



**MĀORI STANDING
COMMITTEE**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting Tuesday, 29 April 2025

I hereby give notice that a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

**Location: Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street
Martinborough**

**Janice Smith
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i ā tātou katoa
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!

May peace be widespread
May the seas be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!

2 APOLOGIES**3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST****4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES****5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****7 URGENT BUSINESS**

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Māori Standing Committee Meeting - 28 January 2025

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

- PRESENT:** Violet Edwards-Hina (Acting Chair), Dorothy Whittaker, Leonie Edwards, Whitu Karauna, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Pip Maynard, Mayor Martin Connelly.
- APOLOGIES:** JD Smith, Herewini Ammunson, Karen Mikaera, Mark Fenwick, Michael Hoera, Andrea Rutene (left early)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Alex Taia-Lehmstedt (Advisor, Community Development (Youth), Lisa Matthews (Engagement Advisor), Robyn Ramsden (Advisor, Community Governance).
- PUBLIC FORUM:** None.
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6:01pm to 7:58pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All members opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/01

Moved: Ms D Whittaker

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

To accept apologies from, JD Smith, Herewini Ammunson, Karen Mikaera, Mark Fenwick, Michael Hoera, Andrea Rutene (leave early).

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Committee members acknowledged passing of Tom Barkley (who passed away last year). Leanne's mother and Whitu's papa. Paul Clarke (Principal Māori Advisor, Wellington Water), Dr David

Johnston (Professor of Disaster Management, Massey University), the loss of moko to the Barge and Hemi whānau, Papawai and Dame Tariana Turia.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/02

Moved: Cr P Maynard

Seconded: Chair A Rutene

That Māori Standing Committee resolved that accept the following urgent items:

1. Pou Māori Report
2. Grant application Hangi, Hikoi, Hakari hoki!
3. Rapaki ground breaking request.

CARRIED

Members discussed the ground breaking request at Rapaki.

Action MSC2025/03 – A Rutene to respond to Mr Smith's invitation to attend ground breaking as invitation is too short a notice for his request.

Action MSC2025/04 – request for staff to organise a tour of the development with the developer at Rapaki (near Martinborough).

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record with the correction to Grant approvals section should read approve not consider. Page 3: Chair's Report. Takoha should be Te koha.

Action MSC2025/05 – present corrected minutes to next meeting. Page 3: Chair's Report. Takoha should be Te koha.

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action: Email corrections to board for acceptance.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**10.1 HANGI, HIKOI, HAKARI HOKI!****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/06**

Moved: Cr P Maynard

Seconded: Cr M Bosley

That the Māori Standing Committee:

1. *That the Māori Standing Committee receive the “Hangi, Hikoi, Hakari hoki!” report.*
2. *That the Māori Standing Committee provide feedback to the Event Plan attached.*

CARRIED

Pou Māori spoke to their report. Advertising and promotion ready to go upon positive outcome.

Feedback from Committee. Well-presented Report and Application. Grant to be split over Tautoku, Te Taiao and Whakapapa grant Pou.

10.2 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/07**

Moved: Ms D Whittaker

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

That the Māori Standing Committee receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period ended 31 December 2024.

CARRIED

Action MSC2025/08 - request Comms Team assist in promotion of grants for next Committee meeting on 29 April 2025.

10.3 GRANT REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/09

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

That the Māori Standing Committee receive the Grant Report.

CARRIED

That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from Wellington Free Ambulance for \$3,294.02 to support the installations of 'Community Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) First Aid Kits' at Local Marae to be funded from the Tautoko Fund.

Action MSC2025/10 – Defer to next meeting. Invite to next Forum with a request to bring a MCI pack and more detailed information on training and expectations.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2025/11

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Cr M Bosley

That the Māori Standing Committee approve the application from Pae tū mōkai O Tauria for \$1,800 to support the event Hangi, Hikoi, Hakari hoki! To be funding equally from the Tautoku, Te Taiao, and Whakapapa Pou.

CARRIED

Action - request Emergency Management report back on communication to South Wairarapa coast and communities to the next Forum.

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

POU MĀORI - KUPU WHAKAATU

Report as read. Confirmation that the Tuia-Programme candidate has been selected.

11.1 UPDATE ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2025-2034

Report taken as read.

At 7:01 pm, A Rutene left the meeting.

Engagement Advisor asked Questions relating to engaging with Māori on the Long Term Plan (LTP).

The Māori Standing Committee suggested visiting Marae and Iwi, and involving youth. Suggested working with the SWDC Advisor, Community Youth as they don't respond to the LTP as they see it as not their business. Request engagement includes older people who may not be able to attend workshops and meetings.

Just do it. Māori do need to be involved in this discussion as it affects our people in the future. Visit Marae. Discussion on how to involve youth: involve the Advisor, Community Development (Youth). Discussion on how Māori would like Council to engage with marae and iwi. There are a range of general events around the district. Include activities for older people. Suggestion of engaging in community events for example 'Pancakes in the Park'.

Staff and Members discussed taking engagement to Marae. We know not all Māori are engage with their Marae and may belong to Marae outside of the Wairarapa. Suggested accessing schools.

11.2 VERBAL UPDATE ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Advisor, Community Development Youth provided a verbal update. The report provided with the agenda contains inaccurate information.

The Advisor, Community Development (Youth) has been leading a youth focused wānanga at Kuranui College in 2024, and into 2025. An Advisory Group is planned for this year and will be addressing 'civics'. Advising and promotion of the Advisory Group is underway on social media and in schools. Engagement planned with Community Boards.

Acting Chair thanked Advisor, Community Development Youth for attending the meeting and introducing herself and the work underway and planned for the future.

11.3 GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Staff updates since Agenda posted. Pae tū mōkai O Tauira have provided an accountability report for their turning bay grant, this report will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Email reminders have gone out to Pirihira Kingi.

11.4 ACTION ITEMS REPORT

358 - Committee frustrated with lack of contact from Wellington Water. Agree with closing the action. No choice but to close the action.

359 – same as 359.

147 – This is still in progress, a team from council led by Pou Māori are working with Ngati Hinewaka hapū to reach a solution. A plan has been discussed and includes the use of a by-law, comms plan, plant restoration, funding plan and project management. Will have further updates over the next month or two.

148 – part of 147 (a) & (b). Close action.

149 – Now operational, Actioned.

156 - Summary update. They were offered a venue and declined it. Actioned.

3 - Pou Māori looking into an appropriate storage case for the kakahu and will write a protocol for it. Actioned.

175 - Pou Maori was part of the evaluation panel to consider tender application/s. MSC requested new leasee should do an induction with mana whenua to understand the significance of the site of Upokokiri and surrounding areas. MSC also noted that a covenant should be added to ensure that the leasee would not be permitted to build any two-storey structures at the camp site. Manager, Community Operations agreed.

184 - operational quarterly newsletter. Actioned.

369 - New format presented to Committee. Actioned.

370 – Staff bring and offer expense and milage claim forms to every meeting. Actioned.

373 – Actioned.

377 – Have been invited to 11 March Forum. Actioned.

General Updates:

Tsunami container at Tora. On 15 February organiser have invited Mana Whenua to conduct a blessing/karakia. Māori Pou to share details with Committee.

‘Over the Fence’ Kaupapa. Community activity to get to know your neighbours. They profile a local person. Our older neighbours a taonga. Has been underway in Carterton, but bringing it to South Wairarapa. Looking for a representative from each town. The Committee provided suggestions on who would be suitable.

Update on Hau Ariki Marae – Emergency management area.

Installed 30kW solar panels. 3 x 30K water tanks and putting in 2 x 30K to be connected to rain water. There is an AED on site, assessable 24/7. Internet in the wharekai. Put out information that’s relevant to the people.

Discussion on engaging with Māori.

12 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All participated in closing the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 7:58pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor/Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)

8.1 MINUTES OF THE MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2024

Author: Robyn Ramsden, Advisor, Community Democracy

Authoriser: Paul Gardner, Group Manager, Corporate Services

File Number:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting held on 29 October 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2024

**[9 MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

- PRESENT:** Chair Andrea Rutene, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Pip Maynard, Ms Karen Mikaera, Mr Mark Fenwick, Ms Dorothy Whittaker (online), Ms Violet Edwards-Hina, Ms Leonie Edwards (on-line), Mr JD Smith.
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor Martin Connelly & Mr Whitu Karauna
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Robyn Ramsden (Advisor, Community Governance)
- PUBLIC FORUM:** Neomal Attapatu, David Clapperton, Terry W Hann, Tracy-Lee Burkhart, Joe Howells, Alexandra Morrissey.
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6:01pm to 8:15pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Ms Edwards-Hina opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/42

Moved: Chair A Rutene

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

To accept apologies from Mayor Martin Connelly and Whitu Karauna.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register..

Action 418: staff to send out conflict of interest register for members to complete.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Members acknowledged the passing of Richard (Dick) Smith from Featherston, past member of the Māori battalion who contributed a lot to the community. He was a member of Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trustee, he was the RSA representative and president of RSA for a number of years/terms. Dick was a key figure at most Anzac Day events and part of the Soldier's memorial events.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neomal Attapatu and David Clapperton – Eastern and Central Community Trust

Presented 'Growing thriving communities: Journey to transformational change'. Described their vision and funding pathways: Community Support & Event Fund (up to a max of \$10,000) and Community Impact Fund (up to a max of \$100,000). They invited marae and the committee to build a relationship with them in the funding space.

At 6:10 pm, Mr JD Smith left the meeting.

At 6:11 pm Leonie Edwards joined online.

At 6:12 pm, Mr JD Smith returned to the meeting.

Terry W Hann – Te Wāiti Project poster

Presented in support of his grant application. Posters are reminiscent of the fish posters at local fish and chip shops. Created to inspire learning of our native species and threats to those species. Requesting \$3,500 from MSC.

Tracy-Lee Burkhart – Pae tū mōkai o Tauria

Spoke in support of their grant application. Showed a selection of native plant species that they grow from seed, which is collected by volunteers. The additional potting shed will increase production by 20-30%. Requesting \$3,000 from MSC.

Joe Howells – Aorangi Restoration Trust

Seeking support from the Committee to name a walking track 'Sweeney's creek' after an Australian serving in Tasmania. Described the progress made on some walking tracks and plans for the future.

Alexandra Morrissey – Pirinoa Community Garden

Spoke in support of their grant application. Described the importance of having a community garden to teach gardening to children and adults. The request is to fund workshops. Works with Whaiora, Vagabond Vege and Little Farms to make up vege boxes. Requesting \$4,900 from MSC.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Action 419: Invite Neomal Attapatu from Eastern and Central to attend Forum to discuss grants.

Action 420: liaison with Joe Howells to go on a Hikoi and get a better understanding of what their group are doing along the river.

7 URGENT BUSINESS**MOTION****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/43**

Moved: Ms K Mikaera

Seconded: Mr JD Smith

That Māori Standing Committee resolved that Grants from Community Wellbeing Fund Report, the Māori Standing Committee Appointments Report and the Chairperson's Report are received.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**MOTION**

That the Māori Standing Committee receive the Chairperson's Report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Chair's Report

Chair spoke to her report. Topics; Te koha o te Manaakitanga o Ngāti Hikawera, Commemoration of the 1855 Wairarapa Earthquake, Local water done well.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2024****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/44**

Moved: Ms L Edwards

Seconded: Mr M Fenwick

That the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting held on 30 July 2024 are confirmed as true and correct with minor corrections as described. Jim Harper was not a Taxi driver.

CARRIED**9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**NAME FOR THE MAORI WARD 2025****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/45****Moved: Ms V Edwards-Hina****Seconded: Mr JD Smith**

That the Māori Standing Committee

1. *Receive the Representation Review: Name for the Māori Ward 2025 paper*
2. *Resolve to submit to Council a late submission to the initial proposal for representation to name the Māori Ward **Te Karu o Te Ika a Māui** as part of the Representation Review.*

CARRIED**UPDATES FROM POU MĀORI****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/46****Moved: Ms V Edwards-Hina****Seconded: Mr M Fenwick**

That the Māori Standing Committee receive the Updates from Pou Māori report.

CARRIED

Pou Māori spoke to the report:

- staff onboarding information and protocols for funerals are now in place.
- Waitangi day funding application was submitted and planning is under way for a joint event including events in each town, coordinated by members of the Māori Standing Committee with one central event concluding the celebration.
- Discussion of when the Waihinga centre was opened in 2018.

POU MĀORI**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/47**

Moved: Ms K Mikaera
Seconded: Ms V Edwards-Hina

1. That *the Māori Standing Committee* receive the Pou Māori report.
2. That *the Māori Standing Committee resolve* to reallocate \$15,919.82 of funds to Council operations for use by Pou Māori advisor as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

Action 421: Pou Māori to supply breakdown of the costs to Committee.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/48

Moved: Ms V Edwards-Hina
Seconded: Mr JD Smith

1. That *the Māori Standing Committee* receive the 2025 meeting schedule of ordinary meetings report.
2. That *the Māori Standing Committee adopt the 2025 meeting schedule of ordinary meetings for the Māori Standing Committee.*
3. That *the Māori Standing Committee delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to alter the schedule of ordinary meetings following consultation with the Chair.*

CARRIED

GRANT REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/49

Moved: Mr M Fenwick
Seconded: Ms L Edwards

1. That *the Māori Standing Committee receive the Grant Report.*
2. That *the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from Whaiora Whanui Trust for \$300 to support sponsoring the Māori Sports Awards to be funded from the Tautoko fund.*
3. That *the Māori Standing Committee consider the following application from Kahutara School for \$4,800 to support the Te Puna Waiora Programme from the Whakapapa fund.*
4. That *the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from Kohunui Marae for \$3,045 to support the construction of a partition door from the Marae Wawata fund.*
5. *Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira, \$3,000 for He Kōtare Native Plant Nursery Potting Shed Development from the Te Taiao fund.*

CARRIED

10.1 MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS REPORT**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That *the Māori Standing Committee receive the letter from Papawai Marae, dated 22 October 2024.*
2. That *the Māori Standing Committee receive the resignation of Terina Kaiwai from the Māori Standing Committee.*
3. That *the Māori Standing Committee approve the appointment of Michael Roera and Herewini Ammunson as the Papawai Marae representatives on the SWDC Māori Standing Committee.*

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/50****Moved: Ms K Mikaera****Seconded: Cr P Maynard**

That Māori Standing Committee resolved to receive the accountability report.

Action to invite Deziah and representatives from Hau Ariki Marae to attend the next MSC meeting to speak to their experiences.

CARRIED**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MSC2024/51****Moved: Cr M Bosley****Seconded: Mr M Fenwick**

That Māori Standing Committee resolved to receive the Income & Expenditure Report.

CARRIED**12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS**

Moved forward in the agenda.

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

The Committee together closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor/Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Author: Robyn Ramsden, Advisor, Community Democracy

Authoriser: Paul Gardner, Group Manager, Corporate Services

File Number:

PURPOSE

To inform members of the *Māori Standing Committee* of the most recent income and expenditure information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Each grant pou has the following amount available:
 - Tautoku (general support especially youth) \$ 4,064.25
 - Te Taiao (environmental) \$ 6,164.25
 - Whakapapa (history) \$ 7,164.25
 - Marae Wawata (support marae) \$ 6,719.25
- Appendix 2 is the allocation of Grants across the four pou.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That *the Māori Standing Committee* receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period ended 31 March 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Income and Expenditure Report is supplied to the Māori Standing Committee to ensure clear and transparent use of South Wairarapa District Council funds. Funds are used to support the ordinary operation of the Māori Standing Committee and provide a grant funds for the community.

The [terms of reference](#) for South Wairarapa District Council Māori Standing Committee.

8. Delegated Authority

In addition to the functions of the Committee outlined in paragraph 3 above, the Council delegates to the Committee the power to:

- *Discretionarily spend on community grants and projects.*
- *Determine the criteria and allocation of the marae development fund granted through Annual or Long-Term Plans, and any subsequent development grants, to Kohunui Marae, Hau Ariki Marae, Pāpāwai Marae and Pae tū Mōkai O Tauira.*

See the terms of reference for other non-financial delegations.

DISCUSSION

Members can request clarification of the income and expenditure report through the Advisor, Community Governance.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with the terms of reference for the South Wairarapa District Council.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	The funds are intended to have a positive impact for Māori with delegation to the Māori Standing Committee on how they are administered.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	From time-to-time funds, specifically, through grant applications will have a health and safety component that the Committee should consider.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 **Income & Expenditure Report to 31 March 2025**

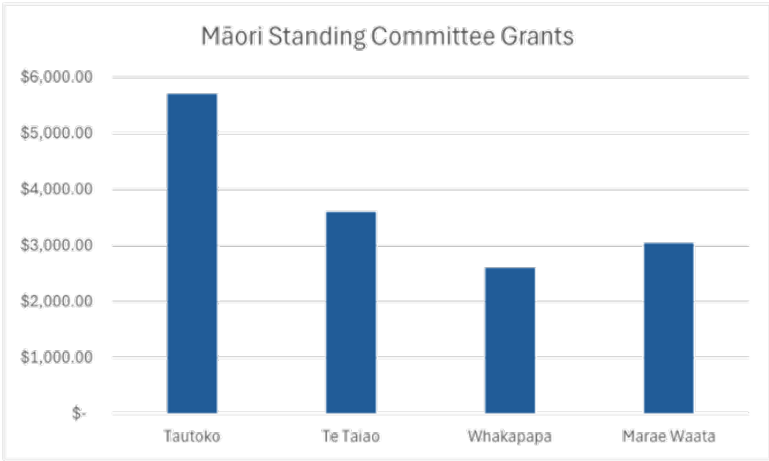
Appendix 2 **Grant Pou allocation to 31 March 2025**

Te Maangai O Ngaa Hapori Maaori
Income & Expenditure for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

Allocation Grants Annual Budget 2024-25	\$	15,180
Unused funds from 2023-24	\$	23,877
Less Expenditure 2024/25 (Funds Uplifted)		
Aug-24		
Araitī 104431/01 MSC Grant fund Leaders Academy programme in Vanuatu	\$	1,000
Sep-24		
Kuranui College Kapa Haka Uniforms	\$	1,000
Oct-24		
	\$	-
Nov-24		
Kohunui Marae 105200/01	\$	3,045
MSC Pae Tū mōkai	\$	3,000
Whaiaora Whanui Trust	\$	300
Kahutara School 105190/01 MSC Kahutara School	\$	4,800
Dec-24		
	\$	-
Jan-25		
	\$	-
Feb-25		
Pae tu Mokai O Tauria Incorporated	\$	1,800
Mar-25		
	\$	-
Less funds granted and uplifted to 31 March 2025	\$	14,945
Balance as at 31 March 2025	\$	24,112
Less funds not uplifted from previous Community meetings		
Tautoko	\$	-
Te Taiao	\$	-
Whakapapa	\$	-
Marau Wawata	\$	-
Less committed funds not uplifted from previous community meetings	\$	-
Balance as at 31 March 2025	\$	24,112

AP/LTP allocation of grant 2024-25	amount allocated	\$ 15,180.00
	brought forward	\$ 23,877.00
	total 1 July 2024	\$ 39,057.00

		as of 1 Jul 2024	Tautoko	Te Taiao	Whakapapa	Marae Waata
			\$ 9,764.25	\$ 9,764.25	\$ 9,764.25	\$ 9,764.25
Deziah Aria Ataahua A-J Marion Araitī	Leadership wānanga in Vanatu				\$ 1,000.00	
Kuranui College - Kapahaka	Kapahaka Uniforms				\$ 1,000.00	
Whaiora Whanui Trust	Wairarapa Māori Sports Awards		\$ 300.00			
Kahutara School	Te Puna Waiora Programme		\$ 4,800.00			
Kohunui Marae	Seperation of Wharetipuna and kitchen for child safety					\$ 3,045.00
Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira	He Kōtare Native Plant Nursery Potting Shed Development			\$ 3,000.00		
		as of 29 October 2024	\$ 4,664.25	\$ 6,764.25	\$ 7,764.25	\$ 6,719.25
Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira	Hangī, Hikoi, Hakari hoki!	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
		as of 28 January 2025	\$ 4,064.25	\$ 6,164.25	\$ 7,164.25	\$ 6,719.25



10.2 GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT - MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Author: Robyn Ramsden, Advisor, Community Democracy
Authoriser: Paul Gardner, Group Manager, Corporate Services
File Number: n/a

PURPOSE

To inform *councillors/members* of the Māori Standing Committee of the Grant Accountability Reports returns since the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Wairarapa District Council Grant Policy Kaupapa Here Tono Pūtea says in section 9. Terms and Conditions/Ngā ture that – “*a completed funding outcomes report must be returned to SWDC prior to any future grant application being made.*”

On the application from the authorisation section includes an agreement from recipients that they:

- Confirm that they will complete and return a grant accountability form within twelve months of the date the grant is paid out.
- The organisation will keep receipts and a record of all expenditure for seven years.
- Any unspent funds will be returned to SWDC.
- All expenditure will be accounted for in the Grants and Funding Report.

Staff are in the process of reminding previous recipients to provide accountability information on an updated form.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That *the Māori Standing Committee* receive the Grant Accountability Report.
2. That *the Māori Standing Committee* approve accountability reporting as a mechanism in the future for tracking outcomes associated with grants.

BACKGROUND

The Māori Standing Committee is only one of two SWDC Committees who can bestow grants to applicants. Grant applications are received via paper, pdf, email or an online form. Officers process the requests to the Māori Standing Committee and present the information according to the SWDC grants policy: [PI-FDT-001-Grants-Policy-June-23.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION

Whilst there is no requirement to accept the accountability reports from applicants, it is best practice for committee that assess and award grants to be confident that investment toward an

applicant or project will deliver the intended outcomes, as detailed in the initial application. It is also a legal requirement for charities and incorporated societies to account for grants received in their financial year end reporting to the relevant agency. The Māori Standing Committee requested to see the list and have successful grant recipients share their success with the committee.

This report lists grant recipients from the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financials years. The following table lists the grants given, the due date for the accountability report and when the accountability was received. The returned accountability reports are attached under separate cover to protect Intellectual Privacy and Financial information.

Accountability Report attached

Applicant	Pou	Amount Approved	Due Date	Date Received
Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauria – turning bay development at He Kōtare Native Nursery		\$1,000		19 Jan 2025

2023-24 Financial Year

Applicant	Pou	Amount Approved	Due Date	Date Received
Hau Ariki Marae – sleeping mattresses	Marae Wawaata	\$ 9,000	May 2025	
Georgia-May Hill – Future Leaders Academy	Tautoko	\$ 1,000	May 2025	
Featherston Rugby Football Club & Featherston Netball Club – uniforms and equipment	Tautoko	\$9,000	May 2025	

2024-25 Financial Year

Applicant	Pou	Amount Approved	Due Date	Date Received
Deziah Araitī – leadership wānanga	Whakapapa	\$ 1,000	Aug 2025	
Kuranui College – kapahaka uniforms	Whakapapa	\$ 1,000	Aug 2025	
Whairora Whanui Trust	Tautoko	\$ 300	Mar 2025	
Kahutara School – Te Puna Waiora programme	Tautoko	\$ 4,800	Dec 2025	
Kohunui Marae – barrier between wharatipuna and kitchen	Marae Waata	\$ 3,045	Dec 2025	

Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauria - He Kōtare Native Plant Nursery Potting Shed Development	Te Taiao	\$ 3,000	Dec 2025	
Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira - Hangi, Hikoi, Hakari hoki!	Tautoko, Te Taiao, Whakapapa	\$ 1,800	May 2025	

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with the Grant Policy.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no implications for Māori.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	None.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 **Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira - turning bay development at He Kōtare Native Nursery - Under Separate Cover**

10.3 GRANT REPORT

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File Number: n/a

PURPOSE

To inform *members* of applications requesting a grant from the Māori Standing Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Māori Standing Committee has received seven applications for grant funding.
- The grant request from Wellington Free Ambulance has come back to the Committee for a final decision after the applicant supplied additional information.
- The committee has a total of \$24,112.00 available for grants”
 - Tautoko \$4,064.25
 - Te Taiao \$6,164.25
 - Whakapapa \$7,164.25
 - Marae Waata \$6,719.25
- The committee has received a total of \$60,473.00 in grant requests.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Māori Standing Committee receive the Grant Report.
2. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Wellington Free Ambulance** for **\$3,294.02** to support the installations of ‘Community Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) First Aid Kits’ at Local Marae to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.
3. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Ahii Kaa Shearing Ltd.** for **\$20,000** to support Te Hiringa o te Taiohi to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.
4. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc** for **\$20,000** to He Tirohanga ki te Maramataka o Wairarapa: Restoring the Maramataka through Observation, Wānanga, and Whakapapa to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.
5. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Pirinoa School** for **\$1,500** to support upgrades to the Pirinoa School Playground to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.
6. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from the **Featherston Bowling Club** for **\$3,179.97** to support capital expenditure to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.
7. That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve Association** of **\$1,000** to support the event ‘the art of storytelling’ to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.

8. *That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Heartlands Martinborough** for **\$1,500** to support the project 'paper kaitiaki – guardian monster workshop to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.*
9. *That the Māori Standing Committee consider the application from **Te Whare Hangahanga** for **\$10,000** to support an off-grid outhouse to be funded from the _____ **Fund**.*

BACKGROUND

To be eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate their connection to South Wairarapa through whakapapa or family connection, or how the activity will benefit the South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori community.

The Board has delegated authority to make financial decisions within the confines of the allocated and available budget and the Board operates its grant fund in accordance with the Council's Grants Policy. Community boards are allocated funding for grants through the Long-Term Plan/Annual Plan. The current funding amount is available on the Income & Expenditure Statement.

DISCUSSION

Under the current Grants Policy, the key eligibility criteria for Community Board grants are as follows:

- Non-profit community organisations with a formed legal structure or a group of individuals who have come together for a common purpose but who do not have a legal structure may apply.
- The applicant does not need to be based in the South Wairarapa or the ward from where the funds are being sought but the applicant must be able to demonstrate that the activity benefits the ward where the funds are being sought.

The following applicants have been assessed in accordance with the grant criteria:

1. Application from Wellington Free Ambulance

The application from Wellington Free Ambulance meets the criteria for funding.

They received operational funding from SWDC through the Community & Youth Grant in Oct-24 receiving a partial grant of \$12,114.00 for operational costs. They also received a funding from the Community Wellbeing Grant in Oct-24 receiving a partial grant of \$18,000.00 for replacing/updating defibrillators in South Wairarapa.

The organisation has no outstanding accountability forms as they are not due till Jan 2026.

At the January 2025 meeting this grant was deferred and more information was requested. The applicant spoke to the Committee at the Forum in March 2025. The information requested has been received and is attached to the original grant application.

2. Application from Ahii Kaa Shearing Ltd.

The application from Ahii Kaa Shearing Ltd does not meet the criteria for funding.

Ahii Kaa Shearing Ltd is a company based in Masterton. They were asked to supply a budget for their project, which was supplied and is part of the application. Recommend Committee request quotes for work outlines, facilitator details, and provide proof of Child Safeguard/Protection Policy.

Request is more than available allocation. Consider rescoping application and reapplying.

They have not applied for grant funding before therefore they have no outstanding accountability reports.

3. Application from Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc

The application from Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc meets the criteria for funding as long as the product funded is not of commercial benefit to the applicant. The budget has been requested from the applicant. They have not applied for grant funding before therefore they have no outstanding accountability reports.

4. Application from Pirinoa School

The application from Pirinoa School meets the criteria for funding. The school serves a larger community than just the school. The upgrade to the playground, while for school children would be of benefit to all children in the community. They have already fundraised most of the funds needed. The school itself has not applied for grants before. There are no outstanding accountability reports.

5. Application from the Featherston Bowling Club

The application from the Featherston Bowling Club does not currently meet the criteria for funding. They received a grant from the Community & Youth Fund in October 2024 for \$2,800 and a grant from the Featherston Community Board in November 2024 for \$500. Both accountability reports would need to be submitted before eligibility could be reassessed.

6. Application from Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve Association

The application from the Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve Association does not currently meet the criteria for funding. They need to confirm how this application demonstrates their connection to and benefits for Māori in the South Wairarapa. They received a grant from Martinborough Community Board in March 2025 of \$825. The accountability report for this project is due by June 2025.

7. Application from Heartlands Martinborough

The application from Heartlands Martinborough meets the criteria for funding. They have had no previous funding and therefore do not have accountability reports due.

8. Application from Te Whare Hangahanga

The application from Te Whare Hangahanga may not meet the criteria for funding. It may be a commercial entity, which would exclude the application. They have not previously applied for a grant and therefore do not have any outstanding accountability reports.

Noting that where applicants have provided confidential information, such as the organisations income and expenditure information, this will be provided to members in confidence.

OPTIONS

The Māori Standing Committee may consider applications that do not meet the funding criteria. The options available to the Committee are to approve, approve with conditions, request further information from the applicant or decline.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

The Māori Standing Committee fund was allocated to the Committee from the Council's Enhanced Annual Plan process. Therefore, the delegation for decision making is with the Māori Standing Committee and has no further impact on the Council's AP/LTP, OPEX/CAPEX, rating impact or procurement process.

Climate Change

Applicants are not currently required to indicate positive, neutral or negative effects on climate change. The application form will be updated to indicatively reflect these results for elected member to consider as part of future decision making.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

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 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by	This is a matter of no significance.

the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with Grant Policy.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are implications for Māori. See detail in discussion.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	Yes. See detail in discussion.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Wellington Free Ambulance - coversheet
Appendix 2	Wellington Free Ambulance - grant application - <i>Under Separate Cover</i>
Appendix 3	Ahii kaa Shearing Ltd. - coversheet
Appendix 4	Ahii kaa Shearing Ltd. - application - <i>Under Separate Cover</i>
Appendix 5	Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc - coversheet
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Appendix 7	Pirinoa School - coversheet
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Appendix 13	Heartlands Martinborough - coversheet
Appendix 14	Heartlands Martinborough - application - <i>Under Separate Cover</i>
Appendix 15	Te Whare Hangahanga - coversheet
Appendix 16	Te Whare Hangahanga - application - <i>Under Separate Cover</i>

Committee	Māori Standing Committee		
Applicant	Wellington Free Ambulance – charitable trust		
Project title	Community Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) First Aid Kits – Local Marae		
Amount Requested	\$ 3,294.02		
2. Scope			
One-off		On-going	
3. Community Outcomes			
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural
4. Funding principles			
Does this project:			
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.		
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.		
Yes	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.		
Yes	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.		
Yes (3 of 4)	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).		
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.		
Yes	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.		
Yes	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.		
Does this project also:			
Yes	promote transformative social change.		
Yes	increase community collaboration and resilience.		
Yes	support social innovation.		
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.		
5. Allocation principles			
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council:			
Yes	Has applied for a grant before?		
Yes	Has applied for a grant in the last 3 years.		
Yes	Community & Youth Grant in Oct-24 and received a partial grant of \$12,114.00 for operational costs. Community Wellbeing Grant in Oct-24 and received a partial grant of \$18,000.00 for replacing defibrillators in South Wairarapa.		
6. Who can apply			
Except			
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives		
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?		
Not due till Jan 2026	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?		

7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee		
No	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?	
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?	
8. Application process		
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?	
Yes	Is this application form complete?	
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?	
Staff Recommendations		
This Kaupapa fits with the Grant Pou Marae Wawata as it aims to prepare the community for natural disasters.		
Based on the above information staff recommend consideration to fully fund this project.		
Funding Options:		
Yes	Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
	Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
	Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
	Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
	Co-Fund	Fund with another partner and/or Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee.
	Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
	Decline	Limited funding available, includes retrospective costs, doesn't meet Council grants policy, applicant is not the final beneficiary, applicant has supplied incomplete or inadequate information or unique to application.

<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee		
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee Fund		
<i>Applicant</i>	Ahii kaa shearing LTD – Sara O'Donnell		
<i>Project title</i>	Te Hiringa o te Taiohi		
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 20,000		
2. Scope			
One-off		On-going	
3. Community Outcomes			
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural
4. Funding principles			
Does this project:			
No	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.		
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.		
Yes	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.		
No	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.		
Yes	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).		
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.		
No	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.		
No	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.		
Does this project also:			
No	promote transformative social change.		
No	increase community collaboration and resilience.		
No	support social innovation.		
Yes	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.		
5. Allocation principles			
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:			
No	Has applied for a grant before?		
6. Who can apply			
No	Community organisation		
No	Marae committee		
No	A group of individuals		
No	An individual		
Except			
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives		
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?		
Not applicable	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?		
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee			
No	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?		

No	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
No	Is this application form complete?
No	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
<p>Ahii Kaa Shearing Ltd. Based in Masterton.</p> <p>Recommend Committee request quotes for work outlines, facilitator details, and provide proof of Child Safeguard/Protection Policy.</p> <p>Request is more than available allocation. Consider rescoping application and reapplying.</p>	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
Co-Fund	Fund with another partner and/or Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee.
Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
Decline	Limited funding available, includes retrospective costs, doesn't meet Council grants policy, applicant is not the final beneficiary, applicant has supplied incomplete or inadequate information or unique to application.

<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee		
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee Fund		
<i>Applicant</i>	Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc		
<i>Project title</i>	He Tirohanga ki te Maramataka o Wairarapa: Restoring the Maramataka through Observation, Wānanga, and Whakapapa.		
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 20,000		
2. Scope			
One-off		On-going	
3. Community Outcomes			
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural
4. Funding principles			
Does this project:			
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.		
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.		
Yes	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.		
No	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.		
Yes	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).		
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.		
Yes	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.		
Yes	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.		
Does this project also:			
Yes	promote transformative social change.		
No	increase community collaboration and resilience.		
Yes	support social innovation.		
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.		
5. Allocation principles			
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:			
No	Has applied for a grant before?		
6. Who can apply			
No	Community organisation		
No	Marae committee		
No	A group of individuals		
No	An individual		
Except			
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives		
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?		
Not required	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?		
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee			
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa		

	through whakapapa?
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Requested budget for project.	
Request further information breaking down the deliverable.	
Unclear if the resulting product is of commercial benefit to applicant.	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
Co-Fund	Fund with another partner and/or Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee.
Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
Decline	Limited funding available, includes retrospective costs, doesn't meet Council grants policy, applicant is not the final beneficiary, applicant has supplied incomplete or inadequate information or unique to application.

<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee					
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee grant fund					
<i>Applicant</i>	Pirinoa School					
<i>Project title</i>	Pirinoa School Playground					
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 1,500					
2. Scope						
One-off	On-going					
3. Community Outcomes						
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural			
4. Funding principles						
Does this project:						
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.					
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.					
No	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.					
Yes	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.					
No	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).					
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.					
Yes	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.					
No	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.					
Does this project also:						
No	promote transformative social change.					
Yes	increase community collaboration and resilience.					
No	support social innovation.					
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.					
5. Allocation principles						
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:						
No	Has applied for a grant before?					
6. Who can apply						
Yes	Community organisation (School)					
No	Marae committee					
No	A group of individuals					
No	An individual					
Except						
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives					
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?					
Not required	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?					
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee						
Yes/No	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?					

Yes/No	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
No	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Pirinoa school serves a large community. The upgrade to the playground, while for school children would be of benefit to all children in the community. They have already fundraised most of the funds needed.	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
Co-Fund	Fund with another partner and/or Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee.
Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
Decline	Limited funding available, includes retrospective costs, doesn't meet Council grants policy, applicant is not the final beneficiary, applicant has supplied incomplete or inadequate information or unique to application.

<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee		
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee grant fund		
<i>Applicant</i>	Featherston Bowling Club		
<i>Project title</i>	Funding for capital expenditure		
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 3,179.97		
2. Scope			
One-off		On-going	
3. Community Outcomes			
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural
4. Funding principles			
Does this project:			
No	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.		
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.		
Yes	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.		
Yes	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.		
Yes	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).		
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.		
No	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.		
Yes	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.		
Does this project also:			
No	promote transformative social change.		
Yes	increase community collaboration and resilience.		
No	support social innovation.		
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.		
5. Allocation principles			
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:			
Yes	Has applied for a grant before?		
Yes	<i>Has applied for a grant in the last 3 years.</i> Received a grant from the Community & Youth Fund on 9 October 2024 of \$2,800 for kitchen upgrades. Received a grant from the Featherston Community Board on 6 November 2024 of \$500 for bowls.		
6. Who can apply			
Yes	Community organisation		
No	Marae committee		
No	A group of individuals		
No	An individual		
Except			
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives		
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other		

	organisations or groups?
Not due	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee	
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Conditional upon receiving accountability reports for both previous grants. Beneficial for applicants to provide an update statement from phase one of kitchen upgrades and the current scope of phase 2 in alignment with the quotation provided. "Kitchen amendments"	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
Co-Fund	Fund with another partner and/or Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee.
Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
Decline	Limited funding available, includes retrospective costs, doesn't meet Council grants policy, applicant is not the final beneficiary, applicant has supplied incomplete or inadequate information or unique to application.

<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee				
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee grant fund				
<i>Applicant</i>	Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve Association				
<i>Project title</i>	The art of story telling				
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 1,000				
2. Scope					
One-off	On-going				
3. Community Outcomes					
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural		
4. Funding principles					
Does this project:					
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.				
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.				
No	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.				
No	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.				
No	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).				
No	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.				
No	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.				
No	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.				
Does this project also:					
No	promote transformative social change.				
No	increase community collaboration and resilience.				
No	support social innovation.				
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.				
5. Allocation principles					
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:					
Yes	Has applied for a grant before?				
Yes	Has applied for a grant in the last 3 years. Received a grant from the Martinborough Community Board on 20 March 2025 of \$825.00				
6. Who can apply					
Yes	Community organisation				
No	Marae committee				
No	A group of individuals				
No	An individual				
Except					
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives				
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?				
Yes	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?				

7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee	
No	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?
No	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Confirm how this application demonstrates their connection and benefit to SWDC Māori.	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
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Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
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<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee					
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee grant fund					
<i>Applicant</i>	Heartlands Martinborough					
<i>Project title</i>	Paper Kaitiaki / Guardian Sparkly Monster Workshop					
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 1,500					
2. Scope						
One-off	On-going					
3. Community Outcomes						
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural			
4. Funding principles						
Does this project:						
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.					
No	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.					
No	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.					
Yes	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.					
No	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).					
No	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.					
Yes	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.					
No	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.					
Does this project also:						
No	promote transformative social change.					
No	increase community collaboration and resilience.					
No	support social innovation.					
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.					
5. Allocation principles						
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:						
No	Has applied for a grant before?					
6. Who can apply						
Yes	Community organisation					
No	Marae committee					
No	A group of individuals					
No	An individual					
Except						
No	Seeking to promote commercial, political or religious objectives					
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?					
Yes	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?					
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee						
No	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?					

Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Request to see their Child Safeguard/Protection Policy.	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
Seed Funding	Where funding is strained but are eager to support consider a contribution to kick start activity, i.e. 20%
Conditionally Fund	Committees may wish to seek further information before committing funds, e.g. financial statements, letters of support, proof of other fundraising etc.
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Delegate/Defer	Hold grant to present to a more suitable fund. i.e. creative Communities, Community Boards, Community & Youth, Sport Travel
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<i>Committee/Board</i>	Māori Standing Committee					
<i>Grant Fund</i>	Māori Standing Committee grant fund					
<i>Applicant</i>	Te Whare Hangahanga					
<i>Project title</i>	Off grid Outhouse					
<i>Amount Requested</i>	\$ 10,000					
2. Scope						
One-off	On-going					
3. Community Outcomes						
Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural			
4. Funding principles						
Does this project:						
Yes	honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's partnership with mana whenua and Māori in the outcomes we deliver.					
Yes	support communities to transition to a low emissions and sustainable economy.					
Yes	build our community's capacity and capability to do things for themselves.					
No	work creatively and collaboratively with others for our diverse communities.					
Yes	invest to deliver measurable results across multiple outcomes (economic, social, environmental, cultural).					
Yes	deliver outcomes to enhance the lives of current and future generations.					
Yes	support local place-making and improvements on community well-being.					
No	prioritise equitable outcomes and distribution of funding across our district.					
Does this project also:						
Yes	promote transformative social change.					
No	increase community collaboration and resilience.					
No	support social innovation.					
No	support sustainable growth opportunities within the community.					
5. Allocation principles						
Outcomes of previous grants given by Council/Māori Standing Committee/Community Boards:						
No	Has applied for a grant before?					
6. Who can apply						
No	Community organisation					
No	Marae committee					
No	A group of individuals					
Yes	An individual					
Except						
Concern	Seeking to promote commercial , political or religious objectives					
No	Are event profits or proceeds going to be redistributed to other organisations or groups?					
Not required	Has the organisation completed the funding outcomes report?					
7.1.1 Māori Standing Committee						
Yes	Can the applicant demonstrate their connection of South Wairarapa through whakapapa?					

No	Can the applicant demonstrate how their activity will benefit South Wairarapa Māori and non-Māori Community?
8. Application process	
Yes	Was this application received inside funding round?
Yes	Is this application form complete?
Yes	Is the applicant speaking to their grant application?
Staff Recommendations	
Request quotes for installation.	
Funding Options:	
Fully Fund	Fully funded project must clearly demonstrate our funding principles, align with Māori Standing Committee priorities and can clearly measure impact outcomes.
Partial Fund	Funding for success, i.e. 70 – 80% of request or confidence that they will acquire funds with other funders pending.
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11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

11.1 POU MĀORI - KUPU WHAKAATU TUARUA

Author: Narida Hooper, Principal Advisor, Māori / Pou Māori

Authoriser: Paul Gardner, Group Manager, Corporate Services

File Number:

PURPOSE

To inform *councillors/members* of updates of kaupapa currently in progress.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The aim of this report is to ensure MSC have regular updates to kaupapa previously and currently worked on by Pou Māori Advisor.
- The report is to ensure MSC are informed and aware of upcoming council kaupapa that may impact whānau, hapū and marae.
- The report will give recommendations to MSC for consideration on kaupapa that is important to whānau, hapū and marae.

BACKGROUND

E mihi ana ki Māori Standing Committee, ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa! Ī ngā tini āhuatanga o te wa. As part of my role, I will keep the Māori Standing Committee informed about kaupapa that are of interest and have impacts to whānau, hapū and marae in South Wairarapa. Updates and progress reporting and people I am engaging with for kaupapa Māori.

DISCUSSION

Below are kaupapa for your information and for discussion

Tuatahi; Palliser Paper Road – *whanaungatanga, Whakapapa, Mana, kotahitanga, kaitiakitanga*

This kaupapa is still a work in progress, on the 17th March myself, representatives from the Communications and Roding teams along with Haami, Leighton, Whitu and Mike Te Whaiti, did a site visit of Palliser Bay and the paper road. Haami identified an old Pā site, growing pits, areas where fires had happened due to campers, he spoke of various wars with Taranaki iwi also. We looked at the condition of the paper road vrs the other tracks people have been making and the vandalism to the whenua. The site visit was of value to our external communications in terms of writing the narrative as the project continues. Tim has historical knowledge of the coast and it a great support to the kaupapa. We have worked on the bylaw with our legal exec Jess, we have asked Haami to write a preface to the bylaw to signal the importance of this whenua to Ngāti Hinewaka and other landowners. This bylaw will be presented to council on the 30th April, Haami has agreed to also speak to the bylaw at council. There is an opportunity for Māori Standing

Committee to attend and tautoko the kaupapa. *I can inform MSC when the agenda is available and the time of presentation.*

Tuarua; Appropriate storage of the kakahu - *kotahitanga, whakapapa, mana*

Still in progress, Will keep Māori Standing Committee updated.

Tuatoru; Te Maruata Whānau Hui – Ngā Maunga Kōutuutu–manaakitanga, whakawhanaungatanga

I was lucky enough to attend the Te Maruata conference in Taupō on the 3rd & 4th April, hosted by Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Taupō District Council. Te Maruata are part of LGNZ (Local Government New Zealand) The role of Te Maruata is to promote increased representation of Māori as elected members, and enhance Māori participation in local government. Te Maruata whānui is for all Māori elected and appointed members. I was able to share time with our leading young Māori mayors like Tania Tapsell – mayor of Rotorua Lakes Council and Moko Te Pania -mayor of The Far North District Council. This was two days, for me, innovative discussions, workshops like “Nawe, Rawe, Kawe”, great guest speakers on topics of māori ward campaigning I have added the “ **Māori Ward Community guide**” from Kassie Hartendorp from ActionStation, to the appendix. I was particularly interested to understand what a good and healthy relationship with iwi or hapū and council looks like.

The iwi and hapū and Taupō District Council have worked hard to get to a place of trust. I have included images of the building called Te Hono o Tūwharetoa, the building houses multiple Tūwharetoa entities, and Taupō District Council who lease 3000sq.m of office space from Ngāti Tūwharetoa. It was very evident that over the years the iwi and hapū have been able to demonstrate breaches to Te Tiriti of Waitangi and were able to do the process of settlement. The example that was very humbling was the Ngāti Tūrangitukia hapū and their Mana Whakahono agreement with Taupo District Council. See youtube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwBulQCQe5Y>

Tuawha;- Māori Strategic Framework 2030 - *moemoea, tino rangatiratanga*

Establishing a Māori Strategic Framework that provides for future aspirations of our māori community and enables council to deliver positive outcomes for the wider community. This has been a body of work that has been running parallel to my day to day mahi. The intent is to embed Māoritanga into the fabric of council . That the moemoea (aspirations) of our local hapū and hapori whānui is understood and valued. The relationship between tangata whenua and council is positive and functional as we work together to become the best tiriti partners we can.

To date I have facilitated a workshop with Andrea, Scott Summerfield and Lina McManus. We identified councils 6 obligations and the moemoea of Māori of Wairarapa, for the future.

The other pieces of mahi that will sit under the Māori Strategic Framework are

- the Māori Policy – for adoption by council
- Significance and Engagement Policy review, section 3.1.2 Engaging with Māori – review and edit provided, still to be adopted by council
- Procurement platform – developed by WellingtonNZ
- Enduring narrative – journey, moemoea, partnership, dual histories
- Māori Engagement Framework – complete and about to be launched

- Goals of Māori Strategic Framework – Tautoko, Te Taiao, Matauranga, Marae Wawata with Whakapapa as the foundation and Tino Rangatiratanga as the outcome.
 - Te Tiriti-focused Priorities
- ... heoi anō more to come.

Tuarima; Takaihere Role – Emergency Management - *Tautoko*

In the case of an emergency declared in Wairarapa by WREMO – Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office, I step into the role of Takaihere I become part of the response team based out of Waiata House in Masterton. The Takaihere role is a specific link to marae and hapori whānui and acts as the conduit to the overall response from WREMO by sharing information with teams in intelligence, comms, planning to help formulate a collective response. . Sheree Dewbury is the Takaihere for Carterton District Council and Masterton will advise in due course.

Tuaono; Leanne Karauna; pukengatanga, whakapapa, kaitiakitanga, aroha

Leanne resigned from her role with Masterton District Council on the 11th April to take up the new role with Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board as the Project Manager. We wish Leanne well and acknowledge all the mahi she has done here at South Wairarapa District Council and Masterton District Council. Leanne upheld tikanga of Wairarapa and left a great footprint for the Pou Māori role.

Tuawhetu; Waitangi Day Event update – *manaakitanga, ukaipotanga, pukengatanga*

Thank you to our MSC members, tautoko of SWDC and the team at Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira for making the Waitangi Day – Hangi, Hīkoi, Hākari hoki celebration a success. Great example of mahi tahi and manaakitanga e koutou mā. See here for the video <https://www.paetumokai.nz/post/hangi-hi-koi-ha-kari-hoki-video>

We've created a deliverable in the form of a short video, which can be utilised to support further funding opportunities. Feel free to use the video as supporting documentation.

Tuawaru; Road Naming Policy update; - whakapapa, te reo Māori

An update to the Road Naming Policy, from our March forum where we discussed the request for a te reo māori name for a private lane. I have been working with our legal executive Jess to review the existing policy to include requests for te reo māori names. We identified that names must *be appropriate, spelt correctly, interpreted correctly and be respectful to Māori culture and traditions*.

We will be meeting with Janice early May to discuss the review and look for approval and will then follow with a process to make it operational.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 **Māori Wards Community Guide**

Appendix 2 **Hono o Tūwharetoa pic1.**



MĀORI WARDS COMMUNITY GUIDE

*How to organise your local
community to keep our Māori wards*

April 2025

Nau mai, welcome.

If you're reading this, you care about Māori wards as much as we do. We're glad you're here.

As you will know, this October, 42 different councils will be facing a referendum over whether they keep their Māori wards or not. This is despite the fact that each of these communities have already decided for themselves that a Māori ward is right for them. It is not fair or right that we should have to defend local Māori representation, which was set up to address inequity in the first place. It is not fair or right that the view of the majority should be used against our indigenous people who have been made a minority in their home. It is not fair or right that our Māori ward councillors, who work tremendously hard to serve our entire communities, should have to fight to keep their seats in existence.

That's why we need communities to get on the front foot and create a movement that will keep our Māori wards up and down the country. Just as we did for the Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti, we need to join together in kotahitanga and transform anti-Tiriti attacks into positive gains forward.

In other words, if the Coalition Government is going to throw us some lemons, let's make some sweet, juicy Te Tiriti-loving lemonade!

This guide has been created by ActionStation, and based on interviews with eight different campaigning experts including four Māori ward councillors. **It is intended as a starting point for communities creating their own plans to campaign on Māori wards.** More resources will be available later in the year, so watch this space.

E hoa, we all know this October will be a challenge. We are up against well-resourced figures who will throw money, misinformation and abuse to get rid of Māori wards.

But there is equally an opportunity to grow the support for Te Tiriti o Waitangi and mana whenua aspirations in our communities. If we are prepared, calm, creative and strategic - then we can come out even stronger on the other side.

I roto i te kotahitanga,



Kassie Hartendorp
ActionStation



Who is ActionStation?



ActionStation is a **progressive, people-powered organisation working towards a fair and flourishing Aotearoa**. We support grassroots communities to run campaigns via OurActionStation, and we lead campaigns on the kaupapa that our 600,000 strong membership care about. We are independent from political parties, and funded by values-aligned grant-makers and small-dollar donations from our supporters.

Since 2018, our team has supported the call for Māori wards as a stepping stone towards Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We worked with local communities to remove the legislation that meant councils had to have referendums for their Māori wards. When that law was reversed, we reunited with those community groups last year and were asked to lead a national umbrella campaign. In 2024, we led a national campaign against the Treaty Principles Bill, which shifted the public narrative on the Bill, and galvanised over 300,000 people to take action. We created Together for Te Tiriti — a visual campaign that invited Tangata Tiriti to be in kotahitanga with Māori. **Now we are turning that energy towards Māori wards.**

What we will be doing:

- Creating national momentum on Māori wards
- Supporting local groups who would like to campaign for Māori wards in their area
- Inclusive of all, but with extra focus on mobilising Tangata Tiriti who hold most voting majorities
- Developing messaging, branding, and a website to inform people about Māori wards
- Creating resources that can be used by local groups (e.g. posters, leaflets, guides, social media)
- Designing merchandise that people can purchase themselves (similar to the Together for Te Tiriti store)
- Running fortnightly online organising hui for any local groups to connect and share together (email info@actionstation.org.nz to join us)

What we will not be doing:

- Supporting individual candidate campaigns
- Officially endorsing political parties
- Running your local campaign for you (that's where you come in...)

Part 1: Getting Started

A refresher on Māori wards



What are they?

Māori wards or constituencies are seats in local government that represent Māori views and interests, while also serving the wider community. They were created in 2001 because Māori were underrepresented in local-decision making.

Similar to Māori electorates, you can only vote for Māori ward candidates if you are on the Māori roll. The number of Māori wards depends on the number of people on the Māori roll in that area compared to the general electoral population of the district.

What's up with the referendum?

Māori wards are the only wards that require a referendum or poll in order to be established. This was changed in 2021 after communities pushed the Labour Government to remove referendums because they were a discriminatory barrier. As a result, the number of councils that agreed to establish Māori wards went from 3 to 49 — **a 1500% increase.**

Then in 2024, the Coalition Government reversed that same law, forcing any council who hadn't undergone a referendum for their Māori ward to run one in 2025. They also opened up the door for 5% of a voting population to call for a referendum at any time in the future. While 63% of submitters opposed this law, and the Waitangi Tribunal found that it breached Te Tiriti o Waitangi - the Coalition Government forged ahead. They forced councils with Māori wards to either scrap their seats, or take them to referendum. **Over 42 councils reaffirmed their support for Māori wards despite the added cost and distraction of running referendums.**

What's happening this year?

In October, **all voters** will be asked whether they support Māori wards on their councils. They will be sent referendum papers alongside their voting papers for local candidates. Each of the 42 councils will be running their own referendum. If the majority vote against their Māori ward, **the seat will be disestablished at the 2028 elections.** If a new Māori ward councillor is voted in, they will hold that seat until 2028.

So what's the plan?

Our goals for the national campaign are to:

- ↘ 1. Keep our Māori wards in all 42 councils!
 - ↘ 2. Increase understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and benefits of Māori decision making at a local level.
 - ↘ 3. Entrench Māori wards into legislation at the 2026 election (so we don't have to do this all over again).
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But a national effort won't win Māori wards referendums alone

It can only be done locally. And only you will know the right way to organise your community. However, these are some common themes to consider:

One election: two campaigns

For 42 regions, there will be two campaigns being run at the same time: **elections for local candidates**, and the **Māori wards referendum**. If there's a way to combine them, then we can make our limited resources go further.

We need community involvement

While Māori ward councillors are at the heart of this kaupapa, we need **everyday people in our communities** to join and lead local campaigns. This will take the burden off Māori councillors, and allow them to use their time more wisely. It's also helpful to have people outside councils advocating, so that we can reach people who have less trust in councils.

Kotahitanga is essential

This campaign will need people from **all backgrounds working side by side**. It's important to show how a Te Tiriti relationship can work in practice, so that communities can experience it too.

Candidates are important

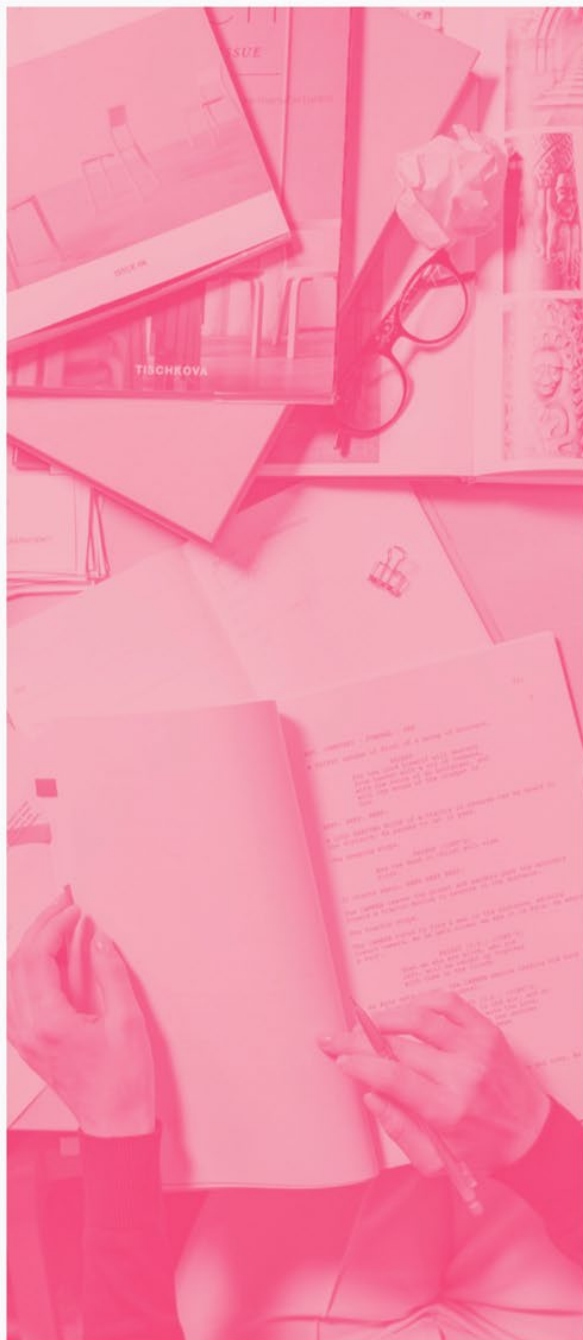
We need people standing in our Māori wards. There's no point in fighting for them, if no one plans to stand! Be thoughtful about who stands, and why. Try to put forward candidates in the Māori ward seats who are supported by mana whenua and stand unopposed, **so they spend less time competing against each other**, and more time winning over their communities as to why Māori wards are important.

Getting out the vote!

A big part of your campaign will include getting people out to vote. In most areas, stats shows that **getting Pākehā to vote yes will be critical for success**, especially older Pākehā who have high levels of voter turnout. **Even if you mobilised every eligible Māori to vote in your area — it likely will still not be enough to win the referendum.**

Part 2: Tips and tools to win your referendum

Research and preparation



Know who to target and make that your focus

- Work with agencies like the Electoral Commission and Local Government NZ to get the stats and info needed:
 - Know the number of votes needed to win your local referendum.
 - Know where those votes are going to come from, and develop a strategy that targets those voters and areas.
- Focus your campaign on people who will vote. It's very difficult to get people to turn out who don't normally vote, and it can use a lot of time and resources. Time and resources will be scarce, especially compared to the resourcing available to the opposition.
- **Stats shows that getting Pākehā to vote yes will be critical for success, including older Pākehā who have high levels of voter turnout.**

Build relationships and networks



- Identify and build relationships with key people/groups/organisations to build a collective campaign drawing different parts of the community together.
- **Important relationships will include:** (if this isn't you already!)
 - Sitting Māori ward councillors and pro-Māori ward councils, mayors, and general ward councillors (Māori and non-Māori). It's important that councils and their staff engage in and resource and promote Māori ward campaigns, and for councillors to be pushing them on this if they aren't.
 - People/groups/organisations who oppose the Treaty Principles Bill and who have been active in campaigning against it, particularly those who attended the hikoi and made submissions: ask them to support the campaign by, for example, providing funding, volunteering, networking, writing letters/articles, or speaking at campaign events.
 - A diversity of individuals, groups, organisations (both Māori and non-Māori and reflective of your community) who are leaders, champions, and influencers known to do good things in the community, who can be approached to help campaign e.g. displaying placards and posters, wearing campaign-branding clothing, developing/delivering leaflets or newsletters to their networks/members, hosting meetings, or attending campaign events. Having a range of trusted known faces campaigning for Māori wards will also help take the heat off Māori ward candidates who could be seen as promoting Māori wards for personal gain.
 - Labour, Greens, and Te Pati Māori to see if they are open to sharing resources e.g. campaign databases, member email lists to build volunteer teams, billboard sites and use of their billboard hoardings to save money, etc.

Build relationships and networks



- Collaborate and work together with other campaign teams in your area/region to maximise coverage, reinforce key messaging, share ideas, and make the best use of each team's resources. This includes other candidate campaign teams, and any other local community groups promoting Māori wards.
- **Māori and Tangata Tiriti will need to work together to win.** Experience shows that Māori are best placed to front to Māori voters, and Pākehā to Pākehā voters, supported by Māori where needed, stepping forward or stepping back. It will mean being able to trust, listen to, and work together.
- An important way of working together, especially with other campaign teams, is **through reciprocity — helping each other out.**

Research and preparation

Know the campaign context

Misinformation

- There is a high level of misinformation already being developed and distributed by well-resourced and organised propaganda groups (e.g. Hobson's Pledge). This means that education is going to be critical to counter that misinformation.
- Find out from sitting Māori ward and pro-Māori ward councils, mayors, and councillors what the benefits have been from Māori wards and how they have made a difference to local decision-making, what the 'wins' have been, etc.
- Use this information to help develop your campaign messaging/narratives.

Confusion around Māori wards

- There is confusion about Māori wards and the need to re-campaign to keep them. This is because some people think that the council vote to keep them means they've already been secured.

Develop messaging/narratives for use across your campaign



Note: ActionStation is currently developing key messaging and branding that can be used by local groups, and tailored for your own rohe.

- **Keep messaging clear, simple and focused on the kaupapa**
 - Don't go down the rabbit hole of trying to address all issues and problems, and getting lost and pulled in every direction. Keep it simple; this is a literal binary choice which can be really unifying for a movement, so keep everything focused on the 'yes' for Māori wards.
 - **The key purpose of messaging will be to show Tangata Tiriti why this matters to them and to vote yes.**
 - Include a participation message for the younger demographic; make it fun and exciting to participate. Suggestions include: 'Haka with your pene'.
 - Messages could lever off the various successful Treaty Principles Bill campaigns (e.g. Toitū Te Tiriti, Together for Te Tiriti).
 - Develop messaging/branding early and test it out (e.g. by polling target audiences); and once developed, **stick to the messaging and don't change it.** People need to see a message **4-7 times before it sticks**, so even if you get bored by it — keep repeating it!
 - Impactful messages are often related to social pressure. If you think all your friends and neighbours are going to vote, you'll want to too. Use messaging that makes voting exciting and part of something important.

Develop messaging/ narratives for use across your campaign

Frame your messaging differently to the opposition

- Right wing groups will frame the referendum as being about equal rights, one person one vote, Māori are getting special rights etc. **Using their language/framing means we lose the messaging war**, so frame the messaging in a different way, using different words.
- Suggestions for framing include having an emphasis on **kotahitanga and unity, shared values, and community connectedness**, emphasising what's the same and similar rather than what's different.

Have an educative focus to combat misinformation

- Research shows that people who vote in general elections but not local body elections do so because they don't want to make the wrong decision — so there is more of an information gap than an apathy gap. Our task is to help people feel **informed and confident**.
- Share fact sheets and clear information that clearly outlines Māori wards e.g. What is a Māori ward? What is it not? What is their purpose? Why are they important? What do they contribute to a community?

Develop messaging/ narratives for use across your campaign

Develop narratives to enable different people to share the same message

- Because the messenger matters as much if not more than the message, make sure lots of different people tell their stories using the same general messaging e.g. **'trusted faces in trusted places'**.
- Community leaders are an important source of influence — such as church leaders, those running community halls, small business owners, and big characters in communities who are seen as local leaders and can bring lots of people with them. They can depoliticise issues and take them away from politicians. Politics often puts people off and they don't want to engage. The trust aspect is also important because there's so little trust in the media.
- Important voices to champion Māori wards will be pro-Māori ward councils, mayors, and sitting councillors, including those who previously opposed Māori wards but after working with them, have changed their minds:
 - Many have said the seats have meant getting to hear perspectives they've never heard of, being better informed, being better able to relate to issues/concerns through similar experiences (e.g. issues shared in maintaining marae and community halls), finding out that their misconceptions/stereotypes were not true/real, having their fears dispelled.
 - Focus on **shared values, points of agreement, projects they've worked on and supported together, and shared wins from having Māori ward seats** i.e. what having the seat was able to achieve/help achieve so councillors are comfortable with it and don't feel like kūmara!

Fundraising



Raise as much funding as early as possible, because otherwise it draws focus away from campaigning. Ideas include:

- Levering off successful Treaty Principles Bill campaigns to raise funds — e.g. we achieved a record number of people in a mass protest and a record number of submissions, this is the next fight and we need your help.
- Requesting donations/sponsorship for specific activities e.g. billboards, advertising, printing, assistance with hosting events, including pūtea but also resources such as venues and kai for events. Methods include:
 - Making an approach by letter with a follow up phone call (or vice versa).
 - Making an approach in person where appropriate/possible e.g. getting the kaupapa on the agenda at marae, hapu, iwi, land trust hui (fronted by known, trusted and ideally regularly seen faces), and on the paepae at tangihanga; and at the meetings of Pākehā organisations (fronted by Pākehā).
 - Develop and sell merchandise online; things sell fast online.
- **Encourage pro-Māori ward candidates to include the call to vote yes for Māori wards in their campaigning**, while they are out canvassing. This will save time and energy, and spread the word wider.

Campaign teams and volunteers

Campaign organising

- Set up your campaign team and a shared platform to communicate with one another, and another one to work with other campaigns teams.
- Build a volunteer base and set up a shared platform to communicate with volunteers, and a spreadsheet to coordinate volunteer activities.

Recruitment

- Recruit volunteers who can be drawn on for different activities when needed such as fundraising, and making contact with/mobilising voters e.g. putting up and maintaining billboards, door knocking, telephone canvassing, delivering leaflets, helping at campaign events, attending public meetings, writing letters to the editors of newspapers, etc.
- What works well is to ask people to donate small amounts of time for a specific event/action, making it easier for people to say yes. Once they've done a half day/day, they will often offer to do another.
- Recruitment is generally an ongoing activity with more people coming onboard as a campaign rolls out.

Maintaining contact and keeping them informed

- Setting up a spreadsheet of volunteers (names and contact details) and what tasks they are able to do — e.g. give a donation, deliver pamphlets, attend hui — so they can be easily/quickly contacted when needed for particular activities and actions.

Training for teams and volunteers

- Training will be important, especially around key messaging to different audiences.
- **Training for people to take a manaakitanga approach with the opposition so that the whole team acts with mana and grace.**

Additional tools + tech

OurActionStation movement-building platform

- [OurActionStation](#) is a free platform where you can start petitions, open letters or organise events.
- You can stay in touch with supporters and invite them to get further involved.
- There are ActionStation staff on hand to support you — get in touch at info@actionstation.org.nz.

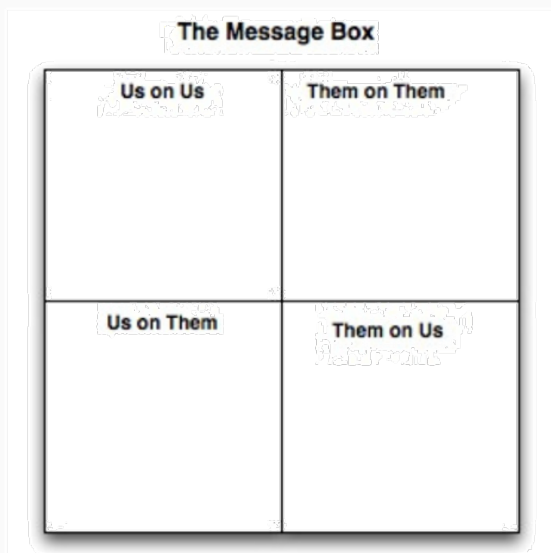
AI technology

- Teams might consider using current AI technology (e.g. ChatGPT, Claude, or Gemini chatboxes) that can:
 - Summarise info/produce speaking points and free up candidate/team time for other activities;
 - Convert audio to text e.g. record what's said at a candidate debate and convert it into text;
 - Be used for video editing;
- However, this is less useful for creating speeches or when you need a personal touch.

Development of additional advertising platforms

- It's important for teams to find people/small businesses with the skills/knowledge of how tech works to get them value for money for advertising e.g. digital billboards which are much cheaper for placements, setting up audiences on Facebook, writing ad campaigns on Instagram, etc.

Additional tools + tech



Message box tool

- This is a tool to help teams manage their messaging and stay on top of the **'messaging war'**.
- It's made up of four quadrants: what you're saying about your campaign; what you're saying about the opposition's campaign; what the opposition's saying about themselves; and what the opposition's saying about your campaign.
- It's important to be clear about **what the opposition is saying about your campaign so you're not repeating those words but presenting a compelling, alternative vision**, and getting them to repeat what you're saying about them.
- Messaging should be **repeatable**, with your own people repeating it; and also a message that provokes the opposition to repeat it — 'they said we're this but we're not that'. If they're repeating your words, you're winning the message war (and vice versa).
- Donald Trump is the master at having everyone reacting to what he's saying and repeating it, which reinforces his narrative/frame.
- Another tip is to **'sell the cake not the recipe'**. We want people to picture in their minds how awesome Māori wards are, just like a cake on the front of a cake mix.

Developing your strategy



A two-pronged approach

All of those interviewed talked about the need for a two-pronged approach to campaign planning for the referendum, made up of:

1. **A Pākehā-facing strategy**, led by Pākehā and supported by Māori where needed, targeted towards Pākehā who vote, to persuade them to vote yes. It's important that a community campaign is fronted by people who are representative of it; in some communities it will mean having a lot of Pākehā out front and for others it will be a more multi-cultural presence; and
2. **A Māori-facing strategy**, led by Māori, that targets Māori to turn out to vote.



A referendum-focused approach

Pre-selection of Māori ward candidates

- Prior to the 2022 election, some Māori communities went through a process to select a single candidate for the Māori ward seat(s) in their area. The idea was to **not have to campaign to win and instead focus on Māori roll voter turn-out.**
- This approach will be even more pertinent this year. It would save a lot of time and energy if Māori ward candidates don't have to compete against each other for a seat. In fact, many iwi, hapū and hāpori may have already picked their person/people to stand in the Māori wards, so that campaign efforts can be focused on the referendum.

A strategic approach to bolstering Māori voter turn-out

- Stand Māori candidates for mayor and in general wards where there are large numbers of Māori on the general roll to bolster Māori voter turn-out.
- In other general wards, work with trusted Pākehā groups to identify great non-Māori candidates and get the iwi to back them to their people/communities. This can bolster Māori voter turn-out, and exemplifies the **reciprocity that is part of a Tiriti partnership approach; we've got them, they've got us.**

Campaign planning

- Drawing on your research and prep, and using the two-pronged approach, develop a written campaign plan that includes strategies for: fundraising, voter contact, campaign launch, communications, volunteers, and mobilising the vote in the final weeks, supported by a campaign budget.
- **Working back from where your team needs to be from voting day**, to plan out what actions you need to take, week by week.
- Most important is to plan to **'fish where the fish are'**:
 - Prioritise the groups and areas with the highest voter turnout.
 - Use different voter contact methods to target different groups of voters e.g. pamphlets and newspapers for older voters; social media is more important for younger (disconnected) voters.
- **Have everything ready to go on 2 August when billboards can go up:**
 - Time your campaign to peak at the end of August/beginning of September as voting papers will go out from 9 September.
- **Keep to the plan:**
 - Have regular campaign team meetings to help keep everything on track.
- **Work as a team:**
 - Share the workload between team members, stay in your lanes, and try to make it fun. Be patient with each other. You will experience the highs and lows of the campaign together, so look after the wairua or mauri of your team.
 - Keep focused on the kaupapa to prevent/minimise fracturing.
 - Special care and vigilance should be taken with Māori women candidates to keep them physically safe, including in the weeks before and after the campaign.

Implementing the plan: actions and tactics



Campaign launch

- **Ideas include:**

- The campaign might start with an event and media announcement that clarifies the need to re-campaign for Māori ward seats, supported by clips/videos on social media.
- Link your campaign into the national campaign to build momentum. Not every region will be voting in a referendum, but we can make sure everyone is watching and supporting those who are!

Voter contact

- **Billboards and other signage**

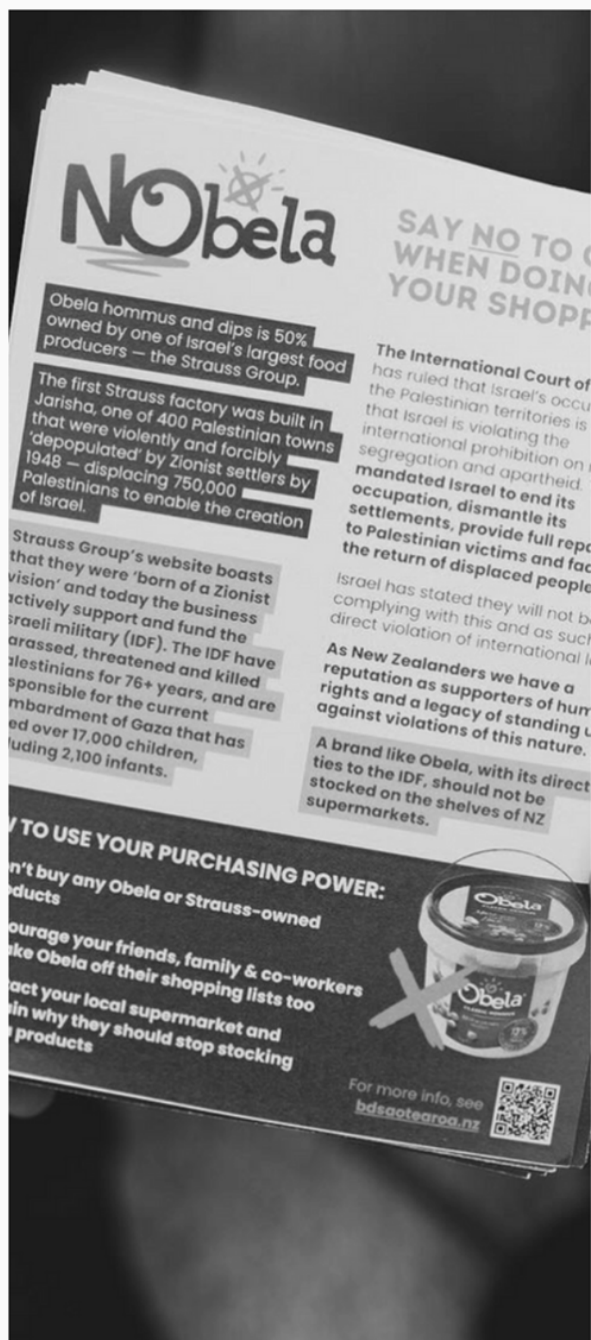
- It's unlikely that you will have the same level of pūtea as anti-Māori wards groups. **So let's get creative instead!**
- Aim to bolster billboard numbers by using other signage such as digital billboards, placards, posters, t-shirts, etc, displayed/worn by a diversity of trusted/influential people, groups and organisations in your community.
- Defacement will likely be a big issue in the Māori wards campaign so these other modes will be even more important.

Voter contact

Campaign meetings and community events

- It's important for candidates, campaign teams and volunteers to attend the 'meet the candidates' public campaign meetings to build support for the referendum.
- Make sure Pākehā candidates/teams front at Pākehā community meetings and events, supported by Māori where needed, to build support, and Māori candidates/teams front at Māori community meetings and events. Take opportunities to address attendees, engage with people, run stalls, distribute leaflets, etc.
- It's important to plan your approach for how your team fronts at public events:
 - **You'll likely need to be very tau (calm, settled) because there will be people trying to entice an emotional reaction against Māori wards.** Be well prepared and always respond with class and grace, and debrief/decompress afterwards.
 - Keep things clean. It's going to get ugly so it will be important to keep on message and not reciprocate with personal attacks or smear campaigns; **be clear, dignified, strong.** Stay high, don't go low.
 - The focus of Māori ward candidates in these spaces should be on **building support for Māori wards from general roll voters** rather than campaigning for their seat, especially given that many Māori communities will have already selected them as the single candidate for the seat.
 - Māori and non-Māori pro-Māori ward candidates should get to know each other and coordinate in advance who will say what at 'meet the candidate' public meetings, to reinforce key referendum campaign messages and **reflect the harmonious governance and kotahitanga being envisioned.**

Voter contact



Leaflets

- We know that hate groups have already been spreading misinformation through letterboxes, so we need to **share our own vision and values directly to communities.**
- ActionStation will design leaflets for different audiences, but you might prefer a leaflet that is tailored to your own local context. Find someone in your network who is good at design so that it catches peoples' eyes and encourages them to take the issue seriously.
- Try to find a place that will provide free or discounted printing. Printing in small sizes such as A6, and black and white, can make funds go further.
- Display QR codes in public spaces so people can access more info.

Newspaper advertisements

- These are important to reach older voters. Book early to get good slots (pages 2 & 3 or 4 & 5).
- Bolster newspaper advertising by having a diverse range of supporters write letters to the editors of local newspapers and contribute articles and op ed pieces to help keep a constant dialogue going (church groups, lawyers, etc).

Voter contact

Hosting campaign events

- These can include fundraisers, educational workshops, and info-sharing and promotional events.
- Teams can develop their own campaign events, or ask/help trusted community people and organisations to work with local groups (e.g. marae, local community hall/centre staff) to plan and promote these events.
- Collaborating with community-connected people is key to getting a good turn out (you'll need at least 3-4 weeks to organise). Promote events through email, social media e.g. community Facebook groups/pages, promotional posters (online and in the community), word of mouth, and supported by radio notices and interviews. Promote 2-3 weeks out with intermittent reminders. Take care not to clash with other community events when scheduling, as much as possible.
- Including high-profile guest speakers is another way to draw people in.
- Make sure to have a good facilitator/MC to make events fun and interesting.
- Have enrolment forms at all events, or invite Electoral Commission staff to attend and enrol people and answer their questions.
- Send out media releases to Māori and mainstream media to generate media coverage.



Social media content

- Can include video testimonials, video clips/photos from the campaign trail, podcasts, TikTok videos (good for young people who typically like info that is short and to the point).
- **Create and share short selfie-style video testimonials** (30-45 seconds) of a diverse range of people saying why they support Māori wards.
- Note that ActionStation will be working on providing social media content for Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok — but you know your community best, so don't wait for us if you have a great idea.

Save \$\$\$ and extend reach

- Billboards can go up in designated council areas. Seek out additional sites on private land and front lawns in target areas.
- Wooden frames (hoardings) for billboards are expensive and often need repair. Ask permission to attach them to fences in target areas. Digital billboards can also be cost effective.
- **Small placards and posters** save money and can go up in windows.
- Stickers are also cheap and can go anywhere!
- Create magnetic placards for your car door.
- Try circulating hand-written letters in specific neighbourhoods with a personal story telling them why Māori wards are important and encouraging them to vote yes.

Mobilising voters



'Get out the vote' events

- Plan big mobilisations like hikoi, rallies, and public meetings the week before and the week after voting papers arrive to help give a big push for people to vote.
- Such events could also be hosted by different community organisations or collaborations of community organisations.
- In one 'Hikoi to Vote' event we heard about, voters gathered to march to the ballot box at council grounds, followed by speakers and a free sausage sizzle. It was led by the mayor, who walked hand-in-hand with a Māori child. The event was also supported by local MPs.
- *Note: ActionStation will likely coordinate a national day of action that can build momentum for your local event.*

Actions to assist rural voters / voters without transport

- Provide transport to ballot boxes as some can't afford to travel or don't have ready access to transport e.g. fundraise to hire a bus and pick up people on the way to the ballot box or coordinate young people with vehicles to pick up their kaumātua and take them to vote.
- Some are pushing for the provision of mobile ballot boxes.

Preparing for the hard times

We can expect that hate groups will be campaigning against Māori wards, and seeking to elect their own members into councils.

As you create your campaign plan, prepare for the backlash, but do not allow it to be your entire focus. **Remember that many community members will be craving positive campaigns that align with their values, and will be relieved to hear from you.**

Common tactics from far right hate groups include:

- Starting up front groups positioning themselves as 'concerned ratepayers' that may be upfront about their racism, or more subtle (e.g. using dogwhistle politics).
- Spreading misinformation that **evokes an emotional response, such as fear or anger** (e.g. Māori are trying to take something from you).
- Creating smear campaigns against your members (e.g. trawling through social media, taking screenshots of conversations that may seem controversial, attacking individuals for being bad people or alleged hypocrites).
- Using racist or sexist stereotypes to turn people against candidates or the kaupapa.
- **Twisting concepts about democracy or free speech** to manipulate people into opposing Māori wards.
- Using bullying, violent or intimidating behaviour to scare people out of standing for what they believe in.

If we stay calm, competent, and clear in our positive vision for the future — then it will show bad behaviour for what it is. If we remain **united in our kotahitanga for a future that honours Te Tiriti** — then we will show the angry, hateful minority for who they are.

However, if you become concerned for your team's safety, then take measures to look after each other. [Manaaki Collective](#) have great resources including a [guide to digital safety](#).

Leaving communities in a better place



Campaigning gives us a concrete way to spread hope, bring us closer together, and change our country for the better.

Despite the hate, division and political manoeuvring that has led to these referendums, **the power lies in local people to choose aroha, kotahitanga and Te Tiriti!**

Here at ActionStation, we believe it is possible to not just win the Māori ward referendums, but to leave our communities in a better place after the elections.

We have an opportunity to transform our councils to become **more Te Tiriti-centric** than they have ever been. To build the capacity of our whānau, marae, hapū and iwi so that they are **stronger in their mana motuhake**. To bring our Tangata Tiriti on a journey where they can see and feel **how exciting Te Tiriti o Waitangi is**, and how they can be a part of it.

This October gives us a chance to invite people from all backgrounds into a **Te Tiriti-based future that looks after all of us** — should they choose to step into it.

And it all starts with people like you.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. Karawhiua!

Kicking off your campaign plan

What is the vision of our mana whenua, and our community?	
Who do we need on the waka to get there?	
What actions should we take to achieve our vision?	
Are we standing a candidate or just campaigning for Māori wards?	
Who is in our community? What are our voter stats?	
Who already votes, and how can we bring them on board for Māori wards?	
Who doesn't vote and how do we encourage them to vote? (if we have the resource)	
Who do we need to build relationships with?	
How will we raise funds?	
How do we make the movement for Māori wards exciting, inviting and irresistible in our community?	
How will we know we have been successful?	

Key dates

Month	Key dates	Where we want to be
April		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building up our local and national strategies • Developing messaging + building website • Fundraising
May		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building up our local and national strategies • Push for candidates to apply • Fundraising
June		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing our local and national strategies • Fundraising
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 July: candidate applications open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing our local and national strategies • Candidates are applying
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 August: candidate applications close • 1 August: deadline to get on roll (Māori and general) or will go to a special vote • 2 August: billboards can go up • 6 August: candidates publicly announced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates are confirmed • Local communities are prepared to go hard • Billboards are going up • Leaflets are going out • Newspaper ads are out • Social media is going live

Key dates

Month	Key dates	Where we want to be
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9–22 September: voting papers delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign is in full swing Events are being run Getting out the vote Social media is buzzing Local/national media focused on Māori wards
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 October: deadline for postal votes 11 October: voting ends midday. Progress results begin 16–22 October: declaration of results Swearing in ceremonies begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last events Getting out the vote Final push — last chance to vote efforts
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swearing in ceremonies continue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating, wrapping up the campaigns and discussing any future steps.

Key dates sourced from [VoteLocal.co.nz](https://www.vote.co.nz).

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Before we get stuck into the mahi, some words of gratitude.

To all the Māori ward councillors who show up ia rā, ia rā, to serve our communities. **We see you and appreciate you.**

To the mana whenua who have suffered māmae from being excluded from decisions about your own tāngata, whenua, awa, maunga and moana. **We see you and honour you.**

To the Protect Māori Wards crew for your commitment and kaha — especially Toni Boynton and Te Raukura O'Connell Rapira who were among those who led the 2021 legislation change. **We love you, and can't wait to work with you.**

To the interviewees who shared their expertise so others could get a head start; Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Dinnie Moeahu, Raiha Bridget Bell, Gaylene Nepia, Leroy Beckett, Kirsty Barber and Kawena Jones (Taurikura), and Matt Blizek. To Helen Potter for listening to their tips and weaving them together. **We thank you, and look forward to putting your advice into action!**

Haumi e, hui e, taiki e!



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11.2 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025

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PURPOSE

To inform the Māori Standing Committee on the preparations for the local body elections in October 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the upcoming Local Body Elections 2025, highlights key dates, planning and how this will be managed leading up to the election.

BACKGROUND

Local government elections are to be held 11 October 2025 in accordance with the [Local Electoral Act 2001](#).

Council has already resolved in August 2023 to use First Past the Post (FPP) as the voting method for the 2025 election.

DISCUSSION

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Election 2025

The declaration of the Deputy Electoral Officers and other officials is undertaken around February 25 and can be altered (if required) during the year.

Council must resolve by 30 June at the latest, how they wish their candidates to be ordered on the voting paper. If a resolution isn't made, the candidate order must be alphabetical. In 2016 SWDC used alphabetical, in 2019 pseudo random and in 2022, random. A decision paper is currently scheduled for the Council 30 April 25 for order of candidates.

Candidate nominations open 1 July and close midday 1 August and voting opens 9 September 2025.

The official pre-election period will begin on 11 July 2025 under section 104 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Some key dates during 2025 are:

- ***Check you are enrolled to vote***
Now until 1 August 2025
- ***Consider being a candidate***
Now until 1 July 2025
- ***Appointment of the deputy electoral officer and other officials***
February 2025
- ***Ratepayer Roll Enrolment Confirmation Letters and Forms sent to existing ratepayers.***
Posted 28 March 2025

- ***Council decision on the order of candidates' names on voting forms***
30 April 2025
- ***Pre-election Period starts***
11 July 2025
- ***Pre-election report published by the Chief Executive***
Before 18 July 2025
- ***Public notice of the election calling for nominations***
No later than 10 July 2025
- ***Candidate nominations open***
4 July 2025
Noted: Candidates to be provided with an information pack and a seminar early July when nominations open.
- ***Candidate nominations close (12 noon)***
1 August 2025
- ***Candidates announced***
8 August 2025
- ***Final electoral roll certified by Electoral Officer***
5 September 2025
- ***Voting papers sent to enrolled voters***
9 September - 22 September 2025
- ***Voting opens***
9 September - 11 October 2025
- ***Interim Delegation to the CE – report to Council***
8 October 2025
- ***Voting closes (12 noon)***
11 October 2025
- ***Progress and preliminary results published***
11 October 2025
- ***Final results announced***
14 October - 17 October 2025

The Induction of new candidates will be completed as soon as practical after the results are announced.

The inaugural council meeting will take in late October (date to be confirmed).

New Council

Officers have started planning the new Council programme to commence immediately following the elections, including the inaugural meeting, training, and induction processes. There will be an opportunity for Elected Members to provide input into this induction planning. Having the input of Councillors who were elected at the last election for the first time will be especially valuable to ensure the induction best meets the needs any new elected representative.

APPENDICES

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11.3 ACTION ITEMS REPORT**Author:** Robyn Ramsden, Advisor, Community Democracy**Authoriser:** Paul Gardner, Group Manager, Corporate Services**File Number:****PURPOSE**

To present the Māori Standing Committee with updates on actions to April 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Actions requested at the Forum have been added to the master action list and will now be reported on.
- Only the Responsible Manager is listed on the report. The Staff member or Committee members assigned the task is listed on the master table.

BACKGROUND

Action items from recent meetings are presented to the Māori Standing Committee for information. The Chair may ask Council officers for comments and all members may ask Council officers for clarification and information through the Chair.

If the action has been completed between meetings it will be shown as 'actioned' for one meeting, then will remain in a master register but no longer reported on.

DISCUSSION

The Action Item list now has actions requested at the Forum. Those actions are indicated with an F for 'forum'. Requests made at the forum were getting lost as they were not recorded anywhere other than the notes. It is anticipated that this change will allow everyone to keep better track of requests especially when they span several meetings.

APPENDICES**Appendix 1 Action Items to April 2025**

Number	Raised Date	Responsible Manager	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
147	18-Jul-23	P Gardner	MSC NOTED: Action 147(a): clarification around if Cape Palliser paper trail is a council road or has it gone through the Māori land court? Action 147(b) 18/7/23 MSC proposed a steering group to work with Mr Hale, and K Mikaera MSC representative.	Open	6/10/23: A Bradley waiting on confirmation from the Roding team. 10/10/23 updated details to specify paper road past Cape Palliser. Two of those blocks not Māori land, DOC are also at the end of the road. Investigating if we can get a proper sign "Private Access etc" and consult with locals around access. 20/03/24: To be assigned to Pou Māori when they are appointed. The initial legal investigations have been explored and to close a paper road will take a number of months. 30/07/24: currently working with roading staff. Issues with removing the paper road if there is an emergency. If the SWDC rescind the paper road the issues of inappropriate use and access remain. Mr Fenwick confirmed that there is endangered flora and fauna in the area. 30/4/24: CEO asked for a meeting on the paper road. See Chair's report for more detail. 6/1/2025: This is still in progress, a team from council led by Pou Māori are working with Ngati Hinewaka hapū to reach a solution. A plan has been discussed and includes the use of a by-law, comms plan, plant restoration, funding plan and project management. Will have further updates over the next month or two.
175	30-Apr-24	J Smith	Pou Māori Narida Hooper will consult with Manager, Community Operations on the Lake Ferry Tender Process.	Open	6/1/2025: Pou Māori was part of the evaluation panel to consider tender application/s. MSC requested new leasee should do an induction with mana whenua to understand the significance of the site of Upokokiri and surrounding areas. MSC also noted that a covenant should be added to ensure that the leasee would not be permitted to build any two-storey structures at the camp site. Manager, Community Operations agreed.
418	29-Oct-24	P Gardner	Staff requested to send out conflict of interest register for members to complete.	Open	
419	29-Oct-24	P Gardner	Invite Neomal Attapatu from Eastern and Central to attend Forum to discuss grants.	Open	
420	29-Oct-24	P Gardner	request staff liaison with Joe Howells to go on a Hikoi and get a better understanding of what their group are doing along the river.	Open	
421	29-Oct-24	N Hooper	Pou Māori to supply breakdown of the costs to Committee See Pou Māori Report 29 Oct 24	Open	
2024/500	3-Dec-24	P Gardner	Invite to the next Forum the Climate Change Advisor to update Committee.	Open	
MSC2025/03	28-Jan-25	MSC	A Rutene to respond to Mr Smith's invitation to attend ground breaking as invitation is too short a notice for his request.	Actioned	29/01/25: A Rutene to respond to Mr Smith's invitation.

MSC2025/04	28-Jan-25	P Gardner	request for staff to organise a tour of the development with the developer at Rapaki (near Martinborough).	Open	
MSC2025/05	28-Jan-25	P Gardner	present corrected minutes to next meeting. Page 3: Chair's Report. Takoha should be Te koha.	Actioned	16/4/25: spelling correction made. Minutes from 29 October 2024 added to the agenda.
MSC2025/08	28-Jan-25	P Gardner	request Comms Team assist in promotion of grants for next Committee meeting on 29 April 2025.	Actioned	25/3/25: meeting held with Comms to promote MSC grants. Grant round was promoted to social media and on website.
MSC2025/10	28-Jan-25	P Gardner	Defer to next meeting. Invite to next Forum with a request to bring a MCI pack and more detailed information on training and expectations.	Open	11/3/25: WFA attended the Forum online. 11/3/25: WFA to answer question on how many people does the kit cover.
F25/01	11-Mar-25	P Gardner	Committee requests to see the whare prototype once it's finished.	Open	
F25/02	11-Mar-25	MSC	direction from Chair that the Forum changes from operational to a strategic framework.	Open	
F25/03	11-Mar-25	P Gardner	request coordinator grants attend the next Committee meeting to report back on the Waitangi Day event.	Open	13/3/25: Lina invited to 29 April meeting.
F25/04	11-Mar-25	J Smith	request Committee members are to send all the Matariki event information to staff who will repackage and send back out.	Actioned	16/4/25: None recieved. N Hooper arranged a meeting. Actioned.
F25/05	11-Mar-25	J Smith	request Narida to draft Policy change and guidelines of the Policy on Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights-of-Way. And to prepare advice to MCB for meeting on 20 March.	Open	20/3/25: updated advice was use at the MCB meeting. Their feedback is they want to see road naming reports before MSC, and then refer any requests for road names in te reo to be approved by MSC. This currently contradicts SWDC policy.
F25/06	11-Mar-25	J Smith	request Narida to check with Carterton and Masterton to remove suffixes to Māori road names i.e. lane, way, drive.	Open	

12 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi
Mō tēnei wā
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa
O mātou hoa
O mātou whānau
Aio ki te Aorangi

Our work is finished
For the moment
Blessing upon us all
Our friends
Our families
Peace to the Universe