



**I give notice that  
a Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting will be held on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 5 April 2023</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Information Centre 1 Ngawaka Place Tūrangi</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mr Te Takinga New
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Mayor David Trewavas

<b>Members</b>	Member Christian Asher
	Member Lauren Fletcher
	Cr Sandra Greenslade
	Member Amanda Martin
	Cr Kevin Taylor
	Member Amy Walker

## **Quorum**

**4**

Two (2) members of each Partner to the Mana Whakahono a Rohe Agreement between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Taupō District Council (with one of Council's members being an elected member of Council).

**Gareth Green**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**4.1 INAUGURAL TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 1 MARCH 2023**

**Author:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Inaugural Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting Minutes - 1 March 2023

**5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

**Author:** Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To elect a Co-Chair for the meeting.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

In accordance with the Mana Whakahono Agreement, the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee has two Co-Chairs, one from each Partner to the Agreement. Mr Te Takinga New is Ngāti Tūrangitukua's Co-Chair elect; and Mayor David Trewavas is Taupō District Council's Co-Chair.

There is a need to formally elect a Co-Chair for each meeting. This item enables that to occur. In the event that neither Co-Chair is in attendance at the meeting, a Chairperson must be elected by those members present.

It is intended the proposed Chairperson for each hui would author all of the papers for that meeting, where appropriate.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee elects Co-Chair Te Takinga New to Chair this hui.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Te Takinga New to Chair this hui.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.2 OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT'S SILENCE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED AND OUR ANZAC SOLDIERS**

**Author:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

A number of members of the wider community have passed away recently. This item allows those present to observe a moment's silence for those that have passed and for our ANZAC soldiers, in the lead up to ANZAC day. No resolution is required.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**Author:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Standing Orders provide for a period of up to 30 minutes to be made available at the start of meetings for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Committee. Any issue, idea or matter raised in public forum must fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee during public forum should register at least one clear day before the meeting by emailing [publicforum@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:publicforum@taupo.govt.nz).

No debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may only be discussed if the matter is minor in nature and the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.13 are followed. A meeting may deal with (i.e. make a resolution in respect of) an item of business not on the agenda only if the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.12 are followed.

The relevant extracts from Standing Orders are **attached**.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025

**5.4 INTRODUCTION FROM TŪRANGI SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

**Author:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

The Principals from the two Tūrangi schools, Te Kura o Hirangi and Tongariro School will introduce themselves to the Committee.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

This is the opportunity for the Principals and the Committee to discuss how they can assist each other.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee takes this opportunity to ask any questions they may have for the Principals of the Tūrangi schools.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the introductions from the Principals of Te Kura o Hirangi and Tongariro Schools.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.5 MANA WHAKAHONO WORK PLAN**

**Author:** Cornelia Dempsey, Co-Governance Manager

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

This item allows the Committee to familiarise themselves with the work plan associated to the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe and identify a plan to guide the implementation, monitoring and reporting process moving forward.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

The overarching purpose of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee is to:

- a. govern the implementation of the Mana Whakahono and fulfil the purpose and functions as prescribed by within the Mana Whakahono;
- b. be the vehicle through which governance and/or communications of all joint matters subject to this Mana Whakahono are facilitated between the Partners; and
- a. the powers and functions of the Committee as set out in this Mana Whakahono are exercised.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the information regarding the Mana Whakahono work plan and advises officers on its preferred approach to guide the implementation, monitoring and reporting process.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information regarding the Mana Whakahono work plan and supports

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Mana Whakahono implementation workplan example



**5.6 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS**

**Author:** Kendall Goode, Senior Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To receive an update on Taupō District Council's Annual Plan 2023 - 2024.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

A Policy Advisor will be in attendance to provide an update on Council's Annual Plan, share details of community engagement, and explain how members may submit their views and/or raise issues.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the information be received.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives information regarding the Taupō District Council Annual Plan 2023 - 2024 process.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.7 INTRODUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAMS**

**Author:** Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

**Authorised by:** Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

The Communications team, and Community Engagement and Development team will introduce themselves to the Committee.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

The Communications team, and Community Engagement and Development team will outline their roles and how they can be of assistance to the Committee.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee takes this opportunity to ask any questions they may have for the Communications and/or Community and Engagement teams.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the introductions from the Communications team and the Community and Engagement team.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.8 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2023**

**Author:** Bryre Forlong, Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor

**Authorised by:** Hadley Tattle, Community Engagement and Development Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To advise the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee of opening dates for community grants in 2023.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Ideas, projects and activities make a major contribution to the wellbeing of our communities across the Taupō District. Council has a variety of funding opportunities available to assist these initiatives and support positive change across communities.

The below funds will be accepting applications from individuals, groups or organisations across the Tūrangi rohe in 2023. To find out more or to submit an application individuals can visit our website or email [funding@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:funding@taupo.govt.nz).

**Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant**

- Opening from 4 September – 29 September 2023 inclusive.
- This grant is open to community groups or organisations from the Tūrangi-Tongariro ward. The grant supports groups or organisations that provide a service on behalf of Council, or for one-off events, assistance with projects and/or capital projects.
- There will be a committee established, with members from the Tongariro Representative Group and Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee to distribute this funding.

**Community Sports Grant**

- There are two funding rounds in 2023. The first funding round opened on 13 March and closes on 11 April inclusive. The second funding round opens on 2 October through to 27 October inclusive.
- The fund supports sports clubs or organisations in the provision of projects or services that improve the wellbeing of the community. It also supports individuals residing in the Taupō District who compete in a sport at a representative level.
- The Lake Taupō Sports Advisory Council allocates this funding on behalf of Council.

**Social Services Community Grant**

- There are two funding rounds in 2023. The first funding round opened on 13 March and closes on 11 April inclusive. The second funding round opens on 4 September through to 29 September inclusive.
- The Social Services Community Grants are for organisations and individuals making a difference in the social services sector. Projects and activities may vary from one off events to capital projects.
- Waioira Trust allocates this funding on behalf of Council.

**Creative Taupō Community Grant**

- There are two funding rounds in 2023. The first funding round was open from 6 to 31 March. The second funding round opens on 4 September through to 29 September inclusive.
- The Creative Taupō Grant is for organisations and individuals making a difference in their community in the arts sector. Projects and activities may vary between one off events to capital projects.
- The Creative Taupō committee distribute this funding on behalf of Council.

**Creative Communities Scheme**

- There are two funding rounds in 2023. The first funding round was open from 6 to 31 March. The second funding round opens on 4 September through to 29 September inclusive.
- The Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) is a partnership between Creative New Zealand (CNZ) and Taupō District Council. CCS helps to fund local arts projects that increase participation in the arts or culture at a local level, increase the range and diversity of arts and culture available, or enable and encourage young people to engage in the arts.

- The Creative Taupō committee distribute this funding on behalf of Council and Creative New Zealand.

**Waste Minimisation Fund**

- There are two funding rounds in 2023. The first funding round was open from 6 to 31 March. The second funding round opens on 4 September through to 29 September inclusive.
- The purpose of this fund is to provide individuals, community groups and organisations with the opportunity to fund initiatives that reduce the generation of waste, encourage the reuse and recovery of materials, divert waste from landfill, or raise awareness of issues around food waste, single-use plastics and other wastes.
- Applications are assessed by Council officers against set criteria.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

All community grant opportunities are available to view on our website and will be posted on social media channels when open.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee notes the 2023 opening and closing dates for community grants.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.9 CYCLONE GABRIELLE RESPONSE UPDATE**

**Author:** Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

**Authorised by:** Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

This item is for the Committee to receive updates on the impacts of the Cyclone Gabrielle emergency response and progress from the response group.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the updates on the impacts of the Cyclone Gabrielle emergency response.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the updates on the impacts of the Cyclone Gabrielle emergency response.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.10 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES FROM THE BERM ADJOINING 26 HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI**

**Author:** Andrew Moor, Parks Operations Manager - Taupō

**Authorised by:** Greg Hadley, District Parks Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To consider the removal of two Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) trees from the berm adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

**WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The owners of 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi have approached Council asking for the two Pin Oaks on the adjoining berm to be removed. The roots of the trees are lifting their cobbled driveway and that the annual leaf drop continually blocks the gutters on their home, causing water damage to their ceiling. They are also concerned that due to the size of the trees and the proximity to their house, should they fall in a storm they would do significant damage. They have also stated that the trees restrict visibility when backing out of their driveway.

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the trees and believes they are healthy and in a 'Very Good' condition.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee declines the request to remove the two Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) trees from the berm adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

**TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

The owners of 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi have approached Council requesting that the two Pin Oak trees on the berm adjoining their property be removed.



Aerial showing position of trees.

A water main runs beside the trees but there are no recorded incidents of the trees' roots impacting on this. The adjoining footpath has been lifted by the roots. This has been repaired and is currently unaffected. The neighbour's cobbled driveway has been lifted. This is a second driveway, without an approved vehicle crossing. Vehicles accessing this driveway do so over the grassed berm.



*Photograph showing sections of footpath repair*

The owners of 26 Hirangi Road have a number of concerns about the trees:

- Leaves from the trees block the gutters of their home causing water damage to the ceilings,
- The trees' roots are lifting their cobbled driveway,
- The size and proximity of the trees to their house would cause significant damage should they fall over in a storm,
- The trees obstruct visibility when backing out of the driveway.



*Photograph of root lifting of cobbled driveway.*

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the trees and believes they are healthy, good quality specimens showing no signs of significant structural issues or decline. He has stated there is no arboricultural reason for removing the trees. The trees received a significant pruning of their canopy in 2020 in an attempt to reduce their impact on the neighbouring property. Council's Contract Arborist has suggested that for the health of the trees no further pruning should be undertaken. He also believes that further pruning would not have any major impact on the volume of leaf litter anyway.

Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 only allows for the removal of healthy trees under the following circumstances.

### Policy 3.2 – Removal of Healthy Trees

Healthy trees on council land will be retained, and their removal will be the exception. Instances where council may consider removal of a healthy tree include:

- street redevelopment is to be implemented and options to retain the tree have been investigated and discounted,
- severe hardship is being experienced (trees which inhibit views or drop debris are not considered to be causing severe hardship),
- other community assets are impacted by trees or vegetation,
- the trees or vegetation are grown weeds and not intentionally planted, or
- the removal is part of a planned replacement programme.

### NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

The two Pin Oaks form part of a mature street planting scheme on Hirangi Road. There are other trees of the same species in close proximity to these, particularly at the Hirangi Marae and Tūrangitukua Sportsfield. The Taupō District Council Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 states that where appropriate planting should be restricted to one tree per road frontage.

### Policy 1.6 – Street Tree Density within the Road Reserve

Where appropriate the general street tree density within the road reserve is;

- residential berms at least 5.25m wide - one tree per road frontage, and
- low density residential berms – one tree per 30 metres of road frontage.

There are a number of examples on Hirangi Road and throughout Tūrangi where there are two or more mature trees on the berm. As is the case with 26 Hirangi Road, this can exacerbate the impact trees have on neighbouring properties.

Council's Contract Arborist believes the trees are healthy without any sign of structural issues. He does not believe there is any risk associated with the health of the trees that would result in them tipping over as suggested by the neighbours. This was obviously the case during Cyclone Gabrielle, where the trees were not impacted. He also believes that the issue of the tree's roots lifting the cobbled driveway can be addressed by a short section of root pruning and guarding at the boundary. Due to the relatively small extent required, he does not believe this will have a detrimental impact on the tree.

It is recommended that no further pruning to reduce the crown of the trees back from the neighbouring property be undertaken at this stage. The only options to address the issues associated with the leaf fall would therefore be for the owner to install gutter guards and/or undertake more regular clearance of the gutters. They have however stated that this is not easy to undertake as the house is a two story home and the gutters are difficult to access.

The trunks of the trees are clear, but are wide [girth of 1780mm and 2060mm at chest height]. There is nothing that can be done to the trees to improve visibility when backing out of the driveway. Visibility is however clear in both directions if a driver stops before the trees and looks down the footpath to the road.

Based on this information it is considered that there are 3 options.

### NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

#### Analysis of Options

Option 1. Retain the two Pin Oaks trees adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi. Root prune and install root guard to protect the cobbled driveway.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>• Maintains complete visual amenity within</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer is not happy with outcome as leaf litter and visibility issues are not addressed.</li> </ul>



streetscape.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains traffic calming and carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>• Trees provide shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>• Maintains ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>	

Option 2. Remove the two Pin Oak trees adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi and replace with a smaller more suitable tree such as an *Acer negundo*, Maple.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer is happy as all issues are addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>• Loss of visual amenity along Hirangi Road.</li> <li>• Loss of traffic calming and carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>• Loss of shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>• Loss of ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>

Option 3. Remove the tree closest to Papua Street, Tūrangi while retaining the second tree, root pruning it and installing guard to protect the cobbled driveway.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in volume of leaf litter by half.</li> <li>• Visibility improved for vehicles backing out of driveway from a western direction.</li> <li>• Lifting of cobbled driveway addressed.</li> <li>• Customer happy that a number of the issues have been addressed.</li> <li>• Visual amenity along Hirangi Road is unbroken.</li> <li>• Maintains traffic calming and carbon sequestration capability of tree, although reduced.</li> <li>• Some shading of property in hot summer months remains.</li> <li>• Maintains ecology and habitat within this urban environment although reduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost associated with the removal of a large tree.</li> <li>• Customer not as happy as some of the leaf litter issues remain.</li> <li>• Customer not as happy as visibility in an easterly direction is not addressed, when backing out of driveway.</li> </ul>

#### Analysis Conclusion:

On analysis the preferred option is to retain the two Pin Oaks trees adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi. Council would root prune and install root guard to protect the private cobbled driveway from further lifting.

### **NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Whakahāngai ki tā te Kaunihera wawata | Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: Quality.

#### **Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$3000 to remove both trees or \$1600 to remove one tree and install root guard beside the driveway.

#### Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under Parks Operations.

**Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations**Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social and environmental well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

**Ngā Hiraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications**

The removal of these trees would contravene council's Tree and Vegetation Policy section 3.2 Removal of Healthy Trees (in report). The Policy does however allow for committee members to decide to remove trees, see narrative Section 3.1 "Where necessary tree removal requests may be referred to Council's elected members for a decision (refer to policies in section 3)".

**Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement**

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include, but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori, and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with the ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district. Engagement may not always be required by law, however meaningful engagement with Māori allows Council to demonstrate good faith and our commitment to working together as partners across our district.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua is a hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa and maintains Ahi kā roa - Mana Whenua in Te Mātāpuna. Ngāti Tūrangitukua also recognises that the Hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa are interconnected and the relationship and interest of whānau and hapū across the Mātāpuna are dynamic, bound by common whakapapa and whanaungatanga.

Endorsement of the Mana Whakahono including the establishment of this co-governance committee was sought from the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and hapū within Te Mātāpuna rohe throughout its development by Ngāti Tūrangitukua on behalf on the parties.

**Ngā Tūraru | Risks**

There are no known risks

**TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

**TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

**TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders but no wider communication is considered necessary.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

Based on the above assessment it is recommended that the two Pin Oaks trees adjoining 26 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi are retained. Council would commit to root prune and install root guard to protect the private cobbled driveway from further lifting.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Arborist's assessment 26 Hirangi Road



**5.11 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREE FROM THE BERM ADJOINING 10 HINERANGI STREET, TŪRANGI**

**Author:** Andrew Moor, Parks Operations Manager - Taupō

**Authorised by:** Greg Hadley, District Parks Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To propose the removal of a Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) from the berm adjoining 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi.

**WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The owners of the property at 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi have contacted Council requesting the removal of a Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) from the adjoining berm. They are looking to build a new house on the section and the tree limits where they can position their driveway. Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the tree and believes it is healthy and in a 'Good' condition, with no arboriculture justification for removing it.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee declines the request to remove the Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) from the berm adjoining 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi.

**TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

The owners of the property at 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi have contacted Council requesting the removal of a Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) from the adjoining berm. With plans underway to build a new home on the site they believe the tree restricts their design. In particular the tree sits where they wish to lay their driveway. In addition to this the owners have lived previously in Patikura Street, Tūrangi. They state they spent 8 years at this property dealing with excessive leaf litter and lifted footpaths before Council removed the trees as part of the kerb and channel renewal programme in the street. They saw this as greatly improving the street and the quality of living for themselves and their neighbours. They are concerned that this tree will cause similar issues to those in Patikura Street.



Position of tree

A water main runs parallel to the tree but there have not been any recorded incidences of the roots impacting on this. The ground level is raised as is common at the base of Oak trees but there is no significant damage to the footpath or kerbing.



*Tree viewed from eastern end of Hinerangi Street.*

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the tree and believes it is healthy and in a 'Good' condition, with no arboriculture justification for removing it. He believes there are a number of options and products now available to create a vehicle crossing over the root zone of the tree that will provide the desired outcome while not adversely impacting on the tree's health.

Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 only allows for the removal of healthy trees under the following circumstances.

### **Policy 3.2 – Removal of Healthy Trees**

Healthy trees on council land will be retained, and their removal will be the exception. Instances where council may consider removal of a healthy tree include:

- street redevelopment is to be implemented and options to retain the tree have been investigated and discounted,
- severe hardship is being experienced (trees which inhibit views or drop debris are not considered to be causing severe hardship),
- other community assets are impacted by trees or vegetation,
- the trees or vegetation are grown weeds and not intentionally planted, or
- the removal is part of a planned replacement programme.

