

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

International Advisory Group Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 6 September 2022**

Te Wā:
Time: **3.30pm**

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

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Responsible
Officer: **Economic Development Manager - Lee Neville**

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O HERETAUNGA

International Advisory Group Delegations

Fields of Activity

The Hastings District International Advisory Group is established to advise the Council on the development of education, scientific research, migration and cultural relationships with cities within China and the rest of the world, and develop relationships with ethnic communities in Hawke's Bay through the knowledge and experience gained from our Sister City relationship with Guilin.

Membership (10)

- Chairman – a Councillor appointed by the Council
- Hastings District Mayor
- 2 other Councillor members appointed by the Council
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Chinese Association
- 2 representatives of the Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay
- 1 representative of the Education Link Group
- 1 representative of the Hastings District Youth Council
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Settlement Support
- Up to 2 other members may be co-opted at any time

Quorum – 5 members including not less than two Councillor members.

Delegated Powers

1. To promote and oversee sister city activity between Guilin and Hastings District such as delegation visits and cultural exchanges.
2. To support the development of relationships between Hastings District or Hawke's Bay based educational establishments with those in China and the rest of the world.
3. To report its work and progress to the Great Communities Subcommittee.

Meetings

Meetings will be held a minimum of three times a year. These are to be advertised as public meetings, and will be fully serviced by the Council's Governance and Democracy Team.

The International Advisory Group reports to the Great Communities Subcommittee.

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Heamana

Chair: Councillor Kevin Watkins

Nga Kai Kaunihera

Councillors: Geraldine Travers (Deputy Chair) and Alwyn Corban

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Rion Roben or Alicia Huang (NZ China Friendship Society, HB Branch)

Mematanga:

Membership:

Satyam Saha (President, Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay Incorporated)

Jenny Too (National President of the New Zealand Chinese Association Inc) or Ray Ching (Hawke's Bay Chinese Association Inc)
Sue Padfield (Education Link Group)

Marcus Laiseni (Youth Council Representative)
Vacancy (HB Settlement Support)

Tokamatua

Quorum:

5 members - including 2 Councillors

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Economic Development Manager - Lee Neville

Te Rōpū Manapori me te Kāwanatanga

Democratic & Governance Services

Christine Hilton (Extn 5633)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

1.0 Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui*

Apologies from Satyam Saha and Mrs Padfield have been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2.0 Conflict of Interest– *Mahi Kai Huanga*

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes - *Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī*

Minutes of the International Advisory Group held Monday 11 July 2022.
(Previously circulated)

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take: Request from Vyas Municipality, Government of Nepal for
Subject: Friendship City with Hastings City

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 Eastern Bridge reviewed the City of Vyas and the summary shows there aren't any economic benefits to a sister city relationship between Hastings City and the City of Vyas in Nepal.
- 1.2 Supporting development of communities in the City of Vyas could be an initiative for the Hastings District to consider.
- 1.3 Further engagement is proposed to identify areas of mutual benefit to both cities.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group (IAG) receive the report titled Request from Vyas Municipality, Government of Nepal for Friendship City with Hastings City dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group support further discussions with the City of Vyas to explore the areas that could lead to a sister city relationship and report back the findings at the next IAG meeting.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 The Mayor the City of Vyas Nepal Mr Baikuntha Neupane has written to Mayor Sandra Hazelhurst proposing a sister city relations ship is established between the two cities.
- 3.2 Eastern Bridge have provided a background briefing document on the City of Vyas, the report is attached to this report.

3.3 When a council is considering a sister city relationship there are a range of factors to consider. Global Cities New Zealand have developed the following sister city guidelines:

- **Identify your targets**-exploit the comparative advantage of your locality.
- **Planning is vital**-have a strategic plan for each relationship. Build in regular reviews and ensure that changing objectives can be accommodated.
- **Define the roles**-councils are not always the best agency to conduct business negotiations, and roles should be delineated accordingly.
- **It's a two-way thing**- include local businesses in trade promotion activities. But by the same token, know when to back off and let the business partners negotiate the deal.
- **Don't rush things**-Sister City relationships thrive on continuity of contact and the building of trust between local and overseas local bodies. Ensure that continuity of contact is not over-reliant on individuals.
- **Evaluation is essential**- evaluating council activities and keeping track of business success helps demonstrate accountability and contributes valuable information regarding best practice.
- **Savings are benefits too**- information and technology exchange can be valuable, low-cost source of information.
- **Make use of technology**-the internet provides an effective, low-cost vehicle for advertising your region and its comparative advantages.
- **Details Matter**- councils can help business by providing important cultural and background information.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

4.1 Key points on the City of Vyas from the Eastern Bridge report:

- The City of Vyas municipality is approximately 150km from the Capital Kathmandu.
- There isn't a New Zealand embassy in Nepal or Nepalese embassy in New Zealand, and there aren't any sister city relationships between Nepal and New Zealand.
- Compared to Hastings the economy is low-performing.
- The area is unlikely to be a market for Hastings exporting businesses
- International students and tourists are unlikely to travel to Hastings City
- The local government of Vyas City are seeking inward investment from Hastings City to enable community development programmes in the region.

4.2 The Multicultural association of H.B. may have insights into the invitation from City of Vyas for a sister city relationship with Hastings City.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

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

5.1 Reply to the letter from the Mayor of the City of Vyas, and start a dialogue to explore mutual benefits of a sister city arrangement, and report back on progress at the next International Advisory Group meeting.

Advantages

- It will allow time to build trust and understanding between both cities.
- Establish the benefits to Hastings City.

- Identify the investment of resources required.
- Evaluate at a later date if a sister city relationship will deliver outcomes for both cities.

Disadvantages

- An expectations that a sister city relationship will be developed between City of Vyas and Hastings City.
- Developing the relationship to provide benefits to both regions may take a long time to deliver.

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

5.2 Reply to the letter from City of Vyas requesting a sister city relationship and decline the invitation.

Advantage

- Resources are not diverted from existing international relationships.

Disadvantage

- New opportunities for the Hastings community are not explored.

Attachments:

1 ↓	City briefing document City of Vyas Nepal Eastern Bridge Ltd	COP-07-01-03-22-96
2 ↓	Request for Sister City relationship from City of Vyas Nepal 30 July 2022	COP-07-01-03-22-97

CITY BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Vyas (Byas) Municipality

Simon Appleton
General Manager
Eastern Bridge Limited
www.easternbridge.co.nz
simon@easternbridge.co.nz

Summary:

Vyas Municipality is located in the Gandaki Province of Nepal – approximately 150km from the Capital, Katmandu.

The area has a low-performing economy compared with Hastings. Before Covid19, the economy was heavily reliant on tourism. However, the pandemic hit the area hard. I also found news articles about corruption within the provincial and municipal governments during the research.

While I couldn't find reliable data on household disposable income, it is unlikely the area will be a market for Hastings exporters or a source of international students or tourists.

The local government is trying to attract inward investment. However, there wasn't any obvious sign of Vyas companies investing abroad. The municipality's main export markets were India, followed by China.


The municipality is connected with the Capital via a highway. The nearest airport is in Katmandu.

The area is well known for its natural and historical landmarks and attracts international visitors. While Nepal has several cultural festivals and Gandaki Province has special holidays, I didn't find any unique to Vyas.

It is important to note that many Nepalese live in New Zealand. As far as I am aware, there are no pre-existing sister-city relationships between New Zealand and Nepal. New Zealand runs a net trade surplus with Nepal, exporting \$11.3 million in 2016. There is no New Zealand embassy in Nepal or Nepalese embassy in New Zealand.

Based on the research, I do not believe there is any economic basis for progressing this relationship.

NOTE: Getting up to date information regarding Vyas in the timeframe was difficult. Most demographic and education data comes from the 2017 census. Economic data was sourced from central government reports and news reports.

Basic information			
City Name	Vyas (Byas) Municipality	City Name (Local language)	व्यास नगरपालिका
Province	Gandaki	Province (in Chinese)	गण्डकी प्रदेश
Country	Nepal	Map:	
Population	70,335 (2017 data)		
Population Growth	2.19% (2017 data)		
Land area	248 km2		
Economics and Business			
GDP	\$146 million (NZD) *	Economic Indicators:	
GDP per Capita	\$820 (NZD) *	(the presence of these	

Average income	No data	shops gives a guide to the populations need for international products)	Starbucks	0	
Average disposable income	No data		International Hotel	0(5 ★)	
			International Department Store	0	
			Foreign Consulate Office	0	
Consumer market size	NZD	Economic Make-up	Agriculture:	Approx 2/3 of economic activity	
Average house price	NZD		Tourism		%?
Unemployment	7%* (2022 estimates)		Forestry	%?	
			Govt Spending	%?	
Central Business District: (names)	Damauli village		Major Industries: (including tourism)	Agricutlre and tourism	
Industrial Zone (s) (names)					
Free Trade Zone (s) (names)	None	Import value:	No data		
		Export value:	No data		
		Main trading partners: (Countries)	1. India 2. China		
Transport and Logistics Infrastructure	International Airport	NO	Major export products: (for example products which may have a market in NZ)	Vegetables Logs (no obvious products to NZ to import)	
	Domestic Airport	No			
	Rail Freight	No			
	Commuter Rail	No			
	Sea Port	No			
	River Port	No			
of business associations which may be relevant to New Zealand:	No business associations, however there are sizable Nepal communities in New Zealand – including Hawke's Bay.	Major importers: (local companies which may have an interest in NZ products)			
		Potential Investment company: (companies which have a record of investing overseas):			
Tourism					
Visitors per year:	No data	Famous sites: (a list of the most well known sites)	There are natural and historical tourist spots like Bhanughansi Memorial Park, Chhabdi Barah , Tanahunsur Beas Cave, Manahunkot		
Number of people who travel abroad:	No data				
Mayor tourism company	Not Found				

(s) (list companies capable sending tourists to NZ)			
Education			
Number of students	6,006 (2017)	Number of primary schools	120
Top universities	-	Number of Middle schools	-
	-	Number of High schools	7
	-	Number of Universities schools	0
Existing international education programmes?	No	Number of Vocational schools ¹	2
Culture			
Local cultural Festivals	NA	Ethnic Minorities	N/A
Governance			
Government Address	Byas Municipality, City Executive Office Address: Vyas-03, Safes Road Damauli, Tanahun Postal Code:-33900	Mayor's Name	Vaikunth Neupane
Foreign Affairs contact person:	Rajendra Karki Senior Officer Economic Infrastructure Development Branch rajendra_2007new@yahoo.com	Mayor's Photo	

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From: Rajendra Adhikari <radp.rajendra@gmail.com>

Date: 30 July 2022 at 10:11:53 PM NZST

To: Sandra Hazlehurst <Sandra.Hazlehurst@hdc.govt.nz>

Cc: foreign.affairs@vyasmun.gov.np, Tania Kerr <councillor.kerr@hdc.govt.nz>

Subject: Request for Sister Relation and Partnership work

Dear Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst,

CC: Tania Kerr, Deputy Mayor,

It is my great privilege and honor to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks on behalf of Mayor Mr. Baikuntha Neupane and Deputy Mayor Ms. Indira Darai of Vyas Municipality (City of Vyas) and myself as a capacity of Advisor, Foreign Affairs for your wisdom and helpful role in the overall development of our City.

May I take this opportunity to inform you that Vyas Municipality, located in the district headquarters of Tanahun District under Gandaki Province of Nepal, is named after the great Hermit, Maharshi Ved Vyas, the writer of five Vedas and Mahabharat epic. This Municipality is situated on the bank of two rivers, the Seti and Madi river and other small tributaries like Buldi, and Chhabdi etc. Also a historical palace of Tanahun King, which is being developed as a tourist spot, at Tanhunsur, is located in this Municipality. Its topographical and ethnic diversity bears plenty of potential and opportunity for tourism development.

I would like to remind you that the relationship between Nepal and New Zealand is not only government-to-government but also emotional at the public level. Examples are Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa. Who climbed the world's highest mountain in Nepal for the first time. Sir Edmund Hillary, who introduced Mount Everest and Nepal to the world, is respected by all Nepalese. Also, we always have a close relationship with the people of New Zealand.

I am also happy to note that Vyas Municipality is eager interested to make Sister Relation with City of Hastings and to work in partnership with development partners in the following identified areas of priorities:

1. Sustainable Urban Infrastructure (road, safe drinking water, health & education)
2. Establishment of a Vocational training institute (specially targeting youths aspiring for foreign employment and agriculture sector) and
3. Environment and climate change (Renewable Energy, zero waste & Circular economy etc.)

I look forward to having your partnership in our development endeavor which will be a best platform to share the incomparable ideas and finest practices in the field of Zero waste, civic engagement, urban solutions, gender equality, climate change, international relationship for the city development partnership program and non-profit work, applied globally among different cities around the world. This partnership shall greatly help to develop the social, political, cultural and economic features of our city to achieve the SDG 2030.

Finally, I look forward to receiving your kind support and feedback in the days to come to move forward in our development efforts.

If you have any queries & questions regarding our organization, please don't hesitate to contact me in our email.

With kind regards,

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Rajendra Bahadur Adhikari

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Item 5

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take:
Subject: Update on the Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 A briefing report on the strategic alignment and establishment of a trust is attached, which outlines a potential trust structure, trustee suggestions and representation.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the establishment of the trust and engagement of trustees becomes an action plan to be delivered after the Local Government Elections 2022 and the March 2023 lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens.


2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Update on the Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group support progressing the establishment of a trust to deliver the lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens after the 2023 event.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 At the International Advisory Group (IAG) meeting on the 10th May 2022 the report on lantern festival options for sustainable growth was received.
- 3.2 The IAG supported the establishment of an advisory support group to investigate a charitable trust structure for the lantern festival and report back to the IAG in two months' time.

Attachments:

- 1  Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens establishment of a trust COP-07-01-03-22-94

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 international connections wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

The Lighting of the Osmanthus Gardens event budget is \$15,000.

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 medium significance.

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

There will be further consultation with community groups to establish a trust.

Lighting of Osmanthus Gardens

18 July 2022

Strategic Alignment

The lantern festival is an event in Cornwall Park based on the Sister City agreement between Guilin & Hastings City. The relationship has grown through the construction of the Osmanthus Gardens and the activation of the Osmanthus Gardens with an annual lantern festival.

The Cornwall Park Reserves Management Plan vision is “The protection, management & enhancement of the natural, cultural and historic character of Cornwall Park as the premier recreation park in the District”.

The lantern festival is a cultural event to enhance the cultures of Guilin and Hastings as outlined in the vision for Cornwall Park.

Establishment of Trust

Functionality

- Recommend 4 – 6 Trustees
- Establish strategic objectives in line with Council direction
- Develop purpose, vision and growth strategy
- Review current lantern festival
- Identify those areas that require development to build a platform to enable growth opportunities
- Develop sponsorship strategy that aligns with purpose and vision
- Identify operational changes to manage risk management and succession planning

Trustee suggestions

- Member from NZ Chinese Association (local branch)
- Member from NZ China Friendship Society
- Member from Multicultural Association
- Member from NZ Guilin Association
- Councillor Kevin Watkins
- Te Rangi Huata

Trustee Representation

- Key cultural groups to honour the integrity of the event
- Council representation to ensure key deliverables are managed
- Professional event manager to manage logistics

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take:
**Subject: Celebration 50th Anniversary of New Zealand's Diplomatic Ties
with China**

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 On December 22nd 1972 New Zealand Recognised the People's Republic of China.
- 1.2 It is proposed to hold a ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of New Zealand recognising the People's Republic of China in the Osmanthus Gardens in Hastings.
- 1.3 The ceremony will include a lantern display and musical performance by musician Annie Gong.
- 1.4 Funding from the International Advisory Group budget of up to \$5,000 will support Lantern installation and the musical performance.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Celebration 50th Anniversary of New Zealand's Diplomatic Ties with China dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International advisory Group approve \$5,000 from the IAG budget to support the celebration of 50 years since New Zealand recognised the People's Republic of China.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 New Zealand recognised the Republic of China on 22 December 1972. The economic, cultural, and political relations between the two countries have grown over five decades.

- 3.2 China is a significant export market for the goods and services produced in the Hawke's Bay region and this trade supports employment for the communities across the Hastings District.
- 3.3 The aim is to provide recognition of the fifty year relationship between New Zealand and the People's Republic of China and the benefits to the Hastings District from the on-going relationship.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 It is proposed to hold a ceremony celebrating New Zealand's recognition of the People's Republic of China on 22nd of December 1972.
- 4.2 The ceremony will be held in the Osmanthus Gardens in Hastings.
- 4.3 The date for the ceremony is to be determined.
- 4.4 A lantern display will be installed temporarily in the Osmanthus Gardens for the anniversary celebration.
- 4.5 Annie Gong who performed at the 40th anniversary celebrations of Guilin and Hastings sister city agreement has been invited to perform at the ceremony.
- 4.6 Additional events and performances are yet to be arranged for the day's celebrations in the Osmanthus Gardens.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Hastings District Council: International Advisory Group

Te Rārangi Take

Report to International Advisory Group

Nā:
From: Lee Neville, Economic Development Manager

Te Take:
Subject: Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Maui Nga Pou Rangimarie


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

- 1.1 Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/ Te Matau-a-Māui-Nga Pou Rangimarie propose that the International Advisory Group (IAG) of the Hastings District Council receive a Peace Pole on the 21st September 2022, and that the pole be placed at the Osmanthus Garden.
- 1.2 The Hastings District Council has been an active contributor and supporter of the peace Pou Project. The 43 Peace Poles stood in Civic Square for five months over summer and will be distributed across the region.
- 1.3 Liz Remmerswaal from Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/ Te Matau-a-Māui-Nga Pou Rangimarie will address the International Advisory group on the projects outcomes.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the International Advisory Group receive the report titled Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Maui Nga Pou Rangimarie dated 6 September 2022.
- B) That the International Advisory Group receive a Peace Pole on the 21st September 2022 that will be located in the Osmanthus Gardens.

Attachments:

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|---|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Proposal to International Advisory Group Hawkes Bay Peace Poles | COP-07-01-03-22-95 |
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Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie



Proposal to the Members

International Advisory Group - Hastings District Council

Proposal - That the International Advisory Group of the Hastings District Council receive a Peace Pole on the 21st of September 2022, and that the pole be placed at the Osmanthus Garden.

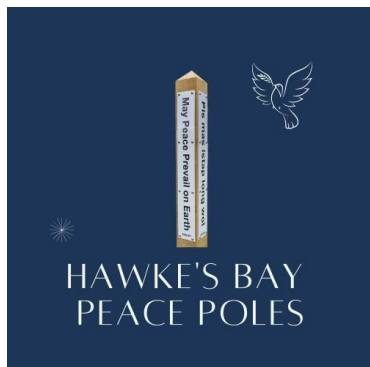
Attached

Brief (link to Youtube Video)
In the media (interactive links)
Photos (attached and link to Facebook Page)
Invitation

Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie



Brief



Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie

The purpose of this submission is to invite the International Advisory Group to formally plant a Peace Pou/Pole in Osmanthus Garden.

The Council has been an active contributor and supporter of the Peace Pou Project since its inception, as part of the Council's Vibrancy Project.

The Peace Pole programme, which originated in 1955, also in Japan, today has more than 200,000 similar poles found in nearly 200 countries. Its aim is to promote peace and non-violent options to create just and harmonious local, national and international communities.

