



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

Date: Tuesday, 2 September 2025
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

2 September 2025

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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- 1 KARAKIA**
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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 - 8 July 2025

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton (online), Cr Benita Cairns, Ms Erena Hammond (online), Ms Amanda Reynolds, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

IN ATTENDANCE: **Matthew Lawson** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Te Aroha Cook** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Kaiarataki Whakaoranga Group Manager – Community Services and Development | Recovery Manager), **Langley Cavers** (Acting Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Hira Campbell** (Transport Asset Manager), **Nathan Heath** (Hawkes Bay Regional Council Māori Relationships Manager)

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by the Chair, Mr Henare Mita

2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/268

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little for absence (noting brief attendance), Cr Roslyn Thomas and Ms Fiona Wairau for absence be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted that the Local Water Done Well and Election Protocols workshop would follow the meeting.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/269**

Moved: Ms Amanda Reynolds

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 June 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Matters arising:

At 10:10am, His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little joined the meeting via audio to address a procedural breakdown and emphasise the importance of the Māori Standing Committee to Council.

At 10:12am, His Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

The Committee discussed:

- Formal membership to Committees.
- Procedural breakdowns relating to reports from Committees to Council.
- The strength in Wairoa of having the Māori Standing Committee regularly involved in Council.

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 MSC TAKIWA REPORT - RAKAIPAACA - 8 JULY 2025****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/270**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

Verbal Takiwā Updates

Members introduced themselves to the new Chief Executive and outlined the Marae encompassed within their respective takiwā.

- **Erena Hammond (Ruakituri):** Erepeti and Te Reinga.

- **Theresa Thornton (Pahauwera):** Waihua (Kurahikakawa), Mohaka (Waipapa-ā-iwi), Kahungunu and Te Huki.
- **Amanda Reynolds (Te Wairoa Hōpūpū):** Rangiahua, Arimawha, Pākōwhai, Aranui, Te Mira (Whetū Marama), Pūtahi and Hine Te Rā.
- **Whaiora Maindonald (Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge):** Hinemihi, Huramua, Ruataniwha, Takitimu, Tawhiti-a-Maru. Ms Maindonald reported that Hinemihi's AGM will be held next month. A 10-year development plan has been released, with most projects completed and only a few remaining.
- **Mr Henare Mita (Rakaipaaka):** Kahungunu, Manutai, Kotahitanga, Te Poho o Te Rehu, Tamakahu, Tānenuiārangi. Mr Mita advised that five are currently active. Work is underway to re-establish the sixth marae.

The Māori Relationship Manager also noted three other takiwā: Mahia Mai Tawhiti, Te Wairoa Matangirau and Waikaremoana.

The Meeting closed at 10:30am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

Māori Standing Committee – Action Sheet

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>MEETING THE ACTION WAS RAISED IN</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u> 16/04/2025 Update	<u>COMMENTS</u> 03/06/2025 Update	<u>STATUS</u>
Marae specific building compliance schedules to be created and to be tabled to MSC	01/10/2024		Graham Johnston transferred to Hinetaakoha Viriaere	Māori Relationships Manager is working alongside the Senior BCO on the development of this document.	Māori Relationships Manager to work with the Group Manager of Community Services and Development to prioritise and progress this action with greater urgency	In progress
Ensure CSR's are in place for burnt out cars (Takiwā updates)	11/03/2025		Duane Culshaw & Luke Knight			In progress
A report on the reappointment process to be brought to the Committee, ahead of the end of the triennium.	08/07/2025					

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 HBRC - MONTHLY REPORT - JUL-AUG 25

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Te Aroha Cook, Kaiarataki Whakaoranga I Recovery Manager

Appendices: 1. HBRC Maori Relationship Manager Report [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Māori Relationship Manager report. No decisions are required by the Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

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

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Māori Relationship Manager, Nathan Heath, provides regular monthly reporting to the WDC Māori Standing Committee. Please find attached as Appendix 1 the regular update report for the months of July and August 2025.

**HBRC Māori Relationship Manager update to WDC Māori Standing Committee****26 August 2025****Candidates for HBRC Local Government Elections****Wairoa Constituency**

Kiri Rangirangi-Hamlin
Di Roadley

Maui k te Raki (Māori Constituency)

Michelle McIlroy
Shelton White

Voting closes on midday Saturday 11 October

HBRC State of the environment report – the 3 yearly (2012-2024) State of the Environment Report has been completed and is available online and the catchment summary for Wairoa is shown below. <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/environment/state-of-the-environment/three-yearly-report/>

HBRC submissions on Government Reforms – HBRC's submission to the "National Directions Package" can be found on the HBRC submissions page. <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/about-council/hbrc-submissions/>

HBRC Activity

- **Natural Hazards and Climate Change** – RPS & RRMP plan change. Work is proceeding on developing amendments to the HBRC Regional Policy Statement and Regional Resource Management Plan. All other Freshwater Planning has been suspended.
- **Reducing Flood Risk in Hawkes Bay** <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/reducing-flood-risk-in-hawkes-bay/> Significant consultation in the coming months around how we manage flood risk in HB.
- **Flood Reviews Implementation** – significant work progressing.
- **NIWE Flood Resilience Program** – Significant work progressing

Wairoa Activity update

- Wairoa Flood Protection Project – new project manager Graeme Hansen
- Asset Management Group support in scheme reviews and maintenance work
- Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust Opoutama wetland workshop, Visit to Mangawharangi, Dotterels at Mahia Beach, Wairoa River Bar Management intermediate plan, Community Partnerships Group.
- Tripartite Operational hui – Wairoa Catchment HBRC Activity Stocktake.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Heath", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nathan Heath

8.2 MSC TAKIWA REPORT - RAKAIPAACA - 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Te Aroha Cook, Kaiarataki Whakaoranga I Recovery Manager

Appendices: 1. MSC Takiwā Report - Rakaipaaka [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on the MSC Takiwā report to Rakaipaaka. No decisions are required by the Committee at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**Kaunihera o Te Wairoa Komiti Māori Hui 10am,
Turei/Rātu 2 Hepatema/Mahuru 2025,
Rakaipaaka Purongo ā-Takiwā,
Na Henare Mita (Heamana o te Komiti Māori).**

Kei te haeretia tonutia te tangi apakura a tēnā, a tēnā o roto mai o Te Wairoa, otiira, o roto mai i ngā roherohenga katoa huri noa puta noa i te motu. Tūkuna mai rātou kia haere, ā, ma mātou o rātou ake āwhero tuku iho e pikau, e kawe. Moe mai ra koutou i raro i ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro, nāna nei ngā mea katoa i hanga. Tau ārai te po koutou ki a koutou, tau ārai te ao mātou ki a mātou, kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, rau rangatira mā tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.

[This takiwā report is informational only and does not require any decision-making on the part of this committee. It is recommended that the Māori Committee receive this report.]

Wairoa Rugby:

A couple of months ago a friend pointed out to me that Wairoa rugby teams should be very proud of what they achieved this year. Truth be told, this consistency of performance has been a feature of these teams for many years. You had the Tapuae Women's team dominating the Poverty Bay competition albeit under a terribly diluted format, their male counterparts contesting the premier grade final for the second consecutive year and although unsuccessful, their coach was appointed men's Poverty Bay coach, with a number of their players again achieving provincial honours. In the Senior One division, three local teams were involved in the semi-finals, one of which went into double overtime before a result was realised. The final itself contested by two local teams at Lambton Square, on a warm sunny day surrounded by strong parochial support. We also had YMP who were once again involved in a divisional final and last but certainly not least, I commend the work of Lenny Ferris, who proved himself both a very capable coach and referee.



Nuhaka Primary School Re-opening:

On Monday morning the 14th of July, after an enforced two-year absenteeism, Nuhaka Primary School officially re-opened its doors. Whānau, pupils, supporters, local and visiting officialdom gathered within the school's grounds, awaiting the karanga from Reverend Levia Smith. Mōrehu Pēwhairangi, on behalf of staff, BOT, pakeke and locals welcomed everyone, while NKII Chairman Bayden Barber replied on behalf of visitors. They were followed by speeches from principal Raelene McFarlane as well as their BOT Chair and Deputy Chair. In response, Mayor Craig Little and a MoE representative were afforded the opportunity to share their thoughts and best wishes. Each speaker, with the exception of Mōrehu and Bayden, supported by a waiata from the Nuhaka children. The official speech-making followed by a delicious barbecue lunch while the children would begin school in earnest that afternoon. Of note is

the fact that despite their waterlogged grounds, the school possess a large, spacious concrete area ensuring the children have ample space to run around.



Te Iwi O Rakaipaaka Incorporated (TIORI):

An unfortunate and very public dispute is currently being played out on social media generating dismay for many because of the nature of this discord. Allegations of impropriety are a concern, the inevitable to and thro whether verbal or written, causing heated debate. Whether right or wrong on my part, I have chosen not to participate in this dialogue, in the hope that those brave souls who have elected to work and resolve this matter, will for the good of Rakaipaaka, find a solution. What I do agree with though, is that this furore has, unfortunately, been a long time coming. These disruptions aside, there have been very positive initiatives undertaken by TIORI. An example of this involves a three-home papakainga build, situated on the former Nuhaka Manual Block along Te Maara Street. This build has experienced prolonged delays and is now way behind schedule due to ongoing inclement weather.



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