### **NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

The Scarlet Oak is part of a mixed planting scheme on Hinerangi Street. There are other larger, mature Scarlet Oaks within the street, but the scheme is somewhat broken up by other smaller exotic species spread throughout. However, the tree outside number 10 Hinerangi Street is relatively significant.

Council's Contract Arborist has suggested that there are a range of products and techniques for laying vehicle crossings over tree roots that provide a long lasting drivable surface, while not causing harm to the tree. Council can assist the property owners by providing some of these options to their building company. However, the tree sits almost directly on the preferred location of the driveway. Any work this close to the base of the trunk would be detrimental to the tree.

Based on this information it is considered that there are 2 options.

**NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS**Analysis of Options

Option 1. Remove the Scarlet Oak from the berm adjoining 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer is happy as siting of driveway is not restricted and they will have no ongoing issues related to the tree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>Loss of visual amenity along Hirangi Road.</li> <li>Loss of traffic calming and carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>Loss of shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>Loss of ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>

Option 2. Retain the Scarlet Oak from the berm adjoining 10 Hinerangi Street, Tūrangi and offer the owners building company advice on alternative methodologies for creating a vehicle crossing.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>Maintain complete visual amenity within streetscape.</li> <li>Maintains traffic calming and carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>Trees provide shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>Maintains ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer not happy with outcome as positioning of driveway is restricted.</li> <li>Customer not happy with potential for ongoing issues related to the tree.</li> </ul>

Analysis Conclusion:

On analysis of the options it is recommended that the Scarlet Oak is retained and Council staff work with the property owner to identify an alternative methodology for installing the vehicle crossing and driveway that does not impact on the health of the tree.

**NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS****Whakahāngai ki tā te Kaunihera wawata | Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: Quality.

**Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$1,000 for tree removal.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under Parks Operations.

**Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations**Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social and environmental are of relevance to this particular matter.



**Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications**

The key aspects for consideration with regards to this proposal are as follows:

The removal of these trees would contravene council's Tree and Vegetation Policy section 3.2 Removal of Healthy Trees (in report). The Policy does however allow for elected members to decide to remove trees, see narrative Section 3.1 "Where necessary tree removal requests may be referred to Council's elected members for a decision (refer to policies in section 3)".

**Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement**

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include, but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori, and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with the ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district. Engagement may not always be required by law, however meaningful engagement with Māori allows Council to demonstrate good faith and our commitment to working together as partners across our district.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua is a hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa and maintains Ahi kā roa - Mana Whenua in Te Mātāpuna. Ngāti Tūrangitukua also recognises that the Hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa are interconnected and the relationship and interest of whānau and hapū across the Mātāpuna are dynamic, bound by common whakapapa and whanaungatanga.

Endorsement of the Mana Whakahono including the establishment of this co-governance committee was sought from the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and hapū within Te Mātāpuna rohe throughout its development by Ngāti Tūrangitukua on behalf on the parties.

**Ngā Tūraru | Risks**

There are no known risks.

**TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

**TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

**TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders but no wider communication is considered necessary.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

Based on the above assessment it is recommended that the Scarlet Oak is retained and Council staff work with the property owner to identify an alternative methodology for installing the vehicle crossing and driveway that does not impact on the health of the tree.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Arborist's assessment 10 Hinerangi Street, Turangi

**5.12 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES FROM THE RESERVE STRIP ADJOINING 15/2 NONI STREET, TŪRANGI**

**Author:** Andrew Moor, Parks Operations Manager - Taupō

**Authorised by:** Greg Hadley, District Parks Manager

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To propose the removal of two Gum (*Eucalyptus sp.*) trees from the reserve strip adjoining 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi.

**WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The property developer of 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi has contacted Council requesting that the two Gum trees (*Eucalyptus sp.*) on the reserve strip adjoining his property be removed. He is concerned that when houses are built on the sections nearest to them, they will be at risk should the trees fall. He is also concerned that shading from the trees will adversely affect these houses.

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the trees and believes they are in a 'Very Good' condition.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee declines the request to remove the two Gum (*Eucalyptus sp.*) trees from the reserve strip adjoining 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi.

**TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

The property developer of 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi has contacted Council requesting that the two Gum trees (*Eucalyptus sp.*) on the reserve strip adjoining his property be removed. He is concerned that when houses are built on the sections nearest to them, they will be at risk should the trees fall. He is also concerned that shading from the trees will adversely affect these houses.

Council's Contract Arborist has assessed the trees and believes there is no arboricultural reason to remove the trees. He noted some dead wood in the canopy of the trees and some smaller limbs at their base but as this is typical of this species, he felt it was not of concern. The trees have good foliage cover and no signs of any structural weaknesses that would suggest they might fail. This was supported in that they survived Cyclone Gabrielle without any major damage.



Location of trees

Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014 only allows for the removal of healthy trees under the following circumstances.



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- the trees or vegetation are grown weeds and not intentionally planted, or
- the removal is part of a planned replacement programme.

### NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION



*Taken from 15/2 Noni Street showing sections pegged out and Gum trees on northern boundary.*

Council's Contract Arborist has advised that there is no arboricultural reason to justify the removal of the two Gum trees. The trees are structurally sound and are unlikely to blow over. The other concern is that they will shade the new houses through winter. As pointed out by the arborist, due to their natural form Gums don't tend to cause major shading issues. He has advised that the Fir trees beside the Gums are more likely to cause shading and leaf litter issues. He has provided a recommendation to crown lift these to allow some light through above the fence line. He has noted that although these trees are currently healthy, his recommendation would be to remove these and replant with native specimen trees before considering removing the Gums as they will likely have more detrimental impact on any adjoining houses.

Based on this information it is considered that there are 2 options.

**NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS**Analysis of Options

Option 1. Retain the two Gum trees, undertaking dead wood removal from them and crown lifting the adjoining Fir trees.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>Maintains visual amenity within reserve.</li> <li>Maintains carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>Trees provide shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>Maintains ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer not happy as concerns around the potential impact of the trees remains.</li> </ul>

Option 2. Remove the two Gum trees

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer happy with outcome.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost associated with tree removals.</li> <li>Loss of visual amenity along Hirangi Road.</li> <li>Loss of traffic calming and carbon sequestration capabilities of trees.</li> <li>Loss of shading during hot summer months.</li> <li>Loss of ecology and habitat within urban environment.</li> </ul>

Analysis Conclusion:

On analysis of the options it is recommended to retain the two Gum trees on the reserve strip adjoining 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi.

**NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS****Whakahāngai ki tā te Kaunihera wawata | Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: Quality.

**Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$3,000 for tree removals.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under Parks Operations.

**Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations**Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social and environmental well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

**Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications**

The proposal has been evaluated against the following plans:

- ☐ Long Term Plan 2021-2031   ☐ Annual Plan   ☐ Waikato Regional Plan  
☐ Taupō District Plan   ☐ Bylaws   ☒ Relevant Management Plan(s)

The key aspects for consideration with regards to this proposal are as follows:

The removal of these trees would contravene council's Tree and Vegetation Policy section 3.2 Removal of Healthy Trees (in report). The Policy does however allow for committee members to decide to remove trees, see narrative Section 3.1 "Where necessary tree removal requests may be referred to Council's elected members for a decision (refer to policies in section 3)".

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**Ngā Tūraru | Risks**

There are no known risks.

**TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

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**TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

**TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders but no wider communication is considered necessary.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

Based on the above assessment it is recommended that the two Gum trees (*Eucalyptus sp*) are retained on the reserve strip adjoining 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Arborist's assessment, Gums adjoining 15/2 Noni Street, Tūrangi

**5.13 ALLEYWAYS IN TŪRANGI**

**Author:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**Authorised by:** Te Takinga New, Co-Chair

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To enable members to discuss alleyways in Tūrangi and request further information on this topic.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information generated as part of the discussion about alleyways in Tūrangi.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**5.14 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI**

**Author:** Jessica Sparks, Environmental Services Manager

**Authorised by:** Libby O'Brien, General Manager People and Customer

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

This item is for the Committee to receive updates on current projects in Tūrangi.

**NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**

Progress reports and key information regarding the following projects will be delivered:

- Tūrangi Revitalisation (Kerb and Channel) Project
- Tūrangitukua Park Community Sports Facility
- Tūrangi Recreation & Activities Centre (TRAC)
- Te Kapua Park Playground Upgrade
- Tūrangi Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Tūrangi Transfer Station Weighbridge

Note that this is not an exhaustive list of projects in Tūrangi.

**WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee receives the updates on current projects in Tūrangi.

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the updates on current projects in Tūrangi.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

Nil