



AGENDA

Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting Wednesday, 17 September 2025

**I hereby give notice that a Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council
Committee meeting will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Time: 9.30am

**Location: Huria Marae, 1 Te Kaponga Street,
Brookfield, 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**

Terms of reference – Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

Common responsibilities and delegations

The following common responsibilities and delegations apply to all standing committees.

Responsibilities of standing committees

- Establish priorities and guidance on programmes relevant to the Role and Scope of the committee.
- Provide guidance to staff on the development of investment options to inform the Long Term Plan and Annual Plans.
- Report to Council on matters of strategic importance.
- Recommend to Council investment priorities and lead Council considerations of relevant strategic and high significance decisions.
- Provide guidance to staff on levels of service relevant to the role and scope of the committee.
- Establish and participate in relevant task forces and working groups.
- Engage in dialogue with strategic partners, such as Smart Growth partners, to ensure alignment of objectives and implementation of agreed actions.
- Confirmation of committee minutes.

Delegations to standing committees

- To make recommendations to Council outside of the delegated responsibility as agreed by Council relevant to the role and scope of the Committee.
- To make all decisions necessary to fulfil the role and scope of the Committee subject to the delegations/limitations imposed.
- To develop and consider, receive submissions on and adopt strategies, policies and plans relevant to the role and scope of the committee, except where these may only be legally adopted by Council.
- To consider, consult on, hear and make determinations on relevant strategies, policies and bylaws (including adoption of drafts), making recommendations to Council on adoption, rescinding and modification, where these must be legally adopted by Council.
- To approve relevant submissions to central government, its agencies and other bodies beyond any specific delegation to any particular committee.
- Engage external parties as required.

Terms of reference – Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

Membership

Independent chair			Mr Anthony Fisher
Deputy chair			Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Tauranga members	City	Council	Mayor Mahé Drysdale Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular Cr Hautapu Baker Cr Kevin Schuler Cr Hēmi Rolleston
Tangata Whenua members 6 members from the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective			Ms Matire Duncan Mr Puhirake Ihaka Ms Destiny Leaf Ms Kura Martin Mr Whitiora McLeod Mr Buddy Mikaere
Quorum			<u>Half</u> of the members y present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is <u>even</u> ; and a <u>majority</u> of the members present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is <u>odd</u> .
Meeting frequency			Six meetings a year to be held on marae.
Members from Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana to attend meetings			Members from Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana are to be invited to all meetings. At the Chair's discretion, Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana members may speak to reports. To avoid doubt only members of the Committee can move or second recommendations or vote.
Hapū presentations			Hapū presentations to be held at the beginning of each meeting. The remainder of the business of the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee will be held at the conclusion of the hapū presentation.
Minutes			Minutes will be confirmed at each meeting.
Livestreaming of meetings			The meetings will be livestreamed. Livestreaming of presentations by hapū will be subject to permission from the marae.

**Rapua te huarahi whanui hei ara whakapiri
i nga iwi e rua i te whakaaro kotahi**

**Seek the broad highway that will unite the two peoples
toward a common goal.**

Membership

Partners Tauranga City Council and “nga hapu me nga iwi o Tauranga Moana” representing Tangata Whenua within the Tauranga City Council rohe (boundaries).

Tangata Whenua representatives are to be those with signed hapu protocols. One of the six Tangata Whenua representatives is to be a Kaumatua. Kaumatua representation is to have the ability to be shared between two Kaumatua if required.

Background

Council is committed to establishing and monitoring appropriate links with Tangata Whenua to enable effective relationships to develop and meet a number of legislative requirements including those under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act.

1. Tangata Whenua are deemed to be the respective Iwi and Hapū of Tauranga Moana.
2. The Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002 contain provisions relating to the exercise of the powers, functions and duties of the Tauranga City Council.

Principles of the partnership

The Partners:

- Recognise the Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa NZ.
- Will work with respect, goodwill, honesty, trust and integrity toward the other party and celebrate cultural diversity.
- Recognise that the relationship is a mutual two-way relationship and any changes of the agreement need to involve discussions and agreement between the partners.
- Recognise the need for Tauranga City Council to work within a legislative framework.
- Recognise the independence of each partner, including:
 - (a) The tangata whenua representatives as a voice for the Māori communities;
 - (b) Recognise the independence of hapū and iwi;
 - (c) The Council as a democratic decision maker, responsible to the community as a whole.

Role and scope

- To forge an ongoing effective and meaningful partnership between the Tauranga City Council and Tangata Whenua.
- To facilitate meaningful understanding of future impacts on key issues affecting Tangata Whenua and Māori that Council can influence.

The functions and key tasks are:

- (a) To bring to the other partner's attention issues / concerns in respect of existing strategy or policy.
- (b) To exchange information of mutual interest.
- (c) To discuss new initiatives approaches and directions.
- (d) Agree agenda topics for the following three consecutive meetings.

Communication

- To educate the wider community on Tangata Whenua issues.
- To establish and maintain communication and consultation channels within the Council organisation and Tangata Whenua groups.

Monitoring

- To regularly monitor projects, policies and strategies managed or under development by Council which affect Tangata Whenua.
- To regularly monitor progress of key issues identified by Tangata Whenua through reporting of Council and the Tangata Whenua Collective (Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana).
- To monitor the on-going development and process of the Standing Committee.

Power to recommend

- To Council or any Standing Committee as it deems appropriate.
- Reports to Council.

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7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 25 June 2025

File Number: A18645180

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Clare Sullivan, Team Leader: Governance Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 25 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 25 June 2025**



MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting
Wednesday, 25 June 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT MERCURY BAY PARK
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr Anthony Fisher, Cr Hautapu Baker, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Ms Destiny Leaf, Mr Whitiara McLeod, Cr Kevin Schuler, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Kura Martin, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Mr Buddy Mikaere.

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiārahi Māori), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Spencer Webster (Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 25 June 2025 at [Tauranga City Council You Tube](#).

The meeting began with a whakatau and light refreshments before moving into the official meeting.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Karakia was given during the Whakatau.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/1

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That the apology for absence received from Member Matire Duncan be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/2

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Cr Kura Martin

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

TIMESTAMP: 5:45

9.1 Presentation - Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust

Mr Spencer Webster spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) that provided the Committee with a present snapshot of the Trust and its aspirations:

Ngā Pōtiki	Spatial Plan
Rangataua	Restoration and enhancement of oxidation ponds
Engagement on Infrastructure	Long Term plan for infrastructure and growth
Housing	Funding for development contributions for Papakāinga
Marae	Emergency management

In response to questions:

- The percentage breakdown between affordable housing for hapū and other public/community housing was approximately 70/30 – 30 being community housing.
- The aspiration was to approach Council with a consolidated management/hapū plan on behalf of Ngā Pōtiki in terms of its needs and goals.
- The environmental plan (Tūhoromatanui Ngā Pōtiki Environmental Plan) was completed in 2019. Council contributed to the drafting of this plan. In order to implement this fully, there needed to be a higher level conversation about the future of infrastructure, its location and its nature.
- The implementation of the environmental plan was always going to be a multi decade process, and started with a conversation around what the future held. This was a work in progress.
- The government was introducing some national directions around more flexibility for freehold Māori land.
- Ngā Pōtiki were open to a park'n ride on Tara Road. Communities were trying to be built and amenities were a positive thing. Conversation had taken place with Council and people in the community around access to amenities. Some of these things were trying to be developed, however there needed to be a bigger push collaboratively with central Government to make some of this happen.

The Chair thanked Ngā Pōtiki for their presentation and acknowledged the comments from Ngā Pōtiki and committee members around hapū working together.

Attachment

- 1 Ngā Pōtiki Presentation

10 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 55:42

10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - 25 June 2025

Chairperson Mr Anthony Fisher

Key Points

- The Chair reiterated the sentiment from his report that Matariki was a time for remembrance, togetherness, reflection and hope.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - 25 June 2025".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 57:10

10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - June 2025

In Member Matire Duncan's absence, Member Whitiara McLeod took the report as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/4

Moved: Ms Destiny Leaf

Seconded: Mr Whitiara McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - June 2025".

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Te Rangapū Man Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report to Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee Meeting 25 June 2025
- 2 Local Waters Done Well Update Report for Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

TIMESTAMP: 59:18

10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - June 2025

Staff Stacey Mareroa- Roberts, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

The Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement began by acknowledging the presentation from Ngā Pōtiki and reiterated the importance of working together in a partnership with Tauranga City Council.

The report was taken as read, with the main points summarised to the Committee.

