



Date: Tuesday, 9 July 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Late Reports

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

9 July 2024

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton, Ms Fiona Wairau, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds, Ms Whaiora Maingdonald

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8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 MSC CHAIRMAN REPORT

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on the MSC Chairman's report. No decisions are required by Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

**Wairoa District Council Komiti Māori Hui 10am
9 Tūrei/Rātu Hūrae/Hongongoi 2024
Rakaipaaka Purongo ā-Takiwā
Henare Mita (Komiti Māori Heamana)**

He hōnore, he korōria ki te atua, he maungārongo ki te mata o te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa. Tēnei ahau e tuku ana i te reo whakamoemiti ki te whānuitanga o te kauae runga, hei whare āhuru mōwai, hei tauranga waka mā tātau. E tika ana kia whakanuia a ia, me te apakura ki o tātau hūhūā mate huri noa, puta noa. Hāere koutou, hāere whakangaro atu, ka tae Po, rātou ki a rātou, ā, ka tae Awatea, tātau ki a tātau. Aku nui, aku rahi, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.

[This report is informational only and does not require any decisions to be made by this committee. It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee receive this report.]

Ngā Whakapāhā:

Thank you, Fiona and Theresa, for forwarding your apologies before our scheduled May meeting. As disappointing as it was to cancel this meeting, we do appreciate you contacting us. Some of our members wear numerous that when your Iwi requires your involvement, sometimes these difficult decisions must be made. Also thank you to Erena for your apologies prior to the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Te Kura o Nuhaka:

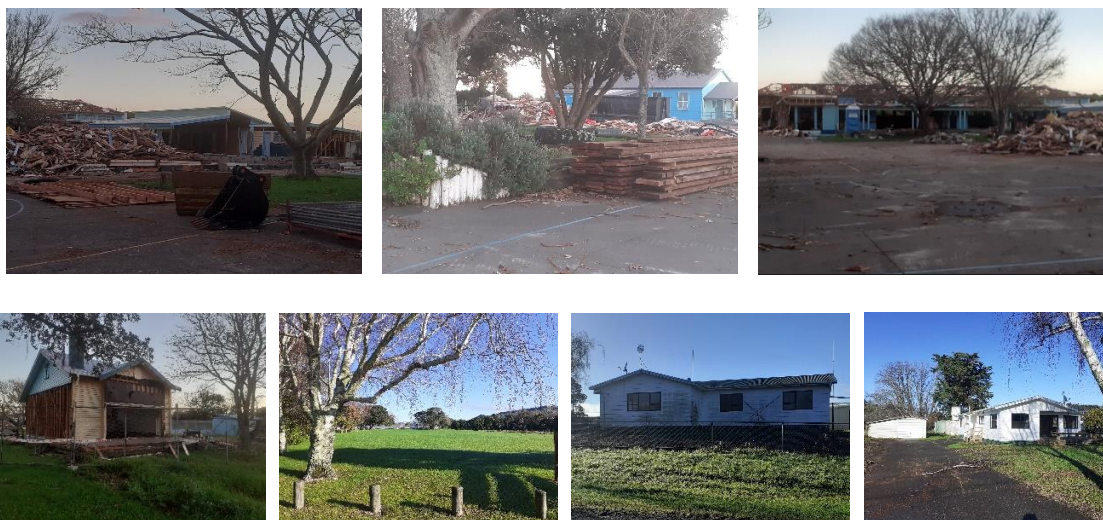
Nuhaka Primary School had the privilege of hosting Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro and her distinguished entourage to their temporary facilities at the Nuhaka Church of Latter-Day Saints on Thursday the 20th of June. A fleeting visit, her small group called in to pay their respects to the school and the children for all that they have to contend with since Cyclone Gabrielle. It is clear from these photographs that everyone enjoyed this very special occasion.



(Photographs uploaded from Wairoa Community Events Facebook page)

It would be difficult not to agree with Dame Cindy's sentiments. The school with their board, staff, parents and students have done an incredible job and should be congratulated on their resilient spirit. But the school has another pressing engagement, because in mid-2025, they

are scheduled to return to the old site and their new facilities. Only the Assembly Hall and Ablutions Block will survive, contractors busy demolishing the remaining buildings. Locals and other interested parties encouraged to take away whatever they could transport, the school generally asking for a koha in return. It was even hoped that someone would be able to take the playcentre away, but due to its height transportation costs proved prohibitive.



The first two photographs show the ablutions block and assembly hall which are to remain, while all the other buildings will be demolished. Apart from the many years of memories that once echoed these collapsed walls, perhaps the most disappointing aspect of all, has been the crass theft of school property. The removal of equipment from the playcentre as well as the theft of water pumps from the school and school house. It seems only criminal activity prospers during troubled periods.

Matariki:

Matariki hunganui, Matariki ahunganui, Matariki tāpuapua, Matariki whanaunga kore, Matariki te Mātahi-o-te-tau. It is satisfying to note how Matariki, has for some years now, been widely embraced throughout Aotearoa/New Zealand and Wairoa has been no exception. At the time of putting this report together, a week of Matariki celebrations within Wairoa had just been completed. A huge vote of thanks must go out to the Wairoa Community Centre, Wairoa REAP and Te Rangi Huata for their fine work. On Monday the 24th of June, further celebrations, organised by Kahungunu Executive (KE), Wairoa Recovery and Tahuri Mai, began with a hangi lunch hosted at Taihoa Marae. KE invited WYAT, Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae, Enabled Wairoa and Wairoa Taiwhenua, each organisation giving a presentation of their roles and functions within our community.



Without a doubt, much of the Matariki renaissance can be attributed to the work of Professor Rangi Mātāmua (Tūhoe), his presentations and commentary, resonating with a growing audience. Last week I noted another of his observations and when you really consider the deeper meaning of Matariki, his commentary seems only too obvious. One, that Matariki is about remembering those who have past, two that Matariki is about celebrating the immediacy of now and lastly, that Matariki is about looking toward the future – Mānawatia a Matariki!

Ngā Mahi Rēpo:

An incredible amount of work is still being done in and around Nuhaka. Workers are busy along Tamakahu Street and portions of the Nuhaka wetlands is undertaking a major transformation with the removal of a large swathe of silver poplar trees. Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Trust (TIORT) representative Katarena Smith, in a text forwarded me remarked, that this work 'is included through the resilience plan. George Rarere is a good person to talk to. He with Kylie Wesche are working in the taiao including the wetlands. Damian White is still the contractor'.

**Te Hau me te Ua (25 – 28 Hune/Pipri):**

Despite the amazing recovery work that continues throughout Wairoa, it is sobering to note just how vulnerable our community remains. My heart goes out to everyone impacted by the weather including our Tairāwhiti relations. Flooding for parts of the east coast started with last week's rains and were further exacerbated by this week's storm. May God's hands rest warmly upon the shoulders of the three fishermen and their grieving families. As tragic as this event was, I am relieved that Māhia returned these men to their loved ones.