



NGĀ MĀNUKANUKA O TE IWĪ (MĀORI COMMITTEE)

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday 8 May 2026

Time: 10.00am – 12.27pm

Venue Chapman Room.
Level 1, Chapman Pavilion
McLean Park
Latham Street
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's YouTube Channel

Present **Chair:** Beverley Kemp-Harmer (Wharerangi Marae)
Mana Ahuriri Trust (Evelyn Ratima)
Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (Mara Andrews)
Moteo Marae (Maureen Box)
Petane Marae (Shayla Kora)
Timikara Marae (Kirk Leonard)
Waiohiki Marae (Darren Tareha)
Mayor Richard McGrath
Councillor Shyann Raihania [online]

In Attendance Council Kaumātua (Matiu Eru)
Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Pou Whakarae, Director of Māori Partnerships (Sam Hema)
Head of Strategy and Programme Delivery (Stephanie Murphy)
Senior Advisor Corporate Planning (Jane McLoughlin)
Senior Advisor Corporate Planning (Danica Rio)

Portfolio Lead - Regional Waters (Andrew Lebioda)
Te Waka Rangapū Kaiāwhina Mātua (Xanthia Ashby)

Also in Attendance Mana Ahuriri Trust (Hinewai Ormsby &
Cameron Ormsby)

Administration Governance Advisor (Jemma McDade)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia followed by a blessing from Matiu Eru.

Apologies

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Darren Tareha / Maureen Box

That the apologies from Councillor Crown, Jason Wawatai and Janice Stevens be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Tangoio marae have appointed Janice Stevens as their new representative to Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee.

Announcements by the management

In response to a query about the proposed reform of local government, the Chief Executive, Louise Miller updated the Committee that engagement with councils is in the early stages. The process for engagement with mana whenua is included and will be worked through as part of this process. The importance of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee through this process was emphasised.

Confirmation of minutes

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Shayla Kora / Kirk Leonard

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2026 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. TE ARA RANGAPŪ MĀORI ENGAGEMENT POLICY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational and Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1909385
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Sam Hema, Pou Whakarae, Director of Māori Partnerships Hinewai Ormsby, Consultant

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 This report presents Te Ara Rangapū – Māori Engagement Policy (Doc Id 1908815), a strategic framework developed through a tikanga-led, co-design process with mana whenua and Māori partners across Ahuriri. The strategy establishes a consistent, Council-wide approach to engagement that moves beyond consultation toward genuine partnership, aligned with Te Tiriti o Waitangi, shared values and relevant statutory obligations.
- 1.2 The development of this Policy has so far been shaped through direct engagement with Mana Ahuriri Trust, Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust, Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui a Orotū, Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust, Ngā Mānukanuka o Te Iwi, and Te Kāhui Kaumātua o Ahuriri. It has alignment with Napier City Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy. Their contributions have informed the vision, principles, engagement framework, and implementation direction.
- 1.3 Te Ara Rangapū will provide a structured engagement continuum, clear triggers for higher levels of engagement, and a pathway toward shared decision-making. It ensures that wider external engagement is early, consistent, appropriately resourced, and embedded across Council systems. The report seeks endorsement of the Strategy and Framework and approval to progress to implementation.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to present the Te Ara Rangapū Māori Engagement Strategy and Framework, summarise the outcomes of engagement with mana whenua and Māori entities, and seek endorsement to progress to implementation.
- 1.6 Consultant, Hinewai Ormsby, who has worked collaboratively on the development of the Te Ara Rangapū Māori Engagement Policy, will also attend the meeting.

At the meeting

Hinewai Ormsby joined the officer to present the report. It was noted that a recent workshop with Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi had provided strong support for improving engagement with mana whenua. The name “Te Ara Rangapū” was supported as reflecting a shared pathway and partnership approach. A need has been identified for earlier, clearer and more meaningful engagement, particularly for significant decisions and the Long-Term Plan. This is both a legal requirement and good governance practice. Pou included in the Strategy are co-

designed to provide staff guidance and engagement triggers. The next phase is to implement the Strategy developing an internal tool to provide structure and clear expectations.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The external co-design framework will be worked through in June. An internal policy will be developed in July. This is the first stage of the process.
- Napier City Council (NCC) will be the Policy owner, through Te Waka Rangapū. Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi will be involved in review as part of the iterative process. The Policy will be presented to Council for approval.
- The NCC Māori Engagement Framework and the recent Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi workshop facilitated different ways of thinking. This meeting is deciding the next phase. Following this, a workshop will be held with Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee and elected members to talk through a Council paper. This will provide the opportunity for whakawhanaungatanga before the Council decision making process. The aim is to build closer relationships between Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi and Council.
- The importance of mapping high level engagement triggers that will lead the co-design process was acknowledged.
- Accountability is a two-way process. Capacity needs to be evaluated so that involvement can be prioritised to realise efficiencies for Council and mana whenua partners.
- The importance of walking alongside one another for a joint understanding of the Kaupapa was emphasised.
- Ongoing evaluation is part of the process to review effectiveness of the Policy against established baselines.
- Clarity of communication is key. Connection is about partnership; demonstrating to our community that we can work effectively together to shape this process as it is developed.
- The members supported Hinewai Ormsby as an independent evaluator to the process.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Kirk Leonard / Evelyn Ratima

Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a) **Receive** the report titled Te Ara Rangapū Māori Engagement Policy dated 08 May 2026.
- b) **Note** the outcomes and key insights from the workshop held on 15 April 2026 with Ngā Mānukanuka o Te Iwi and tangata whenua representatives.
- c) **Endorse** *Te Ara Rangapū – Draft Māori Engagement Strategy and Framework* as the guiding approach for Napier City Council sponsored by Te Waka Rangapū.
- d) **Endorse** the next phase of work to develop an internal implementation tool to operationalise the Strategy and Framework and support its full integration into Council policy and practice.

Carried

2. MARAENUI TO TE AWA STORMWATER PROJECT - CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1907928

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Andrew Lebioda, Portfolio Lead - Regional Waters

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 This report presents the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) (Doc Id 1909775) prepared by Mana Ahuriri Trust, authored by Hinewai and Cameron Ormsby, for the Maraenui to Te Awa Stormwater Improvements Project.
- 1.2 The CIA outlines the cultural values, historical context, and environmental relationships of Ahuriri Hapū, particularly Ngāti Pārau with the project area, and provides a framework for embedding tikanga, mātauranga Māori, and kaitiakitanga into the design, delivery, and ongoing management of the stormwater network.
- 1.3 A key outcome of the CIA is the gifting of four ancestral place names to the project landscape, restoring whakapapa and identity to an area significantly modified through historic events and urban development.
- 1.4 This report seeks endorsement from Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi for:
 - The cultural naming conventions gifted by mana whenua; and
 - The formal process to recognise these names through relevant statutory naming authorities.
- 1.5 Endorsing these recommendations signals a commitment to partnership, cultural restoration, and visible recognition of mana whenua identity within public infrastructure.

At the meeting

Cameron and Hinewai Ormsby joined the officer to present the report with a PowerPoint Presentation.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The aim of the project is to provide a second flow path opportunity for water in high demand conditions to prevent flooding.
- The landscape encompasses a unique saltwater wetland which forms the connection through to Maraenui and Te Awa.
- This creates an opportunity to increase the water quality and habitat for fish and frog species as well as improving the passage for tūna.
- The names and their meanings have been discussed with kaumātua and represent the land and the watercourse.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Evelyn Ratima / Mara Andrews

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receives** the report titled Maraenui to Te Awa Stormwater Project - Cultural Impact Assessment Update dated 08 May 2026.
- b. **Endorses** the gifted cultural naming conventions for the project area as identified in the Cultural Impact Assessment (Doc Id 1909775) being:
 - i. **Upokopoito** (coastal outfall area)
 - ii. **Te Kete Ika** (Serpentine Pond)
 - iii. **Waikōpiko** (watercourse/stream network)
 - iv. **Te Whare o Maraenui** (wetland and planting corridor)
- c. **Approves** the initiation of the formal statutory process to recognise these names through the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa and any other relevant agencies.
- d. **Notes** that the gifting of these names reflects mana, tikanga, and cultural authority of Ahuriri Hapū.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi presentation 8 May 2026 (Doc Id 1911340)
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3. FEEDBACK ON NAPIER CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR LTP 2027–37 DEVELOPMENT

Type of Report: Legal

Legal Reference: Local Government Act 2002

Document ID: 1907550

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Danica Rio, Senior Advisor Corporate Planning

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 This report presents Napier City Council's draft strategic framework for the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2027–2037 to Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee) for feedback and guidance. The framework includes a draft vision, mission, and six community outcomes developed through elected member workshops in April 2026.
- 1.2 The draft strategic framework establishes Council's intended long-term direction and provides the foundation for LTP priority setting, investment decisions, and service trade-offs over the next ten years.
- 1.3 While adoption of the draft strategic framework is scheduled for the 7 May Council meeting, the outcomes are not yet final and remain open to refinement.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's perspectives to test, challenge, and strengthen the draft community outcomes, ensuring they appropriately reflect Māori aspirations, values, and priorities for Napier.

- 1.5 This represents an early stage of engagement in the LTP process. Feedback from Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi will inform revisions to the draft strategic framework before wider community pre-engagement and the framework being finalised.

At the meeting

Senior Advisor Corporate Planning, Jane McLoughlin joined the officer to present the report with a PowerPoint Presentation describing the Long-Term Plan process and outlining potential options for engagement with Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The Te Waka Rangapū Strategy will assist with referencing appropriate engagement. Good recent examples are; Naming conventions and the NCC Multicultural Strategy.
- Educating the population is key to their understanding of the background to enrich their perspective.
- A Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee strategy session would enable further development of priorities.

Mara Andrews left the meeting at 11:33am

- Options presented for engagement were extensive with the decision on final methods of engagement to include consideration of available time.
- The timeline of the Long-Term Plan and Council jargon were explained.
- A wananga for the Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee to provide background information regarding the Long-Term Plan would provide confidence moving forward.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Kirk Leonard / Maureen Box

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- Receives** the report titled Feedback on Napier City Council's Draft Strategic Framework for LTP 2027–37 development dated 08 May 2026.
- Provides** feedback on Napier City Council's draft vision, mission, and community outcomes to inform finalisation of the strategic framework for development of the Long Term Plan 2027–2037 (Doc Id 1908913).
- Provides** guidance on how Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi wishes to participate in the ongoing development of the Long Term Plan 2027-37.

ACTION: Officers to organise wananga with Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee regarding Long-Term Plan engagement.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 2026-05-14 Long Term Plan Update - NMOTI (Doc Id 1911908)

4. TE WAKA RANGAPŪ UPDATE REPORT

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1909827
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Sam Hema, Pou Whakarae, Director of Māori Partnerships Xanthia Ashby, Te Waka Rangapū Kaiāwhina Mātua

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi with an update from Te Waka Rangapū.
- 1.2 A summary of activities is attached (Doc Id 1909825) for members' information.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report noting that this report has been presented in previous meetings following the Updates from Committee Representatives. It was noted that this is an update on the recent mahi highlighting how Te Waka Rangapū is aligning and delivering the Te Ao Māori framework. The constant change within NCC and local government was acknowledged along with the people who have contributed to the growth and development of Te Waka Rangapū to date.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi have been informed about issues affecting mana whenua in relation to recent changes. Current partnerships and relationships with iwi are positive. Regular meetings occur between leaders at NCC and mana whenua organisations to ensure shared understanding and enhanced communication and relationships.
- The work of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi and NCC officers in navigating a time of challenge and transition was acknowledged.
- Te Waka Rangapū immediate priorities are; the induction of new staff, completion of key projects including the Engagement Policy and Strategy, working alongside the new Water entity, developing internal cultural induction for NCC and supporting the Executive Leadership Team with key projects.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Darren Tareha / Shayla Kora

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee)::

- a) **Receive** the report titled Te Waka Rangapū Update Report and attachment (Doc Id 1909825) dated 08 May 2026.
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Updates from Committee Representatives

Mana Ahuriri Trust

The Trust has had a busy period. Relationships has been a key focus. It was exciting to attend the unveiling of the Pou, the opening of the new Museum building and the new homes in Flaxmere. It is positive to maintain relationships with different councils. Mana Ahuriri Trust is also involved in Te Muriwai o te Whanga and the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee. New staff members have been employed who are keen strategic thinkers. The unveiling of the Pou by Hugh Tareha was a memorable occasion and the dawn ceremony revealed their prominence on both sides of the Estuary. The dawn ceremony for the opening of Amokura was an auspicious occasion for all. This purpose built building houses over 9000 taonga from the community and it was a great opportunity to have been involved in the process of naming the buildings. The Matariki Governance Group has also been a focus, ensuring partnership to maintain the integrity of all hapū in the Mana Ahuriri area. The ongoing building work is exciting as is the staff initiated literacy programme that is being taken into homes. The focus for the Trust remains on relationships.

Timikara Marae

The Marae is working through a strategic planning process, preparing a Charter and Resilience Plan. There is an anniversary planned for this weekend and the community is moving forward.

Petane Marae

The rebuild is progressing well as are levels of community engagement. The Marae is building capability and resilience with planning for the stopbank underway and demolition for the old site to begin soon.

Moteo Marae

It has been nearly a year since the rebuild and the Marae is open. Cladding is now complete on the wharenuī. There are still a few items that are to be completed. The Marae has worked through an Emergency and Resilience plan. The main concern is the sale of land containing a significant Urupā that the community does not have the resources to purchase.

Waiohiki Marae

The Marae is holding a tikanga hui tomorrow to review tikanga that is in place. The stopbanks are due to be completed on 22 and 23 May and there is an event to which other members have been invited. The Marae is working on the Pakowhai north stopbanks in partnership with Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC).

Wharerangi Marae

The changes being proposed and introduced by the Government were noted. Shayne Walker is the new Marae Chair. The Marae has taken part in many local pōhiri and hosted local schools, noting that it is positive to see schools increasingly coming back to the marae.

Updates from Pou Whakarae, Director of Māori Partnerships

Refer to Item 4 on the agenda .

General business

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia at 12.27pm

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

Chairperson

Date of approval