

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Funnell (in the Chair until 1.46pm), Poumatua Te Wharau Walker (in the Chair from 1.46pm), Member Lauren Fletcher (until 3.28pm), Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Wahine Murch (until 1.43pm)
Chief Executive (J Gardyne), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Parks and Reserves Planning Manager (J Gordon), Team Leader Resource Management/Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), District Venues Manager (B Green), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Co-Governance Management Partner (S Mavor), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Reserves Advisor (B Vi), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Four members of the public

Note: The karakia had opened the previous meeting held in the morning.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202602/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the apology received from Member Bernice Te Ahuru be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202602/08 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

TCG202602/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202602/09 above.

5.2 TŪRANGI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS

The Senior Policy Advisor and Policy Advisor introduced themselves and explained their roles.

They acknowledged all of the people that had been involved in the development of the draft Reserve Management Plan including the joint working group, hapū, members from the community, the Council Community Engagement team, and Committee members.

Submitters were thanked for providing valuable feedback.

The purpose of the meeting was to support the hearings process, provide a summary of submissions received, and provide initial recommendations for changes to the draft plan.

The process had started in early 2025 with early engagement with the community to find out what they wanted. This formulated the draft Reserve Management Plan which was formally publicly consulted on in December 2025 and January 2026. Over this time four engagement sessions were held, two at the Tūrangi market, one at Tūrangi New World and one at the Tūrangi Christmas Cracker event. The Mana Whakahono interns had participated in a video which was posted to social media and had many interactions. Thirty submissions had been received and four submitters would speak to their submissions.

The Tūrangi reserves context summary document was separate from the Reserve Management Plan and provided background information. This could be updated anytime.

Submitters present spoke to members, emphasising key points from their submissions:

Mr Clint Green, submitter number 5

Mr Green reinforced his comments regarding Waipapa Reserve and suggested that Council and Ngāti Tūrangitukua work in partnership with Waka Kotahi to welcome truck drivers and be responsible hosts. He understood some were against this development because it would stop visitors heading into town. He suggested that an information pou be added to show what was in the area.

Mr Lewis Dawson, submitter number 32

Mr Dawson reinforced his aspirational comments for an all weather running track and explained that he had worked in the sector during the Sydney 2000 Olympics so had background knowledge.

Mr Te Takinga New, submitter number 31

Mr New reinforced his comments around age appropriate exercise equipment, and satellite playgrounds.

He asked for a communication dashboard to be made available to the community to show what projects were being considered or what people could help with or needed help with.

Mr Matt Howell, submitter number 24

Mr Howell reinforced his comments around adding fruit trees to the parks and reserves and getting the community to maintain them.

TCG202602/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

1. Accepts the submissions on the draft Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan, and
2. Hears and Deliberates the submissions

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202602/10 above.

Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Jnr chaired the meeting from this point (1.46pm)

The Senior Policy Advisor introduced key staff in the room to members and explained that they would talk to some parts of the draft plan.

She talked through the recommendations from the report that had identified suggested amendments to the draft plan as a result of feedback.

Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan Context Summary Document 2025

So that information already available in other documents was not replicated, this document would reference the relevant planning documents. These included Significant Natural Areas identified in the District Plan, the Climate Change Strategy, Tree and Vegetation Policy, and Revegetation Guide.

Te Kapua Park

Many submissions reflected the community's concern with the lack of drainage at Te Kapua Park. Members agreed that usage options should be explored because it was already known that this park was prone to flooding.

Waipapa Reserve

Many submissions were opposed to parking on the recreation reserve. The Parks and Reserves Planning Manager introduced herself and explained that she had been speaking with stakeholders including Ngāti Tūrangitukua partners, the owner of the Tūrangi Bridge Motel, Bar and Restaurant, and the owner of the coffee cart, Delta Coffee. As part of parks operations, her team could fence the recreation reserve off and place rocks and do planting to discourage driving over it. This still left plenty of room for trucks to park in the road reserve. The Policy Manager confirmed that truck parking on road reserve could be picked up in the master planning project for Tūrangi.

Connector Reserves

The suggested additional action was for opportunities for cultural narrative to be added to vehicle barriers.

Following this, officers talked through the officer's report on submissions and the suggested responses to submitters.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.58pm and reconvened at 3.06pm.

Regarding the mosaics on Waipapa Reserve, member Lauren Fletcher advised that she could take this to Creative Taupō and also talk to the owner of Tūrangi ArtWorks.

Officers would initiate a discussion with Tūrangi Golf Club to explore the possibility of using the course for Disc Golf.

Member Lauren Fletcher left the meeting at this point (3.28pm).

The Parks and Reserves team took an action to look at reseeding of grass on connector reserves.

Members thanked the Senior Policy Advisor and supporting staff for their thorough work on the draft reserve management plan which had resulted in minimal changes for the committee to adopt.

TCG202602/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee 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 usage 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.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202602/11 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 3.38pm with a karakia from Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Jnr.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON