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ORDER PAPER

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 April 2023
Time: 11.00am-1.30pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Nga mema: Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Ms Leanne Hiroti (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Mr Lequan Meihana (Rātana Pā), Cr Gill Duncan, HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 11 April 2023 at 11.00am-1.30pm.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 13 December 2023** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting – 13 December 2022**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 13 December 2022 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

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Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake)
Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira)
Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri),
Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Ms Leanne Hiroti (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager of Community Development
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor [*via Zoom*]
Ms Donna Docherty, Te Puni Kokiri
Mr Michael Fryer, Horizons Regional Council Iwi Liaison
Mr Josh, Horizons Regional Council Graduate Planner

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7 Welcome / Prayer

Pahia opened the meeting at 11.01am.

8 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/001

That the apologies for Ms Tracey Hiroa and Mr James Allen be received. That Mr Terry Steedman and Ms Moira Raukawa will be leaving early and that TRAK is waiting for replacements on the committee for Ms Soraya Peke Mason and Mr Hari Benevides.

Mr T Curtis/Mr T Steedman. Carried

9 Public Forum

Donna Docherty of Te Puni Kokiri is in attendance regarding marae funding.

The purpose of this public forum is to provide further information for funding that is available to iwi groups as part of marae development.

Marae that want to tap into funding can find out more information on the Te Puni Koriki website and to find out further information on the eligibility of their marae. The fund is contestable but can be engaged with at any stage. Marae need to have a development plan which Te Puni Kokiri can support with developing or with advice regarding this.

Kainga rua is an extension of the programme which was established in 2019. Marae may have some plans for civil defence. Marae have a number of plans in relation to civil defence and are able to support whanau being prepared in an emergency. These types of plans can include the needs of the marae and responding to emergencies. Te Puni Kokiri can provide some resources for marae or individual whanau, with training and building capability within groups or individuals - such as first aid training.

10 Conflict of Interest Declarations

11 Confirmation of Order of Business

12 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/002

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 4 October 2022 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms M Heeney/Ms K Savage. Carried

13 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/003

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Ms K Savage/Mr C Shenton. Carried

14 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop December 2022

There are four new members joining Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa.

Welcome to Michael and Josh from Horizons Regional Council.

There are pressures in place regarding farmers seeking consents for development and they should understand the costs involved with the process. Those seeking engagement for a consent must find someone with the capability and with the time. There needs to be a terms of reference and this should include reimbursement for those providing advice. The terms of reference should also include being able to identify the right person to engage with.

This is not a new conversation with Horizons Regional Council and there is the obligation from Horizons to support in this area.

Booklet was sent out - Councils and therefore Horizons know how to contact relevant iwi members.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/004

That the 'Chair's Report – December 2022 be received.

.Mr P Turia/Ms K Savage. Carried

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9.1 Process for Selecting a Replacement for the Role of Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua - Kairaranga Mana Whenua

A brief discussion on this has occurred already with the appointment of Leanne and Thomas on the TRAK appointment panel.

Concerns were raised regarding the position of the role being 4th tier in the organisation. Currently the role is sitting within the Democracy and Planning team reporting to Mrs Gordon however given the focus on community it was felt better to sit under Ms Prince and Ms Manuel. This is not to demote the role but where it sits best in the organization as a community engagement role.

Mr Meihana has shaped the role over the past 4 and a half years and has proven to be an important part of Council advice. The position should stay focused on a treaty based partnership and thinking at a regional level as well.

Mrs Gordon will contact Leanne and Thomas regarding the appointment.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/005

That Process for Selecting a Replacement for the Role of Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua - Kairaranga Mana Whenua report be received.

And that Two members of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti assist with the recruitment and selection process, this being Leanne Hiroti and Thomas Curtis.

Mr P Turia/Mr C Shenton. Carried

9.2 Ngāti Rangi - Letter of Introduction

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/006

That the report Ngāti Rangi – Letter of Introduction be received.

Mr P Turia/Mr T Curtis. Carried

9.3 Marae Development Funding Opaea Marae Komiti

This was discussed prior to the meeting.

As long as the fund is still available and not already used, Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa will support this.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/007

That the Marae Development Funding- Opaea Marae letter be received and approval be given for an allocation of \$15,000 to be given to the Marae.

Mr P Turia/Ms M Heeney. Carried

16 Reports for Information

10.1 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Last report to TRAK from Mr Meihana.

Mr Meihana officially left a week ago however we are aware that Mr Meihana will leave a gap until an appointment is made and therefore he will continue work as a casual employee and with future handover.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/008

That the report 'Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework' be received.

Mr T Curtis/Mr C Shenton. Carried

10.2 Mayor's Report - 23 November 2022

Taken as read.

District plan change is still waiting on a decision from the environmental court.

Acknowledging Cr Hiroa's work with treaty settlements and fully understand she may step back from some of her Council roles.

We will need Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members to reaffirm positions on Council as a standing committee and committee members. This will come as paper to the committee shortly.

Judge Mullens confirmed at the bench with 400 supporters coming out from Taihape.

Better off funding details to come, at this stage we have applied and the whole application has been successful.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/009

That the Mayor's Report – 23 November 2022 be received.

Mr T Curtis/Mr C Shenton. Carried

10.3 Horizons Update

Michael Fryer spoke to his report and introduced Josh.

Next year will be contentious with the number of reforms and the draft of the RMA reform.

Horizons needs to have more direct engagement with hapu and iwi groups. As well as support the unfortunate situation between iwi and farmers. Pahia happy to have conversation with whoever is appropriate.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/010

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10.4 Resource Management Reform

Ms Gray took us through this item. The purpose of this item is to let committee members know the changes that are occurring in this area. Ms Gray will provide members with the presentation after the meeting.

Central government has repealed the RMA and this has been replaced with three acts. The key parts of these system, occur regionally, through regional planning committees. Each local authority in the area will have one or more Māori appointed body.

Transition is set by central government within the next seven years. We expect this to occur for our Council between 2027-28.

Katrina will circulate the draft submission to TRAK committee members.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/011

That the Resource Management Reform item be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms M Heeney. Carried

17 Discussion Items

11.1 Discussion on Format and Information Provided to TRAK Meetings

This item will be revisited for the February meeting.

11.2 Climate Change Action Committee

Mr Shenton advised that the draft regional climate action plan is currently being circulated. .

11.3 Three Waters

Every rural council will be under pressure arising from inflation, wages, stranded overheads, debt levels and are already loan funding operational activities.

The meeting closed at 1.17pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on .

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Chairperson

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	10-Aug-21	Relook at Ngāti Waewae's request to have a representative join the Komiti. Report back to next meeting.	Carol Gordon	A letter has been sent to Ngati Waewae requesting them to be part of a Rangitikei River Accord, follow-ups have been made. Update - September - we are still waiting for a response, in the meantime we will start the process of forming the River Accord.	In progress

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report April 2023

Author: Pahia Turia, Tumuaki / Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide an update during the meeting.

Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report –April 2023 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Confirmation of Committee Membership

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This purpose of this report is for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa to consider and approve its committee structure for the 2022-25 triennium and establish membership for committees.

2. Council Committees

- 2.1 The committees for TRAK membership are listed below:

Name	Purpose	Members	Meeting Frequency
Assets / Infrastructure Committee	To ensure sustainable management of Council-owned assets / infrastructure that achieves compliance with government requirements and high community satisfaction	TRAK member:	Bi-monthly (one month will be a formal meeting and the alternate month a workshop)
Finance / Performance Committee	To ensure robust and transparent management of Council's finances and maximising performance. Consider applications to the Community Grants Scheme	TRAK member:	Monthly
Policy / Planning Committee	To ensure the Council has a comprehensive planning, policy and regulatory framework which reflects legislative requirements and builds resilient communities	TRAK member:	Bi-monthly
Creative NZ Committee		TRAK Rep – currently Hair Benevides Advertise for other reps, then a chair is appointed.	As required
Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee	Part of Council's policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Maori freehold land.	3 Tangata Whenua (most likely from TRAK)	

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ITEM 9.1**Recommendation 1**

That the Confirmation of Committee Membership report be received.

Recommendation 4

That the following committee membership be confirmed for the 2022-25 triennium:

Name	Members
Assets / Infrastructure Committee	TRAK member:
Finance / Performance Committee	TRAK member:
Policy / Planning Committee	TRAK member:
Creative NZ Committee	TRAK Representative:
Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee	3 Tangata Whenua (most likely from TRAK)

9.2 Mayor's Report - March 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Tena kotou katoa

On 15 March Council adopted the Consultation Document for the proposed Annual Plan 2023/24, which is a big deal. It essentially tells the community what Council intends doing, how we will operate, what we intend to build or repair and how it will be funded, which includes rates. "Intend" is the key word because we want and need the community's opinion and we invite you all to submit and give us your view. Council looks to invest significant money into our town centre civic facilities in Taihape first, followed by Marton. This needs to happen to comply with earthquake prone legislation and to replace civic facilities that have been closed or are at risk to the community and staff. For many decades our district has invested very little in our facilities and it shows.

Funding this Annual Plan budget is challenging. The inflationary pressures on construction, roading and salaries is huge. We as a Council have tried very hard to balance the cost increases needed against the ability for our ratepayers to afford rate increases. We have settled in this draft on an average rate increase of 9.01% across the district. I stress that this is an average. Actual rates will vary and you will, through our Council website, soon be able to see what your own individual rating position will be. What we are starting to see is the benefit of growth in our district, with new houses being built and future industry wanting to be here - the costs of the district are being shared against more people, easing future rates positions. Please have your say on the Key Choices in the Consultation Document and/or any other issue.

Our Spatial Plan document is also out for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the proposed Annual Plan and you will see us out in the district at community meetings over the next four weeks taking these to the public. Please join us at these meetings which will be advertised through our website and other media platforms.

Myself and Council were offered the opportunity recently to appear on the TV Breakfast Show to talk about the Spatial Plan and how we are planning for growth in the Rangitikei District. I decided that our Senior Strategic Planner, Katrina Gray should be the one who spoke on this as she is incredibly knowledgeable and has driven the project from inception. It was also a chance for us to show our appreciation for the incredible amount of work Katrina has done over the last 18 months.

Peter Beggs our Chief Executive and I attended what is known as the LGNZ "Rural and Provincial" sector meeting in Wellington recently. This is where Elected Members, Mayors and Chief Executives from rural and smaller cities meet to discuss issues relating to Government, hear from Government Ministers and where we can voice our concerns and discuss many other issues. Understandably the conversation centred around Cyclone Gabrielle and the Government's Three Waters reforms.

Cyclone Gabrielle's cost to the country is still to be fully understood, but what is absolutely clear is that the cost to communities and Councils cannot be met by council rates alone. Significant changes to how we fund the replacement of roads, bridges and infrastructure need to occur. Although it is a sensitive subject we need to understand that some roads and houses should not be rebuilt on the sites they once occupied. Many of the rural mayors and staff from affected districts were not at the

meeting because they are too busy and focussed on immediate issues. The rest of us discussed how we can support them.

I am proud to say our Council has been fantastic. We, by way of a Council decision, have sent \$20,000 to the Tararua District Council, one of our Horizons partners. We have also sent over relief staff to man call centres and work on the ground operating drones throughout Hawkes Bay and Tararua and our communities have donated equipment, time and money in support.

To give you an insight into the damage I quote from Tararua - a small council by way of population with an enormous (2000kms) area, most of which is roading. These are their points:-

- a. "landlines have gone with communities completely isolated"
- b. "40 roads closed"
- c. "bridges gone"
- d. "communities with no road access and the land the roads were based on is now not there"
- e. "stock losses are high"
- f. "councillors are included in relief convoys because of the need for local knowledge and empathy between connected people"
- g. "it will be at least 18 months before council gets back on its feet" (later reviewed to years)
- h. "business as usual doesn't exist – there is no time for Annual Plans and audits".

You can only imagine what it is like for Central Hawkes Bay, Napier, Hastings, Gisborne and Wairoa.

This event came after local elections and many new mayors expressed concern that they had very little training or advice on their role in a Civil Defence emergency. This must be reprioritised within Elected Member training.

Stuart Crosby, the President of LGNZ, had many points to make in the Local Government address and can be summarised as follows –

1. "climate change adaption needs to be incorporated into the RMA (Resource Management Act) as lessons to be learned from the cyclone". Underlying this is for the conversation around managed retreat.
2. "with the changes in the Labour Party it is urgent that we build relationships with the Prime Minister while noting that Chippy did not have portfolios that meant a heavy engagement previously, something that also applies to the Minister of Local Government".
3. "that there is a real risk that the future of Local Government reform just becomes a document that sits on a shelf" (think of the timing of its release and elections).
4. "We as Local Government need to clearly establish our views on what should be in the manifesto for portfolio preferences for Government".
5. "The Local Government Conference in July will be important to give our views".
6. The President noted that only some cities in New Zealand, for logistical reasons, could host Local Government conferences in the future, which would indicate that these will be shared between Christchurch, Auckland, Hamilton, Invercargill etc, something which I support.

On Day 2 of the Conference the Minister Kieran McNulty, Local Government Minister, spoke and here are his main points –

1. “I am pleased to have two portfolios – Civil Defence and Local Government – I come from this sector and understand it”.
2. He recognised there is concern around the future for Local Government reforms, that the Prime Minister has said there will be a re-set in Three Waters and he has been given the job of delivering it. The Minister said the cyclone has delayed these announcements but they are imminent.
3. The Minister talked about local authorities with large land areas and low rating bases (e.g. Rangitikei) saying “that the current funding models are not sustainable”.
4. That reform by Government is still needed and says that he has “big concerns that some councils that are difficult to upgrade (with respect to Three Waters) may not be partnered with other councils in a regional model” – this is a concern I also share.
5. The Minister said that he wants Government to be flexible around audit processes and Annual Plans for councils affected by the cyclone.
6. He spoke very highly of the Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs which is the Mahi Tahi programme of which Rangitikei was a founding member and instigator.

Elizabeth McNaughten from a company called Hummingly spoke well on how to manage and support Elected Members – referencing the emotional and physical stress of those affected by cyclones. Elizabeth has worked in many large scale international disasters for three decades. Her presentation was well received by the majority of Elected Members and something that I got quite a lot out of. One of the key messages that she gave to Local Government and aimed specifically at Mayors is apt - “don’t make promises you can’t keep”.

The inaugural Community Volunteer Awards took place on Thursday 23 March at Te Matapihi and was well attended by over 100 people. The awards were a tangible way to recognise the many hours of incredible volunteer work undertaken by people across our district. Award recipients were as follows –

- Helen Cooper
- Joe Byford & Don Tantrum (joint award)
- Les Thurston
- Graeme Bradley
- Don Hatfull
- Felix Bell
- Danelle Whakatihi
- Barry Rankin
- Lucy Skou
- David Smith & Greg Carlyon (joint award)

Together with the Mayor’s Recognition Award, awarded posthumously to Mr John Beresford Swan Dudding for the significant financial support he has provided to the district over the last few decades. My thanks goes to council staff for organising such a fantastic evening of celebration for our district.

On Monday 21 March our Youth Council met for their inaugural meeting for this triennium. The Youth Council is under the guidance and support of Kelly and Kayla and involves students from secondary schools including Rangitikei College, Nga Tawa and Taihape Area School. The Youth Committee follows a similar process to full Council, operating under the same Standing Orders and Processes and is able to make recommendations to full Council in much the same way that our

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community committees and community boards do. This year the Youth Committee will be chaired by Paloma Janse, a Nga Tawa student. I congratulate Paloma and her committee, already they are asking searching questions on Council stances to Government direction and community initiatives.

I also congratulate the Marton Community Committee led by Carolyn Bates and the Bulls Community Committee led by their newly elected Chair Greg Smith. These two committees have taken some time this term to be put in place, but they are and will be Council's official liaison to their residents. Community engagement through these Committees and the Community Boards of Taihape and Ratana will be essential in finalising our Annual Plan this year and giving us direction for the following Long Term Plan, that we are already starting to work on.

One of the very rewarding programmes that I as Mayor am involved in is the TUIA Mentorship Programme and initiative of Local Government that all councils belong to. This involves most mayors where they select either one or two rangatahi (young maori) from their district to have a mutually beneficial mentoring relationship. This is a relationship that has benefits to me as mayor to better understand cultural and youth issues, something that I value. The rangatahi selected are also required to do 100 hours of community work of some nature in their district and attend 5 wananga or marae hui within the year. This year I have selected two rangatahi, Bridget Watson (no relation) and Matthew Coogan both from the Taihape area. I intend to introduce both to Council and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa formally within the near future.

Last Saturday evening I attended a congratulatory event at Te Matapihi celebrating Councillor Brian Carter's Double Gold Star or 50 Years' Service to the volunteer fire brigade in Bulls. Brian is the Bulls Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and becomes the first Bulls member to have served for 50 years. This achievement is incredible. The evening included serving brigade members, representatives from other brigades and an army of national and regional FENZ representatives. My congratulations to Brian and thanks also to Evelyn his wife who has supported him over the years.



I was invited to attend a special school assembly at South Makirikiri School on 23 March to recognise the bravery of Toby Nitschke an 8 year old bus monitor. Tragically the school bus was recently involved in a fatal accident resulting in the death of the driver. Toby took charge assisting all students who were unharmed out of the bus and summoning for help. He remained in control and

gave direction under traumatic circumstances and it is due the credit and recognition he has been given. I thank the principal and the school for inviting me to the assembly.

At the time of writing this report the Harvest Festival has not yet happened and I am thrilled to see it continue, although a little nervous around being selected for the 'dunking tank' at the event on what could be a cold day. My congratulations and thanks to Jen and the team for all the work that goes into the event.

I am also approving an application to Government for funding to commemorative the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort which will take place on 6 May 2023. This will provide for the planting somewhere within the district of at least one native tree to be recognised with an appropriate plaque.

Mayors Engagement

March 2023

1	Attended a 3W Meeting with DIA Attended Annual Plan Council Workshop
2	Attended Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Attended Oral Submission to Water Services Select Committee Attended meeting at CentrePort Wellington
4	Attended Hastings Flood relief effort
6	Attended Governance Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Attended Mayoral Forum Attended Scotts Ferry Committee Meeting
7	Attended Elected Member Joint Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Attended Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub Committee Attended Weekly Meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Koitiata Residents Association meeting re Spatial Plan and Te Araroa Trail
8	Attended TUIA mentorship workshop Attended Taihape Community Board Workshop
9	Met with Vaughan Payne, 3W Entity B Chief Executive Attended Assets & Infrastructure Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Committee meeting
10	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Rail Hub Co-ordination Meeting Attended TUIA Wananga Mangatoatoa Marae Tokanui
11	Attended Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games

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12	Attended Welcoming Communities event at La Bull
13	Attended Oral Zoom Submission to Charities Amendment Bill (Parliament) Attended Defence Issues Relevant to the Manawatu Meeting Attended meeting at Horizons Regional Council re consenting issues
14	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
15	Attended Risk/Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting (to adopt Annual Plan)
16	Attended CentrePort visit to Port Whanganui Attended LGNZ Leaders Zoom Attended Balance Farm Awards
17	Visited Bulls residents on 70 th wedding anniversary Attended Central Districts Field Days Political Panel
18	Attended Brian Carter's 50 Year Gold Star Function
19	Met with Youth Councillor Mangaweka Attended Bulls RSA AGM
20	Attended monthly meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
21	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs' Online Meeting Attended Opening of Tamata Hauha Office in Marton Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended MDG Committee Meeting
22	Attended Marton RSA AGM
23	Attended South Makirikiri School Assembly to recognise bravery of student Toby Nitschke Attended Rangitikei District Community Volunteer Awards Evening
24	Attended Public Meeting at Ohingaiti re Otara Bridge Attended meeting with Boffa Miskell Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended judging of scarecrow competition Marton
26	Attended Harvest Festival
27	Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Papanui Junction School Hall
28	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Bulls Community Centre Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended Community Volunteer Awards Debrief Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Moawhango Hall
30	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

	Attended Council Meeting Attended LGNZ Leaders' Zoom Attended Annual Plan/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Mataroa Community Hall
31	To attend MTFJ Core Group Meeting in Wellington To attend Annual Plan/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Tutaenui Hall

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – March 2023 be received.

9.3 Ngāti Rangī - Letter of Introduction

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 As advised in December 2022 the Chief Executive received a letter from the Hon Andrew Little, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, a copy of this letter is attached (Attachment 1).
- 1.2 A subsequent letter has now been received from Te Arawhiti, the Office for Maori Crown Relations so both these letters are presented to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa for direction and guidance on how to move forward.

2. Context

- 2.1 In the letter from Minister Little he advises that as part of the Deed of Settlement the Crown agreed to write letters encouraging an ongoing co-operative relationship between Ngāti Rangī and councils in their core area of interest, Rangitikei District Council is one of these. The document mentions that a Memorandum of Understanding is a possible option for this relationship. Another option could be to establish a River entity/accord similar to what Ngāti Rangī have for the Whangaehu River which is Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū.
- 2.2 In the second letter Ms Marsh advised that iwi have expressed concern to Te Arawhiti that some councils have been using area of interests maps as tools to determine which iwi groups should be consulted about projects, e.g resource consent applications.
- 2.3 TRAK is asked to provide input into the best approach to ensure Council meets its obligations outlined in each of the letters and provide guidance on how to move forward.

Attachments:

1. **Letter of Introduction - Ngāti Rangī** [↓](#)
2. **Letter - T Marsh - Te Arawhiti** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report Ngāti Rangī – Letter of Introduction be received.

Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Health
Minister Responsible for the GCSB
Minister Responsible for the NZSIS
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry
Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques



14 October 2022

Peter Beggs
Chief Executive
Rangitikei District Council

By email: peter.beggs@rangitikei.govt.nz

Tēnā koe

Ngāti Rangī – Letter of Introduction to local authorities

As you will know, the Crown signed a Deed of Settlement with Ngāti Rangī to settle its historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi claims on 10 March 2018. On 31 July 2019 the Ngāti Rangī Claims Settlement Act was passed to implement the settlement.

The Deed of Settlement is comprised of both cultural and commercial redress to remedy historical grievances that Ngāti Rangī has suffered as a result of Crown breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Please find enclosed a summary of the Deed of Settlement for your information.

In the Deed of Settlement, the Crown agreed to write letters encouraging an ongoing co-operative relationship between Ngāti Rangī and the councils in their core area of interest. These letters were supposed to be sent by the settlement date of 24 September 2019. Due to an oversight this did not happen, and I apologise for the delay.

In the course of negotiations with the Crown, Ngāti Rangī expressed interest in enhancing their relationships with the following local authorities:

- Horizons Regional Council;
- Rangitikei District Council;
- Ruapehu District Council;
- Taupo District Council;
- Waikato District Council; and
- Whanganui District Council.

Accordingly, I am writing to introduce you to Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi as the governance entity of Ngāti Rangī and to suggest that Rangitikei District Council makes contact with Ngāti Rangī to further strengthen a co-operative relationship and to discuss matters of common interest.

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Ngāti Rangī are located at the western and southern foot of Mount Ruapehu and have approximately 3000 registered beneficiaries. The principal townships within their area of interest are Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru. The Whangaehu River is a culturally significant awa for Ngāti Rangī and neighbouring iwi. The establishment of a River entity, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, to protect and make decisions relating to the Whangaehu River is a significant aspect of their settlement package that will involve collaboration with local authorities. The settlement also provides for the framework in which Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika will participate in relation to the management of the Whangaehu River, known to Ngāti Rangī as Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment.

A memorandum of understanding is often an effective way to set out agreed frameworks for future relationships. The Council may wish to consider entering into such an agreement with Ngāti Rangī. Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi would be more than happy to discuss this with the Council.

The Pou Ārahi (Chief Executive) of Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi is Helen Leahy, who may be reached at helen@ngatirangi.com or 021 881 031. Mail for Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi is best directed to the management authority:

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust
(formerly Ngāti Rangī Trust)
1 Mountain Road
PO Box 195
Ohakune 4660

I encourage you to take this opportunity to contact Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi. It is my hope Rangitīkei District Council will build a durable working relationship that enables Ngāti Rangī and Rangitīkei District Council to realise outcomes of mutual benefit.

If you have any further questions, please contact Philip Green, Land and Implementations Manager at the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti at Philip.Green@tearawhiti.govt.nz or (04) 494 9731.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

CC: Helen Leahy, Pou Ārahi, Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi, helen@ngatirangi.com
Encl: Ngāti Rangī Deed of Settlement Summary



Rukutia Te Mana

DEED OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CROWN AND NGĀTI RANGI

ITEM 9.3

ATTACHMENT 1

General background

Ngāti Rangī is an iwi whose area of interest extends from the western and southern slopes of Mount Ruapehu. The principal townships within their area of interest are Ohakune and Waiouru.

In 2014, the Crown recognised the mandate of the Ngāti Rangī Trust to represent Ngāti Rangī in negotiating a comprehensive settlement of the historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangī with the Crown.

The Crown signed Terms of Negotiation with the Ngāti Rangī Trust in February 2015. On 15 March 2017, the Ngāti Rangī Trust and the Crown entered into an Agreement in Principle which forms the basis for this settlement.

On 17 August 2017, the Ngāti Rangī Trust and the Crown initialled a Deed of Settlement. The Deed of Settlement was ratified by the Ngāti Rangī claimant community in October 2017 and the Deed was signed on their behalf on 10 March 2018. The Deed is conditional on the enactment of settlement legislation.

Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi, the Ngāti Rangī Post Settlement Governance Entity, will manage the settlement assets.

The Office of Treaty Settlements, with the support of the Department of Conservation, Land Information New Zealand, and other government agencies, represented the Crown in day-to-day negotiations.

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Hon Christopher Finlayson, represented the Crown in high-level negotiations with Ngāti Rangī.

Summary of the historical background to the claims by Ngāti Rangī

In 1840, several Whanganui rangatira with Ngāti Rangī affiliations signed te Tiriti o Waitangi and, in doing so, Ngāti Rangī have always viewed their signing of Te Tiriti as an exercise of their mana, and a partnership to which both sides committed themselves for the future. In the decade that followed, Whanganui rangatira sold land for the establishment of a township, built whare in anticipation of the arrival of Europeans, and welcomed settlers into the district. Throughout the 1860s and 1870s, some Ngāti Rangī rangatira aligned themselves with the Crown during the New Zealand Wars as a strategy to maintain the rohe established by their tūpuna, and uphold their mana in a time of great change in the district. Despite Ngāti Rangī's allegiance to the Crown, the Crown labelled up-river Whanganui Māori as its opponents.

In the 1870s, Ngāti Rangī also began entering private leasing arrangements with Europeans without the Crown's involvement. However, the Crown prevented Ngāti Rangī from leasing their land to private parties, and became the lessee of the lands which it subleased to private parties. Before the 21 year leases had come to an end, the Crown had purchased more than half of the land Ngāti Rangī sought to lease. In the 1860s, the Crown introduced a series of native land laws which provided for the individualisation of Māori land holdings that had previously been held in tribal tenure. These laws made Ngāti Rangī's land more vulnerable to partition, fragmentation and alienation as the Crown's continued purchases of Ngāti Rangī land increased dramatically following the establishment of the Native Land Court. Ngāti Rangī sought to exercise tribal control over their lands through Te Keepa's Trust, but the Crown did not support this initiative. In the 1890s, Ngāti Rangī became strong supporters of the Te Kotahitanga movement to assert their rangatiratanga and protect their interests. However, the iwi felt they risked exclusion from the ownership of their lands if they did not participate in Court hearings.

In 1907, the Crown proclaimed the boundaries of the Tongariro National Park without consulting Ngāti Rangī. The Crown included a block of land that had not passed through the Native Land Court within the Park's boundaries, and has never sought to identify the customary owners of the land or pay them compensation. Wāhi tapu of immense significance to Ngāti Rangī are located on this block. Ngāti Rangī were excluded from the administration of the Park until the late 1980s.

As Ngāti Rangī's landholdings continued to diminish throughout the twentieth century, they sought to vest their remaining land and lease it to Europeans for 42 years, after which Ngāti Rangī intended to reoccupy the developed land. However, satisfactory arrangements were not made for Ngāti Rangī to pay compensation for the lessees' improvements, and the iwi were unable to reoccupy their lands until after they were incorporated in 1970. Additionally, the continued purchasing of Ngāti Rangī land by the Crown and private parties, and compulsory acquisitions by the Crown for public works projects meant that, of the 62,000 acres of Ngāti Rangī land owned in 1900, today the iwi retain only 13,500 acres. Public works projects also disrupted the natural environment in Ngāti Rangī's rohe: for example, the Crown diverted almost all of the water that flows from Mount Ruapehu into the tunnels and hydro-electric power stations of the Tongariro Power Development scheme without consulting Ngāti Rangī, leading to the ecological destruction of many of these waterways.

The extent of Ngāti Rangī's loss of land through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries meant that the iwi's economic base was eroded, along with their ability to sustain themselves. Consequently, Ngāti Rangī have suffered poor housing, low educational achievement, and a lack of opportunities for social and economic development. This, in turn, has led to a dispersal of the Ngāti Rangī population to urban centres, and a loss of community, te reo Māori skills, and traditional cultural practices. Over the last few decades, due to a concerted effort by Ngāti Rangī, a revival based on the homeland community has begun.

Overview

The Ngāti Rangī Deed of Settlement is the final settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangī resulting from acts or omissions by the Crown prior to 21 September 1992, and is made up of a package that includes:

- an agreed historical account, Crown acknowledgements and apology.
- cultural redress, including:
 - Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework (Whangaehu River) redress,
 - conservation redress,
 - Crown minerals redress,
 - a cultural fund, and
 - relationship redress.
- financial and commercial redress.

The benefits of the settlement will be available to all members of Ngāti Rangī wherever they may live.

Crown acknowledgements and apology

The Deed of Settlement contains a series of acknowledgements by the Crown for its actions and omissions that have breached the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. The Crown has made a series of acknowledgements to Ngāti Rangī for the Crown's actions which have caused the iwi prejudice, including the failure of the Crown to honour the Treaty of Waitangi from 1840, the failure of the Crown to consult with Ngāti Rangī before proclaiming the Tongariro National Park, its acquisition of land and sites of immense significance to Ngāti Rangī for the Park, and the failure of the Crown to consult with Ngāti Rangī before constructing the Tongariro Power Development Scheme which has irreversibly affected the environment in Ngāti Rangī's rohe.

The Deed also includes the Crown's apology to Ngāti Rangī for its failure to honour the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Ngāti Rangī have acted as a genuine Treaty partner and friend of the Crown, but the Crown has not always upheld its side of the partnership nor recognised the service and sacrifices that Ngāti Rangī have made for the development of the country. Through its acknowledgments and apology, the Crown seeks to atone for the harm it has caused to Ngāti Rangī and rebuild its relationship with the iwi based on the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.

Cultural redress

The cultural redress package for Ngāti Rangī intends to recognise the traditional, historical, cultural and spiritual associations of Ngāti Rangī with places and sites owned by the Crown within their area of interest. This package allows Ngāti Rangī and the Crown to protect and enhance the conservation values associated with these sites.

TE WAIŪ-O-TE-IKA FRAMEWORK (WHANGAEHU RIVER)

The settlement will provide for a redress framework for the Whangaehu River, Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika.

Statutory recognition and values for Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika: Te Mana Tupua o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and Ngā Toka o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika

Under the settlement, Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika will be recognised as a living and indivisible whole, from Te Wai-a-moe (the Crater Lake) to the sea, comprising physical and metaphysical elements giving life and healing to its surroundings and communities.

The settlement also recognises a set of four intrinsic values (Ngā Toka o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika) that represent the essence of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika:

- a. **Ko te Kāhui Maunga te mātāpuna o te ora:** The sacred mountain clan, the source of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika, the source of life.
Hapū, iwi and all communities draw sustenance and inspiration from Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika's source upon Ruapehu extending to all reaches of the catchment.
- b. **He wai-a-riki-rangi, he wai-ariki-nuku, tuku iho, tuku iho:** An interconnected whole; a river revered and valued from generation down to generation.
apū, iwi and all communities are united in the best interests of the indivisible Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika as a gift to the future prosperity of our mokopuna.

- c. **Ko ngā wai tiehu ki ngā wai riki, tuku iho ki tai hei waiū, hei wai tōtā e:** Living, nurturing waters, providing potency to the land and its people from source to tributary to the ocean.
Hapū, iwi and all communities benefit physically, spiritually, culturally and economically where water and its inherent life supporting capacity is valued and enhanced.
- d. **Kia hua mai ngā kōrero o ngā wai, kia hua mai te wai ora e:** The latent potential of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika, the latent potential of its hapū and iwi.
Uplifting the mana of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika in turn uplifts the mana of its hapū and iwi leading to prosperity and growth for hapū and iwi.

The statutory recognition (Te Mana Tupua o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika) and values (Ngā Toka o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika) must be given appropriate consideration by persons exercising certain statutory functions, duties, or powers that relate to the River, or to activities in the catchment affecting the River.

Te Punga Tupua o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika

The settlement provides that Ngā iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika may appoint an individual - Te Punga Tupua - to interact with relevant Ministers regarding issues relating to the implementation of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika framework, or the health and wellbeing of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika.

Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

The settlement will create a river entity, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, with members appointed by Ngāti Rangī, other iwi with interests in the Whangaehu, and local authorities, to:

- prepare and approve a Whangaehu catchment strategy document, Te Tāhoratonga o Te Waiū
- promote the statutory recognition
- advance the health and wellbeing and coordinated management of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment, and
- engage with and provide advice to local authorities and Crown agencies in relation to Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment.

The Crown will provide a one-off contribution of \$400,000 to the cost of establishing the river entity (Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū) and the development of the Whangaehu catchment strategy document.

Fisheries regulations

The settlement provides that the Ministry of Primary Industries and the Ngāti Rangī Post Settlement Governance Entity will develop customary non-commercial fisheries regulations for those parts of the Whangaehu catchment within the Ngāti Rangī area of interest.

Register of Hearing commissioners

The settlement provides for the establishment of a Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment register, maintained by the river entity Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, of accredited hearing commissioners who may be appointed to consider certain resource consent applications relating to Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika.

Statement of General Relevance

The settlement provides that, when decisionmakers are making statutory decisions affecting Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika, they may, at their discretion, consider the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework as a relevant consideration.

CONSERVATION

The Deed of Settlement provides for the establishment of a joint committee to be known as Te Pae Ao and comprised of two members appointed by each of the Ngāti Rangī Post-settlement Governance Entity and the Department of Conservation to be the administering body of the following sites:

- Kiokio Conservation Area
- Mangaehuehu Scenic Reserve
- Mangateitei Road Conservation Area
- Ngā Roto-o-Rangataua Scenic Reserve (part not vested)
- Raketapauma Conservation Area
- Raketapauma Scenic Reserve
- Rangataua Conservation Area (including part of the Rotokura Ecological Area)
- Rangataua No.2 Conservation Area
- Rangataua Scenic Reserve, and
- Beds of Rotokura Lakes.

The settlement will also provide for the Minister of Conservation to appoint an interim member of the Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board on the nomination of the Ngāti Rangi Post Settlement Governance Entity. Following settlement, Ngāti Rangi will also have input into a defined place in the Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Management Strategy (Te Paenga Nui).

CROWN MINERALS

The settlement legislation will provide for:

- a Crown acknowledgement of the spiritual, traditional, cultural and historical association of Ngāti Rangi with pākohe, onewa and matā
- any member of Ngāti Rangi who has written authorisation from the Ngāti Rangi Post Settlement Governance Entity to access a defined area for the purpose of searching for and removing pākohe, onewa and matā by hand, without authorisation under the conservation legislation or a permit under the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

SITES VESTED IN NGĀTI RANGI

Five sites of cultural significance will be vested in fee simple in Ngāti Rangi:

- Rangatauanui (approx 23 ha)
- Rau Korokio (approx 18 ha)
- Te Tāuru (approx 6 ha)
- Te Urunga property (approx 0.1088 ha), and
- Wai-maire (approx 2.46 ha).

The following site will be vested in fee simple in Ngāti Rangi subject to a conservation covenant and will be administered by the Te Pae Ao joint committee:

- the Beds of Rotokura Lakes (approx 13 ha).

SITE TO BE VESTED AND GIFTED BACK

On the first 9th November after settlement date, the New Zealand Defence Force lands at Waiouru within the Raketepauma Land Block Iirangi will be vested in the Ngāti Rangi Post-settlement Governance Entity who will gift it back 7 days later to the Crown for the people of New Zealand.

OVERLAY CLASSIFICATION

The settlement provides for an overlay classification over part of Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary. An overlay classification acknowledges the traditional, cultural, spiritual and historical association of Ngāti Rangi with a certain site of significance. The declaration of an area as an overlay classification provides for the Crown to acknowledge iwi values in relation to that area.

STATUTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND DEEDS OF RECOGNITION

A statutory acknowledgement recognises the association between Ngāti Rangi and a particular site or area and enhances the iwi's ability to participate in specified resource management processes. Deeds of Recognition oblige the Crown to consult with Ngāti Rangi on specified matters and have regard to their views regarding their special associations with certain areas.

The settlement includes a statutory acknowledgement and/or a deed of recognition over the following areas:

- Auahitōtara Pā
- Part of Hautapu River
- Part of Moawhango River
- Part of Ngaurukehu Scientific Reserve
- Part of Ngāmatea Swamp
- Part of Ohakune Lakes Scenic Reserve
- Part of Turakina River
- Parts of Upper Waikato Stream (Waikato-Iti), and
- Te Onetapu (Rangipō Desert).

Two additional deeds of recognition for Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika (the Whangaehu River) are also provided, one for Ngāti Rangi and one for the River entity, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū.

PLACE NAME REDRESS

Place names recognise iwi associations with geographic areas. The settlement legislation will provide for 33 official geographic name changes including the presently officially unnamed places of:

- the historic site of Auahitōtara Pā
- Hautapura Stream
- Kutaroa Stream
- Kutaroa Swamp
- the historic site of Ngā Rimutāmaka
- the historic site of Ōtahatekapua Kāinga
- Raketapauma Wetland, and
- Rangatauaitei (the smaller of the two Ohakune Lakes) and Rangatauanui (the larger of the two Ohakune Lakes).

The settlement legislation will provide that the name of the Ohakune Lakes Scenic Reserve is to be changed to Ngā Roto-o-Rangataua Lakes Scenic Reserve.

CULTURAL FUND

The Ngāti Rangi Post Settlement Governance Entity will receive \$167,000 for a cultural fund.

Relationships

PARTNERSHIP/RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS

The Deed of Settlement will provide for the Ngāti Rangi governance entity to enter into partnership and relationship agreements with:

- the Department of Conservation
- the Ministry of Education
- the Ministry for the Environment
- the Ministry of Social Development
- Oranga Tamariki - the Ministry for Children
- the New Zealand Defence Force
- Te Puni Kōkiri, and
- a Justice Sector relationship agreement with the Department of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, and New Zealand Police.

PROTOCOLS

The Deed of Settlement will provide for a Whakaaetanga Tiaki Taonga to facilitate a good working relationship between Ngāti Rangi, the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, the Department of Internal Affairs and other cultural agencies.

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT AND RECOGNITION

The Deed of Settlement will provide for a letter of commitment from the the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and a letter of recognition from the Ministry of Primary Industries to the Ngāti Rangi Post Settlement Governance Entity.

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations will write letters of introduction to the following local authorities to raise the profile of Ngāti Rangi, advise of matters of particular importance to Ngāti Rangi, and encourage the local authorities to better engage with Ngāti Rangi:

- Horizons Regional Council
- Rangitikei District Council
- Ruapehu District Council
- Taupō District Council
- Waikato Regional Council, and
- Whanganui District Council.

Financial and commercial redress

This redress recognises the losses suffered by Ngāti Rangi arising from breaches by the Crown of its Treaty obligations. The financial and commercial redress is aimed at providing Ngāti Rangi with resources to assist them to develop their economic and social well being.

The total value of financial and commercial redress for Ngāti Rangī is \$17 million, plus interest. This is made up of:

- A \$50,000 on-account payment,
- \$50,000 for cultural revitalisation,
- financial redress of \$8,472,183.50, and
- commercial redress properties.

COMMERCIAL REDRESS

Ngāti Rangī will receive the following commercial redress properties:

- Ohakune Police Station (land only, to be leased-back to the Crown, transfer value \$173,065)
- Waiouru Police Station (land only, to be leased-back to the Crown, transfer value \$73,751), and
- Karioi Crown Forest Licensed Land (transfer value \$8.181 million).

Ngāti Rangī will also receive:

- the right to purchase for two years after the settlement date one of either Ohakune Primary School site (land only) or Ruapehu College site (land only) subject to its lease back to the Crown,
- an exclusive right of first refusal for 177 years from the settlement date to purchase specified Crown land, should it be declared surplus, and
- a shared right of first refusal with Mōkai Pātea for 177 years over other specified Crown land, should it be declared surplus.

Ngāti Rangī and the New Zealand Defence Force are negotiating the possible sale and lease-back of non-surplus defence land and the construction of housing on that land. Subject to the Ngāti Rangī Post Settlement Governance Entity and the New Zealand Defence Force reaching agreement, the settlement legislation will enable the transfer of land to the Ngāti Rangī governance entity for the construction of houses.

Questions and Answers

5. What is the total settlement package?

The Ngāti Rangī Deed of Settlement is the final settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangī resulting from acts or omissions by the Crown prior to 21 September 1992, and is made up of a package that includes:

- an agreed historical account, Crown acknowledgements and apology
- cultural redress, including:
 - Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework (Whangaehu River) redress
 - conservation redress,
 - Crown minerals redress,
 - a cultural fund, and
 - relationship redress
- financial and commercial redress with a total value of \$17 million plus interest.

6. Is there any private land involved?

No.

7. Are the public's rights affected?

In general no. A small number of conservation sites will be transferred to Ngāti Rangī with reserve status revoked.

8. Are any place names changed?

Yes. There are 33 place names being changed by this settlement – refer to the full Deed of Settlement.

9. What are statutory acknowledgements and deeds of recognition?

Statutory acknowledgements acknowledge areas or sites with which iwi have a special relationship, and will be recognised in any relevant proceedings under the Resource Management Act. These provisions aim to avoid past problems where areas of significance to Māori, such as burial grounds, were simply cleared or excavated for public works or similar purposes without permission or consultation with iwi.

Statutory acknowledgements do not convey a property right and are non-exclusive.

Deeds of recognition set out an agreement between the administering Crown body (eg. the Minister of Conservation, the Chief of the Defence Force and the Commissioner of Crown Lands) and a claimant group in recognition of their special association with a site and specify the nature of their input into the management of the site.

10. What is an overlay classification?

An overlay classification acknowledges the traditional, cultural, spiritual and historical association of an iwi with certain sites of significance administered by the Department of Conservation.

An overlay classification status requires the Minister of Conservation and the settling group to develop and publicise a set of principles that will assist the Minister to avoid harming or diminishing values of the settling group with regard to that land. The New Zealand Conservation Authority and relevant Conservation Boards will also be required to have regard to the principles and consult with the settling group.

11. What happens to memorials on private titles?

The legislative restrictions (memorials) placed on the title of Crown properties and some former Crown properties now in private ownership will be removed once all Treaty claims in the area have been settled.

12. When will the settlement take effect?

The settlement will take effect following the enactment of the settlement legislation.

13. Does Ngāti Rangī have the right to come back and make further claims about the behaviour of the Crown in the 19th and 20th centuries?

No. When the deed is signed and settlement legislation is passed it will be a final and comprehensive settlement of all historical (relating to events before 21 September 1992) Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangī. The settlement legislation, once passed, will prevent the iwi re-litigating these historical claims before the Waitangi Tribunal or the courts.

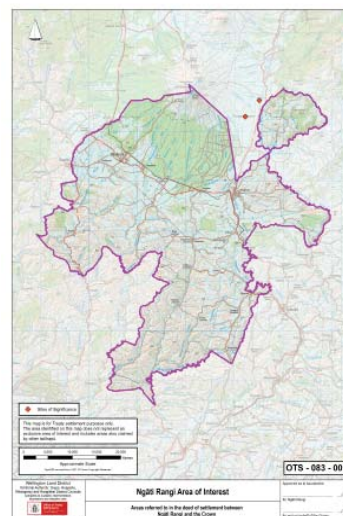
The settlement will still allow Ngāti Rangī to pursue claims against the Crown for acts or omissions after 21 September 1992 including claims based on the continued existence of aboriginal title or customary rights. The Crown also retains the right to dispute such claims or the existence of such title rights.

14. Who benefits from the settlement?

All members of Ngāti Rangī wherever they may now live.

15. What about redress over the Tongariro National Park?

The Deed settles all Ngāti Rangī historical claims over the Tongariro National Park. However, the Deed provides that cultural redress over the Tongariro National Park will be negotiated separately with other iwi and hapū with interests in the Tongariro National Park.



This and other settlement summaries are also available at www.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

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6 March 2023

Peter Beggs
Chief Executive
Rangitikei District Council
By email: peter.beggs@rangitikei.govt.nz

Tēnā koe

Council use of Treaty settlement areas of interest

Further to Minister Little's 14 October 2022 letter of introduction for Ngāti Rangī (attached at **Appendix 1**), I am writing to clarify that a claimant group's area of interest is solely for the purposes of Treaty settlement use.

Iwi have expressed concern to Te Arawhiti that some councils have been using area of interests maps as tools to determine which iwi groups should be consulted about projects. This has included resource consent applications as well as other local government work programmes.

While areas of interest can be a useful tool to identify iwi presence in certain areas, they are for Treaty settlement purposes only.

Te Arawhiti encourages Rangitikei District Council to connect with iwi in your region about appropriate ways for your organisation to recognise their interests, including in areas in which more than one group has interests.

If you require any further information regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lu McGregor, Negotiation and Settlements Manager, at Lu.McGregor@tearawhiti.govt.nz.

I wish you and your council well for your ongoing response to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tui Marsh'.

Tui Marsh
Regional Director (Acting)

cc: Helen Leahy, Pou Ārahi, Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust, helen@ngatirangi.com

Appendix 1 – Letter of introduction for Ngāti Rangī

Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Health
Minister Responsible for the GCSB
Minister Responsible for the NZSIS
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry
Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into the Terrorist Attack on the Christchurch Mosques



14 October 2022

Peter Beggs
Chief Executive
Rangitikei District Council

By email: peter.beggs@rangitikei.govt.nz

Tēnā koe

Ngāti Rangī – Letter of Introduction to local authorities

As you will know, the Crown signed a Deed of Settlement with Ngāti Rangī to settle its historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi claims on 10 March 2018. On 31 July 2019 the Ngāti Rangī Claims Settlement Act was passed to implement the settlement.

The Deed of Settlement is comprised of both cultural and commercial redress to remedy historical grievances that Ngāti Rangī has suffered as a result of Crown breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Please find enclosed a summary of the Deed of Settlement for your information.

In the Deed of Settlement, the Crown agreed to write letters encouraging an ongoing co-operative relationship between Ngāti Rangī and the councils in their core area of interest. These letters were supposed to be sent by the settlement date of 24 September 2019. Due to an oversight this did not happen, and I apologise for the delay.

In the course of negotiations with the Crown, Ngāti Rangī expressed interest in enhancing their relationships with the following local authorities:

- Horizons Regional Council;
- Rangitikei District Council;
- Ruapehu District Council;
- Taupo District Council;
- Waikato District Council; and
- Whanganui District Council.

Accordingly, I am writing to introduce you to Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi as the governance entity of Ngāti Rangī and to suggest that Rangitikei District Council makes contact with Ngāti Rangī to further strengthen a co-operative relationship and to discuss matters of common interest.

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Ngāti Rangī are located at the western and southern foot of Mount Ruapehu and have approximately 3000 registered beneficiaries. The principal townships within their area of interest are Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru. The Whangaehu River is a culturally significant awa for Ngāti Rangī and neighbouring iwi. The establishment of a River entity, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, to protect and make decisions relating to the Whangaehu River is a significant aspect of their settlement package that will involve collaboration with local authorities. The settlement also provides for the framework in which Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika will participate in relation to the management of the Whangaehu River, known to Ngāti Rangī as Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment.

A memorandum of understanding is often an effective way to set out agreed frameworks for future relationships. The Council may wish to consider entering into such an agreement with Ngāti Rangī. Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi would be more than happy to discuss this with the Council.

The Pou Ārahi (Chief Executive) of Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi is Helen Leahy, who may be reached at helen@ngatirangi.com or 021 881 031. Mail for Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi is best directed to the management authority:

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust
(formerly Ngāti Rangī Trust)
1 Mountain Road
PO Box 195
Ohakune 4660

I encourage you to take this opportunity to contact Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi. It is my hope Rangitikei District Council will build a durable working relationship that enables Ngāti Rangī and Rangitikei District Council to realise outcomes of mutual benefit.

If you have any further questions, please contact Philip Green, Land and Implementations Manager at the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti at Philip.Green@tearawhiti.govt.nz or (04) 494 9731.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

CC: Helen Leahy, Pou Ārahi, Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi, helen@ngatirangi.com
Encl: Ngāti Rangī Deed of Settlement Summary

9.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update**Author:** Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 To provide an update on the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project.

2. Background

2.1 The Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project is the development of a community spatial plan for the district. It will set out our aspirations for future land use and development.

2.2 An Advisory Group was established consisting of Elected Members and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members to assist with the strategic direction setting for the document. The Group's members included Chris Shenton, Cr Tracey Hiroa, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Angus Gordon, Cr Gill Duncan. The Advisory Group has not been re-established following the local government elections in October 2023

2.3 To date, the project has been through the first three phases, background assessment, community engagement, development of the draft Spatial Plan. The draft Community Spatial Plan is currently out for community consultation.

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Community Engagement	March – April 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – December 2022
Community Consultation	March/April 2023
Adoption	July 2023

2.4 The draft Community Spatial Plan was circulated to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members in December 2022. Officers appreciate feedback received to date and have made several changes to the draft document as a result.

2.5 The opportunity for Komiti members to provide feedback into the community spatial plan document remains open through the community consultation process. Officers and elected members can attend hui if requested.

3. Community Consultation & Next steps

3.1 The draft Community Spatial Plan is currently open for community consultation until 25 April 2023. TRAK members are encouraged to share the consultation and make a submission.

3.2 Following community consultation, Council will consider matters raised in submissions, make changes to the document, and then adopt the final Community Spatial Plan.

Recommendation

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update' be received.

ITEM 9.4

10 Reports for Information

10.1 RDC Engagement and Consultations

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Attached is the most recently updated schedule for RDC Engagement and Consultations. This schedule is updated on a monthly basis, prior to going to full Council for receipt.

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:


1. RDC Engagement and Consultations Schedule - Updated March 2023 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOPIC	Staff (Lead)	Elected Member (Lead)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan	Katrina											Public Consultation			
Future of Local Government	Peter		Stakeholder Engagement	Public Consultation											FINAL REPORT DUE
Three Waters	Arno							NEXT STEPS TO BE CONFIRMED							
RMA Reforms	Katrina								Public Consultation						
Annual Plan 2023/24	Carol												Public Consultation		
Proposed Fees & Charges 2023/24													Public Consultation		
Rates Remission Policy Amendment													Public Consultation		
Revenue and Financing Policy Amendment													Public Consultation		
Forestry Differential	Dave							Public Consultation							
Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Georgia												Public Consultation		
Local Body Elections	Carol	N/A	Local, Regional and National Campaign												
Community Committee Nominations	Carol							Public Consultation							
Business Baseline Survey	Jo		Public Engagement												
Primary Producers' Needs Assessment	Jo			Public Engagement											
Welcoming Communities Rangitikei	Rhianna		Public Engagement				Stakeholder Engagement								

Key

- Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)
- Public Consultation
- Public Consultation (by Central Government)
- Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)
- Public Engagement
- Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting



Election Day

ITEM 10.2

10.2 Horizons Update

Author: Michael Fryer, Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships (Horizons Regional Council)

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Mr Fryer has provided a report, as attached.

Attachments:

1. **Horizons Update - 03 April 2023** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.



3 April 2023

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti
45 High Street, Marton, 4700

TO: Pahia Turia (Tumuaki o Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa)

cc: Kezia.Spence@rangitikei.govt.nz

Kei aku rangatira, tēnā koutou

Cyclone Gabrielle

1. Council has been heavily engaged in coordinating the regional response and recovery of the region in light of the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle. This event kept our Emergency Coordination Centre functioning for 14 days, the longest tenure since the Covid Delta Outbreak in August-September 2021.

2. In this instance, the Horizons region suffered mild damage compared to other regions of the North Island. However, as apart of our learnings, this has raised the issue of how government response agencies support Tangata Whenua as well as local marae, in their response needs & capabilities. Further work will be triaged on this.

Departure of Dr.Nic Peet

3. Horizons is saddened to see the departure of Dr. Nic Peet, General Manager for Science, Policy & Regulation, who will be taking on the role of Chief Executive of Hawkes Bay Regional Council. Dr. Peet has been a huge advocate for Iwi Maori and through his oversight, led to the establishment of numerous arrangements and ventures between Iwi & Council. His most recent achievement was for the establishment of the Joint Action Climate Komiti. Dr. Peet is due to leave Horizons in mid-June after 11 years of service to Horizons.

Freshwater Implementation

4. The Oranga Wai journey is continuing in the background with huge progress made, in particular the Rangitikei Catchment. I am mildly confident that we will be able to meet this plan change before its intended due date of December 2024.

Consenting changes

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AUTHOR: MICHAEL FRYER | Senior Policy Advisor (Māori)

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Discussion on Format and Information Provided to TRAK Meetings

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

ITEM 11.1

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this agenda item is to allow for time for discussion on what TRAK members would like to achieve during this triennium and how staff can assist this.
- 1.2 At the final meeting of TRAK in the last triennium members asked for the opportunity to discuss the format of the meetings and the information provided from staff.

11.2 Wananga Funding Consideration Request**Author:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Attached is an email that was received from E Kai Māori Limited requesting funding. They have specified four different levels of funding - 1 major Supporter, 6 National Supporters, 1 Marae supporter (for each Marae) & National Produce supporters and suggested Council would consider being a Marae supporter.
- 1.2 Staff have gone back to E Kai Māori Limited and suggested they make a submission through Council's Annual Plan process.
- 1.3 The email is attached, for the Komiti's information.

Attachments:

1. **Email - E Kai Māori Limited** [↓](#)

Carol Gordon

Subject: FW: Wananga funding consideration request

From: Tangata Whenua Network <tari@ekaimaori.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:24 PM

To: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

Subject: Wananga funding consideration request

Kia ora Koutou

Im contacting you on behalf of "E Kai Māori limited" which is led by Executive Chef Joe Mcleod & Myself . We are reaching out to you in hopes that you can make partial funding available to deliver our wananga to a marae in your rohe.

Chef Joe is an internationally recognized chef who after 30 years working around the world returned to New Zealand and has spent the last 20 years becoming the foremost holder of Matauranga Māori around the lost culinary arts of Tangata whenua. His passion is to open the doors of knowledge to Māori cuisine and the use of our native Rongoa & Marakai to support our people to experience and understand the connection between Kai, whenua, ngahere, tupuna, whakapapa & community.

Over the next 2 years he will deliver 20+ x 3-day wananga on marae around the country that will be open to all members of their communities. He has completed 2 highly successful wananga in Taitokerau and Waiariki which drove requests for more wananga. Unfortunately these come at a cost which makes it Difficult for Chef joe or the marae to cover fully so we are reaching out to organisation's to assist with the costs in the form of sponsorship in return for structured acknowledgement of your contribution.

Each Wananga has a total cost of \$19,000 + gst and consists of a 3-day wananga where Chef Joe leads the attendees on a foraging expedition, identification of Rongoa, creating Traditional cooking baskets, preparing food for the hakari and preparing different cooking methods (ground hangi, steam box, stove top etc).

Throughout this wananga Chef Joe is constantly sharing korero and presentations that link all aspects of te ao Māori to the Kai while always acknowledging tikanga of the rohe in which he is presenting. We also provide all meals and snacks for the wananga which use a Kai Māori fusion in some way and is prepared by chef Joes team.

We have structured the support packages into 4 categories (1 major Supporter, 6 National Supporters, 1 Marae supporter (for each Marae) & National Produce supporters) .

We Ideally see your organisation as a Marae supporter within your rohe so would acknowledge your support within local publications and display your appropriate signage in the venue.

If you would like to support this kaupapa and would like to be part of the journey please reply to me at tari@ekaimaori.co.nz and we would be happy to meet with you or your team to discuss how we can work together to present this Matauranga to the motu.

Below is a link to the last wananga at te Takinga Marae to give you an idea of what we do and how it is supported.

<https://youtu.be/PJLWnF4H4hg>

FYI

Major Supporter \$90,000+gst

National Supporters 6 x \$32,000+gst

Marae Supporters 20 x \$6000 +gst
National Produce Suppliers (By negotiation)

Adrian McVeigh
Pou Whakahaere/ General Manager
E Kai Maori
tari@ekaimaori.co.nz
0220900309



11.3 Three Waters

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

ITEM 11.3

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 It was requested during the 06 April 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.4 Climate Change Action Committee

Author: Chris Shenton, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 It was requested during the 12 October 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

12 Meeting Closed