The Hastings project was initiated by World Beyond War NZ with the practical support of Stortford Lodge Rotary and the Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association, and others. There are



Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie

43 poles in total, each bearing the words. 'May Peace Prevail on Earth', in English, Te Reo Māori and two other languages, representing 86 of the languages spoken in Hawke's Bay.

Despite Covid limitations, we were able to hold a successful opening ceremony on Sunday 21 November to install and bless the peace pou/poles in Civic Square, presided over by Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst, with HDC's Pou Ahurea/Principal Maori Advisor Charles Ropitini as MC and Te Hira Henderson from MTG as guest speaker on the topic of 'Peace and Ngati Kahungunu.'

(3 minute Video of highlights here:) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJi1MJMVqeU>

The Council was actively involved in the installation ceremony, which was attended by local dignitaries, peace supporters, and members of Hastings multicultural communities.

The pou remained there as inspiration to the community for nearly five months, until just before Anzac Day this year, and we are grateful to the council for extending the stay of the pou for this time.

The pou/poles have been promised new permanent homes in the region at schools, religious locations of worship, parks, marae, and community organisations. They will be given out on or around the United Nations International Peace Day on 21 September in a ceremony at Te Aranga Marae, Flaxmere.

Other Peace Initiatives:

Mayors For Peace: Besides its Peace Pou involvement, Hastings has since 2016 been part of the 'Mayors for Peace' global network which was started by the Mayor of Hiroshima after the nuclear bombs were dropped.

Peace Seat: We have funding to create a peace seat in memory of the late community leader Kay Whelan, and are working with the Heretaunga Women's Centre and others on this project.

Peace Garden: We have ideas to share about creating a peace garden as part of the upgrade of Civic Square.



Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie

Peace Workshops: We are working with our local community as well as the Peace Foundation Peer Mediation leader to offer workshops to the public on a range of resources designed to share nonviolent approaches to dealing with conflict.

The Peace Pole Project (www.worldpeace.org) is an international movement, implemented in New Zealand by World Beyond War (www.worldbeyondwar.org)

Peace is about justice, increasing awareness and knowledge, and building relationships. We acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi and peace traditions of all faiths and cultures.

In the words of Chinese philosopher, Laozi:

“If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.
If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.”

Other info:

https://baybuzz.co.nz/new-peace-pole-pou-installation/?fbclid=IwAR3dZW3u7py-SaEGxtU7SoZRnZslWUejLowUth1ozfUfitOpIIX_9zKiSGo

Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie



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Invitation - Receiving the Pole

invitation to a special gathering of our Peace whanau, during which time *Hawke's Bay Peace Poles/Te Matau-a-Māui Nga Pou Rangimarie* are gifting our 43 Peace Poles/Pou into the community.

These pou, with the words 'May Peace Prevail on Earth/ He Maungārongo ki runga i te whenua', and 84 other languages, stood proudly in Hastings' Civic Square for five months over summer, and will now spread their wings into the community.

Here's the time and place for your diaries-

Wednesday 21 September

10.30am-3.00pm

Te Aranga Marae, [18 Boston Crescent, Flaxmere](#)

It would be very special to have you at our ceremony at the marae, followed by a delicious lunch, plus an open discussion on how to build peace in our communities.

We will be grateful if you can stay for the entire time if possible as we are hoping to build an ongoing mahi/working relationship with our partners.

On this day we will be gifting the forty three Peace Poles to our specially selected partner schools, churches, marae, parks and community centres who will take them home and 'plant' them. We trust they will be an inspiration for all to live peacefully together.

In the future we plan to follow up by offering practical ways to achieve peaceful communities at all levels, with skills in nonviolent ways of dealing with conflict.

We are also very glad to have as our guest Christina Barruel, Head of Peace Education at the Peace Foundation, Tamaki Makaurua/Auckland, who will share from her vast experience nationally.

If you are unable to attend, please nominate someone else from your organisation who can come and let us know.

Please RSVP by 1 September, or earlier, thanks. More details to follow.