliberations and a decision will be made on 19 June for adoption on 3 July 2024.
- Submissions have now closed on the Māori Ward Legislation Amendment Bill, which were only open for 5 days. HBRC has submitted opposing the Bill. The submission has been attached to this email.
- The latest piece of Central Government RMA reform (Freshwater and other matters) was submitted to parliament on 23 May. The Amendment Bill and proposed change can be found via <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/resource-management-freshwater-and-other-matters-amendment-bill/>. Of most significance is the removal of the hierarchy of obligations within Te Mana o Te Wai in resource consenting.
- Decisions on the adoption of the HB Regional Land Transport Plan (2024-2034) are being made on 6 June.
- HBRC Council and Committee items of significance –
 - 3 May – Regional Land Transport Plan submissions hearings.
 - 15 May – Corporate and Strategy Committee. The "Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) delivery and the "Report on the Independent Review of the HBCDEM Groups response to Cyclone Gabrielle.
 - 24 May Regional Transport Committee – Plan deliberations.
 - 29-30 May Regional Council – LTP submissions.

2) Wairoa District Update.

- The rain event over 21-23 May was our first big reminder of our need to be prepared for future storms and flooding since Cyclone Gabrielle. Damage from the event was relatively minor across the district. Several incidences of flash flooding at Whakakī and Nuhaka caused significant localised damage to fences and culverts and closed State Highway 2 north to Gisborne. Most parts received a decent rainfall over the period for example, Cricklewood (137mm), Hangaroa (95mm), Kōpuawhara (99mm), Wairoa (141mm). The heaviest rainfall was in the hills and ranges behind Mōrere, Nuhaka and Whakakī, with the Pukeorapa rainfall station recording (233mm).
- I accompanied Hari Anantharangan from the HBRC Asset Management Team over the 21-23 May rainfall event to actively monitor all the HBRC drainage schemes and river mouths across the rohe. The work that had been done to upgrade the Nuhaka Railway Drain appears to have made a difference to moving water more quickly through the network. Some minor clearing of potential blockages to the Te Rama Rama culvert were made. Both the Waihoratuna and Opoho streams were opened to alleviate high water levels. The lower Wairoa River saw some flooding particularly downstream of Spooners Point, causing concern in the community. HBRC and Local Contractors had been planning to re-locate the Wairoa River mouth upstream of Pilot Hill. On this occasion the unpredictability of the early weather forecasts, delays in mobilising equipment and work required to prepare for an opening and the prevailing conditions at the time to maintain a new river mouth including, large onshore

swells, King tides and comparably lower flows of the river upstream meant that an attempt was not able to be made.

- I attended a planting day organised by Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka on 14 May. Land near Nuhaka School has been gifted back to the School by KiwiRail. Students from Nuhaka School planted approximately 500 plants along the bank of the Hirere Stream (Nuhaka Railway Drain) and had great fun in doing it.



- I attend the presentation by Herenga ā Nuku of the National Outdoor Access Champions award to the Whangawehi Catchment Group at Tuahuru Marae on 10 May. Another fantastic achievement by the group who continue to maintain momentum together beyond their initial aspirations of restoring the Whangawehi River. For those who haven't walked the Te Aratia walkway along the Whangawehi to see the effort that has gone into this kaupapa I would highly recommend you go for a look yourself.
- Other engagement this month included to, Whakakī Marae to provide assistance with their Wharekai restoration proposal, the Rāhiri for Petera Hakiwai, new Pou Whakarae for Hastings District Council, the Wairoa Community Partnerships Group hui and the Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Taiao Project Steering Group hui.
- The loss of the Wairoa Star is particularly noticeable for me in producing this report. As an avid long term reader myself, I kept a list of issues that came up in the Star relating to the Taiao to help me write this report. I look forward to seeing what might arise to fill the gap.

3) Further information and funding

- On 22 May the Parliamentary Commissioner of Environment released his "Going with the Grain" Report. The report looks at the scale of landscape change required to meet the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and water quality while looking after the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of the regions.
- A second report looking in more detail at 2 catchments in particular – Matarau in Southland & Northern Wairoa in Northland provide some insight into the challenges for Wairoa also.
- Both reports can be found via <https://pce.parliament.nz/our-work/news/new-zealand-needs-to-confront-the-challenges-of-land-use->

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29 May 2024

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Tēnā koe

SUBMISSION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AND MĀORI WARDS AND MĀORI CONSTITUENCIES) AMENDMENT BILL

1. Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC), inclusive of its Māori Committee and Regional Planning Committee, thanks the Justice Committee for the opportunity to submit on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill (the Bill). HBRC opposes the Bill in its current form.
2. In 2021 the Regional Council initiated extensive community engagement directly with the Hawke's Bay community on whether to establish Maori constituencies. This included targeted engagement with iwi, hapu and marae as affected parties and given its significance, a comprehensive region-wide consultation with our communities using the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002. More submissions were received on this topic than any long-term plan. A resounding 89.23% of the 1,090 submitters supported the establishment of Maori constituencies.
3. Following public consultation, HBRC voted unanimously to establish Māori constituencies. This was further consulted on as part of a Representation Review, during which the Council consulted on and subsequently agreed to establish two Māori constituencies – Māui ki te Raki and Māui ki te Tonga. Māori constituency councillors were elected for the first time at the local body elections on 8 October 2022.
4. To suggest that as a binding poll was not held, that this process was somehow inadequate undermines the process which council decision-making is made. The Regional Council's 2021 consultation process showed significant community support for Māori constituencies. Reinstating polls could negate this positive democratic engagement, where an overwhelming majority has already expressed approval through robust consultation processes.
5. The decision to establish Māori wards should remain at the discretion of local councils, who are best positioned to understand and respond to the unique needs and preferences of their communities, including iwi and hapū. The proposed Bill would undermine local decision making.
6. The Bill's proposal to require polls specifically for Māori wards imposes an inconsistent procedural standard not applied to other forms of representation. This undermines the principle of equitable treatment in governance and is fundamentally unfair.

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7. The Government acknowledges that the effects of reintroducing polls on existing Māori wards and the broader implications for Māori representation in local government are uncertain. However, historical evidence shows that polling requirements for Māori wards have posed a substantial barrier to their establishment. Reintroducing such polls could risk reverting to those barriers, potentially weakening the effectiveness of Māori representation in critical governance processes.
8. Māori wards are a direct expression of the principles of partnership and participation as outlined in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Any legislative changes that could hinder the progress in these areas would be a step back from our commitment to these foundational principles.

Recommendation:

Hawke's Bay Regional Council strongly recommends maintaining the current legislative framework that supports council autonomy over the establishment of Māori wards and constituencies. This autonomy ensures that decisions are not only proximate to the communities they affect but are also deeply informed by meaningful engagement and consultation, thereby enhancing local democracy and effective Māori participation in governance.

If the Bill proceeds, Hawke's Bay Regional Council recommends that a poll not be required where Councils have previously carried out a special consultative process to establish Māori wards and constituencies.

Naku noa, nā

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8.3 TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD MATANGIRAU DRAFT WORKPLAN 2024

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Appendices: 1. Draft Workplan 2024 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Board on the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau Draft Workplan 2024. No decisions are required by the Board at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report and consider and provide feedback to the draft workplan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Boards draft workplan for 2024 is attached as Appendix 1 to the report for members to consider.
- 2.2 This has been created and based on the discussion and feedback received from the Boards last meeting on Tuesday 30 April where members discussed a draft workplan for the year and what they wanted included in the plan.

References (to or from other Committees)

Tuesday 30 April Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board Matangirau Meeting.



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This document is intended as a reference for the Matangirau Reserves Board to use in assessing and reflecting upon their achievements and commitments throughout the year. It may help inform the decision-making of the group and particularly the workload taken on by the group.

Key Performance Indicators	Officer/Member Responsible	Comments/Notes	Status
Ngamotu and Whakamahia Reserves - plans to move forward with these reserves	Phillip Beattie		
Rangihoua Reserve – as part of flood protection options	Denise Eaglesome-Karekare		
Regular progress reports on the Cultural Trail project	Denise Eaglesome-Karekare		
Restoration plan of all reserves	Michelle McIlroy		
Plan for work along Okaka Reserve – getting wider and encroaching on Māori whenua	Melissa Kaimoana		
To acknowledge and raise the significance of the purakau and tipuna from the Rangihoua Reserve	All		
Advocacy around Rangihoua for HBRC to provide protection on the waterway side	All		
To advocate for the Wairoa bar to be managed in Wairoa rather than from HBRC	All		
River mouth management, depth levels and dredging of the river that impact on the reserves	All		