

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, RANGATIRA DRIVE, MANGAKINO
3421
ON TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2025 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Mark Seymour, Mayor David Trewavas

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Senior Funding and Partnerships Adviser (B Forlong), Funding and Partnerships Adviser (E Godwin), Senior Community Development Adviser (G Smith), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Iwi Engagement Partner (T W Walker), Parks Manager Town Centres (J Gordon), Infrastructure Project Manager (J Dayne), Team Leader Communications (D Eastwood), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 22 members of the public

Notes: (i) All present recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia, led by Committee Chairperson Cr Kirsty Trueman.

(ii) Items were presented in the following order: 1, 4.1, 2, 3, 5.2-5.4, 5.1, 5.5

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202508/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That apologies from Ms Sapphire Tanirau and Cr Yvonne Westerman, Mr Whitu Karauna, be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202508/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Mr Mark Seymour declared that HRUNZ Charitable Trust was his neighbour and his grandkids went to Marotiri School. Mr Seymour did not participate when these applications were considered and abstained from voting for these two applications.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 1 JULY 2025

The minutes were amended to expand on Ms Hope Woodward's public forum explaining that a community hui had been held prior to the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group meeting and she was speaking on behalf of the people from the community that had attended that hui.

MP202508/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202508/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**5.1 PUBLIC FORUM****Ms Hope Woodward**

Ms Hope Woodward thanked the committee for the opportunity to speak and thanked the General Manager Strategy and Environment for responding to her last public forum questions.

She wished to express concerns that some community members had shared with her and updates from previous public forum. She explained that the community wanted the boat ramp fixed however she understood from the earlier update from the Project Manager that there was a hold up from Mercury. In answer to questions it was explained that Council wanted to get the boat ramp fixed that month if Mercury lowered the lake water level, this was not yet confirmed and there was no extra cost to have the contractor on standby.

The Mangakino Bridge had been cleaned and no more flooding had occurred. Downer would visit the bridge regularly to check the drains.

Speed concerns on Karamū Street had been passed onto the transport team.

A bike rack with locks was gifted to the community and there were concerns that the bike rack would not work for EV bikes. Locky dock did not consider Mangakino to be a viable community for their bike racks.

She acknowledged that she did not want to put all issues onto Council and agreed with the Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District that it was about working together.

She suggested working with the Sports Hub regarding the dump station and explained there was an issue with the public toilets at the Whakamaru Domain and wondered if this project could be tied in with the dump station.

A development in Whakamaru in the South Waikato District was being proposed by a developer and it was expressed that this would cause long term harm.

MP202508/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

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 MP202508/03 above.

5.2 AUGUST 2025 - MANGAKINO-POUĀKANI COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor explained she was there to present the applications for the Mangakino Pouakani Fund. She explained the purpose of the community funds, and that organisations and

individuals were able to apply for up to \$5,000.00. This funding round was typically held in September however due to local elections this was pushed forward. Applications were received from 25 June to 25 July and a total of 12 applications had been received asking for a total of \$43,000, there was \$20,000 of funding available for the committee to allocate. The committee had been given access to the applications via sharepoint on 2 July. There would be no formal presentations from groups however the representative group could ask applicants who were present any questions for clarification.

She clarified that the Mangakino RSA was ineligible and the Mangakino Golf Club had provided a letter with written permission to place a storage container on site. In answer to a question she explained that the HRUNZ Charitable Trust were allowed two rounds of funding in a financial year and if they were successful today, they could not apply for the funding round scheduled for March 2026.

#2 HRUNZ Charitable Trust – Ms Nik Lewis

Ms Lewis explained they had 15 horses that worked with the neurodiverse who grew, explored and learned through the power of the horse. Clients were aged from 3 to 29 with some being with HRUNZ for six years.

In answer to questions:

- Clients were from Mangakino, Taupō, Waitahunui and other areas.
- They were located on Pokuru Road.
- Some clients attended for free, some clients did pay, however they kept this cost low.
- They worked on connection with clients staying with one horse.

#5 Mangakino Golf Club – Ms Anahera Pederson

Ms Pederson explained that the current shed was about 70 years old and not very secure. It was used to store chemicals and was not safe from public access. In answer to a question, she explained that she was happy to work within the clauses outlined on the letter from the Parks and Reserves department.

#7 Mangakino School – Ms Cherie Hill

Ms Hill explained they were waiting on an engineer report for the ceiling in the new school building as this had not been designed to be earthquake proof. They had asked Ministry of Education for money to assist however there was a three to four month wait. Ministry of Education did not install fountains at schools due to risk of vandalism and currently kids used cups and bottles.

In answer to questions, the following was explained:

- There were 48 children who attended the school.
- Two fountains would be installed on either side of the new school building.
- Unsure what the statistics of vandalism of school fountains were.
- The school had one older fountain which did not work, due to moving to the new building shortly, it did not seem like a good idea to upgrade the old one as they would be moving buildings.

#9 Marotiri School – Ms Emily Hilhorst

In answer to a question, it was explained that the funding was for a teacher who was more specialised and taught the children music, and also for a kapa haka teacher who was invaluable.

#10 Pouakani Marae – Ms Erina Temaari

Ms Temaari explained that they were grateful to receive funding in April and had purchased 23 mattresses but were wanting to purchase more and were aiming to have 50-60 in total.

#11 Reconnex – Mr Joel Nicholson

Mr Nicholson explained that they delivered their tamariki programme at Mangakino School and it was a great success. This funding was to work with the junior classes at Mangakino School and also run a programme at Tirohanga School in term four with a class of 15 kids.

In answer to questions, the following was explained:

- They started offering their after school programme but unfortunately participation dropped off so they offered it to the seniors at the school and the senior kids that did it, did well.
- The youth did well however there was an issue with timing as some did not get off the bus till 4.30pm, it was a cold time of year and difficult to get the rangitahi to have a quick feed and then come to the programme.

- The application was to work with the juniors at Mangakino and Tirohanga School.

#12 Waikato River Trails – Mr Glyn Wooller

Mr Wooller thanked the committee for the previous funding support, thanked a member of the public for volunteering his time to building structures along the trail, and also to another member of the public and her family for doing some planting.

He explained that the Waikato River Trails needed to do a complete reset to be sustainable in the future and this included using more apps to reduce paper use and become more efficient. It also involved adding more safety barriers to eliminate risk of serious injury or death.

Applicants present thanked the members of the committee.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Brooke Atkinson – Individual	To support travel and accommodation costs for the Tri Nations Youth Rodeo Challenge in Australia	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of this application.
2	HRUNZ Charitable Trust	To support a new sand surface of the horse arena	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of the funds requested.
3	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support the delivery of the life education programme to tamariki at Mangakino and Whakamaru School in June of 2026	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
4	Mangakino Central Charitable Trust	To purchase of a lying leg curl machine	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
5	Mangakino Golf Club	To purchase a secure storage shed for golf club equipment	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
6	Mangakino RSA	To fund a hot water system and the gas insulation for a Veteran's home	Ineligible application.
7	Mangakino School	To purchase new water fountains in the playground of Mangakino School	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
8	Mangakino Volunteer Fire Brigade	To purchase personal welfare bags for all volunteers	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of this application.
9	Marotiri School	To support the school's music program	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
10	Pouakani Marae	To purchase more new mattresses and pillows for Pouakani Marae	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
11	ReconexNZ	To expand Reconex successful youth program to include the Mangakino junior school and Tirohanga school	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of this application.
12	Waikato River Trails Trust	To support safety barriers and new software	Due to limited funds, members supported a large

		portion of this application.
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MP202508/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group approves in part, the attached applications for the first funding round of the 2025-2026 financial year for:

- HRUNZ Charitable Trust \$1,500.00
- Marotiri School \$3,000.00

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting except for Member Mr Mark Seymour voted in favour of resolution MP202508/04 above. Member Mr Mark Seymour abstained from voting on resolution MP202508/04.

MP202508/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group approves in part, or declines the remainder of the attached applications for the first funding round of the 2025-2026 financial year:

- Brooke Atkinson - \$500.00
- Life Education Trust Central Plateau – Declined
- Mangakino Central Charitable Trust - \$1,000.00
- Mangakino Golf Club - \$3,000.00
- Mangakino RSA – Declined
- Mangakino School - \$3,000.00
- Mangakino Volunteer Fire Brigade - \$1,000.00
- Pouakani Marae - \$3,000.00
- ReconexNZ - \$1,000.00
- Waikato River Trails Trust - \$3,000.00

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202508/05 above.

5.3 UPDATE ON THE 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATIONS

The Senior Committee Advisor summarised the report and asked members if they had any feedback about this committee from the last triennium that could be passed onto the incoming mayor.

The following feedback was provided:

- It had been vital having a community member with a rural background to provide that rural input
- Valued having a member of the Pouakani marae on the committee.
- Members liked holding the meetings at various venues within the Mangakino ward.

MP202508/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the 2025 elections.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202508/06 above.

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

The Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District explained there were exciting things happening in the community and within Council. The library celebration and reopening was amazing. The library space was great and she encouraged all to check it out. She enjoyed engaging with local tamariki to get the feedback on how to improve the library. There was toddler time during term three on every second Tuesday at 10.30am, this would continue to be trialled until the end of the year. The library team was keen to work with the community to see what other ideas could be brought to the library. The seed exchange was still on in the library on Wednesdays from 12.30pm-3.00pm.

The Halberg all ability day showcasing all ability sports had a great turn out and it was a great day. The Senior Community Development Advisor was working on more disability awareness throughout the district.

A workshop was held last week about incorporated societies with 48 community groups attending across the three sessions available. She encouraged people to come and speak to her if they had any questions.

She explained that the Mangakino Lakefront Development was going to be an amazing project. In 2023 Council had come to the community asking them how they used the space and what they wanted, that feedback was given to the designers and project manager to take into consideration. The feedback helped strengthen the business case and the project went into the Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) with a budget of \$4 million. A lot of planning and work continued behind the scenes and officers wanted to do the project justice and were very aware this was an important project for the community. Officers would continue to speak to the community throughout the process and would likely bring designs to the community at the end of the month and the following month. She expressed that Council wanted this to be a positive experience for staff, designers and the community.

Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman explained that she understood as a community member it could seem like a long time but there was a legal process to follow which included public consultation, design, budget then back to Council to approve. She explained that the development was happening and it had been budgeted in the LTP.

She explained that it was election time which could look rocky at times and reminded everyone to be kind to each other.

Mangakino Lakefront Development

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that Council was aware of the discussions about the boat ramp on social media. The project was well underway and a full investigation and soil sampling need to be conducted. Attempts to get Mercury to lower the lake water level had been unsuccessful so far however the lake would need to be lowered for soil sampling and Mercury were more willing to work with Council to achieve their project outcomes. If the lake was lowered for soil sampling then Council would use this opportunity to fix the boat ramp.

The Infrastructure Project Manager explained they were working through the initial designs and putting costs to those and further design refinement. These designs would be brought to the community for public consultation at the end of August for one month. There would be three to four layout designs. Designs that would be more detailed would continue to be shared with the community when it came time. In answer to a question he explained that approvals were needed from Land Information New Zealand and Mercury however Council were hoping to begin the project in February 2026.

Whakamaru Basketball Hoops

The Parks Operations Manager Town Centres introduced herself and explained that the basketball hoops had been installed for the community to use. Members were happy for this to be removed from the actions table.

Rural Intersection Lights

Members were happy for this to be removed from the actions table.

Dump Station Relocation

In answer to questions, the General Manager Strategy and Environment explained it was a difficult issue to resolve as there was no funding available at the moment. Previous feedback from the committee and community was to keep it open for now however if this had changed then Council could close it. Members explained that community members did use it so the temporary solution to have a sign that indicates when the dump station was open or closed when the Sports Hub was being used was preferable while a more permanent solution was found.

MP202508/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

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 MP202508/07 above.

5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Mr Mark Seymour

- He would not be standing again and would be hanging up his hat at the end of the year.
- Thanked Cr Kirsty Trueman for her time and representation over the time. Cr Kirsty Trueman thanked him for being a part of the rural community and providing that voice.

Ms Charlene Campbell

- Thanked Cr Kirsty Trueman for her role, explaining she had learnt a lot in the last three years.
- There has been a lot of changes over the past three years including welcoming the current Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District on board.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Mangakino Lake Hop was coming up, it was very exciting and would be one of the biggest of the year.
- In Taupō an inclusion hui was happening on Wednesday 20 August. This was being run by Parents of Special Kids in Taupō. Anyone was able to attend.
- Was not standing for Council again and explained there had been two candidates who had put their hand up. Wished all the best to both candidates for the upcoming election. She thanked the community and expressed that she felt there were great staff who looked after everyone. She had been a councillor for 15 years and had noticed huge changes over the years. She looked forward to the lakefront development and felt lucky to live in Mangakino.

Mayor David Trewavas

- On behalf of the Mayoral office thanked Mr Mark Seymour for his work and Cr Kirsty Trueman

- explaining she was a wonderful person and acknowledged her tough time with her kids.
- Mangakino Lake Hop was always an incredible event.
- Was standing for re-election and he wished both Mangakino candidates all the best.

MP202508/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

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 MP202508/08 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.34am with a karakia led by Cr Kirsty Trueman.

The minutes of this meeting were approved and adopted as a true and correct record by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Order 28.4.

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