



AGENDA

Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting Wednesday, 25 February 2026

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

Date: Wednesday, 25 February 2026

Time: 9:30 am

**Location: Tauranga City Council Chambers, Mareanui
L1, 90 Devonport 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**

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 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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7.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025

File Number: A19691842

Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025**

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**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting
Wednesday, 3 December 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT MANAGTAWA MARAE
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Hēmi Rolleston (Acting Chair), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Ms Destiny Leaf, Mr Whitiara McLeod, Ms Kura Martin, Mr Buddy Mikaere.

Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Kevin Schuler via Teams.

**ALSO
ATTENDANCE**

IN Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Members:

- Mr Manu Pene
- Mr Nathan James
- Ms Rhondal Reihana
- Ms Cherryl Hayes
- Mr Steve Te Kani
- Ms Cilla Nepia
- Mr Noel Mahia

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Keren Paekau (Acting Head of Strategic Maori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Acting Team Leader: Te Pou Takawaenga), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi), Leonie Cairns (Kaiārahi), Ange Webster (Maori Engagement - City Waters), Kororia Webster (Strategic Advisor: Hapori Māori), James Jacobs (Community Partnerships Lead), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the meeting held on 3 December 2025 at [Tauranga City Council YouTube Channel](#).

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

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR TO CHAIR THE MEETING

Due to the absence of the Independent Chair Mr Anthony Fisher and the Deputy Chair Mayor Mahé Drysdale, to continue with the meeting and in accordance with Standing Order 14.2, the Committee Members may appoint a Chair to chair the meeting.

A nomination was received by Ms Matire Duncan to appoint Cr Hēmi Rolleston as Chair of the meeting, and it was seconded by Mr Puhirake Ihaka.

Appointment of a Chair to Chair the meeting**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/1**

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Appoints Cr Hēmi Rolleston as Chair for this meeting.

CARRIED

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Waaka Taite opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES**APOLOGY****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/2**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the apology for absence received from Mr Anthony Fisher and Mayor Mahé Drysdale be accepted.

That the apology for Ms Irene Walker be noted.

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 17 September 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/3

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Cr Kura Martin

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 17 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Timestamp: 7 minutes

9.1 Presentation: Ngāti Kaahu Ki Mangatawa - Mangatawa 2B2A Trust (Mangatawa Marae) - Mangatawa Papamoa Blocks Incorporation

Presenter: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Key Points

- Mr McLeod provided the committee with the pepeha and the local stories of history for Mangatawa.
- There were concerns around safety during evacuations in civil emergencies which included retirement villages, and more clarity was needed around the role of marae, resourcing and support required.
- It was noted that the City Regional Deals and Local Waters Done Well was a fast moving piece of work with upcoming workshops planned for early 2026.

In response to questions

- In terms of emergency management, staff confirmed ongoing mahi with hapū regarding marae readiness, accessibility assessments, upgrade funding support and agency connections and relationships. There was commitment to bringing together the broader vision and plan.
- Regarding infrastructure and access roads, some work was already underway. Costings were not yet fully available as more investigation was required.

Actions requested

- Improved roading infrastructure on the roads around Mangatawa Marae (Tareha Lane, Truman Lane and the road to the local water reservoir)

- Investigate the possibility for a transport hub near Sandhurst Road to support the commercial and residential area.
- Support response for hapū with the Emergency Management Plan.

Attachments

- 1 Presentation: Ngāti Kaahu Ki Mangatawa - Mangatawa 2B2A Trust (Mangatawa Marae) - Mangatawa Papamoa Blocks Incorporation

10 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 55 minutes

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

Cr Hēmi Rolleston (in Mr Anthony Fisher's absence)

Key Points

The Chair's report was taken as read. Cr Rolleston highlighted the following:

- Mr Whitiora McLeod was acknowledged for his engagement with iwi/hapū/tangata whenua in the current Waters space.
- The current environment for Local Government with the recent Central Government announcements were noted.
- The current review taking place within Council for the tangata whenua engagement and representation was noted and acknowledged.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/4

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

At 11:28 am, Mr Puhirake Ihaka withdrew from the meeting.

Timestamp: 59 minutes

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

Ms Matire Duncan, Ms Kura Martin and Ms Destiny Leaf

Key Points

Ms Matire Duncan highlighted the following from her report:

- There were two workshops combined with the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum in the past

weeks discussing the Regional Deal, with more hui to be scheduled for 2026 to continue the discussion.

- There was concern and raised awareness about the yellow legged hornet. The yellow legged hornet was a threat to the honeybees and noted the local orchards relied on honeybees to pollenate their crops. It was noted that there was support available if there were any concerns.
- A Tangata Whenua partnership group, selected from 12 applicants, had been formally established to work alongside Council on the transition to the new Water Services Entity. The purpose of the group was to support the co-design of the new water service arrangements in Tauranga Moana and to ensure tangata whenua perspectives were embedded in planning, governance frameworks, infrastructure priorities and service delivery approaches.

Ms Kura Martin and Ms Destiny Leaf highlighted the following from the Housing Conference they attended in November 2025:

- The conference theme was building capacity and resilience in Māori housing, with discussions on sustainable funding, workforce development, and shared resources. Keynote speakers shared successful models and strategies for advancing community-led housing projects.
- Workshops addressed the need for accessible housing, particularly for disabled whānau, advocating for universal design principles and collective action to future-proof homes. Panellists included directors and CEOs specialising in disability and housing.
- Some breakout sessions explored innovative financing pathways for community-led housing, emphasising the importance of culturally grounded, long-term investment strategies. Co-design workshops guided participants through collaborative decision-making and development processes.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/5

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

At 11:58am, Ms Matire Duncan withdrew from the meeting.

Timestamp: 1 hour and 20 minutes

10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - December 2025

Staff Keren Paekau, Acting Head of Strategic Māori Engagement

Key Points

The Acting Head of Strategic Māori Engagement provided the Committee with an overview of the action table.

Comments

- It was acknowledged there had been difficulty navigating the table in the agenda with the Tangata Whenua actions raised. Staff would work to make this easier to navigate and agreed that completed items would remain on the list.
- The list of actions was increasing and the need to prioritise issues, especially in advance of the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan was agreed.
- The Committee agreed that the issue of urupā capacity on Motuopae Island should be treated as a high priority, in particular due to its decreasing capacity and long lead in times needed for land acquisition and regulatory processes.
- It was noted that issues relating to Water Services needed to be clearly identified, prioritised and communicated to the future water entity. This included ensuring any existing problems were logged, understood and not lost during the transition period. Tangata Whenua wanted to know what Council would resolve before the water assets and the responsibilities associated with it would be transferred.
- It was noted that many items on the actions list related to significant capital costs and it was suggested the tabled reflected scales of impact. Low hanging fruit needed to be identified and progressed more quickly.

Actions Requested

- That staff organise a workshop to prioritise the list of actions on the action table and clarify which issues align with Long Term Plan funding requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/4/6

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Nil

13 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Waaka Taite closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:22pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026.

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.1 Verbal Update on Recovery for the Tropical Low 05F Event on 22 January 2026

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.2 Verbal Update: The New Community Outcome: A Vibrant City that Embraces Events

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - February 2026

File Number: A19602652

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 - February 2026".

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee - Chairperson's Report - February 2026 - A19776620



Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Standing Committee Meeting
25 February 2026
Tauranga City Council Offices
Chairperson's report

I whakarongo ake ahau ki te tangi ō tātou maunga, a, Mauao. I tangihia ia mō rātou kua wehe atu i runga i te parekura i ōna waewae, te parekura hoki i te moana i ngā wiki ō mua. Kei te tangi tonu ki te waahi ngaro o tēnā, ō tēnā, ō tēnā ō tātou. Ngā whakaaro aroha hoki ki a Ngāti Whakaue, ki te whānau Tapsell. I wehe atu tā rātou rangatira, tā tātou rangatira, a, Maru Tapsell i hoki atu ia ki te koopu ō te whenua i te Paraire o mua ra. Nō reira koutou e ngā taonga ō Hine-nui te Pō, haere koutou, moe mai, moe mai. Koutou ki a koutou ngā mate, tātou ki a tātou ngā kanohi ora, tēnā tātou katoa.

I hear the weeping of our maunga, Mauao. He weeps for those who were lost in the disaster that occurred at his feet, the disaster also that took place around the moana in the past weeks. The weeping extends also to all of those who we are connected to and who have departed this life. Our condolences are extended to Ngāti Whakaue and to the Tapsell family. Their rangatira and our rangatira has departed this life and was buried last Friday. And so to you all, the treasures of Hine-nui te Pō farewell, rest, sleep. You the departed to the departed, we the faces of the living remain with the living, I acknowledge us all.

I'm pleased to submit my report for the first meeting of the Tauranga City Council/Tangata Whenua Committee for 2026. I'd originally written about the tragic events of the last few weeks in Tauranga Moana that has deeply affected everyone. However, there's been, and continues to be, enough commentary on any manner of news/communication platforms with views and opinions across the whole spectrum.

Suffice to say though that this event has had a profound effect on us all, whether being actively involved in the recovery and associated efforts and/or keeping up to date via news and other media.

I do want to acknowledge the effort and contribution of everyone – too many to mention – who had a role in the recovery and support efforts; to those also who will need to continue to work through the aftermath. Ngā mihi tēnei ki a koutou katoa.

On a directly related matter, the extremes in weather events over recent years, and what seems to be a rise in Civil Defence Emergencies has caused my marae whānau to discuss and critically examine how well, or not, we are prepared and organised to respond as a community to our needs in the event of a disaster/civil defence emergency and how well organised we are to also respond to the needs of the wider Tauranga community in such situations. Not surprisingly we've realised that we have a lot of work to do to ensure the resilience of our marae infrastructure, our processes, response structures and allocation of responsibilities to people, and also how well prepared our wider whānau are.

So, although it's not unique to our marae communities, this is an area our marae executive committee has identified we need to spend some time and effort on, together with our related marae communities' network, over the coming months. I'd expect in time that that dialogue and planning will extend to the Tauranga City Council and Civil Defence Emergency Management team.

Nō reira kaati ake nei

Anthony Fisher
Chair

10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - February 2026**File Number: A19602761****Author: Caroline Irvin, Governance Advisor****Authoriser: Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

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 - February 2026".

ATTACHMENTS

1. Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - February 2026 - A19774764 [↓](#) 



**Report to Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting
scheduled for Wednesday 25 February 2026, Tauranga City Council**

TO: Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee
FROM: Matire Duncan – Chair Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana
DATE: Wednesday 25 February 2026, Tauranga City Council
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. Acknowledgement

E tuku ana i ngā aroha mutunga kore ki ngā whānau pani, ki ngā whānau mate, me ngā uri o rātou kua pāngia e te parekura o te horonga whenua ki Mauao me Whaaro ki Pāpāmoa. Kua pā te mamae ki te ngākau o te motu, ā, ka tangihia nuitia koutou i tenei wā pouri. Kia tau te rangimārie ki runga i a koutou, kia kaha, kia māia i raro i te korowai aroha o te whānau, o te hāpori, o te motu whānui.

Ka nui hoki te mihi ki ngā ringa raupā katoa i tū kaha i te wā o te mate – ki te Emergency Operations Centre o te Kaunihera, ki ngā Pirihimana, ki ngā ratonga ohotata, ki ngā Mauao Kaitiaki, me ngā kaitūao me ngā kaitautoko katoa. Ahakoa te taumaha o te mahi, i kitea te kotahitanga, te aroha, me te manaaki tangata i roto i ā koutou mahi katoa.

Ko Mauao te maunga tū tonu, he tohu whakamaharatanga mō te tapu o te whenua me te herenga o te tangata ki te taiao. Mā tēnei parekura e whakakaha ake tō tātou whakaaro ki te tiaki i te whenua, ki te tiaki i te tangata, kia kore ai e pēra anō ā ngā rā e heke mai nei.

Moe mai rā e ngā mate, moe mai i te moenga roa. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui ngā whānau pani. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

We extend our deepest love and condolences to the bereaved families and loved ones of those affected by the tragic landslide at Mauao and Whāro (Pāpāmoa). This loss has touched the hearts of the nation, and we acknowledge the profound grief you are carrying at this time. May peace settle upon you, and may you find strength and comfort within the embrace of your whānau, your community, and the wider nation.

We also express our sincere gratitude to all those who stood in service during this tragedy — the Council’s Emergency Operations Centre, Police, emergency services, the Mauao Kaitiaki, and all volunteers and supporters. In the face of such hardship, your unity, compassion, and dedication were clearly shown through your actions.

Mauao stands as a sacred maunga, a constant reminder of the deep relationship between people and the land. May this tragedy strengthen our collective commitment to caring for the whenua and protecting people, so such loss is not repeated in the future.

Rest in peace to those who have passed. Strength, courage, and endurance to the grieving families. Greetings, greetings, greetings to us all.

3. 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) RMA Reforms – Planning and Natural Environment Bills

This workshop provided an overview of what the reforms mean in practice. It includes implications for Māori, PSGE’s, marae and Māori Land Trusts and the reduced role of the regional council within the new system.

- **This reform completely reshapes the system.** The two Bills reset the planning framework that most treaty settlements, iwi, hapū, hāpori were designed to operate within. Also, the mechanisms assumed the presence of RMA Part 2, regional policy statements, and established iwi participation tools. Several of these foundations will be gone (RPS) or changed completely.
- **Decisions will be “locked in” early.** The new system is deliberately top-down. National direction and standards will determine outcomes long before regional plans or consents are considered. If we do not influence these early stages through submissions, there will be very limited ability to correct the course later.

- **National direction will decide what councils can (and cannot) do.** Once national policy direction and standards are set, councils will have little discretion to respond to rohe-specific Māori issues. If Māori perspectives are not embedded now, local councils will be unable to fix the gap later, even if they want to. There will be fewer resource consents and cultural impact assessments.
- **“Providing for Māori interests” is weaker than the RMA protections it replaces.** Where iwi previously had influence across catchments, regions, and taonga systems, the new framework risks narrowing Māori influence primarily to Māori land parcels unless countered through national direction, spatial plans, and formal agreements. The replacement of RMA Part 2 with a general “Māori interests” goal narrows how Māori values are considered. It also prescribes where and when Māori can participate in the system. The Planning Bill introduces regulatory relief, which means that landowners can be compensated for any rules that restrict use of private land due to things like cultural heritage sites. This means that councils may be reluctant to schedule more heritage sites in their plans. Plus, existing sites within District Plans may be reviewed when the combined plan is prepared.
- **Treaty settlements are protected...within a narrow timeframe.** The Bills include a time-limited obligation on the Crown to ensure settlement redress has the “same or equivalent effect” in the new system. That protection expires unless iwi actively engage, identify what must be carried over, and push for it to be locked into the new framework.

b) Local Water Done Well (LWDW) – Tangata Whenua Partnership Group

The Co-chairs of the LWDW Tangata Whenua Partnership Group provided an update following the establishment of the Tangata Whenua Partnership Group (TWPG) as part of the Local Water Done Well process. They introduced the role of the TWPG and outlined its work to date.

Both Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council are working together to decide the establishment of a Water Services Organisation (WSO) by April 2026.

An Elected Members Governance Group, made up of councillors from both councils, leads this work. Tangata whenua are represented through the TWPG, which works alongside this group during the Establishment and Due Diligence phase (December 2025 – March 2026).

The role of the TWPG is advisory only at a governance level. It supports councils by:

- bringing tangata whenua perspectives into the process;
- supporting Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations;
- ensuring mātauranga Māori informs discussions; and
- contributing early understanding on governance, identity, and cultural frameworks for the future Water Organisation.

All final decisions remain with councils.

Since the announcement of Local Water Done Well, the TWPG has been established within agreed governance structures and has commenced work to ensure tangata whenua perspectives are considered early. This work recognises diversity of iwi, hapū, marae, and Māori land interests across the region.

TWPG Members Include:

- Shadrach Rolleston (Co-Chair)
- Hakopa Tapiata (Co-Chair)
- Rohario Murray
- Kiritapu Allan
- Roana Bennett
- Kylie Smallman
- Spencer Webster (Kaiwhakahaere)
- Matire Duncan (Kaiwhakahaere)

Guiding Principles

The involvement of tangata whenua in this process is guided by the following principles:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Te Mana o te Wai
- Kaitiakitanga
- Kotahitanga
- Pūkengatanga

What has happened so far?

- Councils have confirmed timelines and work programmes leading to March 2026.
- Governance and advisory arrangements have been established.
- The TWPG has begun working alongside elected members during the due diligence phase, including early input on the Statement of Expectations; shareholders involvement; and senior leadership and governance capability needs.

What's coming next?

Over the next three months, the focus will be on continuing due diligence work, providing advice on the partnership role of Tangata Whenua in the future WSO, issues and options paper to shape the Shareholder Representative Forum, board, membership, CEO and directors.

More Information

For further information about the Local Water Done Well programme and council-led work, please visit the councils' website: <https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/delivering-water-services-through-future-partnerships>

4. Other Projects

1. TCC Tangata Whenua Relationship Review Project – Insights Report Stage 1

In October 2025 the Tauranga City Council commissioned a review to understand how its relationship arrangements with Tāngata Whenua are working in practice. This Insights Report captures what the review team heard during Stage One of the review.

Insights were drawn from 40+ online survey responses and direct kōrero with 60+ tāngata whenua and Council participants across governance, leadership and operational roles.

Further responses are yet to be had with Tauranga City Council governance and staff.

The primary focus of the report is a listening and sense-making exercise, not a solution design or implementation plan. Its core purpose is to surface how the relationship is currently experienced in practice, rather than how it is intended to work on paper.

Key focus areas include:

- Lived experience of partnership across governance, leadership, and operational levels
- Tensions between intent vs experience
- Reliance on individuals versus durable systems
- Structural strain created by reform pace, resourcing inequity, and legacy mechanisms

What this report shows:

- Centres tāngata whenua voices alongside Council perspectives
- Explicitly frames issues as systemic, not personal
- Avoids defensiveness or premature solutions
- Acknowledges historical and cumulative fatigue
- Deliberately diagnostic, and not prescriptive.

2. Emergency Management – Submission

Te Rangapu's position is that emergency management legislation, systems and policies must:

- a. Be fit for purpose and hard wire in iwi Māori as decision makers, responders, recovery leads, resilience experts and readiness champions.
 - b. Give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
 - c. Recognise iwi Māori as Treaty partners;
 - d. Enable iwi, hapū and marae-led systems;
 - e. Embed the requirement for mātauranga Māori to inform risk hazard identification, resilience and readiness; and
 - f. Deliver equitable outcomes.
- Te Rangapu supports the intent to repeal and replace the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, which has demonstrably failed to recognise, enable, or resource iwi Māori roles across the emergency management system.

- Te Rangapu acknowledges aspects of the Bill to move towards stronger recognition of iwi Māori, including provisions that reference Māori interests and seek to improve Māori participation.
- However, Te Rangapu opposed aspects of the Bill in its current form including that Māori are yet to be recognised as partners in the emergency management system at a governance level, including on the Joint Committees; and, that the Bill fails to recognise or give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

3. Simplifying Local Government – Submission

The Te Rangapu submission responds to the Government's draft proposal to simplify local government by replacing elected regional councillors with Combined Territorial Boards (CTBs) made up of mayors, and by requiring regional reorganisation plans to improve efficiency and service delivery.

The draft proposal effectively does away with Māori constituencies for eg. Mauao Ward.

While the stated objectives of clarity, efficiency, and reduced duplication are acknowledged, the proposal raises significant concerns from a Māori and Treaty perspective. Any reform of local government must uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a constitutional foundation, recognising Māori as Treaty partners rather than stakeholders, and actively protecting Māori rights, representation, and Treaty settlement arrangements.

The basis of Te Rangapu submission focuses on three core Treaty principles: Participation, Partnership, and Protection.

Simplifying local government must not come at the expense of Treaty integrity, Māori representation, or hard-won settlement outcomes. Structural reform presents an opportunity to strengthen Treaty partnership if designed correctly—but risks significant harm if Māori are reduced to consultees rather than partners.

For this proposal to proceed in a manner consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi, it must:

- Guarantee meaningful Māori participation at governance level,
- Embed partnership through shared decision-making structures, and
- Actively protect Māori interests and Treaty settlements from erosion.

Absent of these safeguards, the proposal risks undermining Māori rights and weakening the constitutional foundations of local government in Aotearoa New Zealand.

5. Infrastructure Funding and Finance Amendment Bill – Submission

This submission was made on behalf of Te Rangapu from the perspective of tangata whenua and Whenua Māori owners who are directly affected by infrastructure planning, financing,

and delivery across Aotearoa New Zealand. Māori land and Māori communities are disproportionately impacted by infrastructure decisions due to historic land alienation, under-investment in services, and structural barriers within current funding and delivery models.

Te Rangapu support infrastructure investment that enables equitable development, housing, environmental protection, and intergenerational wellbeing. However, any legislative reform must ensure that infrastructure funding tools do not further entrench inequities, impose inappropriate financial burdens on Māori land, or undermine Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.

Te Rangapu are not opposed to infrastructure investment or innovative funding mechanisms. However, without explicit safeguards, the Infrastructure Funding and Finance Amendment Bill risks perpetuating inequities for Māori landowners and communities.

With targeted amendments—grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, recognition of Whenua Māori land tenure, and genuine partnership—the Bill has the potential to support Māori housing, development, and wellbeing outcomes. Without them, it risks becoming another structural barrier to Māori aspirations.

10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentations Previous Completed Actions - February 2026

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee on matters raised by Tangata Whenua at previous Committee meetings that have been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentations Previous Completed Actions - February 2026".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Attached is a table outlining completed issues raised by Iwi/Hapū and Marae at previous Committee meetings and Hui held with Council.
2. The table provided outlines the issues and completed actions that have been removed from the tangata whenua issues table normally presented to the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Table - Completed TW_TCC matters raised - A19769108 [↓](#) 

Tangata Whenua / TCC Committee Actions Completed – 25 February 2026

Marae / Hapū / Date Issue Raised / Kaiārahi	What was the Issue?	Actions Completed	Month / Year Issue Completed before removal from Issues Table
Wairoa Marae. Ngāti Kahu (Bethlehem) 14 April 2021 (Leonie Cairns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road noise is a significant nuisance and an obstruction to cultural practices at the marae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise wall installed and repainted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marae Maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility audit Millings in driveway Tree removal and fence repairs around wharenui Received \$20,000 grant for marae resilience and emergency management Support from Waste Management for rubbish collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026
Hungahungatoroa Club. Ngāti Tapu, Ngāi Tukairangi (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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established the Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group (MSPAG). This is made up of hapū members (2 each from Ngāti Tapu and Ngāi Tukairangi) and TCC members (Councillors, General Manager, Technical Manager & Takawaenga). Meeting twice yearly. MOU to establish the MSPAG was ratified at a Council meeting in November 2022. First official meeting of the Advisory Group held 12 June 2023. Hui will be ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026
Hungahungatoroa a Marae - Ngāi Tukairangi (Matapihi) 30 November 2022 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount to Arataki Spatial Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with hapū, the Mount Spatial Plan was completed and adopted March 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2024
Whareroa Marae. Ngāti Kuku (Mount Maunganui) 18 January 2022 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return Pitau and Hināu properties to Māori owners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In March 2022 Council made the decision to progress the sale of the Pitau and Hināu St properties on the open market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rāhui signs need to be available to protect the wider area in times of concern. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Marae has rāhui signs, and further signs can be made available on request by hapū. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road naming of unnamed road that goes to the Whareroa Reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road named Ruatahāpari Way in accordance with the Naming Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undesirable behaviour/public use of Whareroa Reserve and speeding on Ruatahāpari Way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September 2024 the installation of a gate barrier to Whareroa Reserve during nighttime hours, and information signage were all finalised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2024

Marae / Hapū / Date Issue Raised / Kaiārahi	What was the Issue?	Actions Completed	Month / Year Issue Completed before removal from Issues Table
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established a kaitiaki to proactively encourage positive behaviour in the area. The Kaitiaki role proved positive and effective with the community, hapū and Council. The role ended 14 June 2022. The reserve between Taiaho Place and Ruatahapari Way, leading to the Whareroa boat ramp was cleared of rubbish and replanted to provide for better utilisation by the local community. A fence was installed and painted, which gives the impression that the reserve is part of the marae. The reserve behind Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi offices was also replanted in line with other reserves across the city and in keeping with the local community. Signage for boat ramp installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2022
Mangatawa Marae – Ngāti Kaahu ki Mangatawa (Pāpāmoa) 13 April 2023 (Tuana Kuka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marae request for onsite effluent system (OSET) for Mangatawa Marae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC funded the installation of the OSET system. Installation completed July 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2025
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"> Installation of signage, speedhumps and the associated lighting on Waimapu Pā Road completed in August 2025. At this stage, no funding for footpath is available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2025
Maungatapu Marae. Ngāti Hē (Maungatapu) 26 April 2023 (Cynthia Hamel)	<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"> On 18 December 2025, title issued to Ngāi Te Ahi Settlement Trust for Te Pāhou land blocks. Road reserves remain with NZTA and TCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2025
Mercury Baypark Ngā Pōtiki 25 June 2025 (Keren Paekau)	<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 amounting to \$120,028 + GST were approved and paid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

12 CLOSING KARAKIA