

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 24 June 2026**

Te Wā:
Time: **1:00 PM**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
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Hastings**

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Officer: **POU AHUREA MĀTUA: Principal Advisor Relationships,
Responsiveness & Heritage - Petera Hakiwai**

Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

This is established between the Hastings District Council and the Māori community.

Context

The Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee has been established by Council to continue the development of strategic and sustainable relationships with Māori. Council also wishes to empower Māori as much as possible to make decisions over their and the wider community's future. Council shall meet the intent and spirit of the Council's obligations set out in the legislation, more particularly the obligations of the Local Government Act 2002;

- Towards establishing and maintaining processes that provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision processes of Council.
- Fostering the development of Māori capacity to contribute to these processes.
- The provision of information to assist Māori contribution to Council's activities.

The Council wishes the Committee to reflect a spirit of partnership between the Council and the community and to contribute effectively to the Council's activities. To enable this to occur, the Fields of Activity and Delegated Powers are framed with the widest scope possible.

The Council wishes the Committee to assist with the development of an integrated policy framework (based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Principles) for the Council aimed at delivering effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.

One of the benefits of this partnership-based model is that it will foster two-way communication between the Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) organisations and the Hastings District Council. There is an expectation that each mana whenua member on the Kōmiti will report back to their respective PSGE the work of the Kōmiti and, as appropriate, share information of their respective PSGE's with the Kōmiti.

Meetings of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee are supported by Council Kaumātua.

Fields of Activity

- To provide policy advice with respect to the District Plan, regarding provisions for Wāhi Tapu, Papakainga, and where relevant to Māori, any other amendments to the Plan.
- To provide input to the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan with particular reference to those issues of importance to Māori from within the District.
- To support Council to embrace the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- To provide insight into Māori and other strategic community issues with particular reference to the Long Term Plan, the effectiveness of the District Plan and the delivery of the Annual Plan.
- To make decisions and provide advice on matters of mana whenua wellbeing.
- To approve and provide advice on Māori economic wellbeing initiatives.
- To assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with Māori communities across the district including advice on governance arrangements.
- To make decisions as to the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- To make decision on matters relating to Māori community development and Māori community plans.
- To make recommendations to Council on projects requiring Māori input.
- To assist Council with the development of an integrated policy framework and work programme to enable effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.

Membership (17 Members)

- Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium; and from among the appointed mana whenua members of the committee.
- Deputy Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium from among the elected members of the committee.
- The Mayor.
- 6 Councillors including the 3 Takitimu Ward Councillors.
- Up to 8 members from Mana Whenua (and Alternates) to be appointed by the Council, taking into account the “*post settlement environment*” and Mataawaka.
- Two (non-voting) Youth Council appointees.

Quorum – at least 8 members (one of whom must be a Councillor).

DELEGATED POWERS

- 1) Authority to exercise all Council powers, functions, and authorities in relation to the matters detailed in the Fields of Activity such as to enable recommendations to the Council on those matters.
- 2) Authority to make decisions on the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- 3) Authority to develop procedures and protocols that assist the Committee in its operation provided that such procedures and protocols meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Council’s Standing Orders.
- 4) Authority to approve Māori Community Plans.
- 5) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Māori Community Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 6) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Mana Whenua Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 7) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Māori Economic Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 8) To recommend to Council on projects that require Māori input or oversight.
- 9) To recommend to Council on planning and regulatory matters that require Māori input or oversight.

The Chair shall not have a casting vote.

Note: The Terms of Reference for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee are subject to review by the Committee at its first meeting in the 2025 Triennium.

He hui e whakahaeretia nei e Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

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Koromatua

Chair:

Deputy Chair:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillor members:

Mayor

Mematanga:

Membership:

Councillors Alwyn Corban, Siam Daniel, Kellie Jessup, Nicholas Ratcliffe, Henare O’Keefe and Heather Te Au-Skipworth

Mana Whenua members: (up to 8 members)

Mike Paku, Ngaio Tiuka; Elizabeth Waiwiri-Hunt, Pōhatu Paku, Marina Toatoa, Diana Taunoa and Paora Manaena

Youth Council appointees: Ihaia Wainohu and Te Aroha Mohi (members for Open (Public) agenda items)

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

At least 8 members (one of whom must be a Councillor)

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

POU AHUREA MĀTUA: Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness & Heritage - Petera Hakiwai

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Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

1.0 Mihi Whakatau

2.0 *Apologies – Ngā Whakapāhatanga*

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3.0 *Conflict of Interest – Mahi Kai Huanga*

4.0 *Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti*

As this is the first meeting of this Committee for this triennium, there are no Minutes to confirm.

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Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Petera Hakiwai, Pou Ahurea Matua / Principal Advisor -
From: Relationships, Responsiveness & Heritage

Te Take:
Subject: Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to draw members' attention to the need to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee.
- 1.2 The Terms of Reference for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee states that the Chair be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium; and from among the appointed mana whenua members of the committee.
- 1.3 The Deputy Chair is to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium from among the elected members of the Committee.
- 1.4 The Pou Ahurea Matua Principal Advisor: Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage, Petera Hakiwai, will assume the Chair at the commencement of the meeting and call for nominations for the position of Chair of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee.
- 1.5 The Committee will vote if there is more than one nomination. The Chair will be selected by majority.
- 1.6 The newly elected Chair will then assume Chairpersonship of the meeting and call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Election of Chair and Deputy Chair dated 24 June 2026.
- B) That be appointed as Chair of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee for this triennium 2025-2028.
- C) That..... be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee for this triennium 2025-2028.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Pou Ahurea Advisor: Relationships,
From: Responsiveness & Heritage

Te Take:
Subject: Regional Aquatics Strategy

1.0 Purpose – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

1.1 The purpose of this report is for Sport Hawke’s Bay to present to the Kōmiti an overview of the Regional Aquatic Strategy and to provide an overview of engagement with Māori for the development of the Strategy.

2.0 Summary – Te Whakarāpopototanga

2.1 Aquatic activity is an integral part of the Hawke’s Bay region, and aquatic facilities perform a critical role for local communities by providing safe and fun places to learn to swim (aquatic competence), participate in a range of aquatic activities, and improve individual and community health and wellbeing. It’s important, therefore, that aquatic provision is sustainable and meets community needs across the region.

2.2 ‘Aquatic provision’ is broadly thought of as two distinct categories:

- Aquatic facilities/swimming pools – i.e. built environments owned and operated by local organisations; and
- Aquatic environments – coast/ocean, rivers, lakes, where aquatic activities can occur.

The 2026 Hawke’s Bay Regional Aquatic Facilities Plan will focus on **aquatic facilities**. Although it is acknowledged that natural aquatic environments are the places most valued by Māori for aquatic enjoyment.

- 2.3 The development of the Plan is being undertaken as a partnership between Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Central Hawke’s Bay District Council, Wairoa District Council, and Sport New Zealand. The role of Sport Hawke’s Bay is to coordinate, facilitate and support the project.
- 2.4 Sport New Zealand has provided a significant portion of the funding for this plan, with the balance being met on a proportional basis by the four Local Authorities.

3.0 Why is a Regional Aquatic Facility Plan needed?

- 3.1 Regional leaders became aware, via the 2023 National Aquatic Facility Strategy, that the Hawke’s Bay region has two areas of concern when it comes to aquatic provision:
- An *oversupply* of aquatic pool provision – in other words, too much pool water; and
 - Like most regions in New Zealand, there is an *imbalance* of the type of pool water the region is providing. Specifically, Hawke’s Bay has:
 - A *large surplus* in lane sports/fitness/health (traditional lap pools with cooler water) and
 - A *large shortfall* in leisure/play/relaxation/hydrotherapy/ school recreational access (warmer water of varying depths and features).
- 3.2 **Financial sustainability** - There is significant financial pressure on councils to minimise the cost of rates and provide value for money across the network of swimming pools in the region.
- 3.3 **Regional thinking vs District thinking** - Historically, Hawke’s Bay territorial authorities have engaged independently in aquatic facility planning focused solely on pools in their district – this is no longer a sustainable or holistic approach. The Region needs to work collaboratively if it is to achieve an aquatic network which is complementary, sustainable for the long term, considers the impact on the environment, is more resilient to weather events, and ensures all facilities are fit for purpose.
- 3.4 **Key aquatic facility projects** - There are significant issues and decisions awaiting resolution regarding swimming pools in the region – particularly the role and function of the planned replacement of Napier Aquatic Centre, the role and funding of Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre, and substantial investment needed at several existing aquatic facilities. Additionally, there is competing demand for pools during peak times, which needs to be balanced by maximising utilisation during off-peak periods.

Learning to swim and aquatic competence remain top priorities for all districts.

- 3.5 **Ensuring the network of aquatic facilities is affordable and accessible** - Across the region, councils continue to face pressure to provide quality and fit-for-purpose aquatic swimming pool facilities that are welcoming, inclusive, affordable, and accessible to meet the needs of all communities.

The sport, recreation, and play landscape has been changing rapidly, and an updated regional analysis is essential for understanding the demand for spaces, addressing inequities in allocation or provision over time, and supporting informed, evidence-based investment decisions.

4.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūhunga

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Regional Aquatics Strategy dated 24 June 2026.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā:
From: **Junior Tuakana, Environmental Planner - Policy**

Te Take:
Subject: **Update on Wahi Taonga Review**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to update the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee on the proposal to review the Wāhi Taonga section of the Operative District Plan, which is restricted to the addition of new sites, and to outline the proposed staged approach.
- 1.2 The Wāhi Taonga Review seeks to identify, verify, and incorporate culturally significant sites into the planning framework. It has been structured to enable effective engagement with hapū, protect the integrity of mātauranga Māori, and ensure consistent and robust recognition of wāhi taonga across the district.
- 1.3 A three-stage process is proposed, beginning with Te Piringa Hapū, followed by Houngarea and Matahiwi Marae, and concluding with Tamatea Pōkai Whenua (TPW) and any additional sites. This staged approach allows other groups to learn lessons to better understand and work through the process required to register a site.
- 1.4 It should be noted that each stage does not need to be complete before the next stage can commence. They can occur concurrently to ensure timely completion of the project.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Update on Wahi Taonga Review dated 24 June 2026.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 2.1. Wāhi taonga are sites of significance of cultural, historical, and spiritual importance to mana whenua. Their accurate identification and protection are critical to fulfilling statutory obligations and recognising the relationship of Māori with their ancestral lands, wāhi tapu, and other taonga.
- 2.2. Council has partnered with Tamatea Pōkai Whenua to deliver this work, with the intention of fostering strong relationships and building capacity to support similar initiatives in the future.
- 2.3. A staged review process has been adopted to recognise that hapu are in different stages of readiness and to ensure a structured and collaborative approach to site registration, allowing for refinement of processes and ensuring consistency across participating hapū.

4.0 Scope of Wāhi Taonga project

- 4.1 The Resource Management Act (RMA) requires councils to “recognise and provide for” the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with wāhi tapu and other taonga as a matter of national importance under section 6(e). Councils must also have regard to Kotahitanga and Treaty principles.
- 4.2 The registration of wāhi taonga and wāhi tapu sites acts as an important alert mechanism within the planning process by identifying areas where land use or development activities have the potential to adversely affect sites of cultural, spiritual, historical, or ancestral significance.
- 4.3 By formally recognising these sites within the District Plan, landowners, developers, and decision-makers are made aware at an early stage of the need to consider cultural values and potential impacts prior to undertaking earthworks, subdivision, building, or other land use activities. This helps to avoid accidental damage, disturbance, or loss of significant sites and supports more informed and culturally responsive planning outcomes.

5.0 Three stage approach – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

- 5.1 The use of a staged approach is important because it recognises that not all groups are at the same point in the process of registering their sites of significance. Discussions undertaken by TPW with hapū indicate that different hapū have varying levels of readiness and capacity to progress site registration.
- 5.2 A staged approach allows those hapū who are ready to proceed to register their sites first, providing earlier protection for those sites while also demonstrating the process and pathway for future registrations. This approach supports flexibility, encourages participation over time, and enables lessons learned from the initial stages to inform and improve subsequent registrations
- 5.3 As a result of damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, Te Piringa Hapu saw the need to extensively identify and map sites for protection to ensure that landowners would be aware of the sites in undertaking any remedial earthworks including the sites in the District Plan will guarantee that protection.
- 5.4 A three-stage approach is being proposed with Te Piringa Hapu being the first group to register the sites. This would be followed by Houngarea and Matahiwi marae with the third group being Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and other interested groups.

5.5 The first stage will assist in providing examples of the process of registration whereby the third stage the learnings taken will help shape future registrations.

5.6 **Stage One: Te Piringa Hapū**

Engagement with Te Piringa Hapū as the initial participants in the review process.

5.7 **Stage Two: Houngarea and Matahiwi marae**

Expands the review to include Houngarea and Matahiwi marae, building on the foundations established in Stage One.

5.8 **Stage Three: Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and other groups.**

Expands the review to include Tamatea Pōkai Whenua with groups they have been collaborating with and other interested groups, building on the foundations established in the first two stages.

Attached is a progress report from TPW in terms of the work they have been facilitating in identifying wāhi taonga in their Takiwa.

5.9 Outcomes of a three-stage process include:

- Establishment of cultural protocols for confidential sites.
- Identification of process gaps, risks, and improvement opportunities.
- Profile of registration process is highlighted.
- Ongoing engagement and support to ensure clarity and consistency.
- Increased coordination to manage a higher volume of site registrations.
- Improved efficiency and consistency in site registration.
- Enhanced quality and completeness of site information.
- Relationship building between mana whenua and Council.

6.0 Next steps – Te Anga Whakamua

6.1 Under the RMA reforms introduced through the 2025 amendments, a plan stop has been legislated to put a pause on most council plan-making activities, including new plan changes, variations, and plan reviews. Councils are generally prevented from notifying new plan changes or progressing existing ones that have not yet reached hearings, unless they fall within specified exemptions.

6.2 The purpose of the plan stop is to avoid councils spending significant time and resources on plan-making processes that are likely to be replaced by the new resource management system expected in the next few years.

6.3 To proceed with a plan change during a plan stop, councils must first determine whether the proposal qualifies for an automatic exemption (for example, where it relates to natural hazards, implements national direction, or uses a streamlined planning process). If it does not, the council must apply to the Minister for the Environment for an exemption. This requires demonstrating that the plan change is necessary, cannot reasonably be delayed, and has sufficient importance (such as enabling housing or critical infrastructure). The Minister then acts as a gateway decision-maker, determining whether the plan change can proceed under the existing RMA process or must be halted until the new system replaces it.

6.4 If the proposal meets one or more of the following plan stop exemptions, the minister's approval is not necessary. The criteria are;

- Better enable the local authority to provide, operate or maintain municipal drinking water, stormwater or wastewater in accordance with the Water Services Act 2021.

- Rectify any provisions in a plan or policy statement that have had unintended consequences, are unworkable, or have led to inefficient outcomes.
- Respond to changes made to the RMA.
- Better enable climate change to be managed.
- Support the transition of high-risk land to better manage the risk of erosion.
- Better enable any relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlement Act or deed of settlement, and the Crown's obligations under that settlement, to be upheld.
- Enable a response to be made to a recommendation from the Environment Court.
- Enable work to be progressed that, for any other reason, the minister considers appropriate. Finalise remaining site registrations and quality assurance processes.
- Integrate wāhi taonga into relevant policy and planning documents.
- Establish processes for ongoing updates and maintenance of the register.
- Continue engagement with hapū on future reviews and emerging sites.

Council staff will be having discussions with the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) on how the wāhi taonga plan change will fit with these criteria.

Attachments:

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| 1↓ | Updated Version Wāhi Tapu Progress Report 17
June 2026 (TPW) | ENV-11-26-32 |
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hastings District Council: Environmental Planning Policy Team
 Anna Summerfield and Junior Tuakana

DATE: 8 June 2026

SUBJECT: **Progress Report - Wāhi Tapu Project 2025-2026** (3 pages)

Background and Overview

The Tamatea Pōkai Whenua (TPW) Wāhi Tapu Project supports marae and hapū to nominate wāhi tapu for inclusion in the Hastings District Plan. The Project has urgency due to impending Resource Management reforms. The Project ensures the Hastings District Plan recognises and protects wāhi tapu in Heretaunga.

The Project supports marae and hapū to identify and collate site locations, names, high-level site descriptions and supporting evidence. The data gathering process aims to protect cultural information, and ensure marae and hapū have authority over site information.

Project Coordinators have been appointed for each marae to undertake the project. Project Coordinators have facilitated wānanga to identify and endorse wāhi tapu, and collate information into a GIS mapping system. The coordinators have been trained by TPW to use QGIS for data management and data sovereignty. This data will inform a record of new wāhi tapu sites to be recognised in the Hastings District Plan.

Project Deliverables

This table outlines the agreed project deliverables and provides status updates.

Task	Activity	Status
Scope Project	Engage with Maungaharuru Tangitū, Piringa Hapū and others to discuss the approach and learnings of their respective Wāhi Taonga Projects Identify and confirm mapping tool and technical support needed for project Develop a Project Plan and Engagement Plan, with input from HDC	Complete
Identify and Collate Information on Wāhi Tapū Sites and sites of cultural significance not currently registered with the Hastings District Council	Engage with Mana Whenua to identify and develop a comprehensive record of wāhi tapu sites and areas of cultural significance Map wāhi tapu and areas of cultural significance using mapping tool	In Progress



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Policy	Work with HDC to develop policy for the protection and use of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu and Sites of Cultural Significance information	Pending
Registration of Sites with HDC	Develop a Wāhi tapu record of information specifically required to register the newly identified sites with the HDC Make application with HDC to register newly identified wāhi tapu sites and areas of cultural significance	In progress

Project Update

The TPW Wāhi Tapu Project has identified approximately 182 new wāhi tapu to be registered within the Hastings District Plan.

- Heretaunga Marae have endorsed an additional 82 wāhi tapu sites;
- Waimārama Marae have approximately 100 wāhi tapu currently in the endorsement process.

The identification and collation of information on wāhi tapu sites is being carried out in two parts. Part One involves the collection of generalised site locations, site names, high-level site descriptions, mapping of sites on QGIS, and endorsement of sites by marae. Part Two involves the collection and recording of evidence to support the identification of new sites, and endorsement of evidence by marae.

Heretaunga Marae, with the exception of Waimārama, have concluded Part One of the process. Over the next 6 months, TPW will work with Project Coordinators to complete Part One and Two. At the conclusion of Part Two, TPW will have a final record of sites to submit with HDC for public notification.

Data Sovereignty and Confidentiality

Maintaining marae and hapū trust and confidence is critical to the success of this Project. Marae and hapū will determine how the new information is shared and protected. Marae and hapū retain authority over decisions for sharing cultural and wāhi tapu information.

It is essential that protocols for the protection and use of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu information are developed for Part Two - evidence collation. Further discussions between TPW and HDC are required to clarify:

- mechanisms and protocols for the protection and use of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu information.

TPW proposes that protocols for the protection and use of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu information are developed. The protocols will be marae specific, and be an agreement



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between HDC, TPW and marae. TPW will work with HDC to develop a protocol template to socialise with marae.

Three-Phase Approach to Register Wāhi Tapu

A three-phase approach is proposed to register wāhi tapu in the District Plan. The approach enables marae and hapū, who have completed the information gathering and endorsement stage, to progress to the public notification stage. TPW will continue to work with all marae and hapū to finalise the identification of wāhi tapu and gather supporting evidence. Note - Phase 1 and 2 is subject to the agreement of the respective Hapū to register their sites with HDC.

- Phase 1 - Public Notification of Piringa Hapū Sites

TPW recommends HDC work directly with Piringa Hapū to register their wāhi tapu sites. Piringa Hapū have identified, mapped and recorded the histories of all wāhi tapu within their area of interest. That project formed part of the Piringa Hapū Utaina 10 Year Recovery Plan 2023. Piringa Hapū are yet to register their wāhi tapu with HDC.

- Phase 2 - Public Notification of Hougarea and Matahiwi Sites

HDC propose that Pakipaki and Matahiwi Marae sites are notified in Phase 2.

- Phase 3 - Public Notification for the remainder of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu Sites

TPW will continue to work with marae and hapū to gather the evidence to support notification of wāhi tapu. TPW and HDC will continue to collaborate to complete this project.

Next Steps

1. TPW, HDC and marae to discuss and develop mechanisms and protocols for the protection and use of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu information.
2. TPW to continue to support marae and hapū to collate evidence for identified wāhi tapu sites.
3. TPW to prepare collated record of Heretaunga Wāhi Tapu for submission to Hastings District Council.
4. HDC to seek agreement from Piringa Hapū, Matahiwi Marae and Pakipaki to register wāhi tapu in Phase 1 and 2.

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Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Anna Sanders, Public Spaces Planning Manager
From: Emma Morgan, Community Strategies Manager

Te Take:
Subject: Draft Regional Spaces and Places Plan Update

1.0 Purpose and summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the draft Hawke’s Bay Regional Spaces and Places Plan 2026 (the draft plan). This update is provided to inform upcoming Long Term Plan decision-making including on facilities such as Mitre 10 Park, Tōmoana Showgrounds and Splash Planet.
- 1.2 This plan revisits the priorities set out in the 2015 Regional Facilities Plan, a precursor strategic document designed to guide the development, management, and funding of sports facilities across Hawkes Bay.
- 1.3 The 2026 draft plan builds on this document and establishes a new regional direction for how Hawke’s Bay councils plan, invest in, coordinate and get better value from the network of spaces and places that support play, active recreation, and sport.
- 1.4 The development of the draft plan was endorsed in 2024 through the Hawke’s Bay Spaces and Places Regional Planning Approach – Terms of Reference (signed by Chief Executives); a partnership between Hawke’s Bay councils, Sport Hawke’s Bay and Sport New Zealand.
- 1.5 The draft plan is one of three priority projects outlined in the Terms of Reference, with the others being the Hawke’s Bay Sports Field Review (complete) and the Regional Aquatic Facilities Plan (underway).
- 1.6 The draft Hawke’s Bay Regional Spaces and Places Plan has been facilitated by Sport Hawke’s Bay, led by the Project Steering Group and jointly funded by the four territorial authorities and Sport New Zealand.
- 1.7 The draft plan identifies that Hawke’s Bay’s participation in sport, active recreation and play remains strong; however, participation patterns are changing. Participation data highlights increasing demand for informal and self-directed activities such as walking, running, cycling, gym

activity, and swimming, while organised sport remains an important contributor to rangatahi participation through schools and clubs.

