

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, RANGATIRA DRIVE, MANGAKINO**  
**ON THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Hope Woodward (in the Chair), Ms Margaret Bosher, Cr Duncan Campbell, Mr Whitu Karauna (via MS Teams), Mr Alan Te Maari, Mr Tony Wakefield, Cr Yvonne Westerman

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Iwi and Co Governance Manager (D Rameka), Team Leader Communications (D Eastwood), Senior Community Development Advisor (G Smith), Senior Funding and Partnerships (B Forlong), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi Engagement Partner (T W Walker), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 22 members of the public

Notes: (i) *The meeting was opened and closed with a karakia*

(ii) *Chair Cr Hope Woodward stood down from the Chair from 1.39pm until 1.43pm while the Whakamaru School application was discussed. Cr Yvonne Westerman chaired the meeting during this time.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**MP202605/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Alan Te Maari

That the apology received from Mayor John Funnell be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Note: *All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202605/01 above.*

### 3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared and members abstained from voting on resolutions distributing funding to these organisations:

Cr Hope Woodward – Whakamaru School – Child attends school and member was on Board of Trustees

Mr Alan Te Maari – Te Kōhanga Reo o Mangakino – Trustee of Pouakani Marae

### 4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

### 5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

#### 5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item withdrawn

#### 5.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

##### MP202605/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Mr Alan Te Maari

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group:

1. confirms that System B will be used to determine the election process for the Deputy Chairperson; and
2. elects Cr Yvonne Westerman as the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202605/02 above.*

#### 5.3 WELCOME TO THE MANGAKINO POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

The Committee Advisor summarised the report.

##### MP202605/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Tony Wakefield

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the information provided to support members in their role for the 2025-2028 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202605/03 above.*

#### 5.4 MAY 2026 - MANGAKINO POUAKANI COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself and explained her role. She summarised the report and provided an overview of the applications received.

##### **#2 Mangakino Hawks**

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor explained the application was to support travel costs to and from their games throughout the season. The club had looked into other funding to support these costs and would continue to do so. The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor had suggested the Sport NZ Rural Fund to the applicant, but specified this would only be relevant to support junior teams with youth aged participants.

##### **#4 Marotiri School – Emily Hillhorst**

In answer to a question, Ms Hillhorst explained that Kiwi Can was a life skills programme for children including wellbeing, dealing with bullying and resilience. She explained the outcomes of the programme was very valuable.

##### **#5 Horses R Us NZ Charitable Trust – Nik Lewis**

Ms Lewis explained they were an equestrian assisted riding school, supporting neurodiverse people by working alongside horses to get emotionally regulated, gain confidence and help with communication.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- People came from all over the north island to work alongside the horses
- Programmes were used a guidance however they worked with the client and allowed them to take the lead
- Any funding received from Council, it would be kept local and used for people in the Taupō District

##### **#6 Whakamaru School**

Rangatahi from Whakamaru school explained they were fundraising for their Year 7/8 camp in term four. Fundraising had included discos, selling ice blocks and juices and catering for the Principal.

##### **#7 Te Kōhanga Reo o Mangakino**

In answer to questions, it was explained that there was approximately 20 kids maximum who attended.

##### **#9 Mangakino School – Cherie Hill**

In answer to a question, Ms Hill explained the school had 22 garden beds with also a chook pen, through consultation with the community, they wanted to be included so the outdoor space would provide for the community, the children would look after the garden and the kai would be given back to local families.

##### **#10 Waikato River Trails – Glyn Wooller**

Mr Wooller explained that the bad weather on 13 February 2026 damaged the trail in 53 spots and this was being fixed at the moment while some sections remained closed. The Taniwha event was being held on 23 May so they were wanting to have the venue sorted. He explained that the drone videography would show the trail and surrounding area. This footage would be used on social media and also partners such as New Zealand Cycle Trails would also use the footage too.

Mr Wooller expressed his frustration with the new footpath installed on Lake Road as he felt it was overdesigned and too expensive. Chair Cr Woodward explained that the path had been asked for in the previous Long-term Plan and NZTA helped fund the path. She felt it might have been unnecessary and reminded the community it was important to provide feedback on the Long-term Plan when required so projects that were required were included in it.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of request</b>	<b>Deliberation</b>
1	Mangakino Club Incorporated	To purchase and install a kitchen grease trap	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
2	Mangakino Hawks	To support transport costs to and	Members supported this

		from games across the region	application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
3	Marotiri Community Hall	To purchase a new fridge, dishwasher and oven (air fryer) in our kitchen	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
4	Marotiri School	To support the Kiwi Can programme delivery in Marotiri School	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
5	Horses R Us NZ Charitable Trust	To deliver a Wahine/Tama Toa Programme at riding centre	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
6	Whakamaru School	To support costs of the Year 7/8 camp to Wellington in Term 4 2026	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
7	Te Kōhanga Reo o Mangakino	To support installation of a playground shade sail, as part pf phase one of a playground upgrade project	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
8	Tirohanga School	To upgrade swings at the playground	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
9	Mangakino School	To support the Hua whenua – produce of the Land project by installing a new greenhouse	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.
10	Waikato River Trails Trust	To develop a Waikato River Trails promotional video to grow awareness of the trails	Members supported this application an approved part of the funding due to limited funds.

**MP202605/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Ms Margaret Bosher

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group approves \$2,200 for the Whakamaru School application to support costs of the Year 7/8 camp to Wellington in Term 4 2026.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting except for Cr Hope Woodward voted in favour of resolution MP202605/04 above. Cr Hope Woodward abstained from voting on MP202605/04.*

**MP202605/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Ms Margaret Bosher

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group approves \$2,000 for the Kohanga Reo o Mangakino application to support installation of a shade sail, as part of phase one of a playground upgrade.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting except for Mr Alan Te Maari voted in favour of resolution MP202605/05 above. Mr Alan Te Maari abstained from voting on MP202605/05.*

**MP202605/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Mr Tony Wakefield

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year; and
  - Marotiri School - \$3,000
  - Mangakino School - \$3,000
  - Horses R Us NZ Charitable Trust - \$2,000
  - Mangakino Club Incorporated – Declined
  - Waikato River Trails Trust - \$2,000
  - Mangakino Hawks - \$2,500
  - Tirohanga School - \$2,000
  - Marotiri Community Hall - \$1,300
  
2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202605/06 above.*

**5.5 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT**

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained this report included topics of interest and provided updates to the Committee.

**Community Engagement and Development**

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District introduced herself and explained her role was to bridge the gap between community and Council. She explained she had an article every month in the Mangakino Chronicle and was contactable through email, social media and encouraged community members to come see her if they had any questions related to Council. She welcomed the community representatives to the Representative Group and acknowledged everyone who had put their hand up for the role.

Civic education sessions were being held and she explained these sessions were made to be fun and age appropriate. These had been held for the past two years in schools and youth environments. Civic education would be coming to Whakamaru School and Marotiri School in term two and Mangakino School in term four.

Mangakino Lakefront development plan was continuing and was a long process, she would be showing some draft designs at a pop up that would be planned for June at the lakefront.

Road safety week was this week, it was a national awareness campaign with yellow ribbons placed near the

shops in remembrance of who had been lost on the district roads. She reminded everyone to be road safe heroes and consider their own behaviours on the road, she thanked all the local heroes who worked as a first responder.

She thanked members of the community who had put a grant application in and explained they were incredible and happy to provide support finding other opportunities too.

The Senior Community Development Advisor introduced herself and explained she was there to talk about a new initiative with the hope of Mangakino being the first community. The purpose was to unite Mangakino as a community through a community led plan. The plan would be a journey of the past, present and future, focusing on the rich history of Mangakino, current day and what the communities' priorities were for the future. Council officers would help guide the process but she explained they were wanting community champions for a steering group. The steering group would develop some inspiring engagement events and create a draft community led plan later in the year. She encouraged members of the community to reach out to her if they were interested in being involved.

The General Manager Strategy and Environment discussed the following items:

### **Mangakino Lakefront Development**

Council were working with LINZ regarding official land owners which was taking longer than expected but this was continuing.

### **Dump Station Relocation**

This project had remained as status quo with the dump station remaining at the Mangakino Sports Hub.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment explained the first step was to secure funding through the Long-term Plan process and then look at various options for relocation.

### **Trees on Pokuru Road North**

Members agreed to remove this item from the actions table, as the trees had been assessed as safe.

### **MP202605/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Alan Te Maari

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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 MP202605/07 above.*

## **5.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members of the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group introduced themselves:

### **Ms Margaret Boshier**

Ms Boshier was appointed as the Māori Representative. She explained she whakapapa to Pouakani, Mokai and Waihaha Marae. She explained her mother was from Mokai and her father came from Taupō.

### **Mr Tony Wakefield**

Mr Wakefield was appointed as the Rural Community Representative. He explained he had been a part of the community for the past 12 years and knew a lot of the people in the community, he was there to fight for the things the community needed.

### **Mr Alan Te Maari**

Mr Te Maari was appointed as the Pouakani Marae Representative. He explained his parents came here in 1940 and remained in the whenua. His parents helped build the farm land and worked with Council to help with the structure and worked on the dams. He wanted to continue to collaborate with Taupō District Council. He enjoyed being involved in the community.

**Mr Whitu Karauna**

Mr Karauna had been appointed as the urban community representative. He was involved in the community and had been a representative on this representative group for a number of years. He was often going between Mangakino and Wairarapa.

**Cr Yvonne Westerman**

She explained she had been involved heavily in the community and was happy for people to reach out to her.

**Cr Duncan Campbell**

He explained he had been in Taupō for 10 years. He explained about the announcement made earlier in the week from Central Government about the future for local government. Cr Hope Woodward explained that councillors were having a debrief the following day about the announcement and once she had more information, she would share this with the community. The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that Council had three months to come up with a proposal for amalgamation with another council. Council would then go out to the community for consultation and nothing would be implemented until 2028. In answer to a question, it was explained that there was no impact on hapū and iwi land with the Treaty settlement process still in place.

Cr Hope Woodward explained there was an Upper Waikato algae bloom group and included Dairy NZ, Waikato Regional Council, Ruakawa, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Mercury, Waikato River Authority, Taupō District Council, Let's Be Clear Trust, South Waikato, Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Wha and Ngāti Tau. She encouraged people to report an issues including things dead in the water to Waikato Regional Council.

**MP202605/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Margaret Boshier

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

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 MP202605/08 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 2.50pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 16 July 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**