



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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

Date:	Tuesday, 17 February 2026
Time:	1.00pm
Location:	Te Mataapuna Tūrangitukua Park Hirangi Road Tūrangi

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chair	Mayor John Funnell
Co-Chair	Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Members	Member Lauren Fletcher Cr Ngāhuia Foreman Cr Sandra Greenslade Cr Kevin Taylor Member Bernice Te Ahuru Member Amy Walker
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Quorum	4
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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).

Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive

Order Of Business

- 1 **Karakia**
- 2 **Whakapāha | Apologies**
- 3 **Ngā Whakapānga Tukituki | Conflicts of Interest**
- 4 **Whakamanatanga O Ngā Meneti | Confirmation of Minutes**
Nil
- 5 **Ngā Kaupapa Here Me Ngā Whakataunga | Policy and Decision Making**
 - 5.1 Election of Co-Chair | Poumatua for the Meeting 3
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- 6 **Ngā Kōrero Tūmataiti | Confidential Business**
Nil

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING

Author: Te Wharau Walker Jnr, Poumatua | Co-Chair

Authorised by: Te Wharau Walker Jnr, Poumatua | Co-Chair

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To elect a Co-Chair | Poumatua 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 Wharau Walker Junior is Ngāti Tūrangitukua's Co-Chair | Poumatua; and Mayor John Funnell is Taupō District Council's Co-Chair | Poumatua.

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

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee elects Mayor John Funnell and Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Jnr to Chair different parts of this hui.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

1. Appoints Mayor John Funnell to Chair the hearings component of this hui; and
2. Appoints Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Jnr to Chair the deliberations component of this hui.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.2 TŪRANGI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS

Author: Kara Scott, Senior Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee with an outline of the hearings process, a summary of submissions on the [draft Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan](#) and for the Committee to receive, hear and deliberate on submissions.

Following the above, this report also seeks the approval of the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan.

This report has been provided ahead of the hearing process to help submitters and the Committee understand how the hearings will proceed. It contains information on the issues being considered and the views of submitters. It is important to note that this report does not predetermine the views of the Committee members ahead of the hearing.

TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND

The draft reserve management plan was prepared in accordance with section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977. Its development included early community feedback, input from reserve user groups, hapū wānanga, discussions with the Mana Whakahono Joint Working Group, and guidance from the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee through workshops and progress updates. The [Tūrangi reserves context summary document](#) outlines this information.

The Committee approved the draft plan for public consultation from 1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026. Four engagement sessions were held during this period: two at the Tūrangi Market, one at the Tūrangi Christmas Cracker event at Te Kapua Park, and one at the Tūrangi New World supermarket. All sessions were well attended. A social media video created featuring Tūrangi internship staff was released at the start of the consultation period, receiving over 11,000 views, 200 reactions, and 25 shares. The consultation process invited written submissions and allowed submitters to present their views at a hearing.

A total of 30 submissions were received. These are provided in Attachment 1: *Copy of Submissions*. A summary of these submissions is provided in Attachment 2: *Officer's Report on Submissions*. This includes recommended responses and proposed amendments to the draft plan. These recommendations serve as an initial basis for the Committee's consideration and will be refined to reflect the Committee's decisions during deliberations.

Four submitters have requested to speak at the hearing, giving them the opportunity to highlight key points of their submission directly to the Committee. Following the hearing, the Committee will deliberate on all submissions and officer recommendations. The officer's report will be updated to reflect the Committee's decisions.

At the conclusion of deliberations, the Committee will approve the final reserve management plan.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

The draft Tūrangi reserve management plan seeks to;

- Give better recognition and honour the Ngāti Tūrangitukua ownership of the reserves
- Improve the health and well-being of the environment while supporting the primary purpose of providing for recreation in the reserves
- Ensure reserves feel safe and provide for connectivity
- Allow appropriate events and uses that enhance recreation while protecting the environment

In summary there has been overall submitter support for the draft management plan. Five key questions were asked during consultation to identify the level of support or suggestions for the objectives and actions

for Tūrangitukua Park, Te Kapua Park, Waipapa Reserve, and the Connector reserves. Overall, 88% of submitters supported the objectives and actions, 12% did not support.