- 1.8 The draft plan identifies that while Hawke’s Bay is generally well provided for at a regional network level, facility performance across the network is uneven. The plan identifies challenges with ageing assets, peak-time capacity pressures in some areas, under-utilisation in others and ongoing issues relating to access, affordability, quality, and long-term sustainability.
- 1.9 The draft plan recommends adopting a regional network planning approach, supported by stronger collaboration and a consistent decision-making framework to improve transparency, guide investment and prioritisation, and enable more effective regional advocacy.
- 1.10 The plan does not identify a need for significant expansion of the regional spaces and places network. Instead, it focuses on retention, better use, renewal, and optimisation of existing assets through increased collaboration, aligning with the Council’s current master planning work.
- 1.11 While the draft plan does not commit funding or override Council decision-making, it provides a regional framework to inform Long Term Plan priorities, asset management planning, and major facility investments.
- 1.12 It promotes a regional direction that prioritises:
 - optimising existing assets before pursuing new provision or expansion
 - flexible, multi-use spaces
 - hub-based delivery and co-location opportunities
 - improved utilisation and operational sustainability
 - staged development based on demonstrated need; and
 - evidence-based investment that delivers regional benefit and aligns with network demand and user catchments.
- 1.13 This direction is broadly consistent with the Council’s strategic planning, reinforcing a focus on affordability, sustainability, and maximising value from existing infrastructure.
- 1.14 The draft 2026 Plan is being developed alongside the Tōmoana Showgrounds and Mitre 10 Park masterplans, both identified as priority sub-regional assets within the wider Hawke’s Bay network. These masterplans are generally aligned with the draft plan’s direction, particularly in their emphasis on optimisation, renewal, improved utilisation, shared-use, and evidence-led investment. While outcomes from the masterplans will be determined through Council’s standard processes, the draft plan provides additional context by encouraging consideration of regional demand, network impacts, governance, and long-term sustainability.
- 1.15 The draft 2026 Plan also proposes establishing an ongoing Regional Steering Group to provide leadership and coordination of spaces and places planning across Hawke’s Bay, with Council continuing as a participating partner.
- 1.16 The draft 2026 Plan is currently being finalised by the Project Steering Group, with endorsement by the project partners anticipated in July 2026. Once the draft is finalised, a paper will be brought to Council to adopt the Regional Spaces and Places Plan. It is the intention that all participating Councils adopt the plan at a similar time, with the support of Sport Hawke’s Bay and Sport New Zealand.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Draft Regional Spaces and Places Plan Update dated 24 June 2026 for information purposes.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

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Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Pou Ahurea Advisor: Relationships,
From: Responsiveness & Heritage

Te Take:
Subject: Marae Development Fund 2026

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from the Kōmiti on the 2025/26 allocation from the Marae Development Fund.
- 1.2 The 2025/26 allocation for the Marae Development Fund is \$75,000.00.
- 1.3 The Marae Development Fund arises from Council's commitment to support marae and their respective hapū to maintain and develop marae assets and to acknowledge their importance both in the district and in the national interest as repositories of material heritage and customary practices.
- 1.4 Council is required to give effect to the purpose of Local Government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to meet current and future needs of communities to support local infrastructure, including how to foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council i.e. supporting the maintenance of marae assets, so these facilities can continue to meet the current and future needs of hapū in the district.
- 1.5 The Terms of Reference for the Kōmiti outlines the delegated powers for:
 - Authority to make decisions on the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- 1.6 This report concludes by recommending that allocations to the applicants for the 2025/26 Marae Development Fund be made as follows:

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Marae Development Fund 2026 dated 24 June 2026.
- B) That the Kōmiti approve the recommended allocations to the applicants for the 2025/26 Marae Development Fund be made as follows:

MARAE	FUNDING	PURPOSE
Mōteo Marae	\$10,367.97	Laundry facilities: washing machine and tumble dryer
Matahiwi Marae	\$4,071.48	Three heat pumps
Kohupātiki Marae	\$2,728.00	Marae resilience plan implementation
Waitangi Marae	\$4,589.50	20ft Container and water filtration system
Pukehou Marae	\$12,500.00	Completion of carving maintenance and reinstatement to Kekehaunga Whare
Ōmāhu Marae	\$10,817.35	Health and Safety maintenance and purchase of fire extinguishers and alarms
Ruahāpia Marae	\$3,190.00	Dining Room crockery and a gazebo
Waimārama Marae	\$27,700.00	Security camera system, extractor fans, fencing and driveway repairs
TOTAL:	\$75,964.30	

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 The Marae Development Fund policy (attached) was reviewed and adopted on 18 August 2018 and provides background to this fund. In general, applications for funding are reviewed on a case by case basis and have frequently included requests for building maintenance and or upgrades, landscaping and grounds maintenance, upgrades to kitchen facilities and equipment, furniture (tables and chairs), and ablution block maintenance / upgrades. These comply with the policy.
- 3.2 Applicants are required to contribute 50% of the total project cost, and grants should be uplifted within 12 months of approval, and the funding round is held annually.
- 3.3 The Council allocation to the Fund is \$75,000.00. This amount will reduce to \$38,000.00 for the 2026/27 Financial Year.
- 3.4 The Marae Development Fund is one mechanism of Council’s commitment to respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua with respect to marae, benefitting marae hapū, and the district. The fund will contribute to the protection of the culture and heritage embodied in marae facilities and relationships, critical to community infrastructure and the ability to exercise whanaungatanga and manaakitanga.
- 3.5 The 2024/25 Marae Development Fund was made available to marae as a contribution for the refurbishment of Ngā Pou o Heretaunga.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 As applications are received into Council’s Smarty Grants funding system, notification of receipt is automatically returned and details entered are allocating an individual reference number.
- 4.2 Where applications varied from agreed criteria, kōrero between the marae representative and the Pou Ahurea took place, and any adjustments were agreed to including the provision of more supporting information to support applications.
- 4.3 10 marae submitted applications to the fund, in general to replace or upgrade equipment for the Marae grounds, wharenuī (meeting house) and wharekai (dining room). One marae did not meet the policy criteria for funding, and one marae could not provide 50% of the overall costs.
- 4.4 Total project costs, inclusive of ‘in-kind’ contributions, with itemised quotes, audited financial accounts or a most recent bank statement were submitted.
- 4.5 Funding amount applications were reviewed by the Pou Ahurea with recommendations being made on the basis that the funded equipment would support the maraes’ ongoing sustainability to practise their tikanga when hosting manuhiri and or their use in supporting local community development projects.
- 4.6 The total amount requested is \$75,964.30, which is over the annual funding allocation of \$75,000.00. It is proposed that the additional \$964.30 is contributed from the Pou Ahurea operational budget.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

- 5.1 To approve the recommendations as outlined:

Advantages

- The approved funds will help to meet the needs and aspirations of mana whenua, hapū and marae, and their ongoing sustainability to practise tikanga and kawa.

Disadvantages

- An additional \$964.30 will be required from the Pou Ahurea operational budget.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhukatanga o nāianeī

- 5.2 That the recommendations are not approved.

6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 6.1 Pou Ahurea will engage all successful applicants to complete funding agreements and arrange for transfer of funds before the end of the Financial Year.
- 6.2 Upon project completion each Marae are required to provide a report to close out their project

Attachments:

- 1 [↓](#) Marae Development Fund Policy 2026 Update CG-18-05-00007

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the <Enter text> wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

The Marae Development Fund policy is underpinned by Te Kura Nui – Council's Māori Responsiveness Framework – that stems from te ao Māori and Māori oral traditions. Te Kura Nui provides for tikanga Māori to be practised and normalised in a mainstream-centric context that centres all aspects of te ao Māori at Council to mana whenua, Taiwhenua, to Ngāti Kahungunu and to hapū, whānau and marae.:

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

The Marae Development Fund is renewed annually.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

There is an over-allocation of funding by \$964.30 which will be contributed from the Pou Ahurea operational budget.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of low significance.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Kōrero was had with each marae representative and where there was diversion from the original application it was fully discussed and adjustments agreed to.

Risks

REWARD – <i>Te Utu</i>	RISK – <i>Te Tūraru</i>
The Marae Development Fund incurs multiple benefits for Council in sustaining engagement and relationships with Heretaunga mana whenua/marae-hapū and whānau.	Approved recommendations hold no risk to both Council and/or marae. Non-approval puts sustainable mana whenua/marae relationships at risk.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

Marae are located in rural areas and their sustainability and resilience is beneficial to their wider rural communities.

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MARAE DEVELOPMENT FUND POLICY 30 JULY 2018 (Updated March 2026)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the Local Government Act 2002, Heretaunga Hastings District Council (Council) is obliged to consider how it will meet current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure and how it can foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of council.
- 1.2 This Policy will contribute to that purpose by supporting the ability of mana whenua in the District to engage with Council and to maintain appropriate infrastructure for their communities in a cost-effective and efficient way.
- 1.3 Mana whenua, through whakapapa as ahi kā in Heretaunga are responsible for Marae preservation, maintenance and development.
- 1.4 The Marae Development Fund is Council's commitment to respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua with respect to Marae. This will benefit hapū, the District and the nation. It will contribute to a guarantee of the protection of the culture and heritage embodied in Marae facilities and relationships, which is critical to community infrastructure and ability to exercise tino rangatiratanga, manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and mana motuhake.
- 1.5 Council also acknowledges Marae as a social asset for the community as a whole, under the mana whenua of tāngata whenua, and ngā hau e whā where that occurs.
- 1.6 The policy and procedures for the operation of the Marae Development Fund are as follows.

2.0 THE FUND

- 2.1 The Council's Long Term Plan contains an annual funding allocation base of \$38,000.00.
- 2.2 The Fund is administered by the Pou Ahurea Principal Advisors Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage, and Council's Funding Officer.
- 2.3 Council will work with other funders and stakeholders towards cross sector collaboration to support short, medium and long term aspirations of Marae where and when appropriate, in a strategic way for all Marae in the District.
- 2.4 Council's strategic approach is to survey the needs of all Marae and to develop overarching project management in conjunction with other participating funders to resource development needs in specific yet similar areas of interest for

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marae; for example, health and safety, fire safety and compliance, and or the consenting process.

- 2.5 The objectives and levels of funding are determined by considering identified issues that affect the Marae in the District. The initial objectives will target Health and Safety matters, including fire and earthquakes.
- 2.6 The assessments will be used to obtain quotes based on expert information that takes into account the specifications of each task and to allocate funding to a schedule of works to address needs in a coordinated manner. In these cases a signed agreement will be produced between respective Marae trusts and Council to deliver building services, installation of specialized equipment and management systems to meet compliance, under the project management and oversight of Council.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FUND

- 3.1 To be eligible for the Fund, the applicant Marae will:
 - i. Be a Marae within the Heretaunga Hastings District.
 - ii. Be governed by a charter under Te Ture Whenua Act administered by the Māori Land Court.
 - iii. Have the capacity to make the required contribution to the cost of the work to be carried out.
 - iv. Deposit the Marae contribution to Council for the work before equipment is ordered and before work commences.
 - v. Agree to Council's support in funding coordination, project management and oversight, including coordination between the building services and any suppliers.
 - vi. Submit all invoices for services, materials and equipment by contractors and suppliers to Council to be approved based on inspection to confirm that the work is of the correct standard.

4.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 Council is taking a strategic approach to Marae development. All enquiries are welcomed from all Marae constituents on any Marae development issue and advice is available as to the process required to benefit from this policy.
- 4.2 This policy is dynamic and will apply to the issues that are identified through ongoing Council strategic processes as affecting Marae. In each round prioritization decisions will consider the capacity of a Marae to engage with the policy; and what Council may need to consider doing to enhance the capacity of Marae to engage with the policy.
- 4.3 Final approval is given by the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Joint Standing Committee, based on a schedule of tasks and the costings, for work to be funded under the policy.

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4.4 For any further information, please contact in the first instance:

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- Pou Ahurea – Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage, Charles Ropitini, charlesr@hdc.govt.nz 0272119369.

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take:
Subject: Appointment of Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Mana Whenua Members to the Council's Committees and Subcommittees

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 On 2 December 2025 the Council approved the Councils *Committee and Rural Community Board Register of Delegations*. The Register of Delegations includes the establishment of a Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee comprising of the Mayor, 6 elected members and up to 8 mana whenua members appointed by Council.
- 1.2 In accordance with Schedule 7 (31) of the Local Government Act 2002, the committee and subcommittee memberships include a number of appointed members with full voting rights to be drawn from the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee members to vacancies on the Council's committees and subcommittees as follows: -

1.4

Committee	No. of places to be filled
Strategy and Policy	1 vacancy + 1 vacancy when considering District Plan matters
Performance and Monitoring	1 vacancy
Risk and Assurance	1 vacancy
Community & Civic Futures Subcommittee	1 vacancy

Infrastructure Delivery Subcommittee	1 vacancy
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2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Appointment of Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Mana Whenua Members to the Council's Committees and Subcommittees dated 24 June 2026.
- B) That the Committee recommend to Council the following members of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee be appointed to the Council's committees and subcommittees indicated below:

Committee	No. of places to be filled
Strategy and Policy	1 vacancy + 1 vacancy when considering District Plan matters
Performance and Monitoring	1 vacancy
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Community & Civic Futures Subcommittee	1 vacancy
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