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# NGĀ MĀNUKANUKA O TE IWI (MĀORI COMMITTEE) Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Friday 4 July 2025

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Time: Open 10.00am – 11.51am  
Public Excluded – 11.51am - 12.05pm

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Venue Large Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page*

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Present **Chair:** Beverley Kemp-Harmer  
Mana Ahuriri Trust (Evelyn Ratima)  
Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (Mara Andrews) [online]  
Moteo Marae (Maureen Box)  
Petane Marae (Shyann Raihania)  
Timikara Marae (Kirk Leonard)  
Waiohiki Marae (Darren Tareha)  
Wharerangi Marae (Beverley Kemp-Harmer)  
Mayor Kirsten Wise  
Sustainable Napier Committee Chair (Councillor Price)  
Napier People & Places Committee Chair (Councillor McGrath)  
Prosperous Napier Committee Chair (Councillor Crown)

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In Attendance Council Kaumatua (Matiu Eru)  
Chief Executive (Louise Miller) [online]  
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)  
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)  
Team Leader City Design and Urban Renewal (Georgina King)  
Strategic Programme Lead (Alix Burke)  
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens)

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	Communications Manager (Jess Soutar-Barron) Manager Water Strategy (Philip Kelsen) Water Strategy Planning Manager (Syed Andrabi) Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Hilary Prentice) Executive Assistant to the Mayor (Vanessa Smith) [online] Te Waka Rangapū Kaiāwhina (Xanthia Ashby)
Also in Attendance	Wraight Athfield Landscape and Architecture (Nathan Foote) Ātea a Rangi Trust (Piripi Smith)
Administration	Governance Advisor (Jemma McDade)

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Karakia

The meeting opened with the council karakia.

### Apologies

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Mayor Wise / Councillor Crown

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That the apology from Deputy Mayor Brosnan be accepted.

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Carried

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The Pukemokimoki Marae representative, Tiwana Aranui, and the Tangoio Marae representative, Krystal Haimona, did not attend the meeting.

### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Public forum

Nil

### Announcements by the Chairperson

Matariki celebrations are to be held this evening at the Soundshell from 5:30pm. Nominations for Local Government Elections open today.

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

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Darren Tareha / Kirk Leonard

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14 March 2025 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. WAKA HUB CULTURAL NARRATIVE & MAHI TOI PROCUREMENT

Type of Report:	Operational
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1860442
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Georgina King, Team Leader City Design and Urban Renewal

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee for the Waka Hub Cultural Narrative, and to update the Committee on the development of the Mahi Toi for the Waka Hub.

### At the meeting

Nathan Foote (Wraight Athfield Landscape and Architecture) and Piripi Smith (Ātea a Rangi Trust) joined the officer to present the report with a PowerPoint presentation noting that, pending endorsement by the Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee, the developed design package will be brought to Council on 28 August 2025.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Mana Ahuriri would be present at any future korero regarding the mahi toi.

### Committee resolution

Kirk Leonard / Evelyn Ratima

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- Endorse** the Waka Hub Cultural Narrative
- Receive** the report updating the development of the Mahi Toi for the Waka Hub project.
- Recommend** that a representative from the Mana Whenua Mahi Toi design team be included in the ongoing governance or asset management arrangements for the Waka Hub, to ensure the cultural integrity, appropriate care, and long term stewardship of the mahi toi elements.

Carried

### Attachments

- 1 2025-07-04 updated Whare waka-Ahuriri Cultural Booklet DOC ID 1864667

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF NAPIER CITY COUNCIL'S INAUGURAL CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1861297
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Julia Stevens, Manager Communications and Marketing Jess Soutar-Barron, Communications Manager

### 2.1 Purpose of Report

To inform Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi of Napier City Council's first Citizens' Assembly, being held in September 2025, including its purpose, structure, and the importance of active mana whenua partnership in the process.

### At the meeting

The officers presented the report providing the update that this work is moving at pace.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be upheld by the design group. The design group consists of expert consultants, local community leaders and Council officers. The perceived legitimacy of a new concept is important.
- The Citizens Assembly will meet over four consecutive Saturdays in September with support in place for participants to break down participatory boundaries.
- This is an opportunity to have contributions from people qualified in disability, diversity and to address Te Tiriti through inclusivity. It is great to see the partnership with Council.
- The design group will be given the issue that Council needs to address and will then determine the question that the Citizens Assembly is to consider. The Council will make a commitment in a public meeting as to the way forward. The framework will come from the design group; a strong scaffold to hold the Kaupapa.
- This Citizens Assembly will consider one issue. If this is repeated then a new 40 people will consider the next issue.
- This is a new Kaupapa, the design group could consider that the 40 highly engaged individuals who form this Citizens Assembly could retain an ongoing relationship with Council for future consultations. This is the start of a new way of engaging with our people.

### Committee resolution

Darren Tareha / Evelyn Ratima

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- Receive** the report on the upcoming Citizens' Assembly for Napier.

- b. **Note** the importance of ongoing partnership with mana whenua throughout the planning, design, and delivery of the Assembly.
- c. **Endorse** mana whenua representation and involvement in the Assembly's advisory and design processes.
- d. **Nominate** Beverley Kemp-Harmer and Matiu Eru to join the Napier Citizens' Assembly Design Group.
- e. **Nominate** Mara Andrews to participate in the Citizens' Assembly.

Carried

### 3. 3 WATERS PROJECT UPDATE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1860729
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Pious Jolly Xavier, Drainage Planning Lead Anoop Mathew, 3 Waters Technical Development Engineer

#### 3.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi with an update on key projects currently underway within Napier City Council's 3 Waters programme, which includes drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater.

#### At the meeting

Manager Water Strategy (Philip Kelsen) and Water Strategy Planning Manager (Syed Andrabi) presented the report and a PowerPoint Presentation.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Mana Ahuriri will be included in discussions.
- The reservoir size takes into account population growth projections and is sized for the predicted 2072 population.
- The drinking water reservoir is designed for a level four disaster event and could supply 20 litres per person per day for the community.

#### Committee resolution

Mara Andrews / Darren Tareha

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receive the information** provided on the current progress of significant 3 Waters projects being delivered by Napier City Council.
- b. **Note** that Mana Ahuriri will be present at the 3 Waters Projects Updates.

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Carried

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## 4. TE WAKA RANGAPŪ UPDATE

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1859388
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Hilary Prentice, Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori

### 4.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the progress and achievements of Te Waka Rangapū over the last quarter. The team has continued to foster a holistic and inclusive environment at Napier City Council, which you will see evident from this report.

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### At the meeting

The officer presented the report.

There were no questions.

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<b>Committee resolution</b>	Evelyn Ratima / Maureen Box
	The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):
	a. Note the update from Te Waka Rangapū dated 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025.
	Carried

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## Updates from Committee Representatives

### Moteo marae

The marae is leading up to their opening blessing, recovering from the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle nearly two and a half years ago. The blessing is to be held on Friday 25 July with the powhiri at 10am.

### Waiohiki marae

Matua Tamati was acknowledged. The marae is finishing their recovery phase following Cyclone Gabrielle.

### Timikara marae

The Strategic plan is being developed, the Kaupapa is being learned and the work in progress is to build and strengthen relationships in the community, especially with rangatahi.

### Petane marae



A busy time for the marae with dialogue with Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Napier City Council forging partnerships as part of the rebuild phase. Focus is on strengthening connections to ensure the stability remains when the marae is rebuilt.

#### Mana Ahuriri

An active time being involved in the airport, ensuring that the history is recorded. Support for all marae continues to be offered, especially after Matariki. Relationships continue to be built and maintained to work alongside Napier and Hastings Councils and the Regional Council. Their housing development is also progressing.

#### Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust

Support continues to be provided around rebuild and relocations following the Cyclone. The hapū voted for the purchase of land on the coast; possession is to be taken after October.

#### Prosperous Napier

Last weekend saw the opening of the Shockwave exhibit at the MTG featuring the new revamped Shakehouse. This is a beautiful exhibition developed with guidance from the Council Kaumatua. The 3 July meeting tracked finance, including intergenerational projects. A huge milestone was the closing of the voluntary buyout policy for properties affected by the Cyclone. The investment arm of Council, Ahuriri Investment Management, is progressing. The cost of living is top of mind.

#### Sustainable Napier

The Sustainable Napier Committee considers Infrastructure; the paper today updated the current water related projects. The 3 July meeting heard that in 2019 there were 1330 water related complaints and this has reduced to 30 which is a fantastic result.

#### Napier People and Places

The 3 July meeting approved the grants funding for the next round, helping a number of community organisations. The names for the rooms at the War Memorial Conference Centre were also ratified.

### **Updates from Pou Whakarae**

Nil

### **General business**

Nil

## **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

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Kirk Leonard / Darren Tareha

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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## Agenda Items

1. Hawke's Bay Museum Joint Working Group Proposal for new names for the two sites

Carried

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution were as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.
<b>Agenda Items</b>			
1. Hawke's Bay Museum Joint Working Group Proposal for new names for the two sites	7(2)(g) Maintain legal professional privilege	48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.	The names require support from a range of stakeholders and they are subject to legal registration with IPONZ.

## Public Excluded Text

Council has considered the public interest in the information above and balanced those interests with the reason(s) for withholding this information. This ensures Council has met the requirements for withholding information under section 7(2) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

*The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.51am*

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Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....