There were additional reasons given by submitters as to why they were in support or not of the proposed actions. These are discussed further in attachment 1: *Officer's report on submissions to the draft Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan*. Recurring themes raised by submitters are:

1. Support for recognition of Ngāti Tūrangitukua values and cultural narrative

- Honouring Ngāti Tūrangitukua values and principles
- Ensuring cultural narratives, history, and identity are embedded into signage, design, interpretation, and decision-making

2. Environment, climate resilience and ecological considerations

- Support for alignment with climate adaptation planning, biodiversity and ecological connectivity
- Pest control, riparian protection, soil health, runoff and drainage issues

3. Recreation needs and facilities (playgrounds, fitness, youth spaces, dog areas, multi-use areas)

- Desire for playgrounds, fitness trails, youth hangout spaces
- Dog exercise areas—location, safety, policing, signage
- Multi-use recreation spaces, bike skills areas, exercise equipment
- Satellite playgrounds and age-appropriate facilities for rangatahi

4. Access, safety and barriers

- The need for barriers (steel or concrete) to prevent unauthorised vehicles, including cultural narrative
- Safety in connector reserves—lighting, sightlines, CCTV, upgraded pedestrian access
- Improving pathways, walkways, and connections
- Keeping dogs away from sports fields
- Safety concerns (antisocial behaviour, vandalism, vehicle access) are widespread.

5. Horse activity in Tūrangitukua Park

- Support for preserving equestrian sports as part of Tūrangi's identity
- Desire to protect sports turf from untethered horses

6. Drainage and water management issues at Te Kapua Park

- Fix poor drainage, soggy fields, divots, high water table
- Requests for rain gardens, wetlands, nature-based stormwater solutions

This leads to a recommended action: commissioning a hydrological/geotechnical assessment.

7. Facilities and infrastructure improvements

- Toilets (location, better signage)
- Fencing, bollards, barriers
- Better picnic areas, shade, robust structures
- Upgrades to aging assets (e.g. tennis courts, netball courts)

8. Specific land-use issues (truck parking, disc golf, mosaics, community gardens)

- Opposition to truck-and-trailer parking in Waipapa recreation reserve
- Disc golf concerns—appropriateness, relocation
- The future of mosaics (repair, remove, restore)
- Interest in community gardens, pā harakeke, fruit trees but recognition of maintenance challenges

As a result of submissions, officers recommend some amendments to the draft reserves management plan.

These are detailed in recommendations box at the end of this report. In summary these amendments are intended to:

- Further strengthen the reference to other relevant documents that the management plan ties into such as the climate change strategy, code of practice, tree and vegetation policy, revegetation guide.
- Identify solutions to the poor surface drainage at Te Kapua Park.
- Remove truck and trailer parking from Waipapa recreation reserve while retaining provision for parking within the legal road corridor of Waipapa Road.
- Increase opportunities for cultural narrative in the Connector Reserves as deemed appropriate by Ngāti Tūrangitukua.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The draft Tūrangi reserve management plan has been consulted on with 30 submissions received. These are provided in Attachment 1: *Copy of Submissions*. There has been overall support for the draft management plan. In response to the issues raised by submitters officers are proposing a series of amendments to the draft management plan as detailed in Attachment 2: *Officer's Report on Submissions to the draft Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan*.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

1. Accepts the submissions on the draft Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan, and
2. Hears and Deliberates the submissions and
3. Approves the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan subject to the following amendments and any other amendments as a result of deliberations:
 - a. P3, end para 3 add: ,and the relevant planning documents to consider.
 - b. P22, new action 7.2.5 Commission an assessment of the groundwater at Te Kapua Park by a suitably qualified person to assess the water table levels and recommended drainage options.
 - c. P23, amend action 7.4.1 to Remove truck and trailer parking from Waipapa recreation reserve and retain provision for parking within the legal road corridor of Waipapa Road.
 - d. P24, add new action 7.8.5 Include opportunities for cultural narrative to be added to vehicle barriers as deemed appropriate by Ngāti Tūrangitukua.

NGĀ TĀPIRHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of Submissions
2. Officer's Report on Submissions to the Draft Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan