

Komiti Māori Rārangi Take (Agenda)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the next meeting of Komiti Māori will be held in Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga on:

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT
9:30 AM

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Komiti Māori

Membership

Chairperson Notwithstanding that Komiti Māori has an appointed Chairperson, Māori Constituency Councillors may host-Chair committee meetings that are held in the rohe of their respective constituency	Cr Matemoana McDonald
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti
Members	All Councillors
Quorum	Seven members, consisting of half the number of members
Meeting frequency	Two monthly

Purpose

To provide direction and guidance on Council's obligations to Māori in relation to: growth of authentic partnerships with Tangata Whenua, strategic direction, emerging issues, legal requirements, effective engagement, awareness and understanding.

Role

- First and foremost to provide leadership to Council on enhancing the kaupapa of shared decision-making with Māori across all aspects of Council's work.
- Drive enhancements to Council's responsiveness to Māori (including monitoring and reporting) and to ensure compliance with its obligations to Maori under legislation.
- Facilitate tangata whenua input into community outcomes, Council policy development and implementation work;
- Formally receive iwi/hapū management plans on behalf of Council;
- Identify and provide direction on any relevant emerging issues for the region relating to the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi, legislative obligations to Māori under different statutes and programmes to build the capability of Māori;
- Provide direction on effective Māori engagement and on actions to enhance Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making, including recommendations for Long Term Plan funding to achieve this;
- Make submissions on Māori related matters, in conjunction with other relevant Council committees where appropriate;

- Support and promote co-governance entities;
- Recommend to Council the establishment of advisory groups or other governance mechanisms, to represent sub-region or constituency areas and/or to consider specific issues;
- Recommend to Council, and/or appropriate committees, actions to achieve the committee's purpose and roles.

Power to Act

To make all decisions necessary to achieve the purpose and roles of Komiti Māori.

Power to Recommend

To Council and/or any standing committee as it deems appropriate.

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Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Toi Moana

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**mō te taiao, mō ngā tāngata - our environment and our people
go hand-in-hand.**

We provide excellent governance when, individually and collectively, we:

- Trust and respect each other
- Stay strategic and focused
- Are courageous and challenge the status quo in all we do
- Listen to our stakeholders and value their input
- Listen to each other to understand various perspectives
- Act as a team who can challenge, change and add value
- Continually evaluate what we do

**TREAD LIGHTLY, THINK DEEPLY,
ACT WISELY, SPEAK KINDLY, JOURNEY TOGETHER.**

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Agenda

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- 1. Opening Prayer**
Karakia Whakatuwhera
- 2. Apologies**
Ngā Hōnea
- 3. Public Forum**
Wāhanga Tūmatanui
- 4. Items not on the Agenda**
Ngā Take Tōmuri
- 5. Order of Business**
Raupapa o Ngā Take
- 6. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**
Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua
- 7. Presentations**
Whakaaturanga

Please refer to Agenda item 8.1 Chairperson's Report for background information on guest presenters/presentations.

7.1 Summer Experience Programme

A selection of summer students will present key highlights from their experience in the Summer Experience programme.

7.2 Climate Change from a Perspective of Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Islands

Presented by: Kate Brown, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership

7.3 Mahi, Mana and Life on the Land

Presented by: Tangaroa Walker, Founder of the Farm 4 Life Hub

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Report To: Komiti Māori
Meeting Date: 22 February 2023
Report Authoriser: Kataraina O'Brien

Chairperson's Report

Executive Summary

This report provides a collective update on matters within Komiti Māori focus areas and general matters of interest across the regional Māori landscape including:

1. Manuhiri – Guest Speakers
 - Tangaroa Walker - Farm for Life: Mahi, mana and life on the land
 - Kate Brown – Global Island Partnership and Climate Change
2. A series of brief updates on matters including:
 - Council's Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement
 - Central government reforms and key implications for tangata whenua
 - Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group
 - Rotorua Geothermal System Management Plan
 - Summer Assistant Programme
 - Future of Local Government
 - Treaty Settlement progress and timeframes
 - Rotorua Geothermal System Management Plan
 - Partnering with Māori to deliver Biosecurity Programmes

Recommendations

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report.**

1. Kaupapa Tuatahi: Manuhiri – Guest Speakers

Presenter: Kate Brown – Global Island Partnership and Climate Change

Kate Brown (Ngai te Rangi, Ngati Pukenga) has led the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) since 2009 and is based in Papamoa, New Zealand. She is an island partnership and network specialist and with GLISPA advises governments, NGOs and others on strategies for working together to improve the lives of island people across the globe including on climate change. She is a co-lead of the Local2030 Islands Network, a new network of island economies focussed on advancing sustainable development in a locally and culturally appropriate way and an adviser to a range of other networks and initiatives including the Climate Strong Islands Network, the Board of Island Conservation, Blue Nature Alliance, Micronesia Challenge, Caribbean Challenge Initiative, Aloha+Challenge, Coalition of Fragile Ecosystems, Niue Ocean Wide, and many more.

Kate will talk on the outcomes of the climate conference of the parties in Egypt and highlight what indigenous and local community islands are focussed on in relation to climate change.

Presenter: Tangaroa Walker – Mahi, mana and life on the land

Kō Takitimu te waka

Kō Mauao te maunga

Kō Tauranga te moana

Kō Waipapa te awa

Kō Ngāi Te Rangi te iwi

Kō Tangaroa tōku ingoa



Tangaroa Walker has a passion to work with young Māori and get them into farming. In his 2012 Ahuwhenua Awards Young Māori Farmer of the Year acceptance speech, Tangaroa asked those in attendance when technology would be integrated into farming.

This simple public statement grew into Tangaroa developing Farm4Life an online learning hub for farmers. The Farm4Life learning hub covers the basics of farming, or tries to answer those questions people were too embarrassed to ask, but covers topics such as whānau, financial management and mental health.

Following on from the success of Farm4Life, Tangaroa in 2021 published his first book; ***Farm for Life: Mahi, mana and life on the land***. Which again ties into his passion of helping others to learn.

2. Kaupapa Tuarua: Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement Bi-Annual Report

Our Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement sets out Council's commitment towards improved responsiveness to Māori, creating structures and mechanisms for partnership and shared decision-making over matters that are important to Māori. Building capacity and capability, both internally and externally, features in our planning to support the success of the Objectives and the Transformational shifts.

In April 2022, Komiti Māori approved the Partnership with Māori Action Plan 2021 - 2023. The Action Plan itself is a consolidation of the Impact Statement and action being undertaken to deliver on the impact statement objectives.

In the nearly 10 months since, the programme has made good progress against the Action Plan.

As noted at the time of development, the action plan reflected what we knew at the time. However, recent clarity around the upcoming reforms and the strengthened involvement of tangata whenua presents an opportunity to review and refine our action plan to better reflect the current landscape. We anticipate this will be undertaken towards the end of the current financial year.

Attachment 1 progress report provides a snapshot of progress against each of the action areas.

3. **Kaupapa Tuatoru: Summary of Key Submission Points - RMA Reforms**

The **Natural and Built Environment Bill (NBE)** and the **Spatial Planning Bill** were introduced to Parliament in November 2022. The legislation forms part of the resource management reforms that will be replacing the Resource Management Act 1991. The **Climate Change Adaption Bill** is the final piece of the reforms and will be introduced by the end of 2023.

The legislation introduces several mechanisms that aim to improve Māori participation in the resource management system. Key elements include:

- **Te Oranga o te Taiao:** Introduction of a te ao Māori concept that is integral to the purpose of the NBE Bill. It emphasises the health of the natural environment and recognises the intrinsic relationship between tangata whenua and te taiao.
- **Treaty of Waitangi:** improved recognition of the Treaty that requires all persons exercising powers under the legislation to 'give effect' to the principles of the Treaty instead of 'take into account'.
- **Regional Planning Committees:** A new regional committee that will make decisions on Regional Spatial Strategies and Natural and Built Environment Plans for each region. Membership will include representatives from local authorities in the region and a minimum of two tangata whenua representatives, appointed through a process determined by iwi and hapū.
- **National Māori Entity:** An Independent Statutory Authority that will monitor decisions under the legislation in light of the strengthened Treaty requirements. The entity will have the power to make non-binding recommendations and will also have input into the National Planning Framework.
- **Improved partnership opportunities:** The new legislation has retained the Mana Whakahono a Rohe, Joint Management Agreements and Transfer of Power provisions from the RMA. However, they have been enhanced to encourage greater participation and partnership between tangata whenua and local government.
- **Greater recognition of te ao Māori and Mātauranga Māori:** All persons exercising powers under the NBE Bill must provide for system outcomes which includes the recognition of, and making provision for, the relationship of iwi and hapū and the exercise of their kawa, tikanga (including kaitiakitanga), and mātauranga in relation to their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, wāhi tūpuna, and other taonga.

Submissions on the individual Bills closed on 5 February and 19 February respectively (if an extension was requested). The second reading of the Bills in Parliament is expected to be in August 2023. All submissions (including that of Council) are publicly available via the NZ Parliament website.

4. **Kaupapa Tuawhā: Future for Local Government**

The Future for Local Government Review Panel released their draft report ***He mata whāriki, he matawhānui*** in October 2022, which focuses on how local governance and democracy need to evolve over the next 30 years in response to complex future challenges.

The Panel have made 29 recommendations that include a strong focus on creating authentic relationships with Māori and embedding the Treaty of Waitangi into local government. Throughout the report there is also a consistent emphasis on the need for Council's to consider how to increase opportunities for iwi and hapū to play a key role in local governance and implementing Te Ao Māori values into organisational systems. Key opportunities for Council include:

- ***Strengthening partnerships:*** building on our Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement, enhance Te-Tiriti based relationships with iwi and hapū, recognising their role as a partner in local government. This includes quality engagement to ensure involvement in local governance in a meaningful way.
- ***Supporting Rangatiratanga:*** supporting iwi and hapū to exercise rangatiratanga over their rohe (estates) through shared decision-making and refreshed capability and capacity building opportunities.
- ***Supporting wellbeing:*** partnering with tangata whenua and central government to pursue innovative approaches that support Māori wellbeing through environmental outcomes that aim to restore or preserve the application of Mātauranga Māori and strengthen the whakapapa of tangata whenua with the taiao.

Council is currently refining its submission to the Panel, including examples of initiatives within our region that demonstrate our approach to partnering with iwi and hapū. The Panel expect to present their final report to the Minister of Local Government in June 2023.

5. **Kaupapa Tuarima: Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Update**

The recent Ngāti Rangitahi Treaty settlement provided for the establishment of the new Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group to support, co-ordinate and promote the integrated restoration of the mauri of the Tarawera River catchment.

The group is comprised of equal iwi and council membership, appointed by Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Mākino, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP), Ngāti Rangitahi, Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Kawerau District Council, Rotorua Lakes District Council, and Whakatāne District Council.

An initial whakawhanaungatanga (relationships) focused meeting of the Group was held on 6 December at Rangiohia Marae, Matatā. The inaugural meeting proper will be held 28 February and will be used to complete administrative matters including the election of the Group's Chairperson and Deputy, adoption of Draft Standing Orders & Terms of Reference, a 'state of the environment' presentation on the

catchments current state and introduction of the requirements of the development of a Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Document.

Via the Treaty Secretariate initiative (approved through the last LTP), we are providing a level of support.

6. **Kaupapa Tuaono: Treaty Update**

This section provides an update on Treaty Settlements and related matters.

Pare Hauraki Collective

The Pare Hauraki Collective Redress Bill was introduced into Parliament on 19 December 2022. The Bill gives effect to the collective settlement deed (initialled in 2018) of the 12 Iwi of Hauraki whose, areas of interests extend from Mahurangi in the north to Western Bay of Plenty.

Notably, the Bill does not provide for cultural redress in relation to Tauranga Moana Harbour which remains unsettled but acknowledges the Iwi of Hauraki and the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective have agreed to discuss through a tikanga-based process, how Tauranga Moana is to be protected and enhanced. There is no indication of timeframes for this process or next steps, but discussions between Hauraki and Tauranga Moana remain ongoing. The Tauranga Moana Framework will be provided for in separate legislation if agreement is reached between the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective, the Hauraki Collective, and the Crown at a future point.

Te Whakatōhea (Ōpōtiki)

In November 2022, a ratification vote was held for the Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement. The results of the ratification vote were declared on 2 December 2022, with the majority of votes in support of accepting the Whakatōhea Deed of Settlement. It is anticipated a Bill to legislate the settlement deed will be introduced later in the year.

The settlement provides for the establishment of the Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum, a natural resource arrangement over the rivers and their catchments in the Whakatōhea area of interest. Whakatōhea also can enter into one or more Joint Management Agreements with Ōpōtiki District Council or Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana relating to rivers and catchments within their rohe.

Te Whānau-a-Apanui (East Coast)

Te Whānau-a-Apanui are continuing to negotiate a Deed of Settlement with the Crown, following the signing of an Agreement in Principle in June 2019. Council staff are continuing to engage with Crown and Apanui representatives, particularly around the timing and phasing of the natural resource and environment components. It is understood Crown and Te Whānau a Apanui are working towards a Deed of Settlement in the later part of this year.

7. **Kaupapa Tuawhitu: Rotorua Geothermal System Management Plan**

Work on Ngā Waiariki ō Rotorua and Rotorua Geothermal System Management Plan and plan change has progressed.

This work has been carried out over several years, with multiple hui, stakeholder engagement and community workshops since 2018. Te Ahi Kaa Roopu has also

provided input and guidance over several years, including their report Ngā Wai Ariki o Rotorua: He Kohikohinga (presented to Komiti Māori in 2021). Most recently, hui-a-iwi, community meetings and targeted hui with iwi entities were held in during mid-late 2022, at which staff sought input on a possible broad management approach and which draws on much of the feedback to date.

Staff are now pulling this work together to draft the Rotorua System Management Plan and possible regional plan provisions. We will continue to develop this with input from iwi and Ahi Kaa Roopu via a series of Wānanga. A draft System Management Plan and plan change will then be formally released for wider community engagement and comments in mid-2023, subject to Council approval. We will support engagement via hui-a-iwi, workshops, and with a series of videos summarising detailed technical reports.

A workshop on this kaupapa will be held with Council in April 2023.

8. **Kaupapa Tuawaru: Partnering with Māori to deliver Biosecurity Programmes**

Māori have strong aspirations to deliver their kaitiaki role across their rohe through pest management (and other environmental protection works). There is also a desire to see training and employment opportunities for local people, particularly for rangatahi.

Council's Biosecurity Team has been working with Māori to deliver pest programmes for many years. The most notable being our award-winning partnership with Te Arawa Lakes Trust on aquatic pests in the Rotorua Lakes and the nationally recognised support for Ngāti Rangitihi wilding pine control on Mount Tarawera. While not so well known, the team has other successful smaller scale programmes being delivered by Mana Whenua at Matakana Island, the eastern Bay of Plenty, Ruatahuna and Matapihi, which manage a wide range of pest plants. Iwi-based groups, Kaimai Kaponga and Manaaki Te Awanui, have also been engaged to control wallabies and asian paddle crabs respectively. Opportunities for further Māori partnerships in the wallaby and kauri dieback programmes are currently being explored with Ngāti Manawa, Ngāti Tahu/Ngāti Whaoa and Kaimai Kauri.

While the Biosecurity Team has developed multiple successful pest management partnerships with tangata whenua and Māori-based organisations there have been significant challenges. Council systems and processes can be difficult to navigate, and it is common to find that much staff time and effort is needed to support these groups to gain the necessary understanding of the Council systems and processes.

Health and safety and quality assurance system development and, in some cases, up-skilling and training of potential kaimahi are consistent barriers. Another significant barrier for some potential initiatives is a lack of experienced tangata whenua pest supervisors / business leaders to run and manage kaimahi teams.

This can be particularly problematic where tangata whenua aspire to deliver pest work on their whenua but are starting from a 'zero-base'.

Other barriers can include (but not always) a preference not to use proven control methods, such as the use of herbicides and toxins.

Staff are currently working with the Ministry for Primary Industries, neighbouring regions, and other agencies to improve support to Māori. Staff will review our internal resourcing needed to support further and stronger partnerships with Māori

as part of the next LTP process and provide options for consideration at the 9 March Operations and Monitoring Committee meeting.

9. **Kaupapa Tekau: Summer Student Experience**

In November 2022 Council recruited 28 students into the annual summer experience programme. It is a 12-week programme with full induction and ongoing learning opportunities at Toi Moana.

Through the summer experience programme students gained hands on experience and knowledge in areas across Councils operation. They were able to support tangata whenua and iwi and get involved in marine science, water monitoring, gain knowledge in internal software, and have an opportunity to get an insight into local government, responsibilities, and day-to-day operations. A great opportunity to gain valuable work experience and apply the skills and knowledge they have gained through their studies.

Examples of mahi they contributed to are:

- Tsunami Readiness Programme – development of a centrally located database, user interface, and guide for Tsunami sign assets in the region.
- Assisted in development of the Emergency Management Bay of Plenty 2024 – 2028 Group Plan.
- Identification of potential barriers, identification of landowners and collation of contact details, as well as conducting field surveys in the Waihi Estuary and Katikati focus catchments (Aongatete, Waitekoe, Tuapiro & Waiau).
- National Stocktake of new and existing Māori Councillors on Council, Community Boards and other committees.
- Catfish Biocontrol Research at Okawa Bay Reserve.
- Support provided to the Combined Tangata Whenua forum with research and data collation in relation to Spatial Planning Bill
- Provided a legislative analysis of the Natural and Built Environment Bill and the Spatial Planning Bill, with an Emergency Management lens to assist in our submission on the proposed legislation.

A selection of summer students will present briefly at Komiti Māori on key highlights of their experience in the programme.

10. **Ngā Pānga ki te Māori Implications for Māori**

The items presented in this report cover a range of initiatives at both a national and regional level, which will potentially have a positive impact on Māori.

The specific focus on enhanced provision for tangata whenua across national policy, will yield a positive impact for tangata whenua locally, as they are brought online at a future point. The co-design of strategies with tangata whenua groups to align processes with mātauranga have provided impetus on co-partnering and building relationships with tangata whenua and further promoting Te Mana o Te Taiao.

The implications for Māori can only be positive where Council recognises opportunities to enhance shared decision making with Māori, in alignment with its Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement.

Tuhinga Tautoko Attachments

Attachment 1 - Partnerships with Māori Status Report - February 2023 [↓](#)

Partnerships with Māori Programme Status Report – February 2023

Project	Action	Status	Progress Comments	Timeframe
Secretariat	Develop an independent secretariat for co-governance/ co- management entities.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress continues to focus on delivery of agreed workplan This project, while mostly complete, will remain open until final contract deliverables received end of Feb 2023 Additional support able to be provided by the Secretariat to the Tarawera Awa Restoration Group through it's establishment phase. Review of lessons learnt underway in preparation for contract renewal 	2021 - 2023
3rd Generation IMP's	Support the development of 3 rd generation Hapu and Iwi Management plans to incorporate the addition of resource management reform.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops held, project scope drafted and work underway Collaboration with Western Bay and TCC to pilot a streamlined approach that will encompass the upcoming reforms. 	2021 - 2024
Technical training and coaching for tangata whenua	Map out a training programme that includes provision for current and future MOUs with academic institutions, training providers, practitioners, and org specialists. Engage with interested entities on current and future educational needs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working collaboratively with MfE to assist Māori participants of the Making Good Decisions (RMA Hearing Commissioner) certification course. Discussions commenced with tertiary education providers around future needs and overarching MOU development, however some delays due to Te Pūkenga continued implementation and general capacity 	2021 - 2023
Internal capability (HKM Muka 1)	Use He Korowai Mātauranga to further develop internal capability, focusing on relationship building and engagement.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Muka 1 complete Te Titiriti o Waitangi training plan developed Matariki celebrations - over 150 staff joining in the two weeks of celebrations 	2021 - 2023
Partnership Agreement Toolbox	Explore and develop (or enhance) tools e.g., mana whaka hono a rohe, Relationship Protocols, Joint management agreements etc. to support relationships.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of existing tools underway, including gap analysis 	2022 - 2023
Develop an internal hub of Relationship Managers	Develop a relationship 'hub' for relationships managers that have specific relationships with iwi.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship hub established, drafting approach and planned actions 	2021 - 2023

