



AGENDA

Late Reports

Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Time: 9.30am

Location: Tauranga City Council
Ground Floor Meeting Room 1 & 1b
306 Cameron Road
Tauranga

Please note that this meeting will be livestreamed and the recording will be publicly available on Tauranga City Council's website: www.tauranga.govt.nz.

**Marty Grenfell
Chief Executive**

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9.3 Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT


1. To update Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee on Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report".

ATTACHMENTS

1. RMW Report to TWTCC Committee for 21.02.2024 at TCC on Cameron - A15523417 [↓](#) 



**Report to Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting
scheduled for Wednesday 21 February 2024, Tauranga City Council Cameron
Rd, Tauranga**

TO: Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee
FROM: Matire Duncan – Chair Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana
DATE: Wednesday 21 February 2024
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.

This report covers the timeframe from 16 Aug '23 to now.

1. Tangata Whenua Representation on Council Committees

The partnership between Tauranga City Council and Te Rangapu continues to grow and develop, working together to bring about the best opportunities for Tauranga City. The relationship with tangata whenua is currently maintained through several forums, committees, and protocol agreements.

2. Workshops and Special Workshops update

Since the last TW/TCC Committee meeting held in August '23 at Tauranga City Council – Cameron Rd, Te Rangapu have come together in workshops to discuss and consider not only our local authority developments, but also central government plans and reforms. These workshops provide an opportunity for Te Rangapu to explore and develop Council concepts, procedures, policies, and projects and for tangata whenua to have input. I have provided subject areas to date.

- a) **Plan Change 33 – Enabling Housing Supply - Update**
- b) **Freshwater Management Tool and Impacts on Mauri and Mauiora – Dr K Morgan (Update)**
- c) **Sulphur Point and Marine Park Masterplan Preparation**
- d) **Cultural Monitoring Protocol review**
- e) **Property Acquisition & Disposal policy review**
- f) **Introduction to Te Mana o te Wai statements**
- g) **Water Services reform update**

- h) Long Term Plan**
- i) Elections 2024**

3. Electoral Campaign for Maori and Youth

Given the Tauranga only local elections are planned for 2024, the members of RMW with tangata whenua communities are already having discussions around a campaign strategy and targeting voters less likely to vote, increasing Maori voter participation for Tauranga Moana to increase their awareness and importance about voting, and what types of information and positive messaging is needed, how it will be delivered, what collateral needs will be developed and certainty around timing and rollouts in preparation for the local elections on 20 July 2024.

Some of the key discussions we have landed on are:

- a. Visibility and rally for support at public events, distribution of enrolment packs, pamphlets, etc.
- b. Creation and development communications and positive messaging on social media, banners, and pamphlets.
- c. Education and awareness of what the wards are and where.
- d. Provide opportunities around Maori electoral option and how it works.
- e. Timeline and process.
- f. Encouraging quality and genuine candidates both the Māori ward and general wards to stand for elections.
- g. Enlist Maori and non-Maori influencers who have a good standing in our community who are keen to support and encourage.
- h. Organise at least 2 marae-based candidates' events for the Māori ward and general wards.

Two meetings have been held between the chair and TCC staff including the Electoral Commission in the past 3 months. Our discussions have focused on the Candidates Information Evening scheduled for Mon 19 February '24 at Trinity Church. The discussions focus was around election campaigns, encouraging quality candidates, increase voter participation, reasons why people don't stand, increasing voter turnout, and targeting specific voters, and the subject discussions had their reasons and actions.

Taurikura NZ is an organisation with the inspiration behind the mahi to provide a platform for outreach into the communities, groups and organisations that share their values and vision for building cultural capacity and sustainability.

They have announced their newly designed website and are inviting any community to explore the new addition to provide feedback and suggestions.

They serve as an interface where Taurikura NZ staff can connect with the wider world, develop meaningful collaborations, and support organisations and communities to make a positive impact.

Taurikura NZ will work assist to design and develop programmes and projects to create a future where cultural diversity thrives and communities flourish.

To this end it is likely they may play an integral part of our Election Campaign strategy moving forward.

4. Strategic Planning Refresh

Two days of planning sessions were facilitated for Te Rangapū to check in with current and future strategic priorities and direction.

We needed to think about how things have changed since 2021 and look forward to considering how activities of the future (e.g. Tauranga City Council Long-Term Plan, the 2024 elections, etc) might change or uplift on Te Rangapu strategic priorities.

It was a good time to connect as Te Rangapū and review why we exist, what we do, how things are working for us as a team, celebrating what is working well and where we feel there are issues and challenges? We discussed problem-solving priority issues to ensure we are working in the best way for us all.

Te Rangapu reviewed their vision and mission statements that provide focus for us as a team, thinking about the future, what we want to achieve and are we going in the right direction? Te Rangapu reviewed the existing strategic priority areas and feedback on what we have achieved? what is still work in progress? and what is still relevant?

5. Te Pahou Urupa

The RMW are aware that on 26 February 2024, Tauranga City Council Commissioners will be hearing and deciding on submissions in relation to the potential return of Te Pāhou Reserve and Urupā to Ngāi Te Ahi and Ngāti Hē.

This process is a tangible byproduct of the hard work of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua of Tauranga Moana in relation to TCC's Property Acquisitions and Disposals Policy.

In context:

- The land was historically part of a very large area of land confiscated under the Tauranga District Lands Act 1867 and later divided through a Native Land Court Partition Order in 1924. The land was then bought and sold by various private landowners before the Council purchased it in 1981 and 1982 for reserve purposes.
- Since then, parts of the reserve have been modified for roading, and other infrastructure purposes. The remaining land is mostly wetland.
- Next to the land is an urupā (cemetery) and prior to European settlement the wetland was also a burial site.
- The area Council proposes to reconnect to hapū is much smaller than what Te Pāhou historically represented.
- Council proposes to transfer ownership of this land to hapū at no cost to reconnect the hapū with the whenua (land) and where their ancestors lay.

6. Key priorities

- Elections 2024 for Tauranga City.
- Strategic planning refresh.
- Korero with the Commissioners on the latest development of the fast-track consenting legislation and changes to the NPS for Freshwater Management.
- Mana o te Wai Statements.
- Continue to uphold the mana and relationships with TCC.
- Develop a strong and ongoing strategy to support the Te Awanui ward councillor.

Key points of concern

1. Climate change and biosecurity.

Intense rainfall and potential future cyclones, as we are all aware, have increasingly impacted Aotearoa and most areas are still recovering. We in Tauranga Moana are noticing more slips and landslides around Tauranga Moana harbour and Te Tahuna o Rangataua.

We acknowledge the importance and urgent need to address climate change for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our thoughts and support go out to the whanau of Ngati He and Ngati Kuku especially in light that their marae and whanau face the ongoing effects of flooding from intense rainfall and increasing high tides and having to make the hard call decisions to address this.

Myrtle Rust was first detected on Pohutukawa on Mauao in 2017 and requires collective community collaboration. We all need to work together to address Myrtle Rust and pest invasions on our shores. Communications and engagement with our community is a priority for all and to understand that it is human traffic that spreads Myrtle Rust.

2. Pressures on whenua, taonga and tangata whenua – when is enough – enough?

The Te Rangapu members have had a very busy 2 years with contributions and feedback meetings on Council policies and AIP's, government reforms and reviews however, it does not reduce the pressures from resource consent applications for water take, sub-division development, infrastructure development, etc. These issues are still a constant impact on whenua, taonga and our people. It is important that the RMA prioritize their work mode through the strategic planning process.

3. Housing on Maori owned land.

It is encouraging to know that there will be 5 – 7 Maori land blocks that will activate their housing aspirations and initiatives, within the next 3 to 5 years. It is more inspiring that TCC through Tane Brott is assisting some of the Maori landowners in respect to planning, infrastructure, feasibility, and funding.