



**I give notice that
a Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Thursday, 9 July 2026
Time:	11.00am
Location:	Mokai Marae Tirohanga Road Mokai

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Cr Hope Woodward
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Yvonne Westerman

Members	Ms Margaret Boshier Cr Duncan Campbell Mayor John Funnell Mr Whitu Karauna Mr Alan Te Maari Mr Tony Wakefield
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Quorum	4
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**Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive**

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Karakia Tīmatanga – opening prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Tuia ki te mauri o te whenua	Connect to the life essence of the land
Tuia ki te mana o te tangata	Connect and respect to all
Tuia ki te pono, te aroha	Be honest and compassionate
Kia piki, kia eke	(As we seek) to improve, to exceed
Ki te taumata	Expectations
Hui e, Tāiki e	To aim/reach for the summit
	(As we) come together

Karakia Whakamutunga – closing prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Unuhia te rito o tēnei hui	Remove any angst/stress that may have arisen during this gathering
Kia wātea i runga	To be free of anything that impacts your wellbeing
Kia wātea i raro	
Aro ki te tika	That we will act with integrity
Aro ki te pae	As we pursue our goals
Hui e, Tāiki e!	(As we) come together

Order Of Business

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4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 7 MAY 2026

Author: Dana Periam, Committee Advisor

Authorised by: David Rameka, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2026 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting Minutes - 7 May 2026 [↓](#)

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7 May 2026

**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 Boshier, 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.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
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

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		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 Boshier

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

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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.

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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 09 July 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Author: David Rameka, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager

Authorised by: Warrick Zander, General Manager Strategy and Environment

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Standing Orders provide for a period of up to 30 minutes to be made available at the start of meetings for members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group. Any issue, idea or matter raised in public forum must fall within the Group's terms of reference.

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters. Members of the public wishing to address the Group during public forum should register at least one clear day before the meeting by emailing publicforum@taupo.govt.nz.

No debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may only be discussed if the matter is minor in nature and the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.13 are followed. A meeting may deal with (i.e. make a resolution in respect of) an item of business not on the agenda only if the procedures set out in Standing Order 9.12 are followed.

The relevant extracts from Standing Orders are **attached**.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Extracts from Standing Orders [↓](#)

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025**15. Public Forums | Ngā Matapakinga a te Marea**

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of an ordinary meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters of their choice, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee, subcommittee, local or community board, any issue, idea, or matter raised in a public forum, must fall within the terms of reference of that body.

15.1 Time limits | Ngā tepenga wā

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled local authority meeting. Requests must be made to the chief executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

15.2 Restrictions | Ngā Herenga

The chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

15.3 Questions at public forums | Ngā pātai i ngā matapakinga a te marea

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

15.4 No resolutions | Kāore he tatunga

Following the public forum, no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. (See the LGNZ Guide to Standing Orders for suggestions of good practice in dealing with issues raised during a forum).

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025**9.1 Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed | Ngā take kāore i runga i te rārangi take e kore e taea te whakaroa**

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

- (a) The reason the item is not on the agenda; and
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

LGOIMA, s 46A(7).

Items not on the agenda may be brought before the meeting through a report from either the chief executive or the chairperson.

Please note, that nothing in this standing order removes the requirement to meet the provisions of Part 6 of the LGA 2002 with regard to consultation and decision-making.

9.2 Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda | Te kōrerorero i ngā take iti kāore i runga i te rārangi take

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision, or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

LGOIMA, s 46A(7A).

5.2 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

Author: David Rameka, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager

Authorised by: Warrick Zander, General Manager Strategy and Environment

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This report provides the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group with an overview on what is happening and coming up in the rohe.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION**Community Engagement and Development**

The Iwi and Co Governance Manager will give a brief overview of work underway in the community.

Project updates**Mangakino Wastewater**Resource consent status and future upgrade

The Resource Consent for the Mangakino Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is currently on hold pending review against new Wastewater Environmental Protection Standards and other legislative changes. There is budget for a treatment plant upgrade in the financial year 2027/28 however timing may be adjusted depending on the time taken to resolve the resource consent. The treatment plant upgrade project also includes removal of the large network solids holding tanks.

The network solids holding tanks are located in close proximity to residential properties on Rimu Street and, due to their design, can result in odour being released to the surrounding area. A letter was issued to nearby properties in late June 2026 acknowledging these concerns and outlining the proposed upgrade of the Mangakino wastewater treatment plant, including the solids holding tanks.

Inflow and infiltration

During periods of intense rainfall, the Mangakino wastewater network becomes hydraulically overloaded. This is occurring because stormwater is entering the wastewater system, which is designed to carry wastewater only.

When stormwater enters the wastewater network it increases flows beyond what the pipes and treatment plant are designed to manage. This can lead to wastewater overflows and it can reduce treatment performance at the wastewater treatment plant.

Stormwater from private properties (such as roof and paved area runoff) should be directed to on-site soakage, while stormwater from roads is managed through a separate stormwater network.

To better understand where stormwater is entering the wastewater network, Council will be undertaking smoke testing. This involves:

- Blowing non-toxic, harmless smoke into sections of the wastewater network
- Observing where the smoke escapes to identify any incorrect connections or faults

The smoke is safe, will not create a fire risk, and does not harm people, pets, or property.

Smoke testing will be undertaken across approximately 50% of the Mangakino area. Ahead of this work, Council will communicate with the community, including issuing a letter to each property. The work is planned for July–August 2026.

District Wide Reserves Management Plan

Council officers will bring an engagement plan to the next Regulatory Committee meeting on 21 July for its consideration and endorsement.

Head Start Pathway

Following the Government's [announcement](#) on 5 May, Council is exploring options for a Head Start pathway. A public workshop was held in the Council Chamber on 9 June, various hui are being held with Council's iwi partners, and an extraordinary Council meeting was held on the morning of 30 June. At the extraordinary meeting, Council resolved to direct officers to assess four options, being:

- a. A single unitary authority including all of the councils in the Waikato region.
- b. A central North Island unitary authority that could include various combinations of Ruapehu, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Taupō district councils.
- c. A cross-boundary unitary authority that could include various combinations of Rotorua Lakes, Ruapehu, South Waikato and Taupō district councils.
- d. Don't submit a Head Start proposal, remain as Taupō District Council and prepare for a potential Backstop process.

At the same time, Council noted that Taupō District Council has been named in various options also being investigated by other councils in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty and may therefore need to respond to those as part of the assessment process. Council also approved the following priorities alongside the Government's criteria when assessing the options:

- a. Decisions on important local issues are made locally.
- b. We have a strong voice on the significant decisions made by a unitary authority.
- c. Community infrastructure continues to meet our needs and is delivered when we need it.
- d. Local services continue to be delivered in a timely manner.
- e. The key drivers of our economy are supported.
- f. The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River continues to be delivered.
- g. Existing Treaty based settlement agreements, arrangements and obligations are upheld.
- h. Our urban growth and rural priorities are met so we are not held back.
- i. Our environment is protected, particularly the integrated management of the Waikato River, Lake Taupō and its tributaries.
- j. We consider the potential liabilities associated with new or amplified natural hazard risks such as tsunamis, sea level rise, coastal erosion and inundation.
- k. Any new unitary authority should be financially resilient over the long term and ensure financial impacts on the Taupō community are mitigated.

At the Council meeting on 21 July 2026, Council will decide to propose a pathway to a unitary authority to Government, or to wait for the backstop process.

The General Manager Strategy and Environment will provide more information at the meeting and take questions from members.

Actions

Subject	Task	Comments
Mangakino Lakefront Development		Following community engagement feedback received last year, the design team has been progressing a lakefront design that responds directly to community input. Current workstreams include planting schedules, stormwater modelling, resource consent requirements, delivery phasing, and conversations of incorporation of cultural design elements. We have also been working through an agreement regarding ownership of the land in question, this has caused some delays in our schedule, but we are confident that we'll be back on track. On Sunday 5 July an event will be held at the Lakefront to show the community the DRAFT final design. This information is on display for the public in the Mangakino customer service centre and library.

Subject	Task	Comments
Dump Station Relocation	Requested this be added to the action sheet for oversight.	The Asset Manager Wastewater and SCADA has advised that unfortunately, a campervan dump site in Whakamaru cannot be supported. The Whakamaru wastewater treatment plant is a small facility that will be sensitive to increased loads from an unknown number of campervans dumping. The treatment plant will also be especially sensitive to the chemicals often used in campervan toilets. Allowing disposal of these chemicals at this site would mean a real risk of treatment plant failure.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in the Mangakino Pouakani Snapshot report.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in the Mangakino Pouakani snapshot report.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.3 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Author: Dana Periam, Legal and Governance Coordinator

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings they have attended.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the reports.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

Members' reports will be presented at the meeting for receipt.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the reports from members.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil