

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TIROHANGA SETTLERS HALL, 839 TIROHANGA ROAD, RD 1 ATIAMURI
ON TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (J Charteris), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 3 members of the public

1 KARAKIA

All present at the meeting said the opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202503/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That apologies from Ms Charlene Campbell, Mayor David Trewavas, Mr Whitu Karauna and Ms Sapphire Tanirau be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2024

MP202503/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Chanel Houahan explained that he lived at Pokuru Road North in a community of 50 people at Waipamu Station working farm. On this road was also Moana Awa Stud farm and a ski club, this meant the road was a high traffic road with residents, visitors and contractors using the road often. The issue was there were two very large pine trees hanging roughly 20 metres above the road which were leaning precariously over the road. There were a lot of branches leaning out on to the road and he had noticed that over the past two years that the lean of the trees had become more pronounced. On the farm they had noticed that the mature pine trees could drop their boughs without any warning. This was a concern because these trees could fall on a passing vehicle causing injury or possible fatality. Another concern was it would block the access to the road as there was only one way in and out, meaning residents, visitors and contractors would not be able to enter or exit nor would emergency services have access if needed. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that the trees were on Council land and the transport team had been advised that these trees were an issue. He advised that it was good Mr Houahan had brought the issue to the representative group and officers' attention again. He agreed it would be better to get the work completed proactively with traffic management and a plan. In answer to a question, it was clarified that there were no powerlines going through the trees. Members requested this issue was included into the action sheet on the snapshot to follow up.

Mr Houahan explained that the ratepayers on the farm paid roughly \$200,000 of rates per year and each lot owner was charged \$154.70 for rubbish disposal however they did not receive any help with this. He estimated in total they spent roughly \$20,000 per year to dispose of rubbish. They had done a lot proactively around the settlement regarding rubbish including setting up a recycling collection with a trailer taken to the refuse station regularly. He proposed that households could bring their rubbish to the end of the gate on the road to be collected by Council. A member clarified that the \$154.70 charge on rates paid was for the Mangakino Transfer Station and not rubbish disposal. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that the rubbish collection would be easier for the contractors if it was placed near the letterboxes as the area by the gate had limited turning for the rubbish truck. The General Manager Strategy and Environment took an action to have officers contact Mr Houahan directly and see what options were available.

MP202503/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/03 above.

5.2 RENEWAL OF GRAZING LICENCES

The Parks Advisor – Planning and Operations introduced herself and explained she was working through the expired leases and licences throughout the district, with two grazing licences up for renewal in the Mangakino area.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- She was working on bringing licenses into alignment and these two renewals would do this.
- Work was occurring to update the Mangakino Reserve Management Plan with the Policy team.

MP202503/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Subject to the outcome of public consultation, the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group agrees in principle to:

1. Grant a licence to L P Martin to occupy part of Whakamaru Recreation Reserve for the purpose of grazing under section 74 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977, for a term of 5 years commencing 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 with a right of renewal for 5 years commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029;

and

2. Grant a licence to P R & K M Hilhorst to occupy Tirohanga Recreation Reserve for the purpose of grazing under section 74 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977, for a term of 5 years commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2029.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/04 above.

5.3 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT**Community Engagement and Development**

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District introduced herself and explained that the mural unveiling at the Mangakino Basketball courts went very well. She thanked everyone that attended and she valued the input that the community had with these projects. She said a special thank you to the Walker whanau, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Sapphire Tanirau, Noelene Reti, Marama Morgan and Gary Baines for their support on the day.

The Mangakino Pool had a successful season, the pool was well used by the community and the team enjoyed welcoming them each day. Feedback received from the community had been passed on to the manager.

The next round of community grants opened on Monday 3 March and closed 31 March, more funds were available this round due to no funding round held in September 2024. There was \$40,000 in total available and people could apply for up to \$5,000 in their application. The team were spreading the word and expecting a lot of applications. In answer to a question, she explained that the funding team had run a drop-in session at the Mangakino Library on 12 February 2025 for applicants. She reminded members that the community funding policy and how funding would be assessed and administered had changed. Following on from this conversation, the team would distribute the funding applications to members and provide a post-assessment summary and would send a funding distribution guide after the application period had closed. The Community Funding Team would attend the meeting scheduled on 22 April 2025 for funding allocation.

Taupō District Council has established Building Communities for the Future which focused on building strong resilience for communities. This involved a series of free workshops that started from mid-March. All workshops would be recorded and available online.

The topics included:

- Governance of a not-for-profit organisation
- Governance 101
- Trustee (Including Board/Committee member) Development
- Understanding the Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Strategic Planning

There was a survey open until Friday 14 March 2025 for the Mangakino Library Refresh Project. There had been previous engagement with the children in the local schools and the team were currently engaging with the wider community. Officers wanted to hear from current users of the library and had ideas on how the space could work including enhancing the children's area. Once the feedback had been gathered, the plans

would be finalised.

Local Water Done Well

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District explained that the project team was working on finalising options for how we deliver water services. Updated information was regularly being placed on Council's website. At this stage consultation was scheduled to open end of March or start of April.

Local Government Elections

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that local elections were later this year and reminded people to be enrolled to vote. Members expressed it was good that the local newspaper had been saved because it was vital for things like local elections.

Mangakino Lakefront Development

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that a steering group had been established and Cr Kirsty Trueman was on it as well as key members of the community. The tender for the design architect had begun incorporating community feedback provided. This was the beginning of a three year project.

Dump Station Relocation

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained he had investigated two more options for the relocation for the dump station. The first was the Mangakino Refuse Transfer Station. This was on TDC land however it had limited hours. It would require tank storage and payment would need to be arranged with contractors. He had not advanced any discussions yet for this option.

The second option was at the Whakamaru Wastewater Treatment Plant. He had spoken with the manager about access and they explained there was limited room on the site for vehicles to manoeuvre. They suggested the neighbouring property as an option to investigate however they were unsure if there was enough fall for the material that would be dropped to get back into the plant. Both of these options would require a considerable amount of money.

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained he had spoken with NZMCA and they were not aware of any public dump stations on holding tanks. NZMCA had two parks with holding tanks, the first being Warrington that was \$5 per night and an extra cost to use the dump station and the second was Weddons which was free for their members to use. NZMCA would support the installation of a dump station provided that the dump station would be free of charge to their members. NZMCA were establishing campgrounds throughout New Zealand by doing deals with landowners or purchasing land. He wondered if there was an opportunity to lease a piece of land to them for them to establish a campground and dump station. They had campgrounds where they would like them to be so it would likely be land in Mangakino close to the lakefront but not on it. There was a strong sense that a lot of the local community did not want it in Mangakino however there were some locals that used the dump station. A member believed there might be a NZMCA site going on the other side of the Whakamaru Dam on the South Waikato side and they asked the Parks and Reserves Manager to reach out to South Waikato District Council regarding this.

MP202503/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in the Mangakino Pouakani snapshot report.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/05 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Mr Mark Seymour

- The Tirohanga Settlers Hall Committee was working on its incorporated society documentation.
- The Committee's education grant had opened the previous day for applications. The purpose of the

grant was for further tertiary education, this grant opened two times per year and applications had been received this round.

- He asked that the outside of Tirohanga Hall be cleaned.
- The roadworks improvements on Tirohanga Road were great.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Outside of Whakamaru School there were some potholes that needed to be looked at and filled in correctly.
- Whakamaru village was getting fibre and she thanked Council for getting them selected for this, Waitahanui were also getting fibre installed.
- Work had been completed in Whakamaru which was a partnership between Council and the Lines Company. The work had been completed but there were still some signs up, she had followed up through email and this was a Lines Company issue that they needed to follow up on.
- Community member Kelly Brindle had organised a Rudd competition for the kids, and this first time event was very popular.
- Community Grants were open and Council wanted to have as many people as possible apply for the money available.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that they were currently working through options to repair the pothole on the boat ramp. The best option was to have the lake level lowered to fix it however this required working with Mercury who had operational requirements. A quote for an underwater pour was \$50,000. Another option was the lakefront development and build a bigger boat ramp further down. The section on the current ramp with the potholes had barriers in place so people could not use it. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that they wanted to keep the section of the boat ramp that was built in 1950s and it was the newer section that continued to fail, it was likely that in the future, a new big boat ramp would be developed down the southern end and this new section of the current boat ramp would be removed. In answer to a question, the Parks and Reserves Manager explained that there were different options to install a new boat ramp regardless of the lake level. One option was pre-cut slabs with holes in them, these would get flipped out. A second option was sheet piling which could be expensive but it would be one and done. Mercury need to stay within its consent and operating limits, the project had been priced for the worst case scenario however a lot of money could be saved if the lake level was lowered.

MP202503/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
 Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.04am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 22 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON