



Agenda

Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) Meeting

**Thursday 7 March 2024
at 2:30pm**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL TE RAANGAI WHAKAKAUPAPA KOORERO (MĀORI RELATIONS COMMITTEE) IS TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, QUEEN STREET, TE KUITI ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 2:30PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cr Eady Manawaiti (Chairperson)

Mayor John Robertson

Cr Dan Tasker

MICHELLE HIGGLE
MANAGER – GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

ORDER PAPER

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IMPORTANT NOTE

1. The business papers attached to this Order Paper set out recommendations and suggested resolutions only. Those recommendations and suggested resolutions **DO NOT** represent Council policy until such time as they might be adopted by Council resolution.
2. This Order Paper may be subject to amendment either by the addition or withdrawal of items contained therein.
3. This Meeting will be **webcast** in real time to the Waitomo District Council website and will also be available for viewing on demand as soon as reasonably practicable following the meeting.

WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL TE RAANGAI WHAKAKAUPAPA KOORERO (MĀORI RELATIONS COMMITTEE) HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, QUEEN STREET, TE KUITI ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 3.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Eady Manawaiti (Chairperson), Mayor John Robertson and Councillor Dan Tasker

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Smit, Chief Executive; Michelle Higgie, Manager – Governance Support and Charmaine Ellery, Manager – Strategy and Policy

1. Karakia Tuwhera

2. Declarations of Member Conflicts of Interest
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No declarations were made.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 23 February 2023
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Resolution

The Minutes of a meeting of the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) held on 23 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

4. Terms of Reference Review

The Committee considered a business paper presenting for review the Terms of Reference for Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) following the Council's decision of Tuesday 17 October 2023 regarding Māori Representation.

The Manager – Governance Support expanded verbally on the business paper and answered Members' questions.

Resolution

The business paper on Terms of Reference - Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) be received.

- 1 The business paper on Terms of Reference review be received.
- 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) recommend to Council that the Terms of Reference be amended as follows:
 - 1 Amending Clause 1.4 to include reference to the Joint Management Agreement required under the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022 as follows:
 - 1.4 This agreement does not alter or override any of WDCs obligations in the Joint Management Agreement that was developed as part of the Nga Wai o Maniapoto (Waipa River) Act 2012, or any Joint Management Agreement developed as part of the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022.

- 2 Addition of a new Clause 2.1 to align with Council's resolution of 17 October 2023 as follows:

- 2.1 To be the Committee who works with mana whenua to develop a model of representation that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua and provides a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

5. Activity Report: February to October 2023

The Committee considered a business paper documenting, for recording and transparency purposes, the activities of Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) during the period February to October 2023 as follows:

Date	Event
8 May 2023	Meeting at Korapatu Marae with Te Whare ki Hauāuru ki Uta
15 May 2023	Meeting at Tiroa House with Te Whare ki Tokanganui a Noho
12 June 2023	Meeting at Te Kuiti Pā
8 August 2023	Meeting at Council Chambers with Te Whare ki Rereahu representatives
14 August 2023	Meeting at Rereamanu Pā with Te Whare ki Hauāuru ki Uta
17 August 2023	Drop-in session at Railway Building 3, open to public
21 August 2023	Meeting at Te Nehenehenui offices with Te Whare ki Tokanganui a Noho
31 August 2023	Meeting at Piopio College with Te Whare o Mokau ki Runga
29 June 2023	Meeting at Hetet Homestead with Holland Whanau to discuss the Water Reservoir and Te Kuiti Water Resilience Project
24 July 2023	Meeting via ZOOM with Mana Whenua o Marokopa (Working Group) to discuss the future development of the Marokopa Campground, the old School House and the Tennis Courts

Resolution

The Activity Report – February to October 2023 be received.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

6. Māori Representation in Waitomo District - Potential Considerations for Decision Making Process

The Committee considered a business paper providing a discussion document so that a process can be developed for the creation of a model for engagement with mana whenua that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua, and which will provide a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.

Following discussion, Chair Manawaiti reiterated that not all Whare supported the establishment of Māori Wards and summarised that the first part of creating a suitable model for Māori Representation going forward will be to re-engage with each Whare as to how they wish Council to engage with them in future.

Resolution

The business paper on Māori Representation in Waitomo District - Potential Considerations for Decision Making Process be received.

Tasker/Robertson Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45pm

Dated this day of 2024

EADY MANAWAITI
CHAIRPERSON

Document No: A710129	
Report To:	Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee)
	<p>Meeting Date: 7 March 2024</p> <p>Subject: Activity Report: November 2023 - February 2024</p> <p>Type: Information Only</p>

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to document, for recording and transparency purposes, the activities of Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) during the period November 2023 to February 2024.

Background

- 2.1 At a Workshop of the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) (TRWK) in May 2023, it was acknowledged by the Committee that carrying out many of the responsibilities delegated by Council and documented in the Terms of Reference, and particularly consultation on the 2023 Māori Representation Review, would be unachievable solely through the convening of formal meetings of TRWK.
- 2.2 This was due to a number of reasons including, but not limited to –
- Public notification requirements in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) i.e. all meetings of Council (which includes its Committees) to be publicly notified, not more than 14 days and not less than 5 days before the end of the month that is prior to month in which the meeting is to be held.
 - The need to prepare formal Agendas and associated taking of Minutes.
 - All Council meetings (including Committees) are to be run in accordance with WDC's Standing Orders for Meetings.
 - Meeting no more than a maximum of once every two months.
- 2.3 Following the May Workshop, Council accepted the TRWK's recommendation to amend the Terms of Reference so that the TRWK could meet on an "as required" basis, however the restrictions of the legislative requirements of LGOIMA and Standing Orders cannot be changed.
- 2.4 The TRWK noted that much of the workload would need to be completed outside of formal meetings i.e. hui with Te Nehenehenui, Whare, Hapū, and other stakeholder groups and interested parties at various locations around the District.
- 2.5 Therefore, for recording and transparency purposes the activities undertaken by the TRWK between formal meetings should be reported by way of an Activity Report.

Commentary

- 3.1 Frequently members of the TRWK attend meetings/events where the subject of the meeting/event falls within the responsibilities of TRWK as documented in the Terms of Reference. In these instances members have two roles – one as a Waitomo District elected member and the other as a TRWK Committee member.

3.2 Māori Representation Review

3.3 The major focus of the TRWK during 2023 was Māori Representation Review, and more specifically the consideration and consultation on the establishment of Māori Wards as provided for in the Local Electoral Act 2001. That process involved –

- Pre-consultation meetings with Whare
- The formal Consultation Process (including further meetings with Whare)
- Receiving submissions
- Hearing of Submitters
- Council deliberations and final decision

3.4 Council at a meeting on 17 October 2023 deliberated on all submissions received (written and verbal) and resolved not to introduce Māori Wards for the 2025 and 2028 Local Government Elections, but to work with mana whenua through its committee Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero to develop a model of representation that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua and provides a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.

3.5 Model of Representation to enhance relationships between Council and mana whenua

3.6 At the TRWK Meeting on 9 November 2023, TRWK considered a business paper presenting suggestions for consideration in the development of a model for engagement with mana whenua that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua, and which will provide a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori. At that meeting TRWK Chair, Councillor Manawaiti, reiterated that not all Whare had supported the establishment of Māori Wards and summarised that the first part of creating a suitable model for Māori Representation going forward will be to re-engage with each Whare as to how they wish Council to engage with them in future.

3.7 This further re-engagement with each Whare is currently the major focus of TRWK.

3.8 Set out below are details of various activities/events/hui members of the TRWK have attended since the last formal TRWK meeting held on 9 November 2023. It is noted that the Christmas/New Year period has effectively stalled progress during this period so member activities have been limited and include:

Date	Event
25 January 2024	Meeting at Piopio School with Te Whare ki Mōkau ki Runga
27 February 2024	Meeting at Council Chambers with Te Whare ki Rereahu representatives

Suggested Resolution

The Activity Report – November 2023 to February 2024 be received.



MICHELLE HIGGIE
MANAGER – GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

Document No: A710585	
Report To: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee)	
	Meeting Date: 7 March 2024
	Subject: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Workplan
	Type: Decision Required

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to discuss and agree on the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Workplan.

Background

- 2.1 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (TRWK) was formed as part of Council's committee structure introduced after the last election.
- 2.2 The Committee was involved with the representation review on Māori representation for the Waitomo District Council and is now involved with the development of an appropriate model of engagement working with the Whare who have a presence in our District. This new model could have the potential to change how TRWK operates.

Commentary

- 3.1 A workplan of what TRWK will do in the future is important to set goals and ensure adequate resources are available.
- 3.2 Given the uncertain nature of the future exact operation of TRWK, a workplan has been proposed that extends to July 2024. Beyond that point more clarity will be available about the future operation of the Committee when there is a clearer view on the model of engagement with Māori. Another workplan can be established then.
- 3.3 The draft workplan is detailed below for consideration.

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	Now to July 2024
Support with whanau for the Te Kuiti Water Resilience project.	Now to July 2024
Support the development of a model to improve the understanding of staff (and potentially Elected Members) of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti.	May to July 2024
Support the connections with Whare and Marae for the development of Town / District Gateway Entrance statements as required.	March to June 2024

Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Not having a workplan will mean there is a lack of clarity for what the Committee does. A plan will provide more direction.

Considerations

5.1 **RISK**

5.2 As above in Section 4.1.

5.3 **CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PLANS AND POLICIES**

5.4 Having a workplan is consistent with policies.

5.5 **SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMUNITY VIEWS**

5.6 There would be no issues in this regard. The community would see that having a plan is a positive thing.

Recommendation


6.1 That the TRWK Committee review and provide suggestions for the proposed draft workplan and then approve the final version.

Suggested Resolutions

1 The business paper on Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Workplan be received.

2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero approve the following Workplan:

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	Now to July 2024
Support with whanau for the Te Kuiti Water Resilience project.	Now to July 2024
Support the development of a model to improve the understanding of staff (and potentially Elected Members) of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti.	May to July 2024
Support the connections with Whare and Marae for the development of Town / District Gateway Entrance statements as required.	March to June 2024



BEN SMIT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 March 2024

Document No: A710588**Report To: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero
(Māori Relations Committee)****Meeting Date:** 7 March 2024**Subject:** **Presentation: Mana Whenua o Marokopa –
Campground and School House Proposal****Type:** Decision Required**Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to inform the Committee that representatives of the Mana whenua o Marokopa (Working Group) will attend the meeting to present a proposal on the future of the Marokopa Campground and old School House.

Background

- 2.1 Council owns three blocks of land in Marokopa (Section 29 Blk VI Marokopa SD SA338/612):
- Lot 1 is the Marokopa Campground 5,319m²
 - Lot 2 is the Old School House and Tennis Court
 - Lot 3 is the Emergency Management Shed
- 2.2 Mana whenua from Marokopa have indicated to Council a desire to take over the management of the Campground and old School House in partnership with Council.
- 2.3 Up until the beginning of the 2023 Christmas holiday period, the Marokopa Campground had no onsite management, and the maintenance of the site and behaviour of some campers was a problem.
- 2.4 Council appointed a Manager for the Campground, and as a result camper behaviour, cleaning, maintenance, and management of the site has improved significantly.
- 2.5 The old School House site remains, officially, untenanted and there is a problem with people unlawfully residing in the building.

Commentary

- 3.1 The Committee is to consider the proposal presented by Mana whenua o Marokopa and provide input into a recommendation to Council for the 26 March 2024 meeting on the future management of the Campground and Old School House.

Suggested Resolutions

- 1 The Presentation from Mana whenua o Marokopa on a proposal for the Marokopa Campground and old School House be received.
- 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero provide input into the development of a recommendation to Council for the 26 March 2024 meeting on the future management of the Marokopa Campground and old School House.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Smit", written over a circular stamp or seal.

**BEN SMIT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1 March 2024