



Report to Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 26 April 2023, Maungatapu Marae, Maungatapu.

TO: Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

FROM: Matire Duncan – Chair Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

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SUBJECT: Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana (“RMW”) Report and Update

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee members with an update of RMW progress.

1. Tangata Whenua Representation on Council Committees

Tangata whenua representation continues to strengthen the Tangata whenua voice and positively demonstrate how a partnership can work with Tauranga City Council and the Commissioners as Tangata whenua continue to be represented in a number of partnership and leadership roles.

2. Tangata Whenua / TCC Workshops and Special Workshops update

Since the last TW/TCC Committee meeting held in February '23 at Waimapu Marae, Te Rangapu come together in workshops to discuss and debate not only our local authority concerns and issues, but also central government plans and reforms. These workshops provide an opportunity for TCC to explore and develop Council concepts, procedures, policies, and projects for tangata whenua to have input. I have provided subject areas of the AIP mahi to date.

a. Tauranga Matarauui Inclusive City – Action and Investment Plans

- a. Arts, Culture and Heritage
- b. Climate Change
- c. Tauranga Events

b. Showcasing Tauranga Cultural Heritage Network

c. Water course assessments

d. Vital updates

e. Taonga repatriation project

3. National Māori Housing Conference

Over 600 people were hosted by Ngati Whakaue and Te Arawa at this year's National Māori Housing Conference (NMHC) in Rotorua. The interest in the biennial event underscored the urgent need felt across the motu for safe, warm, dry homes for whanau Māori. The event was the seventh biennial NMHC, and the focus was on what Māori housing success looks like in the post-Covid and post-cyclone world.

The intention of the conference was to canvas the housing continuum as broad and deeply as possible to achieve a balance of focus that covers Papakainga solutions, affordable rental and home ownership, homelessness, climate change, economics, Treaty and human rights, construction, and innovation through to the next generation.

Ngati Whakaue and Te Arawa showcased its first day with an excursion visiting the extensive mahi being done across the housing continuum in Rotorua, including Ngati Whakaue Wharenui Rise development, Uenukukopako Transitional Housing development, and the Rotorua Boys High School Trades Academy.

What does Māori Housing Priorities from a Government perspective look like with keynote speakers Hon Dr Megan Woods, Hon Willie Jackson, and Hon Marama Davidson.

Housing economics presented by Shamubeel Eaqub, followed by presenters speaking on whanau financial wellbeing.

The Wai 2750 Claim presented by Annette Sykes in respect of outstanding claims with grievances concerning housing policy and services. Many of the claims which raise grievances in relation to housing issues have been brought on behalf of particular whānau, hapū and iwi from across the nation. Many of the related claims allege Crown failure to ensure an adequate standard of housing for Māori, both rural and urban, or to deliver state services, programmes and support enabling Māori access to adequate housing.

The evening held the Conference gala dinner & entertainment that included a tribute to the late Ricky Houghton.

4. Three Waters – Entity C

As the RMW come to terms that there will now be ten water services entities closely based around existing regions rather than the four entities originally proposed. The regional entity will become Entity C which is likely to include mostly the Eastern and Western Bay of Plenty including Te Arawa (Rotorua Lakes, Kawerau District, Opotiki District, Tauranga City, Western Bay of Plenty District and Whakatane District).

Under the 10-entity model, Iwi and hapū will continue to have influence over the water services entities through regional representative groups and will continue to have an equal number of mana whenua representatives.

The increased number of water services entities from 4 to 10 means that iwi and hapū are

better represented at a decision-making level and further enabled to share their views on water services delivery in their takiwā.

5. Profession Development Part 1 – Governance Essentials

The first part of the Institute of Directors course was held earlier this month to enable tangata whenua participants to grasp the concepts of effective governance, roles and responsibilities, processes, and protocols. The second part of the course will be based on Kaupapa Māori Governance from a Te Ao Māori perspective.

6. Appointment of Museum Director

Tangata whenua, Otamataha Trust, Tauranga community and Tauranga City Council joined Ngai Tamarawaho for a formal powhiri at Huria Marae for the appointment of the new Museum Director Greg McManus. A very auspicious event and following the timed RMW discussions of the Arts, Culture and Heritage AIP and Repatriation of taonga project.

7. Key priorities for the next coming months

- Local government reform
- All Waters
- Action and Implementation Plans continuation
- Professional Development part 2 – Kaupapa Māori Governance
- Refresh website ongoing
- Elections 2024 for Tauranga City
- Electoral Commission – Māori Electoral Options