

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES AND ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr John Williamson (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Kylie Leonard (from 1.02pm), Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Property Management Lead (P Handcock), Commercial Property Officer (J Reuben), Transport Engineer (J Kuchlein), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Asset Engineer Transport (A Dahal), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: No members of the public.

Note: Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at 1.02pm. She was not present for resolution TRARC202505/01.

1 KARAKIA

All present recited the karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRARC202505/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the apologies received from Mr Te Moananui Rameka and Mayor David Trewavas (for absence), and from Cr Kylie Leonard (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/01 above.

Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at this point (1.02pm).

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr John Williamson identified a perceived conflict of interest for item 5.1 because he was a friend of the property owner concerned. He abstained from voting on this item.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES AND RODING COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 MARCH 2025

TRARC202505/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the minutes of the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/02 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

5.1 AIRSPACE LEASE - 124 LAKE TERRACE TAUPŌ

The Infrastructure Manager introduced the item and explained that the Asset Manager Transportation was on annual leave. He clarified the following:

- The airspace was referring to the area above the berm where there was a balcony.
- This was a historical encroachment that had been approved by Council in 2002. The request to grant a new lease was to legalise the fees already being paid by the property owner.
- The lease could not be extended longer than 35 years or there would be a requirement for a subdivision.

The General Manager Strategy and Environment confirmed that recovery costs for the lease and set-up were covered by the current fees. The current resource consent application for the property was to transfer the lease from a cross lease to a fee simple lease.

TRARC202505/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee resolves to grant a new lease of approximately 3.87m² of airspace above unformed legal road adjoining the residential property at 124 Lake Terrace, Taupō, such lease to be for an initial term of 10 years from 30 September 2022 with a right of renewal of 10 years, and otherwise subject to the same terms and conditions as the (now expired) lease dated 28 January 2003, but updated where necessary to reflect current legislation and Council's Road Encroachment Policy 2019.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting except for Cr John Williamson voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/03 above. Cr John Williamson abstained from voting on resolution TRARC202505/03.

5.2 PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES ON UNFORMED ROAD

The General Manager Strategy and Environment summarised key points of the report.

In response to a question, the Transport Engineer advised that cycles were defined as vehicles which is why this was explicit in the recommendation.

Cr John Williamson left the meeting at 1.19pm and returned at 1.20pm.

TRARC202505/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the Taupō Reserve and Roding Committee resolves to prohibit motor vehicles (except authorised vehicles and cycles) from an unformed section of Tawhaa Road, between Five Mile Bay and Wharewaka Point Reserve, in accordance with the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2024.

The motor vehicles prohibited sections of Tawhaa Road extend from the northern end of the existing public parking area at Five Mile Bay northwards for a distance of 500 metres to the formed section of carparking at the southern end of the waterski lane, and a 1000 metre section from the northern end of the waterski lane area up to the Wharewaka Point Reserve.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/04 above.

5.3 INTENTION TO EXCHANGE A DRAINAGE RESERVE FOR OTHER LAND TO ENABLE THE CROWN ROAD INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION

The Commercial Property Officer introduced herself to members and summarised the report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The frontage along Crown Road was a large stormwater ditch that would be a setback and had a drainage system in it.
- Geotechnical investigations had been carried out as part of the subdivision process.

TRARC202505/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee:

1. approves in principle the exchange of part of Section 21 on Survey Office Plan 438781, being local purpose (drainage) reserve, for proposed Lot 102 on Land Transfer Plan 614613 under section 15 of the Reserves Act 1977; and
2. authorises the giving of public notice of its intention to pass a resolution authorising the exchange of the land comprised in any reserve or any part or parts thereof for any other land to be held for the purposes of that reserve, as required by section 15(2) of the Reserves Act 1977.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting except for Cr Kylie Leonard voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/05 above. Cr Kylie Leonard voted against resolution TRARC202505/05.

5.4 REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVALS AT TAPUAEHARURU LAKEFRONT

The Parks Advisor Planning and Operations introduced herself and the Parks and Reserves Manager, and summarised the report. She shared a photograph on screen (A3761350) that had been taken in the morning of 20 May 2025 showing the erosion of the cliffs.

In answer to questions, the Parks and Reserves Manager confirmed the following:

- The Parks and Reserves team had been monitoring the cliff situation for a long time.

- While on a monitoring trip with hapū a couple of months previously, concerns about failures were raised from hapū.
- An engineered solution such as a Mechanically Stabilised Earth (MSE) wall had not been looked at but was considered to be a high cost.
- Waikato Regional Council were looking at the cliffs from an entire project point of view.
- The silver birch trees were not native and were not protected.
- While the failure of the cliffs was not considered to be imminent, the failure when it happened, would be 50-80 years of erosion in one event.
- Replanting would be with smaller native species that would not grow as tall but hold the soil and cliffs to prevent erosion.

Members were concerned that if the cliffs failed, there was a health and safety concern considering people used the beach below and could be impacted. They also acknowledged that the silver birch species was a weed species and contributed negatively to people's health, particularly those with asthma.

The General Manager Strategy and Environment confirmed that this would be notified to the community, not consulted. Iwi, hapū, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and Mercury were working with Council on the wider erosion project and supported the removal of the trees. He explained that if a soil conservator assessment was sought, it would likely show that the cliffs were failing and the trees were contributing to the failure by eroding them further.

TRARC202505/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

The Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee agree to grant the removal of:

1. Three silver birch (*Betula pendula*) trees located on the Tapuaeharuru cliffs;

and

2. Various 'weed species' located between the Taupō Yacht Club and Hole in One.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting except for Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/06 above. Cr Duncan Campbell voted against resolution TRARC202505/06.

5.5 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE UPDATES

The Asset Engineer Transport thanked the member that had brought his attention to the error in the report referring to Wily Terrace in the engagement section which was not relevant to this agenda item.

Members supported the recommendations but preferred that all changes to this parking area be brought back as one item at the next meeting to reflect the suggested time restriction of 2 hours.

The matter was left to lie on the table with the expectation that a more detailed recommendation would be brought to the next committee meeting.

TRARC202505/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee leaves the item of business to lie on the table and be brought back to the committee meeting on 22 July 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202505/07 above. Cr Kylie Leonard moved and all of the committee members agreed.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 2.12pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON