



TE MĀNGAI O NGĀ
HAPORI MĀORI
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Māori Standing Committee
Kia Reretahi Tātau

7 November 2023

Agenda

Notice of Meeting

An extraordinary meeting will be held online and in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough on Tuesday 7 November 2023 starting at 6.00pm. This meeting will be live-streamed and will be available to view on our [YouTube channel](#).

Membership of the Māori Standing Committee

Andrea Rutene (Chairperson), Karen Mikaera (Deputy Chairperson), Narida Hooper, Violet Edwards-Hina, Gillies Baker, JD Smith, Leonie Edwards, Dorothy Whittaker, Mayor Martin Connelly and Councillor Pip Maynard

Karakia Tīmatanga

*Tukua te wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata
Hai ārahi i ā tātou mahi
Me tā tātou whai i ngā tikanga a rātou mā
Kia mau kia ita
Kia kore ai e ngaro
Kia pupuri
Kia whakamaua
Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!*

- 1. Extraordinary Business**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Conflicts of Interest**
- 4. Acknowledgments and Tributes**
- 5. Public Participation**
 - Rebecca Harper
- 6. Actions from Public Participation**

As per standing order 14.17 no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda.

7. Māori Standing Committee Minutes

7.1 None Advised

8. Chairperson Report

8.1 None Advised

9. Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

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10. Member Reports

10.1 None Advised

Karakia Whakamutunga

*Unuhia Unuhia
Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui
kia wāteā, kia māmā
te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua
i te ara takatū
Koia rā e Rongo
Whakairia ake ki runga
Tūturu whakamaua kia tina. Tina!
Hui e! Tāiki e!*

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Purpose of Report

To seek a Māori Standing Committee external appointment decision.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Māori Standing Committee:

1. *Receives the Māori Standing Committee Appointment Report*
2. *Resolves to make the following external appointment to the Māori Standing Committee: Whitu Karauna (Hau Ariki Marae).*

1. Background

Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) provides for local authorities to hold the meetings that are necessary for the good government of the region or district (clause 19); to appoint the committees, subcommittees, and other subordinate decision-making bodies that it considers appropriate, including joint committees with other local authorities (clause 30); and to appoint or discharge any member of a committee or subcommittee (clause 31).

Māori Standing Committee are being asked to make a second appointment for a representative from Hau Ariki Marae on Māori Standing Committee (MSC).

2. Discussion

2.1 Māori Standing Committee

Schedule 7 cl 31 (3) of the LGA 2002 allows for the appointment of external members to a committee or subcommittee *'a person who is not a member of the local authority or committee if, in the opinion of the local authority, that person has the skills, attributes, or knowledge that will assist the work of the committee or subcommittee.'*

Members are required to advise on tangata whenua and Māori interests in the Council's major areas of activity and therefore recommended membership of the committee should be representatives from the district's marae, iwi and Pae tū Mokai o

Tauira. This is in line with the Terms of Reference - [SWDC-Terms-of-Reference-2022-25-V5.pdf](#)

Marae and iwi are asked to nominate their preferred representative/s to Māori Standing Committee, then the Māori Standing Committee considers the report seeking their appointment to the Committee in accordance with the LGA.

On the 1 November 2023, Hau Ariki Marae advised that their second preferred representative on Māori Standing Committee is Whitu Karauna (refer Appendix 1).

3. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Hau Ariki Marea correspondence

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Maori Standing Committee: W Karauna - Hau Ariki Marae nomination

Please be advised that Hau Ariki Marae has nominated Whitu Karauna to be its 2nd representative on the Maori Standing Committee with John Dean Smith.

We look forward to confirmation of this appointment.

Nga mihi

Kevin Haunui
Chair Marae Committee

2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meetings

1. Purpose

To present the Māori Standing Committee with updates on the 2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meetings.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the 2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meeting report.*
2. *Adopt the first meeting date for Māori Standing Committee in 2024.*

3. Executive Summary

At the Council meeting scheduled for 22 November 2023, Council will look to adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meetings. Following that process the Māori Standing Committee will need to adopt their meeting calendars for 2024.

As 7 November 2023 is the final ordinary meeting of Māori Standing Committee for the year, council officers recommend that a date at the end of January is agreed upon by Māori Standing Committee members. Our recommendation is Tuesday 30 January 2024.

4. Discussion

It is asked that the Māori Standing Committee members also provide an indication of frequency and structure of meetings for 2024, to help council staff with planning.

Council officers note the need for equal gaps between ordinary meetings to provide consistency and transparency.

Council officers note the flow of meetings to run Māori Standing Committee, Community Boards, Committees and Council meetings where possible. Thus, allowing information to flow through from Community Boards to Committees or Council where necessary.

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Māori Ward Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Māori Standing Committee of what is required for the Council vote on Māori Wards 22 November 2023.

2. Executive Summary

Under legislation Council have the option to consider Māori Wards for South Wairarapa District Council by 23 November 2023, as part of the Representation Review process.

A Māori ward can provide input into Council's decisions, ensuring representation in the decision-making process from a Māori perspective.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the *Māori Standing Committee*:

1. Adopt a position on Māori wards.
2. Resolve to present and submit supporting documentation for a position on Māori Wards at the Council meeting 22 November 2023.

4. Background

In 2018 Council undertook a representation review and endorsed the status quo recommendation from its community boards and Māori Standing Committee, noting that more research needed to be undertaken prior to a decision. In 2020, Council was still of that view. In May 2021, Council voted not to implement a Māori Ward. The commitment at the time was to ensure a full discussion took place to understand the views of Māori and the implications of the establishment of a Māori Ward.

In June 2023 Māori Standing Committee began further in-depth discussions around Māori Wards.

Initial discussions resulted in the need for further clarifications on the implications of establishing a Māori Ward. This followed with a workshop in July to answer those questions and plan for kōrero with local Māori.

During July through August and September both informal (conversations in the community) to more formal types of arrangements such as hui on marae have taken place. With an aim for engagement in appropriate settings such as marae, to allow Māori to attend hui and listen and understand what Māori representations means at a local government level.

This has allowed Māori to raise any relevant questions (within the various forums) relating to Māori representation through the following engagement:

- Website updated to include a page around Māori Wards
- Haveyoursay@sdwc.govt.nz email address established to collect feedback and respond to any enquires on Māori Wards
- Information sheet put together by council staff and Māori Standing Committee
- Drop-in sessions at Waihinga Centre and Pae Tū Mōkai o Taurira
- Hui at Hau Ariki Marae and Papawai
- Mailout to all those on the Māori roll with the information sheet and an invite to the Māori Standing Committee meeting 10 October
- Use of Facebook and social media to push out notification of kōrero around Māori wards.

5. Prioritisation

5.1 Te Tiriti obligations

The Local Government Act (LGA) and other legislation requires councils to recognise and respect Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi obligations. This means local government acknowledges the unique perspective of Māori on decisions that relate to people, land, assets, and resources. Specifically, the LGA requires councils to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making process and consider ways to enhance Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making.

The Local Electoral Act requires councils to enable fair and effective representation for individuals and communities. It is up to each council to choose the most appropriate and effective form of Māori representation for their population - taking into account the needs and preferences of their Māori partners and the wider community.

The Local Electoral (Māori Ward and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 included the following for the 2025 establishment of Māori Wards:

- Remove the ability for electors to bring a petition requiring a poll on the introduction of Māori wards. Therefore, the only way Māori wards or constituencies will be established is if the council itself resolves to (or undo) its decisions.

- Remove the ability of local authorities to resolve to hold binding polls on where to establish Māori wards or constituencies.
- Provided that past polls, or council resolutions to hold binding polls, on whether to establish Māori wards or constituencies cease to have any effect.
- Local authorities need to be fully aware of the relevant provisions and possible implications of establishing Māori wards/constituencies for any representation review.

6. Discussion

Engagement outcomes from kōrero on Māori wards in 2023:

1. If Māori Wards are to be established the following would apply:

- Any candidate standing for election would be able to choose whether they want to stand for the Māori Ward or the General Ward.
- A candidate standing for the Māori Ward does not need to be on the Māori electoral roll (they can be on the general roll), and
- Both nominators must be on the Māori roll.
- Only electors on the Māori electoral roll would be eligible to vote for the Māori Ward Councillors.
- A candidate standing for the General Ward does not need to be on the general roll (they can be on the Māori roll).
- Only electors on the general roll will be eligible to vote for the General Ward Councillors.

If Māori Wards are to be established anyone could stand for the Māori Ward, including non-Māori, provided they are a NZ citizen on the parliamentary roll somewhere in NZ. Under the current Ward system there is no distinction between the electors on either the General or Māori rolls.

2. Why Now

South Wairarapa District Council have consulted on Māori Wards with local iwi previously, with acknowledgement made of the mahi in the past.

Three key factors have come into play to change some views:

1. Removal of the poll
2. The work Council has done around establishing and strengthening the Māori Standing Committee and the understanding that the Māori Ward is “as well as” rather than instead of the Māori Standing Committee.

3. The establishment of relationships with Māori, through the role of Pou Māori, at South Wairarapa District Council

There was consensus that work would need to be done to help Māori understand the role local government play for our communities, and the need for support and succession planning for both the 2025 and the 2028 local elections if a Māori Ward is voted in.

7. Strategic Drivers and Legislative Requirements

If Council decide to create a Māori ward, then the total number of Councillors will be reviewed through the representation review process. However, a potential representation scenario for a Māori Ward could be:

- a) One Māori Ward “at large” across the whole district of South Wairarapa and the rest of the Councillors comprising of Featherston, Martinborough or Greytown Ward representation.
- b) One Māori Ward “at large” across the whole district of South Wairarapa and a review of Councillor representation to include other Wards (eg Rural Ward) or other Council seats “at large” across the district.

If the current ward system was to apply those on the General Ward would get 2-3 votes for the Ward and one vote for Mayor. Those on the Māori Ward would get 1 vote for the Ward and one vote for the Mayor.

7.1 Significant risk register

See below:

- Relationship with iwi, hapū, Māori
- Climate Change
- Emergency Management
- IT architecture, information system, information management, and security
- Financial management, sustainability, fraud, and corruption
- Legislative and regulative reforms
- Social licence to operate and reputation.
- Asset management
- Economic conditions
- Health and Safety

7.2 Policy implications

Representation Review falls under the Significance and Engagement Policy - [Section A \(swdc.govt.nz\)](https://www.swdc.govt.nz)

3. How to engage.

Considering the significance of the issue for Māori and how they will be affected, either now or in the future, is fundamental for determining how you should engage so it is important that this is all-encompassing. Engagement may be required at different levels for different stakeholder groups.

<p>Minor ▶</p> <p>Māori interests are limited or not affected in any special way.</p>	<p>Inform</p> <p>The Crown will keep Māori informed about what is happening. Māori will be provided with balanced and objective information to assist them to understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.</p>
<p>Moderate ▶</p> <p>Māori interests exist or are affected but wider interests take priority.</p> <p>Specific Māori interests are affected.</p>	<p>Consult</p> <p>The Crown will seek Māori feedback on drafts and proposals. The Crown will ultimately decide. The Crown will keep Māori informed, listen and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how their input influenced the decision.</p>
<p>Significant ▶</p> <p>Māori interests are significantly affected.</p> <p>Māori interests are overwhelming and compelling.</p> <p>Māori interests are central and other interests limited.</p>	<p>Collaborate</p> <p>The Crown and Māori will work together to determine the issues/problems and develop solutions together that are reflected in proposals. The Crown will involve Māori in the decision-making process but the Crown will ultimately decide.</p> <p>Partner/Co-design</p> <p>The Crown and Māori will partner to determine the issue/problem, to design the process and develop solutions. The Crown and Māori will make joint decisions.</p> <p>Empower</p> <p>Māori will decide. The Crown will implement the decision made by Māori.</p>

Engaging with Māori

Council respects the unique status of Māori in our community and is committed to continuing to build and strengthen our relationships and engaging in a range of ways to ensure we are providing opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes. One of our key mechanisms for engaging with Māori is working with the Māori Standing Committee to ensure the contributions of local iwi and marae are represented. Council will engage with the Māori Standing Committee on matters of significance to Māori in our community and, in particular, where any matter involves a significant decision in relation to land

or a body of water to ensure that the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other tāonga are considered. Council will also engage directly with iwi and marae representatives where appropriate. Council recognises that early engagement is often the most effective, particularly for those decisions which have greater significance. We are committed to providing relevant information to inform Māori contribution and improve Māori access to the Council's engagement and decision-making processes.

External advice was sought from the Electoral Commission on whether the Special Consultative Procedure would apply. Due to the removal of the requirement of a poll, the impact on Māori directly, and the requirement to consult on the Representation Review, the approach taken was to engage with Māori first as recommended by [Te Arawhiti in their recommended engagement model](#). Consideration was also given to the capacity of the Democracy & Engagement Team to conduct additional formal consultation over this period.

8. Consultation

8.1 Communications and engagement

A communications plan for the outcome of the Māori vote and the start of the full Representation Review will be required.

Is there a communications Plan?

Yes No

If no, is a communications plan required?

Yes No

8.2 Partnerships

Terms of Reference for the Māori Standing Committee include advocating on behalf of the best interests of tāngata whenua and to make recommendations to Council on matters of relevance affecting tāngata whenua in the district - [SWDC-Terms-of-Reference-2022-25-V5.pdf](#)

Following engagement by the Māori Standing Committee, representation from the following is expected when considering Māori Wards.

- Kohunui Marae
- Hau Ariki Marae
- Papawai Marae
- Pae Tū Mokai o Taurira
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Council officers recommend a letter to Council from each of these stakeholder groups and any others who wish, either expressing their views to support or not support a Māori Ward as part of the supporting documentation.

9. Financial Considerations

There is no financial impact at this time.

10. Climate Change Considerations

There are no positive or negative effects on climate change from this decision.

11. Health and Safety Considerations

There is no health and safety considerations at this time.

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