ACTION

- Ms Destiny Leaf requested that, even though the Wairoa Marae item had no further action at this time, it was not taken off the 'matters raised' reporting/action table to ensure it did not get lost, as it was of cultural importance.

Comments from Committee members and staff:

Local Waters Done Well (LWDW):

- Cr Hēmi Rolleston stated that the LWDW decision was a big decision that was happening very quickly. The role of the Takawaenga team was acknowledged in advocating the need for engagement to be prioritised.
- Mayor Drysdale advised that Council was in the process of organising a hui for as many iwi and hapū that would come along and participate, to ensure that everyone knew where LWDW was heading as there were some big decisions to be made. It was acknowledged that Council needed to understand different iwi/hapū relationships and what they needed to do to ensure it worked for all parties.
- The General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance advised there was still a lot of work to be done for the LWDW process around governance arrangements, representation,

engagement, statement of expectations, accountability relationships and the role of Council and the CCO, and how tangata whenua engaged at each of those levels. This included potential partnering councils as well.

At 11.30am, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular withdrew from the meeting.

- Mr Buddy Mikaere advised that the resilience of the actual resource – water – had to be considered.
- Mr Puhirake Ihaka advised it was important, in terms of the governance discussions that would arise, that this reached right down to the hapū/landowners who were the kaitiaki for the water resource.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/5

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - June 2025".

CARRIED

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.38.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 17 September 2025.

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Mr Tony Fisher
CHAIR

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Hapū Presentation - Ngai Tamarāwaho

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - September 2025

File Number: A18645338

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT


The purpose of this report is for the Chairperson of the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee to provide updates and insights to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - September 2025".

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chairperson's Report - Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee Meeting 17 September 2025 - A18804279 [↓](#) 

Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Standing Committee Meeting
Huria Marae 17 September 2025
Chairperson's report

Tēnā koutou rau rangatira mā. Tēnā anō hoki koutou i runga i ngā tini āhuetanga o te wā. Te wā ō Kōanga, ō awe kāpara hoki. Mauri ora ki a tātou!

My opening mihi is to acknowledge us all as we exist together in these times and at this time. I also acknowledged this particular time as the season of Spring (Kōanga), a time of planting and re-growth.

In keeping with the start of the new season and the connection with re-growth and new growth, last week was also significant as the Koroneihana (coronation celebrations) for Te Ārikinui Kuīni Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō. Anyone who was able to attend the coronation celebrations last week and/or watch coverage of it over the week could not have been anything other than amazed and inspired by the display of unity and the sense of hope that that brought. The āhua and wairua of that occasion was felt around the motu and from talking with a number of people over these last few days it was clear to me that I wasn't the only one who came out of the week re-charged and with a re-affirmed sense of hope for the future and the power of kotahitanga.

So what's this got to do with the Tauranga City Council/Tangata Whenua kaupapa? The connection and relevance for me is simple. When I see and listen to Kuīni Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō and I observe my own tamariki they remind me that they really do represent our future and that they bring with them values perspectives and skills that will make this a better place. And our role – our obligation - is to ensure that we build and maintain the environments that will enable them all to flourish and prosper.

And so our work together is important in that context. I think we need to continually remind ourselves of the purpose of our work together – it's not just for the now, it's also for the future. We've experienced a few bumps in recent times and we need to learn from those, discuss what we can do better, if we're focusing on the right things, and keep moving forward.

Mahia te mahi, he painga mō te iwi.

Ngā mihi

Anthony Fisher
Chair

10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - September 2025**File Number:** A18645238**Author:** Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**


1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee members with updates on Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana matters and their progress.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - September 2025".

ATTACHMENTS

1. RMW Report to TWTCC Committee for 17.09.2025 at Huria Marae - A18800705 [↓](#) 



**Report to Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting
scheduled for Wednesday 17 September 2025, Huria Marae**

TO: Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee
FROM: Matire Duncan – Chair Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana
DATE: Wednesday 17 September 2025 at Huria Marae
SUBJECT: Te Rangapū 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 with an update of RMW progress.

1. The Relationship

The relationship between Tauranga City Council (TCC) and Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana continues to strengthen and evolve, reflecting a shared commitment to collaboration and mutual respect. Both parties are working together to create the best opportunities for Tauranga Moana and Tauranga Tangata.

This ongoing relationship supports a collective vision for a thriving Tauranga, grounded in manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, and the principles of genuine partnership.

2. Workshops and Special Workshops update

Te Rangapū come together at regular workshops to discuss and provide input into both local authority developments and central government plans and reforms. These workshops serve as a key platform for collaboration, strategic alignment, and policy influence.

By focusing on specific subject areas, these workshops enable Te Rangapū members to co-develop strategies, influence policy outcomes, and advocate for equitable resourcing and representation across local and central government initiatives.

a) Māori Roadways Policy

Te Rangapū have identified a desire to be involved in the policy review, and this review involves council assistance related to whenua Māori.

Council staff have done an assessment of 26 Māori roadways in Tauranga and reached out to Iwi/hapu representatives about the roadways in their rohe.

Council staff provided feedback from the review to Te Rangapū covering the research that was conducted, feedback received to date and discuss possible options to move forward with the policy review.

Another workshop will be scheduled to check in on past feedback to ensure accuracy and relevance and consider the direction of potential options to give effect on feedback received.

b) Resource Management Reform Update

Council staff provided an overview to Te Rangapū around the proposed changes to National Direction including National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards) that central government is currently consulting on as part of its phased approach to resource management reform. One example is the proposed introduction of NES for papakāinga development that will apply to resource consents.

What the NES-Papakāinga legislation has identified for tangata whenua, it will:

- help to facilitate housing development on Māori communally owned land.
- support the use of Māori land for improved cultural, economic and social outcomes.
- give owners greater decision-making authority over their whenua.
- better enable papakāinga housing where district plans do not include or have restrictive rules.

The key features of the NES-Papakāinga:

- Minimise and standardised rules – enabling up to 10 homes on specified Māori-owned land without resource consent (permitted activity), subject to certain standards.
- Land types include Māori freehold, customary, reservations & reserves, land compulsorily converted under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, land taken for public works.
- Also allows for some ancillary activities as a permitted activity – e.g. small-scale commercial (100m²), health and education.
- Larger developments will require resource consent, and any proposal on Treaty Settlement Land.

Te Rangapū reaffirms in their submission its support for the NES- P as a vital instrument to realise the aspirations of papakāinga development across Aotearoa and to strengthen the NES-P and ensure its success.

1. Raise the permitted activity cap, where infrastructure permits.
2. Permit papakāinga development on Treaty settlement land subject to the same standards as Māori freehold land.
3. Ensure hapū/mana whenua have defined roles in monitoring and implementation.
4. Provide national resourcing and guidance for local government and Māori landowners.
5. Require notification to relevant mana whenua entities where they are not the applicant.

c) Local Water Done Well

Following a series of presentations, Council staff provided an update to RMW on progress of the LWDW project and the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) and what a potential multi-Council Controlled Organisation (now referred to as a Water Organisation) might consist of and the next steps of the due diligence process.

The update gave clarity on the structure of a WSDP, upcoming council decisions and provide the opportunity to ask questions.

Whilst there have been other engagements recently with tangata whenua, Council staff want to continue to keep RMW up to date with all topics around the WSDP and LWDW.

d) Use of Council Land Policy

The policy was adopted in Dec 2022 with a resolution that it be reviewed in 3 years. The review has started and have asked for feedback from Te Rangapū on how the policy is working.

Briefly the policy sets out the Council's approach to managing how council land is used by the community, including commercial and other users and what permissions/approvals are required depending on the activities.

At a workshop back in 2021, Te Rangapu sought the inclusion of some key amendments to the Policy including a Cultural Significance Principle.

3.4 Cultural Significance - council recognises the customary and traditional connection that mana whenua has to the land. Council will work with mana whenua on the management and use of council land to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and the relationship protocols it has with iwi and hapū. Areas with high cultural, archaeological, and historical value are recognised, valued, and protected.

The policy is scheduled to be presented to the City Future Committee in November.

e. Kaitiaki o te Waiora Wānanga

The Wai Wānanga/workshops provide an opportunity for members of the RMW to come together, share insights, and learn from one another about local Kaitiaki o te Wai initiatives.

These workshops highlight practical examples of how mātauranga Māori (traditional ecological knowledge) is applied alongside contemporary water management practices.

They strengthen collective understanding of local waterways, foster collaboration between kaitiaki, and ensure that indigenous values and practices remain central to decision-making around freshwater management.

3. Key Priorities and Projects for 2025/2026**a. Te Aupikitanga – Strategic Plan**

A work plan was established for each pou (pillar) from our Te Aupikitanga – Strategic Plan that includes members of Te Rangapū and a kaiārahi (guide) from Te Pou Takawaenga Maori unit (nga rōpu mo nga pou).

- Te Pou Tuatahi (Representation)
- Te Pou Tuarua (Environmental Management)
- Te Pou Tuatoru (Capacity & Capability)
- Te Pou Tuawha (Increasing Māori Land Utilisation & Development)
- Te Pou Tuarima (Support & enable Iwi/hapū Aspirations)

Attachment: *Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana vision and mission statements.*

b. National Maori Housing Conference

A delegation of 2 from Te Rangapū will be attending the National Maori Housing Conference 20 - 22 October at Waitangi.

The National Māori Housing Conference is a pivotal gathering that brings together iwi, government, and community stakeholders to address housing challenges and drive innovative solutions. Originating from a 2010 hui in Rotorua that led to the establishment of Te Matapihi, the conference launched in 2012 at Waitangi and has since become a biennial tradition.

Hosted across Aotearoa, each event highlights Māori housing leadership, showcases best practices, and strengthens partnerships. From funding announcements to Indigenous-led strategies and papakāinga successes, the conference has grown into a powerful platform for advocacy, collaboration, and tangible progress toward better housing outcomes for whānau Māori.

c. Tangata Whenua Engagement

It is a complex task sustaining engagement with tangata whenua, mana whenua, iwi and hapu groups and entities amidst increasing demands from central government directives and who the right tangata whenua groups or entities needed to engage with.

We know that engagement and consultation with tangata whenua has been through the then Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective and then proceeded with Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana who have held a long-standing relationship with Tauranga District/City Council for over 25 years. This has generally been an accepted and reliable process. Direct engagement and consultation between TCC and Iwi/hapu has always been an accepted process.

Engagement with tangata whenua was discussed at great lengths with 2 elected members, Hautapu Baker and Hemi Rolleston with steps to consider a leadership group made up of the Māori Ward councillor, RMW chair, tangata whenua representatives on Council committees and head of Te Pou Takawaenga Māori Unit.

A key focus of this group is to strengthen communications and engagement between tangata whenua, local authorities, and the wider community to support partnership, transparency, and collective outcomes.

The Objectives:

- **Strategic Leadership:** Provide collective tangata whenua perspectives on issues impacting Tauranga Moana and Tauranga tangata.
- **Communications Framework:** Establish agreed principles for information sharing, engagement, and reporting back to tangata whenua collectives, iwi, hapū, marae, whenua Māori and whānau.
- **Alignment & Advocacy:** Ensure alignment on key kaupapa such as housing, infrastructure, environmental protection, biosecurity, and cultural wellbeing.
- **Partnership Building:** Strengthen relationships with Tauranga City Council (TCC), Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), BOP Regional Council, SmartGrowth, Priority One, and other key partners.



Te Aupikitanga 2024-2026 KO AU TE TAIAO, KO TE TAIAO KO AU

MOEMOEĀ - Vision

Toitū te marae o Tangaroa, toitū te marae o Tane, toitū te whenua
Tiaki the domain is Tangaroa (ocean) tiaki the domain of Tane (forest) and the land shall flourish



WHAKATAKANGA – Mission

Mana tū, Mana toa, Mana ake ake
“Care for these domains and the people shall flourish.”



TE PUTAKE (Summary)

We represent Iwi and Hapū of Tauranga Moana within Tauranga City Council. We discuss and develop policies, processes, and projects that affect Te Ao Māori.



NGĀ UARA – Our values

The following values underpin the operation of the Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana. The RMW:

- Recognises and values the status that Tangata Whenua have in the rohe of TCC. The hapū and iwi of the rohe of TCC are the holders of this mauri.
- Encourages the notion of shared management of limited resources for the mutual benefit to Tangata Whenua.
- Recognises that environmental, cultural, social, historical, and economic principles are fundamental for future development in the rohe of TCC.
- Recognises that the Tauranga harbour and Te Ao Māori (e.g. Mauao) are significant linkages to the identity of the region.
- Recognises the protocol agreement between Council and each of the Iwi/hapū in the Tauranga City Council rohe.



NGA POU – Strategic focus areas

Te Pou Tuatahi:
Representation

Te Pou Tuarua:
Environmental
Management

Te Pou Tuatoru:
Capacity &
Capability

Te Pou Tuawhā:
Increasing Māori
land utilisation
and
development

Te Pou Tuarima:
Support and
enable Iwi/Hapū
aspirations

10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - September 2025

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee on matters raised by Tangata Whenua at previous Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - September 2025".

DISCUSSION

2. Attached is a table outlining issues raised by Iwi/Hapū and Marae at previous Committee meetings and Hui held with Council. The table provides an update on the progress of these issues.
3. Traffic light key in the table:
 - Green – On track;
 - Yellow – Progress being made; and
 - Red – Unlikely to progress further.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Table - Tangata Whenua matters raised - TWTCC Hui 17 September 2025 A3 - A18797558**  

Tangata Whenua Action List – 17 September 2025

Hui (Kaiarahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
Wairoa Marae. Ngāti Kahu (Bethlehem)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road noise was raised as a significant nuisance and an obstruction to cultural practices at the marae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revocation of SH2/Wairoa Bridge to Council is under consideration but not confirmed. If approved, Council will manage the cycleway; if not, NZTA retains control post-Takitimu Northern Link. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport and NZTA are coordinating next steps, including engagement with hapū and the Trust on potential Marae impacts. 	
14 April 2021 (Leonie Cairns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing was raised as a priority for Ngāti Kahu. Marae Maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Refer 25 March 2025 Hui update</i> The Marae received \$20,000 in 2023 for maintenance and have since been advised to apply to the Community Grant Fund for additional support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Marae to submit an application in the next funding round, with guidance and support from Takawaenga Kaiārahi. 	
Wairoa Marae. Ngāti Kahu (Bethlehem) 25 March 2025 (Leonie Cairns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Papakainga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāti Kahu actively seeking avenues of funding for \$231,000 for the design/consent stage High level estimations of internal infrastructure collated from feasibility report of stage 2 completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Ngāti Kahu in application to new TCC fund for design/consent help when it becomes available. Look into any in-kind services available via TCC. Kainga Ora contacted for potential partnership of small number of houses in Papakainga. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycleway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revocation of SH2/Wairoa Bridge to Council is under consideration but not confirmed. If approved, Council will manage the cycleway; if not, NZTA retains control post-Takitimu Northern Link. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport and NZTA are coordinating next steps, including engagement with hapū and the Trust on potential Marae impacts. Hui to be set with Te Papa 453 Trust and hapū 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is currently with the Property team and will be reassigned following Chissy Tarrant's resignation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm allocation of the project to a new lead within the Property team. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erosion – River / Whenua 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Transport team has completed a letter of support for the Trust's funding application to NZTA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the application progress and provide support as needed. 	
Peterehema Marae. Ngāti Hangarau (Bethlehem) 1 December 2021 (Leonie Cairns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resourcing to assist the development of Māori land for housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hangarau are drafting a letter to TCC regarding what they are trying to achieve through a plan change and the outcome they want to achieve through this plan change. Hangarau are gathering costs for help from professional services to achieve this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Hangarau in application to new TCC fund for design/consent help when it becomes available. Look into any in-kind services available via TCC. 	
Peterehema Marae. Ngāti Hangarau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hapū wish to see new footpaths installed and get better engagement for the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 is complete. currently reviewing contractor options after receiving a competitive quote from an alternative provider. PM to finalise a few details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension is expected to commence in approximately one month. 	

Hui (Kaiarahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
(Bethlehem) 9 October 2024 (Leonie Cairns)				
Hungahungatoroa Club. <i>Ngati Tapu, Ngai Tukairangi</i> (Matapihi) 14 October 2021 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Southern Pipeline was raised as a significant and ongoing burden on the Matapihi community. TCC established the Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group (MSPAG). This is made up of hapū members (2 each from Ngati Tapu and Ngai Tukairangi) and TCC members (Councillors, General Manager, Technical Manager & Takawaenga). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support from MSPAG for hapu/marae/community to update the Matapihi land use plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next SPAG hui was to be scheduled for the month of September however the due to scheduling issues the next meeting will be in October 	
Whareroa Marae. <i>Ngāti Kuku</i> (Mount Maunganui) 18 January 2022 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whareroa Emergency Plan - Project to establish a new community emergency exit route at a safer distance away from the industrial area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new section of the emergency exit route requires the crossing of a drain. The transport team is undertaking the preliminary specification and costing of a new culvert bridge to cross the drain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC are engaging with Hukapak to establish an agreement to cross private land to be able to enter onto Airport land and on to the existing emergency exit route. 	
Hungahungatoroa Marae. <i>Ngai Tukairangi</i> (Matapihi) November 2022 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matapihi Community Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Pou Takawaenga have reached out to the Hapū Trusts to meet to begin planning on progressing this work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Pou Takawaenga will continue to reach out to the Hapū trusts to meet and agree on progressing a Community Plan. 	
Mangatawa Marae. <i>Ngati Kaahu ki Mangatawa</i> (Pāpāmoa) 13 April 2022 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marae request for On-Site Effluent Treatment System (OSET) for Mangatawa Marae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New OSET has been Installed and commissioned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Item will be removed from the action list table 	

Hui (Kaiahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
Hei Marae. Te Kapu o Waitaha (Te Puke) (Yolande Tipuna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hapū request ecological monitoring of the Waiari. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logs continue to fall into the river from private land causing ongoing issues. BOPRC advised they cannot force the landowner to clear the logs from the river. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC legal are providing an opinion on whether there is a cause for nuisance on land. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiari action. Request that TCC make a concerted effort to ensure promises made are delivered. Development of a pathway to Taiao regeneration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG), Councils agreed to have safety prioritised in the Waiari bridge area in time for summer 24/25 - works have yet to begin. The latest WKAG meeting (Sept.2025), suggested that this would be in effect in summer 25/26 at the earliest. Several Hui have taken place to advance the cultural recognition aspects of the bridge and pathway. Progress is delayed due to the sole focus being the bridge and pathway itself. Iwi presented proposal for joint monitoring with councils as well as current monitoring that the Iwi are involved in at the latest (WKAG). Councils through WKAG agreed to support the need to continue with ecological surveys in addition to the consent requirements Te Kapu o Waitaha are seeking pathways for initiatives to grow capability in kaitiakitanga for their uri. These include Waiari - Riparian restoration, catchment work, water management and water engineering Pāpāmoa - Seaside restoration, water management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga to continue discussions of Cultural recognition objectives and agreements made by TCC. TCC awaits movement by WbOP and BOPRC. Scholarships for Kaitiaki work has featured in WKAG.TCC has led these discussions TCC staff to partner with iwi to align and implement a monitoring plan. 	
Whakaue Marae. Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Yolande Tipuna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for resourcing and assistance to develop Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu Priority project list – the main area of interest for involvement by TCC is retreat action, and climate change erosion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāti Whakaue to provide further information about what they are wanting from TCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga has met with Ngāti Whakaue and await further details to progress this matter Specifics on the resourcing being requested and whether the areas of concern are within the TCC boundary. 	
Moko Marae. Tapuika Iwi 4 December 2024 (Yolande Tipuna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming Taylor Reserve to Wairakei. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of hui with Iwi and Hapū have been held to redevelop Taylor Reserve, part of those discussions has been to rename the reserve. Tapuika affirm the desire for a name change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to be tabled at Council meeting Oct 29, 2025. 	

Hui (Kaiarahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tapuika request to proactively work with TCC on land disposals within the rohe of Tapuika 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions between TCC Mayor, CEO and Tapuika Chair and CEO are on-going. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC staff to work with Tapuika to agree on options and make recommendations to Council. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tapuika request a strong presence by TCC regarding Waiari matters, specifically supporting and progressing the cultural recognition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific mention is made to the 7 sites of the Waiari committed to by WBOP and BOPRC. TCC involvement is being sought to support these matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC has resourcing for a portion of the works for cultural recognition. Awaiting movement and progress by BOPRC and WBOP to distribute. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tapuika Taiao Tuku iho. Opportunity for all works around the Waiari, (planting, clearing, water management) to have a Tapuika uri priority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking the prioritisation of Tapuika involvement in the Waiari projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga will engage and further discussions via WKAG. 	
Waimapu Marae. Ngāti Ruahine (Hairini) 15 February 2023 (Cynthia Hamel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New footpath, lighting, and speed management along Waimapu Pā Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage, speedhumps and the associated lighting were installed on Waimapu Pā Road in August 2025 which has had the desired effect of slowing down traffic. A footpath on Waimapu Pā Road remains a long-term aspiration of the hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga to monitor opportunities to fund the feasibility and construction of a new footpath on Waimapu Pā Road. 	
Maungatapu Marae. Ngāti Hē (Maungatapu) 26 April 2023 (Cynthia Hamel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-engage with staff and TCC on TCC-owned Wikitoria St properties regarding lease and possible sale / transfer to hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga have discussed the potential disposal of 27-29 Wikitoria Street with Council's property team – more information is needed from the hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga are waiting on the outcome of staff searching for any resolutions or submissions to council regarding the disposal of these properties to the hapū. Takawaenga to meet with the hapū and Marae trustees to discuss options/next steps if a submission has not already been made by the hapū. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Pāhou – transfer ownership to Ngāi Te Ahi and Ngāti Hē (legal entity for transfer is the Ngāi Te Ahi Settlement Trust). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agreement is currently being finalised to transfer the land to the hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to finalise a memorandum for the CE prior to co-signing the agreement. Settlement will be ten (10) days following. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangataua Waahi Tapu areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddle Delamore Partners (PDP) are undergoing a climate adaptation report on behalf of hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takawaenga to meet with PDP and hapū members on 23 Sept 2025 at Maungatapu Marae to discuss the report content. 	

Hui (Kaiarahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
Hairini Marae. Ngāi Te Ahi (Hairini) 10 April 2024 (Cynthia Hamel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of Hairini bus lane proposed 7pm – 6am, weekends and school holidays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 22 July 2025, Council passed a resolution to implement a trial to re-open the bus lane except for peak hours between 6.30am to 9.30am, weekdays. Trial period provisionally Oct – Dec 2025. No traffic calming measures unless it becomes necessary. On 7 August 2025, staff met with hapū at Hairini Marae to update on survey results and the Council resolution. Most respondents from the survey are in favour of a trial re-opening outside of peak hours. Hapū preference remains for residents only access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to respond to survey respondents with outcomes of survey. Staff are preparing a communication plan for the trial. Comms for the trial to go out to the Marae and hapū rep at least 1 week before trial starts. Staff to finalise layout design of merge lanes and signage requirements. After 6 weeks into the trial, staff will go back to Hairini Marae to get feedback and to discuss any concerns or issues. Staff to develop a resident only option with associated costs to take back to the City Delivery Committee for consideration. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground at 39 Haukore St - redevelopment integrating cultural designs and creating a sense of identity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 15 August 2025, staff met with the rep from Ngāi Te Ahi to discuss the redevelopment of the playground and community engagement. Estimated construction date is February 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to formalise engagement with hapū. Community open day at the park on 13 Sept 2025. Hapū rep to provide details for an artist to work with staff on mahi toi (cultural artwork) opportunities. Staff to arrange a meet and greet with the kohanga reo at Hairini Marae. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in Hapū kaitiakitanga management (FTE for resource management kaupapa for Ngāi Te Ahi and Ngāti Hē). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāi Te Ahi and Ngāti Hē to provide more information in relation to the kaitiakitanga management role. No update. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps are dependent on hapū. No change. 	
Mercury Baypark Ngā Pōtiki 25 June 2025 (Keren Paekau)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngā Pōtiki Spatial Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngā Pōtiki are seeking to work in collaboration with TCC through an MOU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application to the Iwi/Hapu Management Plan Fund 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangataua – Restoration and enhancement Oxidation ponds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nga Papaka o Rangataua group to meet and discuss Rangataua Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hui before the end of the year 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on Infrastructure – Long term plan for infrastructure and growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council to consider a ‘whole of Te Maunga’ approach for the issues Nga Potiki has raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council meeting 16 September 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing – Funding for development contributions Papakāinga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for the Community Housing DC Grant are currently being considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome of the Nga Potiki application will be out by the end of September. 	

Hui (Kaiarahi)	Issue	Update	Next Steps/Status	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marae – Emergency management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mangatawa Marae is one of the Marae working with Councils Emergency management Team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rubbish collection for the Marae	

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

12 CLOSING KARAKIA