



Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Agenda

Date: 21 July, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Pehiaweri Marae

Attendees: Hapū mandated Chairperson
Cr Phil Halse
Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Delaraine Armstrong
Jade Kake
Tame Te Rangi
Jared Pitman
Mira Norris
Aorangi Kawiti
Deborah Harding
Len Bristowe

No decisions are made at the Hui.

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Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership

Chairpersons

Council based meetings: Councillor Phil Halse

Marae based hui: to be determined from mandated hapū members*

Members

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai

Councillors Gavin Benney, Ken Couper, Greg Innes, Anna Murphy, Carol Peters, Simon Reid and Phil Halse

Eight mandated hapū representatives: Delaraine Armstrong, Jade Kake, Tame TeRangi, Jared Pitman, Mira Norris, Aorangi Kawiti, Deborah Harding and Len Bristowe

Meetings

Bi monthly for formal standing committee meetings, with hui on being held on a marae in accordance with Tikanga*

Quorum

8 comprised of 4 councillor and 4 hapū members

*note, marae based hui will be in accordance with Tikanga and as such are outside of standing orders adopted under the Local Government Act 2002

Preamble

Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum was formed late in 2012 between Te Huinga (as advocates of the hapū of Whangarei) and Whangarei District Council. The desire to 'develop more robust partnership arrangements over time' was signaled in the 2014 revision of the Agreement. This partnership Committee Represents an important step in that process. While the Purpose, Key Responsibilities and Delegations form the basis for the Terms of Reference to determine what the Committee will do, it is important that the respective principles of each of the Partners continue to underpin the relationship, and that the relationship builds on the foundations outlined in the Agreement. The Statement of Principles for each of the Partners, as established in the foundation relationship agreement, is below.

Te Huinga Statement of Principles

He Whakaputanga o Te Rangiratanga o Nu Tirenī (Declaration of Independence – 1835) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, 1840 provides the foundational doctrines of authority and partnership that are being sought after by the hapū of Whangārei as the relationship develops with the Whangārei District Council.

Te Huinga will work towards achieving the strategic intent.

Strategic Intent

- Vision/Te Pae Tawhiti: 'Ma nga hapū ano nga hapū e korero' - 'Hapū self reliance and prosperity'
- Mission/Te Kaupapa: 'Achieving hapū aspirations through effective and enduring relationships'
- Whangārei - Māori Community Outcomes:
 - a A rohe with a vibrant Māori culture
 - b A Māori community, which is healthy and highly educated

- c A society that protects and cares for all its members
- d A rohe with a flourishing Māori economy
- e A society that appreciates and cares for its natural environment
- Nga tikanga – Values
 - a Whanau – the extended family is the social unit that Māori identify with.
 - b Mana Hapū - Hapū are the cornerstone of the Māori community and identity.
 - c Mana Motuhake – self-determination, self-reliance and self-sustainability.
 - d Whakarite – Invest time and energy in building decision-making capacity and capability.
 - e Te Manawatoopu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together.
 - f Kia maia – Providing leadership through courage.

Whangārei District Council Statement of Principles

In order to improve and enhance relationships with Māori, Council acknowledge a strategic platform is required upon which to continue to build strong relationships. Council is committed to collaboration with Māori organisations within the District.

Council has a contribution to make towards Māori wellbeing, be it environmental, social, cultural/spiritual or economic. Additionally, further collaboration and relationship building processes with Crown agencies and other local territorial authorities will continue as all such organisations make up part of the many services that impact on Māori wellbeing.

Whangārei District Council wishes to engage with Māori hapū and to recognize the Treaty of Waitangi. The Local Government Act 2002 outlines the obligations of local authorities around the Treaty of Waitangi.

Purpose

To enable the primary partners (Council and hapū of Whangārei) to work closely together to achieve the agreed vision 'He Whenua Rangatira - Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities' and mission 'Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa - Local Government that works through effective partnership and shared decisions to provide practical solutions'. Central to this is continued development of robust partnerships through learning conversations.

The Committee provides a platform for high level/strategic discussions and priority setting between the primary partners, with preference given to *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face-to-face) and preserving tikanga. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to;

- Identifying the cultural, economic, environmental, and social issues/decisions of Council that are significant for Māori¹ in the Whangarei District. (participation)
- Ensuring Council complies with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), including providing oversight of key processes and controls (assurance)
- To agree mutual strategic priorities (direction)

However, it is acknowledged that areas of focus/priorities may be beyond the direct control of the committee, meaning that in some areas it will be operating in an advisory capacity.

Recognising this, and to ensure clarity, the Working Group for Maori Participation in decision making (which was tasked with developing Terms of Reference) split the responsibilities of

¹ Māori in this context is defined as people that affiliate to a whanau, hapū, Iwi, mana whenua groups

the Committee into those where it provides advice and recommendations, and those where decision making powers would be delegated.

Key responsibilities – advice and recommendations

- 1) Participation
 - a) Develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and Council.
 - b) Ensure the views of Māori are taken into account.
 - c) Recommend ways to develop Council capacity
 - d) Recommend ways to develop Māori capacity to contribute to decision making processes
 - e) Governance oversight of initiatives, Te Karearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference
 - f) Provide for equitable participation
- 2) Direction
 - a) Identify strategic priorities for the partnership
 - b) Provide advice on topics referred by Council and Māori
 - c) Advice to, and relationships with, other committees of Council
 - d) Recommendations on harbour and waterway matters (within the jurisdiction of WDC)
 - e) Advice and recommendations on 3 Waters and flood protection infrastructure
 - f) Oversight and advice on central government reform initiatives relating to strategic priorities of the partnership and Te Ao Māori including, but not limited to, three waters reform
 - g) Provide advice and recommendations on key strategic policies, plans and projects of Council, including but not limited to growth strategies, the Long Term Plan and the District Plan
 - h) Information sharing / discussions on Treaty Settlement processes and potential co-governance opportunities (where appropriate)
 - i) Identify matters of significance to Māori that may require joint positions/advocacy with external agencies (i.e. co-governance) or recommendations to Council
 - j) Recommendations on Maori Representation (i.e. under the Local Electoral Act)
- 3) Assurance
 - a) Develop a workplan and strategy log to monitor input to, and decision making/progress on, strategic priorities identified by the Committee
 - b) Monitor and advise on council's compliance with its legislative obligations to Māori, including under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - c) Receive and consider audit reports on Council's compliance with its legislative obligations
 - d) Monitor and ensure that appropriate action is being taken
 - e) Monitor and assess the primary partner relationship against its vision and mission
 - f) Monitoring compliance with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), including providing oversight of key processes and controls

Key Responsibilities – under Delegated authority

- 1) Establishing Audit Processes for statutory provisions relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi).
- 2) Establishing Council processes and templates for Mana whakahono ā rohe Agreements and Iwi/Hapu Environmental Management Plans
- 3) Developing a Te Ao Maori framework for decision making
- 4) Establishment of working parties or steering groups
- 5) Nominating hapū representatives to any Council committee, joint committee or working group (as required, noting that nominations to Council Committees or Joint Committees must then be appointed by full Council)
- 6) Developing collaborative relationships on strategic priorities/areas of focus

5. Kokiri: Progressive Partnership Action - July 2021

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Hapū Members

1 Purpose

To progress topics for 'Kokiri': Progressive Partnership Action.

2 Recommendation

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui notes the report.

3 Background

Following hui between Te Kārearea and Te Huinga hapū proposed the establishment of a standing agenda item on the Te Kārearea Agenda.

The intent of the item is to bring forward strategic topics or initiatives Te Huinga and Te Kārearea hapū members want to elevate with Council.

Titled "Kokiri" to denote progressive (strategic) action, the item provides an opportunity for collective discussion on initiatives aligned to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

4 Discussion

Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Terms of Reference outlines key responsibilities under the 'Participation' section as:

- a) Developing pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and Council
- b) Ensuring the views of Māori are taken into account
- c) Recommending ways to develop Council capacity
- d) Recommending ways to develop Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes

In addition, the Committee has "Governance oversight of initiatives, Te Kārearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference" and is tasked with developing a workplan to track progress on strategic initiatives.

Kokiri provides a mechanism for capacity building initiatives to be brought to the Committee for debate and the establishment of a collective view. It also provides for Committee oversight of, and direction on, these initiatives.

4.1 Initial area of focus – Wananga

At the Te Karearea meeting in December 2020 the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee endorsed ‘a Marae based wananga to build capacity/understanding in Te Ao Māori’.

A working party of Aorangi Kawiti, Jade Kake, Cr Carol Peters and Cr Ken Couper was initially established to plan for this. Since then, Jade has signalled that her availability is limited to attending the wananga but not planning the wananga. Additional support from Te Kārearea and staff might be required to support the delivery of this wananga.

The wananga will run over 2 full days (and overnight) with the timeframes and agenda to be confirmed at a later date. Matua Rereata Makiha was asked and has agreed to facilitate the wananga. The initial date set for early July did not suit Matua Rereata. The following dates have been offered by Matua Rereata as potential alternatives and distributed to Te Kārearea members:

- Thursday 29th July
- Friday 6 August
- Friday 13 August.

4.2 Kokiri Actions Identified by Te Huinga in July 2021

Attachment 1 includes the email on behalf of Te Huinga raising matters for inclusion in this month's Kokiri report.

| Kokiri Topic | Description |
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| Develop Council and Māori Capacity | <p>Remuneration: Members of Te Huinga that are requested or invited to be part of a working group are to be remunerated accordingly in terms of a standard rate.</p> <p><u>Staff comments</u></p> <p>The new General Manager of Strategy & Democracy will prioritise this matter. Staff welcome feedback from the Committee.</p> |
| Pukearengarenga maunga | <p>To request support from Te Kārearea in opposing an application to quarry Pukearengarenga maunga. Concerns regarding the impacts of quarrying on the maunga and the cultural landscape has been discussed with Te Huinga. Te Huinga support Rosie Wellington's request to elevate this matter to Te Kārearea and the intention to seek support from Te Kārearea to request that the application for quarrying is not accepted for lodgement. These matters are discussed further in Attachment 2 and images submitted by Rosie Wellington are included in Attachment 3.</p> <p><u>Staff comments</u></p> <p>Unless an activity is Prohibited then an applicant is within their rights to submit an application. The Regional Council and District Council is required to accept an application for lodgement if it meets the criteria of being a full and complete application and then assess the application against the relevant provisions.</p> |

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| Vinegar Hill Road - Transport safety | <p>The development opposite the gates of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rawhitiroa has compromised the safe manoeuvring of buses leaving the kura. The buses turning out from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rawhitiroa need to undertake a 3 point turn.</p> <p><u>Staff comments</u></p> <p>This is may be most appropriately addressed through a CRM process. We have requested staff contact the Kura to explain the process.</p> |
| Vinegar Hill Road - Engagement | <p>There has not been the expected engagement with the kura/kohanga reo or residents in terms of large pond being built opposite Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rawhitiroa gates.</p> <p><u>Staff comments</u></p> <p>This is may be most appropriately addressed through a CRM process. We have requested staff contact the Kura to explain the process.</p> |

5 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

6 Attachments

Attachments:

1. Email from Te Huinga
2. Letter from Rosie Wellington
3. Images of Pukearengarenga

Attachment 1: Email from Te Huinga

Bernadette Aperahama

From: Ramari Jackson-Paniora
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Bernadette Aperahama
Subject: FW: Kokiri v- Kaupapa for Te Karearea from Te Huinga
Attachments: Pukearengarenga 2021.jpg; Pukerengarenga 2021 showing ocean.jpg; Letter to Te Karearea.pdf

Rāmari Jackson-Paniora

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From: Nicolene Pestana <nicolene.pestana@wdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Rāmari Jackson-Paniora <ramari.jackson-paniora@wdc.govt.nz>
Cc: janelle beazley <janelle.beazley@xtra.co.nz>
Subject: FW: Kokiri v- Kaupapa for Te Karearea from Te Huinga

Hi Rāmari,

Please see email received from Janelle for inclusion in the Kokiri report for this month's Te Karearea hui.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Pestana

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From: Janelle Beazley <janelle.beazley@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:24 PM
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Cc: janelle beazley <janelle.beazley@xtra.co.nz>
Subject: Kokiri v- Kaupapa for Te Karearea from Te Huinga

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Kia ora Nicolene

Below is some korero that has come via Te Huinga to be added to Kokiri for the Te Karearea meeting.

- **Attached** is a summary in regards to our maunga Pukearengarenga in Ngunguru. A summary for the purposes of inclusion on the agenda at the meeting of Te Karearea
- **Attached** - please also see photos taken recently of our maunga. You will see the cause for concern plus read some of it in my summary.
- Issue along Vinegar Hill Road. Buses turning out from TKKMOT Rawhitiroa need to almost do a 3 point turn coming out of the kura gates as sub division going on across road. No consultation with kura/kohanga reo or residents in terms of large pond being built opposite school gates
- Remuneration It was again reiterated any Te Huinga member that is asked to be a part of a working group to advise the group that the member is to be remunerated accordingly in terms of a standard rate

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nga mihi

Janelle

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Attachment 2: Letter from Rosie Wellington

Ko Pukearengarenga taku maunga
 Ko Ngunguru me Tutukaka te awa
 Ko Waikanohi te whenua
 Ko Ngati Takapari te hapu
 Ko Rose Wellington/Tana taku ingoa

Tena koutou

Pukearengarenga is the maunga inbetween Ngunguru and Tutukaka. It is the maunga of Ngati Takapari and is of huge significance to our hapu of Ngati Takapari and other hapu. It has koiwi of a number of iwi and hapu within it from many many years back and has a number of significant sites on both Tutukaka and Ngunguru side.

I sent a plea via email to iwi and whanau whanui for support to stop the proposed application to further quarrying on our maunga and the proposed removal of 300,000 cubic metres of metal .

The Ngunguru side of Pukearengarenga is safe from application to quarry because it is whenua Maori.

It is not safe however from the proposed extraction hole as it butts up against the boundary and explosive materials being used to loosen the metal will destabilise our side of the maunga and it will fall.

The quarrying will also destroy the water supply we have had as ahikaroa mai rano. That wai feeds part of one of the significant sites.

The application to further quarry the maunga has not reached Council yet and now is the time to lobby Council to not accept rather than hope for an opportunity to place submissions after they accept the application.

I request tautoko from the table Te Karearea to go to Council asking them to not accept the application or to allow further quarrying on that site.

Nga mihi maioha
 Rose Wellington/Tana

Attachment 3: Images of Pukearengarenga



Figure 1: Quarried side of Pukearengarenga maunga



Figure 2: Pukearengarenga with visibility to ocean.

6.1 New General Manager - Rāmari Jackson-Paniora

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Emily Thompson (Manager – Democracy and Assurance)

1 Purpose

To introduce Rāmari Jackson-Paniora new General Manager for Strategy and Democracy.

2 Background

Rāmari Jackson-Paniora joined Council on 14th June 2021. The purpose of this agenda item is to allow introductions to be made between Rāmari and the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership. Rāmari will provide a brief update on her progress since arriving to date, and seek feedback from the forum on various matters including:

- Communication channels
- Strategic agendas.

3 Significance and engagement

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6.2 Action Log Update July 2021

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Rāmari Jackson-Paniora (General Manager Strategy and Democracy)

1 Purpose

To brief the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee on the actions undertaken for queries brought up at the previous meetings in the attached Action Log.

2 Recommendation

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee note the attached Action Log.

3 Background

Queries from previous Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meetings are added to the Action Log with council updating actions.

4 Attachment

Action Log

Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Action Log

| Item # | Meeting | Date item raised | Type of Issue / Action required | Action item | Action taken / Comments | Status |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------|--|--|---|-------------|
| 2020- 01 | Te Kārearea hui | 18/11/2020 | Request - support | Support sought for the NSPS (Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society) petition requiring WDC to change the bylaw to prohibit vehicles driving on the estuary and ocean beaches in the Ngunguru Sandspit Scenic Reserve. | 18/12/2020 To check with NTA on the process for this. 7/12/2020 Awaiting response on speed limits on beaches from NTA. 9/2/2021 NTA has advised that this can be incorporated into Council's Tutukaka Coastal area speed limit review. This area is in in Tranche 4, which is currently programmed for mid-late 2022 for consultation with implementation in 2023. This is similar to the approach for 90 Mile Beach in Far North, where the hapu and council are creating a management plan, where one element was speed limit. With 90 Mile Beach, there has been engagement and consultation alongside the management plan, which will also be the process here. | In progress |
| 2020- 02 | Te Kārearea hui | 18/11/2020 | Health and Safety Incident | Report of accident with Council's rubbish truck. | 7/12/2020 Health and Safety Incident report logged. Requested more details from Aorangi Kawiti for Health and Safety Incident report. 17/12/2020 Further email to Aorangi Kawiti requesting more details to proceed with Health and Safety Incident report. 9/2/2021 Require further details to complete Health and Safety Incident report 17/3/2021 Aorangi Kawiti reported that vehicle has been fixed. Advised that Council cannot action this item further without details required to complete Health and Safety Incident report. | Complete |
| 2020- 03 | Te Kārearea hui | 18/11/2020 | Query - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting | Query on how WDC works with NTA. | 18/11/2020 NTA overview to be scheduled for the new year. Dominic spoke to NTA manager 2/2/21. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda. | Complete |
| 2020- 04 | Te Kārearea hui | 18/11/2020 | Resolution | Resolution that the Chief Executive invite Minister Nanaia Mahuta to have a discussion on Three Waters with the Te Kārearea Standing Committee | 18/11/2020 Chief Executive has had Initial discussions with government officials with a positive response. A letter is being drafted for sign off by hapū and Council Chairs. 21/12/2020 Letter sent to Hon Nanaia Mahuta inviting her to meet with Te Karearea. 23/12/2020 Received acknowledgement of receipt of the invitation. 4/02/21 Hui held | Complete |
| 2020- 05 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Request - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting | Request for Te Kārearea / Te Huinga to have the opportunity to consider how Council's pensioner housing serves Māori. Discussion should include how pensioner housing provides for kaumatua and kuia and tools to support papakainga housing | 9/12/2020 Dominic Kula will arrange for a report back to Te Kārearea. 17/02/2020 Feedback provided to Te Karearea Standing Committee. General Manager Community will provide an overview of Councils pensioner housing portfolio to present to Te Karearea Standing Committee. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda. | Complete |
| 2020- 06 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Request - feedback required | Request for feedback from Te Kārearea / Te Huinga on Camping in Public Places (noting that the bylaw is subject to a formal statutory process). | 9/12/2020 Delaraine Armstrong will put on Te Huinga's agenda for discussion. | In progress |
| 2020- 07 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Request - information required | Request for Te Kārearea to be provided with a high level capex programme list | 08/12/2020 Capex programme provided | Complete |

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| 2020- 08 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Request - support | Request for support from Council for Māori cemeteries and for planning/facilities support in rural areas | 9/12/2020 Funding in the draft LTP outlined, while there is increased funding for rural areas (particularly in Transportation) and a playground programme there is currently no funding for urupa. Feedback to be provided through the LTP process. 17/2/2020 Delaraine Armstrong will put on Te Huinga's agenda for discussion. 17/03/2021 Dominic Kula provided clarification as per minutes of Te Kārearea hui on 17 March 2021. | In progress |
| 2020- 09 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Request - feedback required | Query whether Te Kārearea could have the opportunity to be involved in Council's review of its Procurement Policy. | 17/2/2020 Business Support to look into this. 17/4/2021 Item on July Te Kārearea agenda. | In progress |
| 2020- 10 | Te Kārearea Committee | 12/09/2020 | Resolution | Resolution that a Marae based wananga to build capacity / understanding of Te Ao Māori be held. | 9/12/2020 Hapu members to work through what this could involve and report back to the Committee. 17/2/2020 Working party formed to plan this . Working party made up of Aorangi Kawiti, Jade Kake, Cr Carol Peters and Cr Ken Couper. 21/4/2020 Working group to meet after April Te Kārearea meeting. 16/6/2020 Dates for wananga confirmed as 10th and 11th July. | In progress |
| 2020- 11 | Te Kārearea Committee | 17/2/2021 | Request - feedback required | Concerns raised that Marae are treated as 'commercial buildings' through the Building Consent process. | 26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. 8/3/2021 Response provided: Marae fall into the commercial building definition under legislation due to the need for specified or life safety features. This requirement is above a residential residence. | Complete |
| 2020- 12 | Te Kārearea Committee | 17/2/2021 | Request - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting | Request for information/discussion on the Hikurangi repo (swamp) | 26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. Item scheduled for April. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda. | Complete |
| 2020- 13 | Te Kārearea Committee | 17/2/2021 | Request - feedback required | Divesting of the Otangarei Marae - Clr Peters sought progress on the process for the transfer of the Otangarei Marae to hapu | 26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. Historic information pulled out and being reviewed to determine what is required. 21/4/2021 Dominic Kula provided an update to Te Kārearea. There are three different ways to approach this, proposal is to sit down with new Trust to establish what their aspirations are. | In progress |
| 2020- 14 | Te Kārearea Committee | 17/2/2021 | Agenda Item for future meetings | Query on discussions WDC has had with Kainga Ora. Desire to have a 'housing workstream' to look at opportunities for action alongside Kainga Ora. | 17/2/2021 Informal housing group established and information requested/provided. First meeting held 11/03/21. Clr Peters to lead and report back to Committee with scope and Terms of Reference. 21/4/2021 Cr Peters updated Te Kārearea on progress of the working group. The group have met a few times and determined that Council needs to have a position on what is Local Government's role in housing. | In progress |
| 2020-15 | E-Mail request (Jade Kake) | 3/02/2021 | Request - feedback required | Puhipuhi Mercury Abandoned Mine - opened in 1907 and abandoned in 1945 and nothing has been done by WDC and NRC or the Government to clean it up. This is a head water that flows into the Kaipara Harbour and Whangarei Harbour. Puhipuhi has high rain fall and also the Exploration Mining Permit did hanging over this area as a threat. Concern that this site is slowly over the years missing off the District Maps. Climate Change and pollution issue. | 3/3/2021 Response provided covering historic (1998) District Plan provisions requiring remediation prior to a new activity occurring, and the current requirements under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health | Complete |

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| 2020-16 | E-Mail request (Jade Kake) | 3/02/2021 | Request - feedback required | There are two farm dams up Puhipuhi Road and the WDC has not for many years put in correct and large road drains meaning every heavy rain the surface water washes into our maori bush reserve this needs to be corrected. | 4/3/2021 Issue not known to staff. Request for address and/or photos from complainant in order to log it as a CRM for the contractors to look into. | In progress |
| 2020-17 | Te Kārearea hui | 17/3/2021 | Agenda Item for future meetings | Stock at Mokau | 17/3/2021 Issue regarding Road Safety Concerns about stock on roads to be placed on the agenda for April. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda | Complete |
| 2020-18 | Te Kārearea Committee | 21/4/2021 | Agenda Item for future meeting | Te Tiriti Audit | 21/4/2021 Dominic Kula to provide draft framework and scope in document for Te Tiriti o Waitangi Audit and bring back to next meeting for discussion. Te Kārearea to workshop this once information provided. 16/6/2021 Item on June Te Kārearea agenda. | In progress |
| 2020-19 | Te Kārearea Committee | 21/4/2021 | Agenda Item for future meeting | Inner City living | 21/4/2021 Report on Inner City Living to be brought back to Te Kārearea. Business case and toolkit currently being drafted. To be brought back to Te Kārearea. | In progress |
| 2020-20 | Te Kārearea Committee | 21/4/2021 | Resolution | GIS / Mātauranga Māori project | 21/4/2021 Te Kārearea to undergo an information gathering exercise that includes mapping of information on Treaty of Waitangi land claims in aid of providing better decision-making on land use within the Whangarei District. Feedback sought from Te Kārearea on hāpu/iwi GIS mapping initiatives and opportunities for collaboration 19 May 2021. | In progress |
| 2020-21 | Te Kārearea Committee | 21/4/2021 | Resolution | Hikurangi Swamp / Repo | 21/4/2021 Progress on the Hikurangi Swamp Pump Operation to be reviewed by Te Kārearea in July 2021. Chairpersons of the Te Kārearea to write a letter to the MPI highlighting the plight of hapū and ask for a response. 16/6/2021 Letter to MPI in process. | In progress |
| 2020-22 | Te Kārearea hui | 19/5/2021 | Agenda Item for future meeting | Rating of whanua Māori | 19/5/2021 Report on rating of Whenua Māori land to be brought back to Te Kārearea. 16/6/2021 Item on June Te Kārearea agenda. Follow up item for July agenda for further korero and action points. | In progress |
| 2020-23 | Te Kārearea hui | 19/5/2021 | Agenda Item for future meeting | Significant Natural Areas | 19/5/2021 Report on Significant Natural Areas to be brought back to Te Kārearea. Council staff are currently in the process of mapping the draft Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and drafting the associated rules in accordance with our obligations under the Northland Regional Policy Statement. Staff have worked through the SNA project with Te Kārearea and Te Huinga on a number of occasions since the initial project initiation hui with Te Kārearea in July 2019. Since that time Whangarei District Council has elected to delay the notification of the draft maps and rules until the government releases the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB), which is scheduled to go to the minister for gazetting in July 2021. However, in the meantime Council staff have presented overviews of the SNA Plan Change twice to Te Kārearea and more recently, as a result of feedback from Te Kārearea prior to Christmas, Te Huinga. At Te Huinga in May a discussion was held on what was the best way to engage regarding SNAs. It was suggested that two hui be held, at rural marae - Mokau and Mangakahia in August 2021 following the gazetting of the NPS-IB, and that these could be co-hosted by Council staff and Te Huinga. 16/6/2021 Resolution from 16 June meeting to be rescinded at July meeting for further korero on Council and hapū position. | In progress |

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| 2020-24 | Te Kārearea hui | 19/5/2021 | Resolution | Representation Review | 19/5/2021 Resolution that Te Huinga bring back some options to the next Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meeting. To be put on Te Huinga's agenda in May. □ | In progress |
| 2020-25 | Te Kārearea Committee | 16/6/2021 | Request - information required | Naming of Northland Events Centre Trust | 16/6/2021 Request for information on history and operational functions of NECT. Dominic Kula will provide email with historical context, clarity around timeframes. | In progress |
| 2020-26 | Te Kārearea Committee | 16/6/2021 | Agenda Item for future meeting | Significant Natural Areas | | |

6.3 Three Waters Reforms – Update

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Rob Forlong (Chief Executive)

1 Purpose

Chief Executive Rob Forlong will provide an update to Te Karearea strategic partnership on the situation relating to the three waters proposals.

2 Discussion

This report is to allow for a verbal update on the current status of the three waters reforms and how they relate to Whangarei District Council.

3 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

6.4 Mangawhai Water report

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Rob Forlong (Chief Executive)

1 Purpose

To inform the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui about an approach relating to extending the water supply network to Mangawhai

2 Background

Water Services have been approached by a developer from Mangawhai wishing to extend the water supply network from Langs beach to their development in Central Mangawhai. The developer is anticipating that their development will have a peak demand of approximately 1,000m³ of water per day within 10 years. There is also the possibility to supply water to the wider Mangawhai area which is currently served with rainwater tanks. It is anticipated this could take the total demand up to around 3,000m³ per day within 30 years.

With the expected closure of the Refinery at Marsden Point it is anticipated that the Bream Bay Water Supply area will have a surplus of water of around 4,000m³ per day. The loss of the Refinery will create potential problems within the network as reduced demand will mean water in some pipes will move very slowly, particularly between Ruakaka and Waipu. This may lead to water quality problems and network management issues.

However, the southern part of the Bream Bay network has been designed to supply water only as far as Langs Beach. The pipe network is too small to provide for even an additional 1,000m³ per day without significant upgrades. The developer has indicated they would be willing to contribute towards the extension of the network and the upgrade of the system.

In order to service Mangawhai a pump station would need to be constructed at Langs Beach to pump water to a reservoir on top of the hill above Mangawhai so the water could then gravity feed down to the development and the wider Mangawhai area. The distance between the end of the Langs Beach network and the development is 11km. Water Services have undertaken some network modelling to determine what will be required and the size of any upgrades to our network. The modelling shows that for the initial stages of the development the existing pipes would have to be upgraded at least as far back as Waipu Cove, approximately 4.5km. For the final scope of the development and any additional allowance for Mangawhai growth the pipelines would need to be upsized all the way back to Shoemaker Road pump station, an additional distance of approximately 9.5km.

There are also a number of engineering challenges which need to be overcome. The main one is finding a suitable reservoir site at the high point alongside the road going over the hill into Mangawhai. Maintaining a chlorine residual whilst minimising disinfection by product formation will also require careful consideration. We also have limited space for additional reservoir storage at our existing sites at Waipu and Langs Beach.

The developer is well progressed with their subdivision process and are suggesting that October is that date when they will need an answer and agreement regarding this proposal. They do have an alternate option to take water from two local streams and construct their own water treatment plant. However, their preference is to connect to the WDC Network system.

Initial discussions with KDC staff would indicate they would be in favour of the proposal. However, like ourselves they have no funds within the LTP. The decision on the pipe sizes depends entirely on whether allowance is made to provide water to the wider Mangawhai and Mangawhai Heads, current and growth communities. It would be unusual to install so much infrastructure for just one development when the surrounding area has no water supply and the townships are growing fast. It is suggested that if the wider area was to be included in future demand predictions that a cap should be placed on any supply agreement. If that cap was 3,000m³ per day then this proposal would be taking less water than the current Refinery demand.

3 Discussion

We understand that moving water between rohe and catchments is not normally consistent with tikanga and consider this is good opportunity to raise the issue at this forum. We have had initial talks with Patuharakeke but have yet to have any detailed discussions. We have not contacted Te Uri o Hau but believe that Kaipara District Council will be doing this shortly. The next stage would be to develop a memorandum of understanding with the developer and Kaipara District Council to cover further investigations. Discussions with hapu would form part of the next stage.

4 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

6.5 Oruku Landing Update

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Rob Forlong (Chief Executive)

1 Purpose

To provide an update to Te Karearea strategic partnership on the situation relating to Oruku landing development.

2 Discussion

Council continues to discuss the Oruku landing development. This report is to allow for a verbal update on the current status. Attached are the minutes from the extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2021.

3 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

4 Attachment

Meeting Minutes from Extraordinary Council meeting 13 July 2021

Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 13 July, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
 Forum North, Rust Avenue
 Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
 (Chairperson)
 Cr Gavin Benney
 Cr Vince Cocurullo
 Cr Nicholas Connop
 Cr Ken Couper
 Cr Tricia Cutforth
 Cr Shelley Deeming
 Cr Jayne Golightly
 Cr Phil Halse
 Cr Greg Innes
 Cr Greg Martin
 Cr Anna Murphy
 Cr Carol Peters
 Cr Simon Reid

Scribe

C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Chief Executive Rob Forlong opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Decision Reports

4.1 Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre Project

Tabled: Item 4.1.1 - Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre
 Project - additional information, providing the Chair of the Risk and

Audit Committee's Comments and Recommendations on the Oruku Project.

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Whangarei District Council:

1. Agrees to progress to the next stage of the project by procuring professional services (including a lead designer) for the project to undertake investigations and design work to move to the preliminary/developed design stage to better understand potential costs.
2. Approves a budget of up to \$1 million dollars of unbudgeted operational expenditure in the 2021-2022 financial year to progress the project.
3. Undertakes a Special Consultative Process and/or a Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031 amendment for the project.
4. Notes the potential increase in Whangarei District Council project funding requirement from \$23 million to \$57.2 million.
5. Notes that funding the ongoing costs to Council of the project (based on current project scope, cost estimates and available funding) solely via rates could result in a district wide general rates increase of 5.5% or general rates rises of an average of approximately 22.3% if sourced solely from Commercial ratepayers (should they be identified as the major beneficiaries of the project), unless alternative funding sources are identified and/or costs allocated to other activities in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan are reduced.
6. Confirms the process and timeframes for the Special Consultative Process and/or a Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031 amendment before the end of August 2021.

On the motion being put Cr Benney called for a division:

| | For | Against | Abstain |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Her Worship the Mayor | | | X |
| Cr Gavin Benney | X | | |
| Cr Vince Cocurullo | X | | |
| Cr Nicholas Connop | | X | |
| Cr Ken Couper | X | | |
| Cr Tricia Cutforth | | X | |
| Cr Shelley Deeming | | X | |

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| Cr Jayne Golightly | X | | |
| Cr Phil Halse | X | | |
| Cr Greg Innes | X | | |
| Cr Greg Martin | | X | |
| Cr Anna Murphy | | | X |
| Cr Carol Peters | X | | |
| Cr Simon Reid | | X | |
| Results | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| The motion was Carried (7 to 5) | | | |

5. Public Excluded Business

There was no business conducted in public excluded.

6. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 2.38pm.

Confirmed this 26th day of August 2021

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)

6.6 Representation Review Update July 2021

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Emily Thompson (Manager, Democracy and Assurance)

1 Purpose

To update Te Kārearea on the progress of the representation review and the initial proposal, which is currently out for consultation.

2 Background

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) requires local authorities to undertake a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. Council last reviewed its representation arrangements in 2018. On 3 November 2020 Council resolved to establish Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, necessitating a review of the representation arrangements in 2021, with the outcome to apply for the 2022 triennial elections.

A joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing was held on 4 March 2021 providing an overview of the representation review process. A further hui with Te Kārearea was held on 17 March 2021.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) recommends that Councils undertake informal preliminary public consultation to seek feedback on representation arrangements from the community in order to assist Council in identifying options. From 7 April to 7 May, an informal survey was held to seek community views on our current representation.

On 1 April 2021, Council was briefed on the considerations and principles to consider when undertaking a representation review. Some potential approaches / scenarios were discussed at the briefing on 1 April 2021.

Based on community, hapū (through Te Huinga and Te Karearea) and Council feedback, 10 different options were considered and tested against the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske and council staff worked through 10 possible scenarios based on Council feedback from the 1 April briefing. 6 of these possible scenarios did not align with legislative requirements for fair representation. 5 possible options (from feedback provided at the 1 April briefing) were identified and mapped. At the joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing held on 12 May, further detail on the 5 possible options was provided along with the results of the informal survey to inform further considerations.

The agenda and minutes of the joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing on 12 May includes a summary of the feedback received from the informal survey and options that were discussed along with the preferred options identified in the 12 May briefing.

At the Council meeting on 24th June 2021 two proposals were presented to Elected Members to determine which would become the initial proposal.

The two proposals presented for discussion were

- modified status quo, and
- Reduced Council, District wide

The proposal for the modified status quo is detailed here:

- Mayor (elected district wide).
- 13 councillors in total comprised of:
 - o 11 general ward councillors elected from 5 general wards:
 - o 2 Māori ward councillors elected from 1 district wide Māori ward.
- Retains the existing Bream Bay ward, represented by two councillors with some boundary changes.
- Retains the existing Hikurangi-Coastal ward, represented by two councillors with some boundary changes.
- Retains the existing Mangakahia-Maungatapere ward, represented by one councillor with some boundary changes.
- Retains the existing Whangarei Heads ward, represented by one councillor with some boundary changes.
- Combines the existing Denby and Okara wards into one Whangarei Urban General ward, represented by five councillors with a new ward boundary.
- Creates a single district wide Māori ward, represented by two councillors
- No community boards

The proposal for reduced council, district wide is detailed here:

- Mayor (elected district wide).
- 8 councillors in total.
- Two-ward structure
- 6 general councillors elected district wide from 1 general district-wide ward.
- 2 Māori ward councillors elected district-wide from 1 district wide Māori ward.
- Removes current wards and ward names.
- With community boards.

The reduced council proposal had support from Te Kārearea and Te Huinga.

The final decision was for the current Elected Members to make and the Council resolved that the modified status quo would become the initial proposal. The initial proposal is now out for consultation.

3 Discussion

Council is now engaging with the community on the proposed representation arrangement for our district in the Initial Proposal:

Retain the existing number of 13 councillors in total comprised of:

- 11 general ward councillors elected by ward
- 2 Māori ward councillors elected within one district-wide ward
- Plus the Mayor elected at large.
- Council is proposing that we do not establish community boards.

The consultation period on this Initial Proposal opened on 30 June 2021 and will close on 30 July 2021. The attached initial proposal, including the submission form, explains the changes that are proposed.

Council is now following the timeline identified below in accepting submissions, reviewing and hearing submissions, undertaking deliberations on the submissions and reviewing the initial proposal to create a final proposal that will be submitted to the LGC.

3.1 Implementation timetable

The LEA prescribes the process that councils are required to followed when undertaking a representation review. Key indicative dates, with legal requirements and dates for Council are as follows:

Table 2: Key indicative dates, with legal requirements

| Date | Process task | Legal requirement | Last legal date |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 13 October 2020 | Council Briefing - establishment of Māori wards | | |
| 29 October 2020 | Te Kārearea Briefing – Elections 2022 – Māori representation | | |
| 29 October 2020 | Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee recommendation to Council to consider introducing Māori representation for the 2022 and 2025 Local Government Elections through the establishment of Māori ward(s)". | | |
| 3 November 2020 | Council decision on establishment of Māori wards | Section 19Z LEA | 23 November 2020 |
| 4 November 2020 | Public notice of Council decision on establishment of Māori wards | Section 19ZA, LEA | 30 November 2020 |
| 4 March 2021 | Council Briefing - representation review process and considerations | | |
| 17 March 2021 | Te Kārearea Briefing - representation review process and considerations | | |
| 1 April 2021 | Council Briefing - considering various scenarios | | |
| 15 April 2021 – 15 May 2021 | Informal preliminary public consultation | | |

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| 21 April 2021 | Te Kārearea Briefing - considering various scenarios | | |
| 19 May 2021 | Te Kārearea Briefing - provide details on options and receive recommendations for initial proposal | | |
| 1 June 2021 | Council Briefing - present feedback from informal preliminary consultation, provide detail on options and seek preferred option for initial proposal | | |
| 24 June 2021 | Council Meeting - resolve initial proposal | Sections 19H,19I, 19J,19K,19T,19V,19W LEA Clauses 1 and 3 of schedule 1A LEA | 31 August 2021 |
| 30 June 2021 | Public notice of initial proposal and invite submissions. | Section 19M LEA | 8 September 2021 |
| 30 June 2021 - 30 July 2021 | Submission period | Section 19M(3) LEA | 8 October 2021 |
| 2 August 2021 - 6 August 2021 | Collate submissions and advise submitters of hearing dates | | |
| 16 - 17 August 2021 | Public hearings of submissions | Section 19M(3) LEA | |
| 31 August 2021 | Council Meeting - deliberation on submissions / final proposal indication | | |
| 7 September 2021 | Council Meeting – resolve final proposal | Section 19N LEA | |
| Friday 10 September 2021 | Public notice of final proposal | Section 19N LEA | 19 November 2021 |
| 10 September - 11 October 2021 | Public appeal / objection period | Section 19O, 19P LEA | 20 December 2021 |
| 20 October 2021 | Public notice - basis of election (if no appeals/objections received) | Section 19Y,19Q LEA | |
| November 2021 | Forward material to LGC, if required | Section 19Q LEA | 15 January 2022 |

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| By 10 April 2022 | Determination by LGC | Section 19R LEA | |
| By 11 May 2022 | Appeal to High Court (on process only) | (Schedule 5, Clause 4 LGA 2002) | |

4 Significance and engagement

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5 Attachment

Initial Proposal Consultation Document



Initial proposal
Whakatakoto tuatahi

We're reviewing how Whangarei District Council represents our communities in time for the 2022 triennial local election.

Council has now decided on an initial proposal for consultation with the community and we would like your views.

This booklet holds all the information you need to understand the option we're proposing for representation of our District and includes a submission form for you to have your say.

E arotakengia e mātou te tikanga o Te Kaunihera-ā-rohe o Whangārei hei mangai mō ō tātou hāpori a mua i te 2022 Pōtitanga i ngā tau takitoru.

Ināianeī, kua whakatauria e Te Kaunihera tētahi whakatakoto tuatahi hei akoako i te hāpori. Ko ō mātou hiahia te whakarongo ki ō koutou whakaaro.

Kei roto i tēnei pukapuka iti, te pārongo katoa e hiahiatia e koutou kia mōhio tō mātou kōwhiringa i te whakaahuahanga o tō tātou rohe. Ka urua hoki tētahi puka tāpaetanga hei whakahoki kōrero i ō koutou whakaaro.

WHAT IS A REPRESENTATION REVIEW? HE AHA TE AROTAKE WHAKAAHUATANGA?

Every three years elections are held for councils. To make sure we have fair and effective representation at these elections, councils are required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years.

Our Council held a representation review in 2018, but when Whangarei District Council voted in favour of establishing Māori wards, it triggered the need for a representation review in 2021.

A representation review looks at how many councillors there should be for our District and how they should be elected – deciding whether councillors are elected from wards or ‘at large’ across the whole district, or by a mix of both. It also looks at the boundaries and names of wards, communities of interest and whether or not we should have community boards.

A review of representation arrangements also needs to consider our growing population, and ensure that our communities are represented fairly, with each councillor representing the same number of people.

During this review, Whangarei District Council considers three key factors:

- What are our District’s communities of interest?
- How can those communities be effectively represented?
- How can those communities be fairly represented?

KEY DATES

ĒTAHI RĀ WHAKAHIRIHIRA



7 APRIL-7 MAY 2021 INFORMAL SURVEY

– ‘Tell us what you think’ survey



24 JUNE 2021 INITIAL PROPOSAL

– Council will use feedback from the survey to create a proposal for representation of our District.



30 JUNE-30 JULY 2021 SUBMISSION PERIOD

– This is where you will have the opportunity to make formal submissions on the initial proposal.



16-17 AUGUST 2021 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

– Council will hear from members of the public who want to speak to their formal submissions.



7 SEPTEMBER 2021 FINAL PROPOSAL

– Council will develop a final proposal for representation of our District after considering your submissions.



10 SEPTEMBER-11 OCTOBER 2021 APPEALS/OBJECTIONS PERIOD

– This is where you can make formal appeals or objections on the final proposal.



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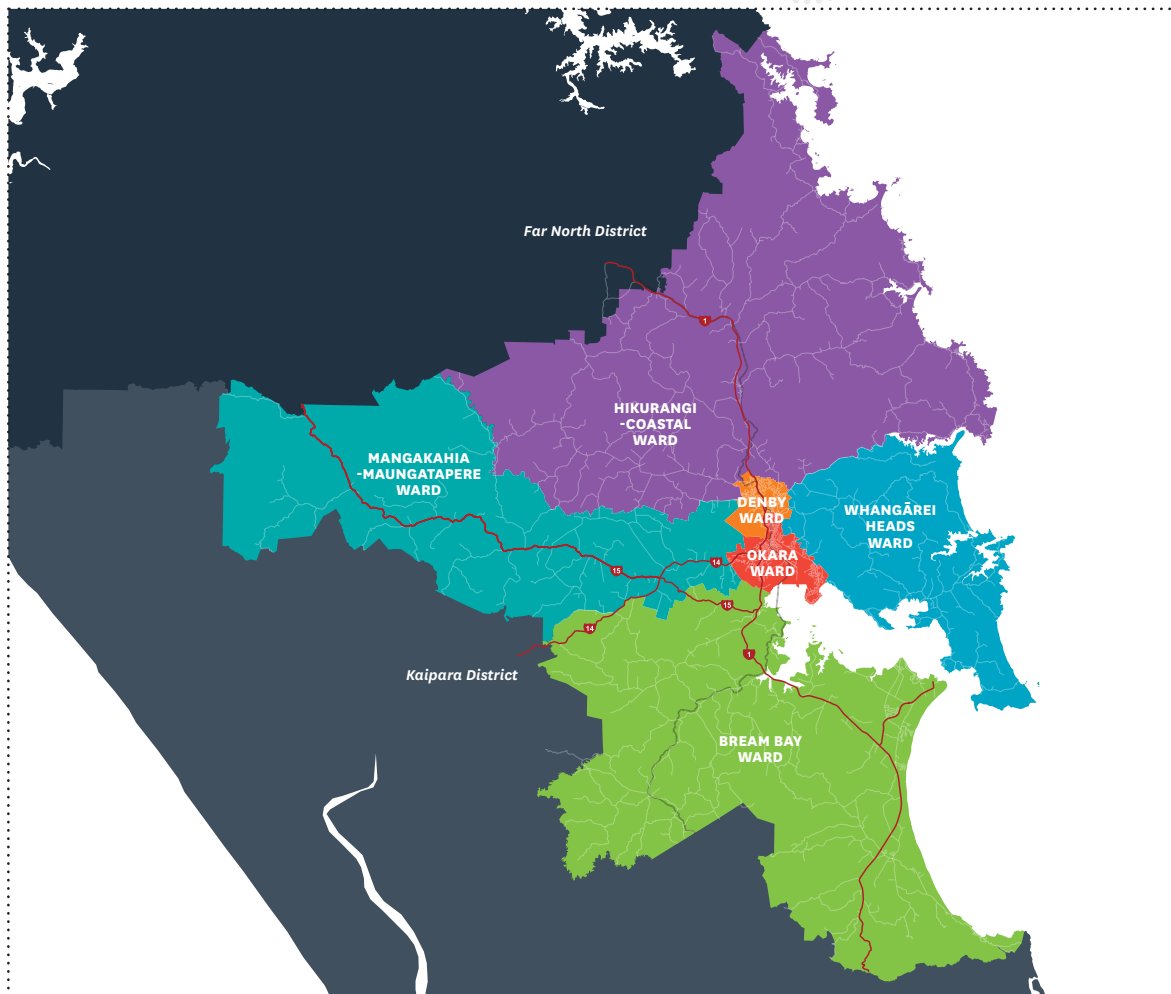
– If any formal appeals or objections on the final proposal are received, then the Local Government Commission review the proposal and the appeals or objections. They will determine how the district will be represented for the 2022 triennial local election.







WHAT WE HAVE NOW

HE AHA KEI A MĀTOU I TĒNEI WĀ

Right now, Whangarei District is represented by 13 councillors plus the Mayor, elected by ward. As your representatives, they make decisions about our District on your behalf. We currently do not have community boards.

CURRENT WARD STRUCTURE



| WARDS | | | COUNCILLOR/S |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| City wards |  | Denby | 3 |
| |  | Okara | 4 |
| Rural wards |  | Mangakahia-Maungatapere | 1 |
| |  | Hikurangi-Coastal | 2 |
| |  | Bream Bay | 2 |
| |  | Whangārei Heads | 1 |

WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US

During April and May, we held an informal survey asking the community for feedback on the way our Council represents the district.

- Most people viewed the whole of the Whangārei District as their community of interest.
- Most people felt that the current wards do not reflect their community of interest.
- Most people want our district to be divided into wards.
- Most people want to retain our current ward structure (6 general wards plus Māori wards to be established).
- Most people are happy with the names of our current wards.
- Most people want to retain our current number of councillors (13 councillors plus the Mayor).
- Most people prefer to elect councillors where they live.
- The community was evenly divided on whether to establish Community Boards.

WHAT WE LOOKED AT

Based on community, hapū and Council feedback, we looked at 11 different options and we've tested all of those options against the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

In developing these options, we considered:

- The number of councillors we should have.
- How councillors are elected (by ward or district wide).
- How many people are represented by each councillor.
- Whether our communities would be fairly and effectively represented.
- How many wards we should have and the names of these wards.
- How Māori wards will be established and structured.
- Whether any changes to wards or ward boundaries are needed.
- Whether we should have community boards and how these should be set up.

WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING

E WHAKATAKOTORIA ANA E MĀTOU

After considering the different options, Council is recommending the following representation for our district:



COUNCILLORS

We are proposing:

13 councillors in total: 11 general ward councillors elected by ward, 2 Māori ward councilors elected by one district-wide ward, plus the Mayor elected at large.

Why:

This keeps the same number of councillors as what we currently have, which is in line with early community feedback and ensures effective representation of communities in our District.



COMMUNITY BOARDS

We are proposing:

That we do not establish community boards.

Why:

The community is effectively represented by councillors elected from the ward they represent. The establishment of community boards would mean a cost to the ratepayer for the remuneration of community board members, and additional costs for support and governance of community boards which would be ratepayer funded.



WARDS

We are proposing:

Six wards in total:

- Five General Wards:
 - Bream Bay General Ward
 - Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
 - Whangārei Heads General Ward
 - Whangārei Urban General Ward
- One Māori Ward:
 - Whangārei District Māori Ward

| WARDS | | | COUNCILLOR/S | ELECTED | ELECTORAL POPULATION* |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Urban ward | ● | Whangārei Urban General Ward | 5 | By ward | 38,100 |
| Rural Wards | ● | Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward | 1 | By ward | 7,560 |
| | ● | Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward | 2 | By ward | 13,400 |
| | ● | Bream Bay General Ward | 2 | By ward | 13,300 |
| | ● | Whangārei Heads General Ward | 1 | By ward | 7,170 |
| Māori Ward | ● | Whangārei District Māori Ward | 2 | By ward | 18,800 |

* as at June 2020

Proposed ward structure



- Bream Bay General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward
- Whangārei District Māori Ward

CHANGES TO WARDS



Whangārei Urban General Ward

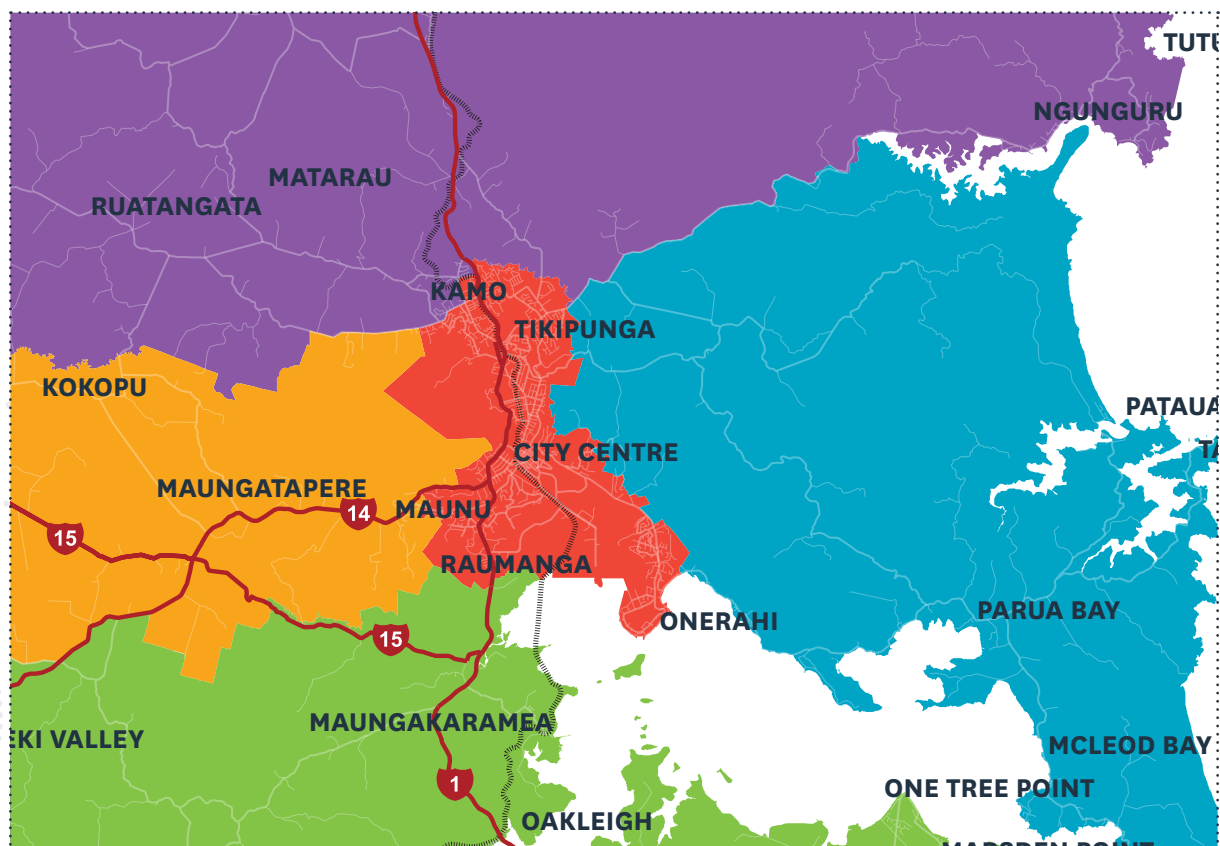
The proposal is:

- to combine the current Denby and Okara Wards to create one Whangārei Urban General Ward.

Why:

Historically, the Whangārei urban/city area has been divided into two wards, Denby and Okara. Feedback from the community is that urban/city residents view the Whangārei urban/city area as one area. The creation of one Whangārei Urban General Ward could provide more effective representation for residents in the Whangārei urban/city area. This would also allow residents in this area to have more candidate options when electing councilors.

Map of Whangārei Urban General Ward



- Bream Bay General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward



Bream Bay General Ward

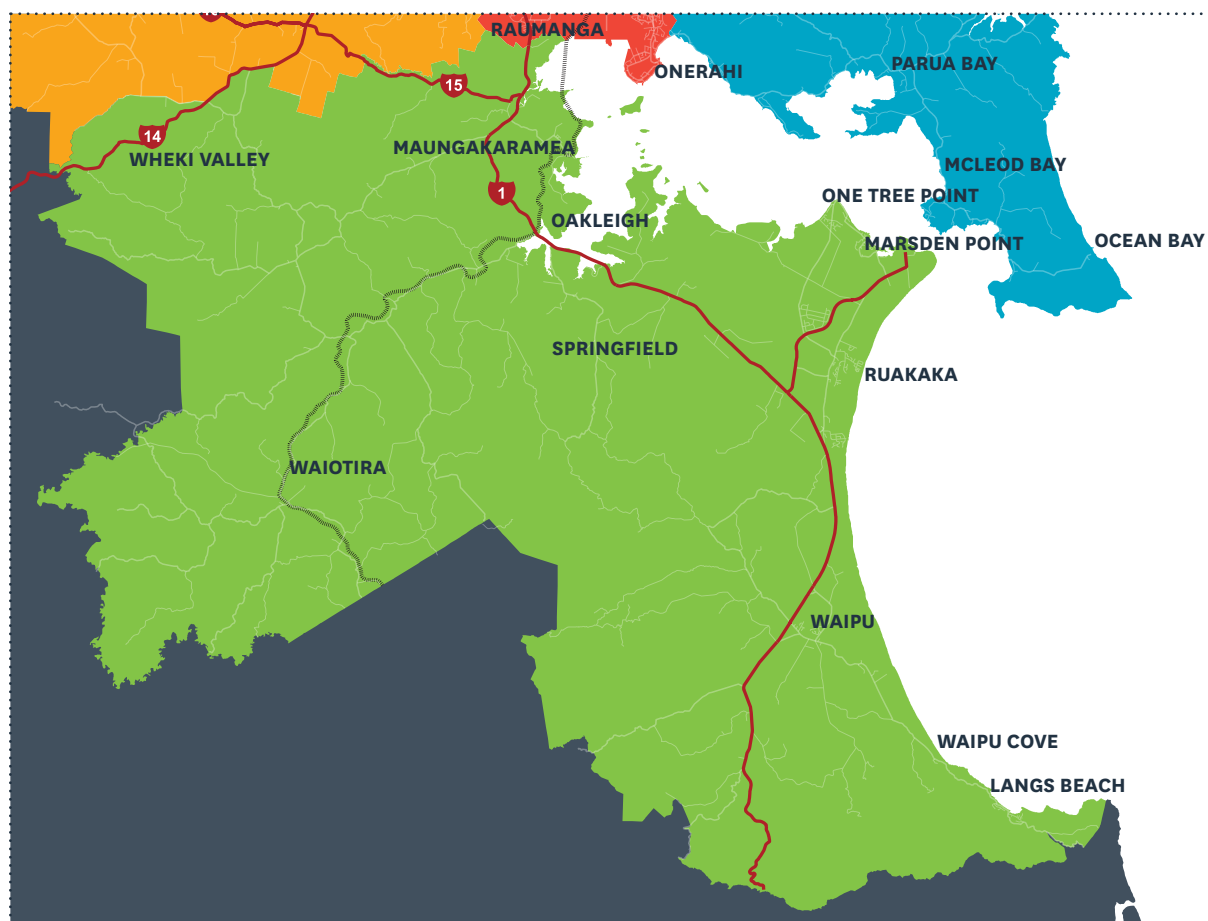
The proposal is:

- to move Toe Toe Road at the south of the city into the Bream Bay General Ward from the existing Okara General Ward, and
- to move the southern part of Cemetery Road, North of SH15 to the west of the city into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward from the existing Bream Bay General Ward.

Why:

This complies with the requirements for fair representation as prescribed in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Map of Bream Bay General Ward



- Bream Bay General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward



Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward

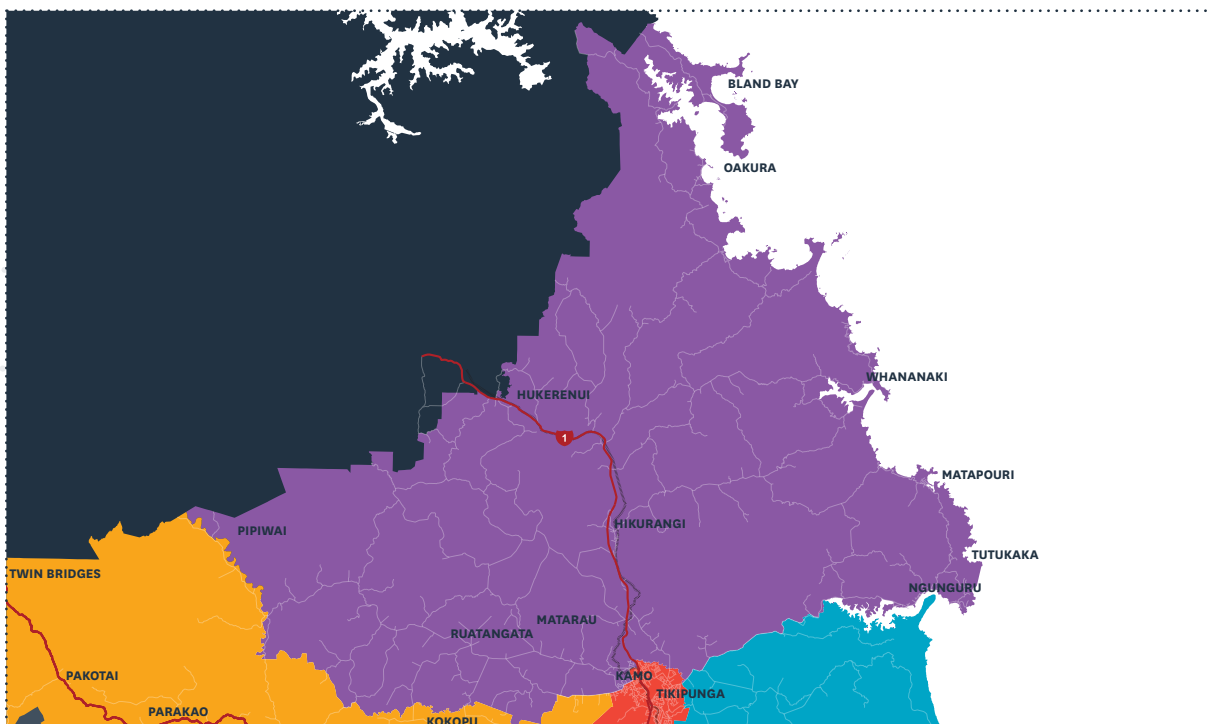
The proposal is:

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Why:

This complies with the requirements for fair representation as prescribed in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Map of Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward



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| ● Bream Bay General Ward | ● Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward |
| ● Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward | ● Whangārei Heads General Ward |
| ● Whangārei Urban General Ward | |



Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward

The proposal is:

- to move Cemetery Road, North of SH15 to the west of the city into the Mangakahia- Maungatapere General Ward from the existing Bream Bay General Ward,
- to move Redwood Rise, Westwood Lane, Taiko Street, Hihi Rise, Tieke Place, Kokako Place, Pukenui Road, Highfield Way, Pohutukawa Place, Tealmere Grove, Heron Place, Barge Lane, Beaumont Court and Rockwall Place and associated properties north of SH14 and the northern end of Puriri Park Road, Sutton Close, Tui Crescent, the northern end of Kiwi Avenue, Le Ruez Place, Kowhai Park Road, Clarkson Crescent, Rosella Place and associated properties along SH 14 in that area, into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward from the existing Okara General Ward.

Why:

This complies with the requirements for fair representation as prescribed in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Map of Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward



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| ● Bream Bay General Ward | ● Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward |
| ● Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward | ● Whangārei Heads General Ward |
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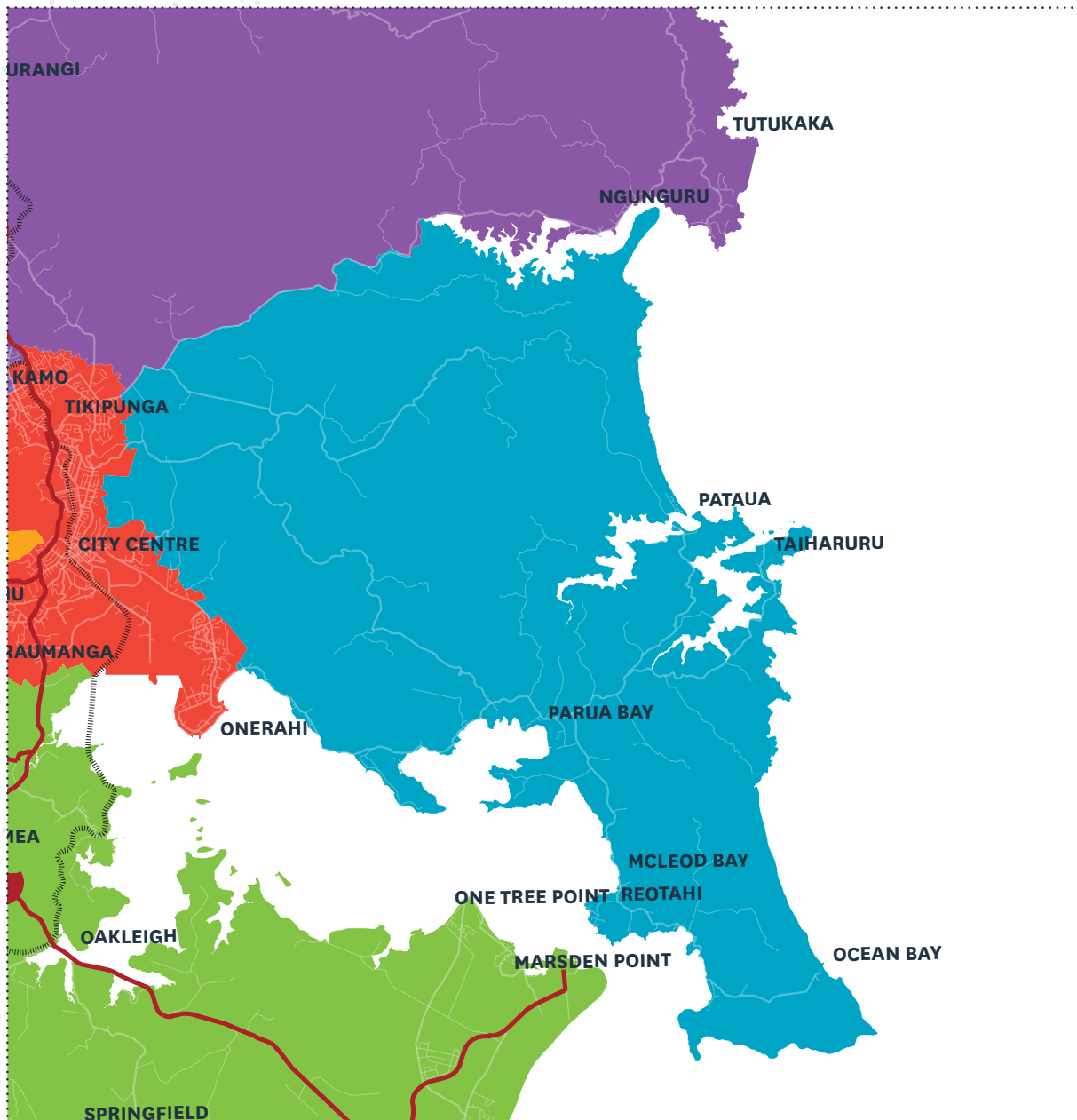


Whangārei Heads General Ward

The proposal is:

- to keep existing Whangārei Heads General Ward without any changes.

Map of Whangārei Heads General Ward



- Bream Bay General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward



Māori wards and representation

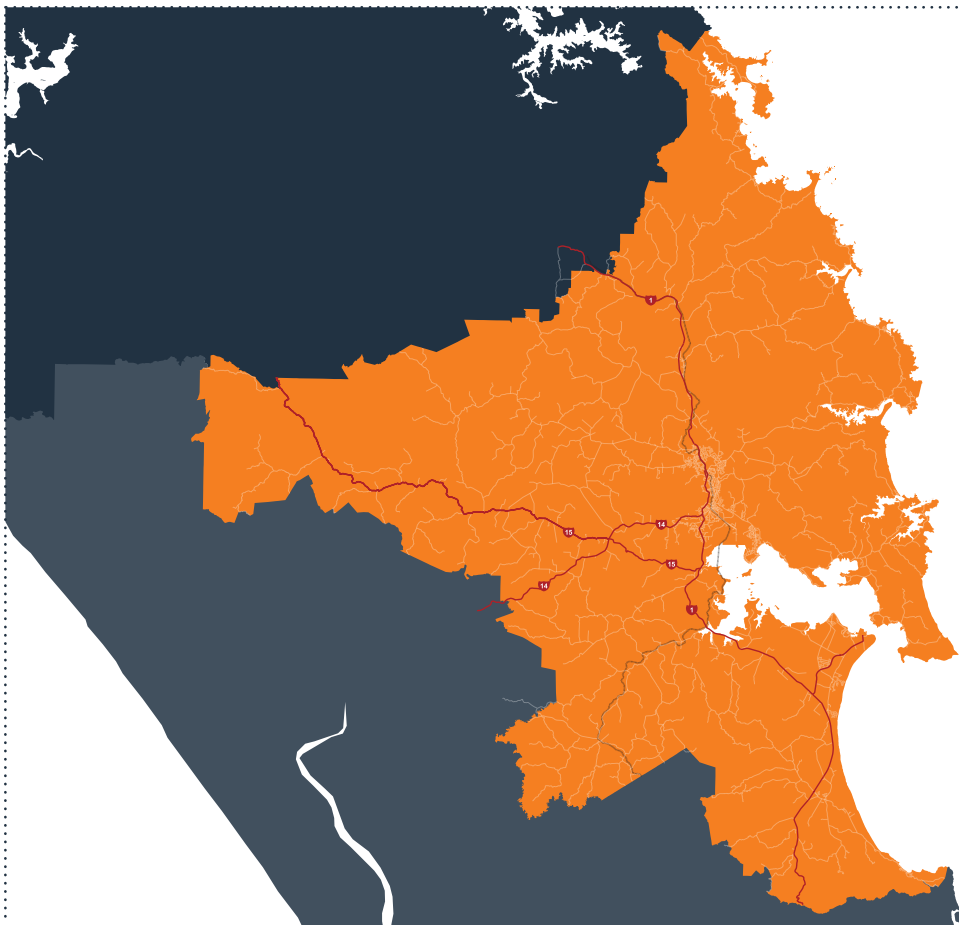
The proposal is:

- to establish one Whangārei District Māori Ward across our District represented by two Māori Ward councillors.

Why?

During the representation review process, the structure and form of Māori representation was considered by Council and our hapū partners, Te Huinga and Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee. The establishment of one district-wide Māori Ward was determined as the best option for representation of Māori across our District. As with general wards, electors enrolled on the Māori electoral roll must be fairly and effectively represented as prescribed in the Local Electoral Act.

Map of Māori General Ward



● Whangārei District Māori Ward

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ĒTAHI PĀTAI, ĒTAHI WHAKAUTU

WHY DID COUNCIL ADOPT THIS PROPOSAL AS ITS INITIAL PROPOSAL?

- It ensures that there is fair representation across the whole district (based on population).
- It aligns with our communities of interest.
- It ensures that our communities of interest are fairly and effectively represented.
- It largely reflects early views from our community.
- It complies with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for fair and effective representation.

WHAT IS MEANT BY A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?

A 'community of interest' is the community people associate with most. Whangarei District has an urban city surrounded by rural farmland, towns and coastal communities.

WAS CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO COUNCILLORS BEING ELECTED 'AT LARGE' (ACROSS THE WHOLE DISTRICT RATHER THAN BY WARD)?

Yes, but this doesn't take communities of interest into account and may not ensure effective representation of our rural and coastal communities.

DID COUNCIL CONSIDER CHANGING THE 'FIRST PAST THE POST' VOTING SYSTEM AS PART OF THIS REVIEW?

No, the voting system is not part of this review. Council decided in August 2020 to retain the 'First Past the Post' voting system. This will be in place for the 2022 election.

WHAT IS A MĀORI WARD?

Māori wards are wards where electors enrolled on the Māori electoral roll for the 2022 elections will vote for and be represented by candidates standing in a Māori ward. Māori wards sit alongside the general wards.

WHO CAN STAND FOR ELECTION IN A MĀORI WARD?

Candidates in Māori wards do not have to be of Māori descent. Candidates cannot stand for the general and Māori wards at the same time.

CAN ELECTORS ON THE MĀORI ELECTORAL ROLL VOTE FOR CANDIDATES IN GENERAL WARDS AND VICE VERSA?

No. You can only vote for candidates in the ward you are enrolled in (general or Māori). All electors from the general and Māori wards are able to vote for the Mayor.

WHICH ELECTORAL ROLL SHOULD YOU ENROLL IN?

If you are of Māori descent, you can enroll either in either the general or the Māori electoral rolls. If you are not of Māori descent, you can only enroll on the general electoral roll.

DO MĀORI WARD COUNCILLORS ONLY REPRESENT MĀORI?

No. All councillors - whether elected from general or Māori wards - represent the entire community in our District.

CAN I WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE FINAL PROPOSAL IS BEFORE I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN?

If you have a view on the Initial Proposal this is your opportunity to share it. Your view will be taken into account when Council considers submissions on the Initial Proposal in order to formalise the Final Proposal. If you don't like Council's final proposal, you can lodge an appeal to the Local Government Commission.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY ME PĒHEA TĀU KŌRERO

If this issue is important to you, you can have your say on the proposal by making a written submission to Council.

There are several ways to do this, as outlined below:

ONLINE

Visit our website for more information and to make your submission at www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

USING THE FORM IN THIS BOOKLET

Complete the form at the end of this booklet and:

Mail to: Representation Review 2021, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148

Email to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

Deliver to: Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakākā Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakākā

CONTACT OUR TEAM

Email mailroom@wdc.govt.nz Call 09 430 4200

Please print clearly and include all your contact details so that Council can keep in touch with you.

If you wish to present your submission in person, please make this clear in your written submission.

Submissions close 5pm 30 July 2021.

Submissions will be heard on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 August 2021.

Please note that all submissions will be available to the public and media as they form part of Council's decision-making process.

Council will consider all submissions before creating its Final Proposal. If the Final Proposal is appealed, the proposal will be sent to the Local Government Commission, where a final decision will be made.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021 – SUBMISSION FORM

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS FRIDAY 30 JULY 2021 AT 5PM

The online form can be found at www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

YOUR SUBMISSION

What ward are you in? _____ or ☐ I don't know

I am writing this submission (✓ box)

☐ as an individual ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

Do you want to speak about your submission at a Council Hearing?

Hearings will take place 16-17 August 2021.

☐ Yes (please enter your contact details below) ☐ No

If you wish to speak at a Council Hearing, or you require a response to your submission, you must enter your contact details below:

Name

Postal address

Phone number

Email

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Your feedback should reach us by 5pm on Friday 30 July 2021



Whangarei District Council is proposing to have 13 councillors in total, made up of 11 General Ward councillors elected from 5 General Wards, 2 Māori Ward councillors elected from 1 district-wide Māori Ward plus the Mayor elected district-wide.

This proposal includes boundary changes to Bream Bay, Hikurangi-Coastal and Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Wards, and the merging of Denby and Okara General Wards into one combined Whangārei Urban Ward. There are no proposed changes to Whangārei Heads General Ward.

The proposal is to not establish community boards in the Whangārei District.

In the following pages, we will ask for your feedback on the details of the Representation Review 2021 Initial Proposal.

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, or for further comment, please continue below, if no further comment, please skip all further questions and submit form)

The proposal is to continue to have 13 councillors and the Mayor.

Do you agree with Council's proposal to continue to have 13 councillors and the Mayor?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

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BREAM BAY GENERAL WARD

The proposal is:

- to move Toe Toe Road at the south of the city into the Bream Bay General Ward from the existing Okara General Ward, and
- to move the southern part of Cemetery Road, North of SH15 to the west of the city into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward from the existing Bream Bay General Ward.

Do you agree with the ward boundary changes for the existing Bream Bay General Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

HIKURANGI-COASTAL GENERAL WARD

The proposal is:

- to move the Springs Flat area, including Taylor Road, Rose Place, Great North Road, Winger Crescent, Springs Flat Road and all roads to the west of Great North Road down to Station Road (including the beginning of Pipiwai Road, Hiko Road, Waipanga Road, Onoke Lane, Northcroft Drive, Oakwood Rise, east side of Dip Road, Georgia Lane, Brickworks Lane, Whitelaw Place, Butler Place, Tustian Way, Lilian Street, west side of Kamo Road to Station Road, Ford Avenue, Moehau Road, Tuatara Drive, Crawford Crescent, Iti Street and Wentworth Place) into the Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward from the existing Denby General Ward.

Do you agree with the ward boundary changes for the existing Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:



MANGAKAHIA-MAUNGATAPERE GENERAL WARD

The proposal is:

- to move Cemetery Road, North of SH15 to the west of the city into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward from the existing Bream Bay General Ward,
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Do you agree with the ward boundary changes for the existing Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

**WHANGĀREI HEADS GENERAL WARD**

The proposal makes no changes to the existing Whangārei Heads General Ward.

Do you agree with retaining the existing Whangārei Heads General Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

WHANGĀREI URBAN GENERAL WARD

The proposal is:

- to combine the existing Denby and Okara General Wards into one Whangārei Urban General Ward with a new ward boundary, as detailed by the changes to other wards.

Do you agree with combining the existing Okara and Denby General Wards into one Whangārei Urban General Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

WHANGĀREI DISTRICT MĀORI WARD

Council will be establishing a Māori Ward in this Representation Review.

The proposal is to create one Whangārei District Māori Ward comprising the whole area of our District.

Do you agree with a single Whangārei District Māori Ward comprising the whole area of our District?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Comments:

Do you agree no community boards should be established?

Comments:

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6.7 Whenua Maori Expo

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 21 July 2021
Reporting officer: Bernadette Aperahama, Senior Strategic Planner

1 Purpose

To introduce the Whenua Maori Expo collaboration between local government and central government agencies in Northland to support owners of Maori Land to have access to information and staff that affect their land.

To seek guidance from Te Kārearea on what information Whangarei District Council can provide to help owners of Maori Land wherever they are on their journey and aspects that will support the delivery of the event.

2 Background

Kath Taurua from the Maori Land Court is leading the collaboration between local government and central government agencies in Northland to run a series of Whenua Maori Expos in Kaitaia, Dargaville, Kaikohekohe and Whangarei. The purpose of the Expos is to support owners of Maori Land to have access to information that affects or relates to their land and to staff have knowledge in those areas. This is a really important kaupapa for us to support and there is the potential for this initial round of events to become an annual event. The following parties are involved, with potential to expand to other agencies in due course.

Who:

- Māori Land Court
- All the Northland Councils (WDC, NRC, KDC, FNDC)
- Te Puni Kokiri (TPK)

The draft dates, times and locations are:

- Kaitaia (Te Ahu Centre), 4 September 9.00am -4.00pm
- Dargaville (Town Hall), 11 September 9.00am -4.00pm
- Kaikohe (Memorial Hall), 18 September 9.00am -4.00pm
- Whangarei (Semenoff Stadium), 25 September 9.00am -4.00pm

3 Discussion

Here is draft approach for the Whangarei Expo Day:

25 September 9.00am - 4.00pm at Semenoff Stadium

- Facilitation: tbc
- Karakia - Aperahama Edwards to open the hui (tbc)
- Speakers: Judge Armstrong on housing/papakāinga 11.am -12pm
 Pita Tipene TTK Collective - 20 min (tbc)
- Two online live mapping tutorials delivered by Duane Wilkins sponsored by NRC. One session in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- Video replays of three projects on Whenua Maori: Waima Topu B, Maungkohatu Papakainga and Mangamuka (tbc).

There will be stalls available for attendees to engage with staff from local government and the government agencies.

Staff are seeking guidance from Te Kārearea on what information Local Government can provide to help owners of Maori Land wherever they are on their journey. Initial thoughts on information that would be relevant for Whangarei District Council to offer are:

| Areas | Teams who could be present at the Expo | Information needed |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papakainga provisions • Low Impact Design solutions. • Infrastructure • Significant Natural Areas • Climate Change resilience and mitigation • Maara Kai • Rates & remission policies. • Development contributions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners • Building consent staff • Development Engineers • Water & Waste water infrastructure • NTA • Community Development • Rating team • Development contributions staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papakainga toolkit • How to access applications online • Low Impact Design solutions • Maps online • Grants available • Access to Rates remission policy • Access to Development contributions policy • Information about paper roads? • Business cards for Points of Contact • CRM log to address other enquiries raised. |

3.1 Resourcing

All agencies are contributing to the running of the event. Resourcing sought from WDC for the Whangarei event involves:

- Venue hire, technology support, and equipment.
- Tea / coffee
- Child friendly space, though not dedicated staff.
- Printing of historic maps.
- Printed papakainga tool kits.

4 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.