Project	Action	Status	Progress Comments	Timeframe
Regional Relationship and Engagement Framework	Develop an internal framework for relationship building and engagement with māori by expanding on the philosophy, principles and direction of Te Hononga.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress. Draft expected to be circulated for feedback internally March/ April 2023 Intended as a useful guidance tool for Māori engagement to support staff in their mahi. 	2021 - 2022
Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga enhancement internally (HKM Muka 2/3)	Transition He Korowai Mātauranga into BAU with a planned process. Review Action Plan and develop v.2.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of He Korowai Mātauranga Muka 2 & 3 action plan completed. A separate report is being developed which will outline the actions completed and future recommendations 	2021 - 2023
Capacity and capability building of tangata whenua	Map engagement plan for relationship building with regional tangata whenua. Develop a framework for supporting tangata whenua in the building of capacity and capability around resource management and local government interaction.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of tailored RMA training to support tangata whenua capability and participation. Review of informal and formal feedback received from tangata whenua to confirm priority focus areas for development Engaging with other kaupapa Māori organisations to explore potential collaboration opportunities 	2021 - 2023
Supporting Kaitiakitanga	Build specific partnerships that enable mana whenua to participate in council processes such as monitoring, consenting, compliance, management.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project not yet started but initial kōrero held around scope and focus for this action area 	2022 - 2024



Pūrongo Ki: Report To:	Komiti Māori
Rā Hui: Meeting Date:	22 February 2023
Kaituhi Pūrongo: Report Writer:	Reuben Gardiner, Senior Advisor
Kaiwhakamana Pūrongo: Report Authoriser:	Kataraina O'Brien, General Manager, Strategic Engagement
Kaupapa: Purpose:	Endorsement of the Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023.

Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023

Whakarāpopototanga Executive Summary

Komiti Māori is a formal committee of Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Its purpose is to provide direction and guidance on Council's obligations to Māori, including the growth of authentic partnerships with tangata whenua, emerging issues, legal requirements, effective engagement, awareness and understanding.

To assist Komiti Māori achieve its purpose, a draft Work Plan for 2023 has been developed for consideration and endorsement at this meeting.

Ngā tūtohutanga Recommendations

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023;**
- 2 Endorses the Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023;**
- 3 Approves the General Manager Strategic Engagement to make minor edits to the Work Plan as required and under the advice of the Komiti Māori Chair.**

1. **Kupu Whakataki** **Introduction**

The purpose of Komiti Māori is to provide direction and guidance on Council's obligations to Māori in relation to:

- growth of authentic partnerships with Māori
- strategic direction
- emerging issues
- legal requirements
- effective engagement
- awareness and understanding

Driving Council's relationship with Māori is ongoing and a catalyst for promoting positive outcomes. Partnerships with Māori, along with Community Participation and Climate Change, is one of the three key focus areas for Toi Moana.

1.1 **Pou Tarāwaho ā-Ture** **Legislative Framework**

Council incorporates a number of Māori outcomes underpinned by specific statutory obligations to Māori.

Specifically, the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to:

- Take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to Local Government Decision making processes.
- Establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority
- Consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision making processes of the local authority.

Similarly, the Resource Management Act 1991 recognises the Treaty partnership and principles and includes a myriad of obligations which shape Council's relationship to tangata whenua.

We acknowledge pending changes through central government policy and regulatory reform will enhance and promote provision for Māori. Key areas of reforms provide a consistent theme to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi and provide greater recognition of Te Ao and mātauranga Māori.

1.2 **Te Hāngai ki te Pou Tarāwaho Rautaki** **Alignment with Strategic Framework**

The Way We Work We honour our obligations to Māori.

Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 identifies 'Partnerships with Māori' as one of its eight strategic priorities. Specifically, Council has committed to working with Māori in partnerships to deliver outcomes for the region through a Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement.

1.2.1 Community Well-beings Assessment

Dominant Well-Beings Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Medium - Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural High - Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Medium - Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Medium - Positive

The Komiti Māori 2023 work plan recognises the importance of alignment with the four well-beings. Each well-being is important depending on the context of which they are being considered.

2. Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023

Under the advice of the Komiti Māori Chair, staff have structured the draft work plan 2023 to incorporate opportunities for Komiti Māori to facilitate discussions on kaupapa that is topical and of importance to Māori communities.

Komiti Māori will host a number of invited manuhiri/guest speakers and local tangata whenua/kaitaki. Providing a platform to engage, build relationships and hear directly from communities, adds value and enables Māori participation to inform decision-making processes.

The meetings will be rotated between in-house venues (Council offices) and on marae (at their invitation) across the region. Over the years Komiti Māori has continued to grow relationships with hapū and iwi through meetings held on marae.

Where appropriate and possible, Komiti Māori will advance opportunities to jointly workshop/meet with other committees, and build strategic relationships.

3. Ngā Whakaarohanga Considerations

3.1 Ngā Mōrea me Ngā Whakangāwaritanga Risks and Mitigations

There are Komiti Māori meetings scheduled to be held on marae across the region. Ongoing risk of Covid-19, unavailability of marae due to tangi or other kaupapa such as unplanned natural events (flooding etc) may impact marae venues. Risks can be managed and/or mitigated through Council's extensive relationships with marae communities across the region.

There are no other significant risks identified in this report.

3.2 Huringa Āhuarangi Climate Change

Our Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement aligns with the Climate Change programme and action plan which identifies opportunities to involve Māori in projects and planning.

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature and there is no need to consider climate change impacts.

3.3 **Ngā Pānga ki te Māori Implications for Māori**

The Bay of Plenty has a unique cultural landscape. It is the turangawaewae (home) to many hapū and iwi.

The Komiti Māori 2023 Work Plan aligns with Council's strategies including the Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement and Action Plan approved in 2022. Refer attached Māori Impact Statement 2022 (Attachment 2). Through this impact statement Council's vision is to 'enhance delivery and shared decision-making towards improved equity and prosperity for an inclusive and sustainable regional future'.

Council will work towards:

- Strengthening Māori Capacity to participate in processes across all levels of Council decision-making.
- Progressing our shared decision-making journey through a focus on enhancing current arrangements and establishing new ones as appropriate.
- Continued recognition and support for new and existing Treaty arrangements.
- Implementing Te Hononga (Māori Fresh Water Engagement Plan) to improved working relationships.
- Advancing Māori involvement in spatial planning, and
- Recognising the value contribution of Te Ao Māori and mātauranga Māori to our mahi.

3.4 **Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Community Engagement**

The focus of the Komiti Māori Work Programme 2023 is to build better relationships and partnerships with tangata whenua and to provide a collaborative approach across council to better enable community engagement and involvement in council decision making.

3.5 **Ngā Pānga ā-Pūtea Financial Implications**

There are no material unbudgeted financial implications and this fits within the allocated budget.

4. **Ngā Mahi Whai Ake Next Steps**

Following this Komiti Māori meeting, staff will amend the plan as required, noting that there may need to be a level of flexibility to accommodate joint sessions, unplanned kaupapa and matters that arise as a result of central government policies, reforms or direction.

Tuhinga Tautoko Attachments

Attachment 1 - Draft Komiti Māori Work Plan 2023 [↓](#)

Attachment 2 - Partnerships with Māori Impact Statement [↓](#)



Toi Moana Komiti Māori

Tentative Work Plan 2023

(For endorsement at 22 Feb 2023 hui)



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	Meeting 22 February In house Mauao	Workshop 4 April (date TBC) In house Mauao	Meeting 13 April Ōkurei Marae	Meeting 20 June In house Whakatane	Meeting 22 August Kōhī Marae	Joint Workshop 19 September In House Mauao	Meeting 10 October Mauao Marae	Meeting 12 December In House Whakatane	Workshop 13 December In-House Tauranga
Kaupapa Matua/Internal	BOP Māori Councillors Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wānanga for Māori Councillors in the Bay of Plenty. Potential collaboration opportunities Treaty update	Potential joint S&P workshop <p>Update and discussion on three impact areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community participation Climate change Partnerships with Māori External facilitator 	Draft Regional Māori relationship and engagement toolkit for staff TBC (2 nd Iteration) <p>Update on the Māori partnership programme</p>	End of financial year updates grants and sponsorship <p>Capability building:</p> Toka Tu Moana Scholarship recipients <p>Māori Hearing Commissioners (observer initiative)</p> Hapai Ora Fund <p>Iwi Management Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Plan Update LTP – Māori Engagement 	Joint workshop with Strategy and Policy Committee <p>Impacts of climate change on vulnerable Māori communities</p> Te Rereatukahia Marae Katikati <p>Waiohau Marae, Whakatane</p> Ministerial Māori committee for climate change – Māori perspective on Climate change/managed retreat	Mātauranga Māori Framework - Updated Implementation Plan?	Future focussed <p>What's on the horizon for 2024</p> End of year report for Komiti Maori <p>Update on general elections</p>	Potential for Joint Workshop with S & P <p>What's on the Horizon for 2024.</p>
Presenters	Confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tangaroa Walker Kate Brown 		External Presenter: <p>Rep from the National Iwi Leadership Group – Update on reforms TBC</p>	External Speaker <p>Māori elected rep/s</p> Env Canterbury Kaitahu elected Councillor and co-chair Te Maruata <p>TBC</p>	External Speaker <p>Auckland Statutory Board Chair and CEO TBC</p> And/or MFE		TA partners <p>Iwi Management Plans coordinated approach with Western Bay of Plenty TLAs</p>	Strategic Relationship Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOP Māori Councillors Treaty Co-Governance Members External guest speaker (TBC) 	
Tangata Whenua kaupapa	Taura Māori/Summer Student experience reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Succession planning in action Building next generation kaitiaki 		Invite Okurei Iwi/Hapu to present: <p>Potential:</p> Ngāti Pikiao Strategic Plan TBC <p>Te Arawa Primary Sector TBC</p> Scion (Mātauranga Māori focus) TBC	Māori Economic Development TBC <p>Matariki Pūkenga TBC</p>	Invite Kohi Iwi/Hapū to present <p>Potential:</p> Ngāti Manawa <p>Waiora Mātaatua Te Mana o Te Wai</p> Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa TBC		Invite Mauao Iwi/Hapū to present: <p>Potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāi Te Rangi “Ko Wai Mātou” Project Matakana Island IMP Kaitiaki Roopu 		
National	Update on government reforms and proposals		National Landscape – what's hot	MFE Update on Māori Engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPF Limits and Targets 	Future for Local Government Reforms		NBE update – implications of new legislation		

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH MĀORI STATEMENT

(adopted by Komiti Māori on 19.10.2021)

Our vision

Enhance delivery and shared decision making towards improved equity and prosperity for an inclusive and sustainable regional future.

Our partnership principles and objectives

- We will plan together on key priority areas
- We share decision making with a priority on existing opportunities
- We value & reflect knowledge contributions /mātauranga Māori in all our mahi
- We deliver meaningful outcomes for Council, Māori and the Community

Transformational shift required

- Supporting enhanced participation in operational activities, and progressing new opportunities where they arise within existing operations
- Seek out new partnership opportunities including shared decision making
- Supporting Māori capacity and capability building to empower proactive relationships
- Ensuring an equitable approach to the four wellbeing's and delivery of community outcomes
- Being responsive, flexible and adaptable to accommodate different world views, needs and capabilities

We will work towards

- Strengthening Māori capacity to participate in processes across all levels of Council decision making
- Progressing our shared decision making journey through a focus on enhancing current arrangements and establishing new ones as appropriate
- Continued recognition and support for new and existing Treaty settlement arrangements
- Implementing Te Hononga to improve working relationships
- Advancing Māori involvement in spatial planning
- Recognising the value contribution of Te Ao Maori and mātauranga Māori to our mahi

Our goals

- The involvement of Māori in Council decision making processes is embedded throughout operations and governance
- We increase the quantity and improve the quality of shared decision making arrangements
- Key Māori entities have robust resource management capability and capacity to proactively engage with Council
- Te Ao Māori and mātauranga Māori contribute to informed decision making