



**MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes from 30 April 2024**

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<b>Present:</b>	Andrea Rutene (Chairperson), Karen Mikaera (Deputy Chairperson), Dorothy Whittaker, Violet Edwards-Hina, Leonie Edwards, JD Smith, Whitu Karauna, and Councillor Pip Maynard.
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Narida Hooper (Principal Advisor Māori), James O’Conner (Manager, Partnerships and Operations Group), Sarah Pearson-Coats (Project Officer), Nicki Ansell (Acting Manager Stakeholder Relations), Robyn Ramsden (Community Democracy Advisor),
<b>Public Participation:</b>	Prue Harawira-Smith, Georgia-May Hill, Nifo Ili and Marc van der Loo, John Hancock.
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	This meeting was conducted in public in the Supper Room, Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street, Martinborough between 6.02 pm and 8:04 pm and was live streamed on the Council’s YouTube Channel.

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Members opened with a karakia.

**1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS** (*YouTube streaming 1:44*)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/10) to add the Māori Standing Committee Appointment Report. It cannot wait until the next meeting as we need the new member to have access to the material before the next meeting. To be added to the agenda as item 9.7.

*(Moved Edwards-Hina/Seconded Cr. Maynard)*

Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/11) to add the financial assistance application from Georgia-May Hill which was referred to this Committee from the Assurance, Risk and Finance Committee on 24 April. This application cannot wait as the funding is required before our next meeting in July.

*(Moved Cr. Maynard/Seconded Whittaker)*

Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/12) to add the financial assistance application from Featherston Rugby Football Club and Featherston Netball Club. This application cannot wait because the funding is required before our next meeting in July.

*(Moved Cr. Maynard/Seconded Mikaera)*

Carried

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**2. APOLOGIES** (YouTube streaming 3:58)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/13) to receive apologies from Te Rina Kaiwai, Councillor Martin Bosley, Mayor Martin Connelly.  
(Moved Karauna/Seconded Smith) Carried

**3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** (YouTube streaming 5:44)

Whitu Karauna and JD Smith are Hau Ariki Marae representatives and therefore have a conflict of interest with a grant application in Item 9.

**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES** (YouTube streaming 6:18)

The Māori Standing Committee would like to acknowledge Aunty Dawn Aporo nee Rimene and Kahui Grey. We acknowledge our whānau who have passed over in recent months. Our Aroha to the whānau. We acknowledge Narida Hooper who has stood down from the Committee after 6 years' service work for te whanui o Wairarapa.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (YouTube streaming 8:38)

5.1 Hau Ariki Marae – Prue Harawira Smith

Sandi M Ngamoki, Les Roberts and Teresa Dawson came to tautoko Prue and their application for funding. Hau Ariki wants to replace mattresses as they are old, damaged and a fire hazard. New mattresses are important and a means to Manaaki their whānau and manuhiri. Seeking a good quality product and hygienic.

Members asked how many mattresses? 70 mattresses required. For thicker foam mattress. Not noisy.

<https://www.vendela.co.nz/shop/vendela-guest/dream-green/dream-green-guest>

5.2 Future Leaders Academy Programme – Georgia-May Hill

Georgia-May opens with a mihi and her pepeha. Student from Kuranui College, Georgia-May is 17yrs. She will attend the Future Leaders Academy, held in Vanuatu in July. 40 others from New Zealand, 10 from Australia and some from Vanuatu. Cost is \$4,600, has fundraised \$3,400. "Team building activities, new environment. Next year looking to study law, looking at local issues. This will help me build confidence to help my community and my school. Do school talks to encourage others to apply".

Members offered their congratulations. Encouraged to have our young people come and ask for assistance but also have shown initiative to help themselves.

[Pacific Student Leaders Programme | Future Leaders Academy \(flacademy.com\)](#)

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### 5.3 Featherston Rugby Football Club and Featherston Netball Club – Nifo Ili and Marc van der Loo

Positive uptake on sports this year. Sponsors have not been able to offer as much this year. Netball now have 8 junior teams, 2 senior team, 3 all up. Rugby senior team now covering to pay for uniforms. Under 6yrs, 4 more teams this year. So many kids coming through, lacking uniforms and sports gear. Are doing fundraising at the moment.

Members. Clarify \$7,000 for both codes. Encouraging that young people are interested in playing. Uniforms for game time. Commended for their efforts in the community.

### 5.4 Rapaki Hill – John Hancock

Mr John Hancock, presented to the MSC that in 1988 he purchased land in South Wairarapa, he wanted to name this land Rapaki Hill. Rapaki was a name from Banks Peninsula, which is where Mr Hancock originated. At the time he looked for approval from Richard and Teresa Aporo and said the land was blessed by George Hawkins. Members thanked Mr Hancock for his kōrero. Members also expressed to Mr Hancock that although he in good heart followed a process, kei te pai. Members felt he should also acknowledge that the particular whenua he named as Rapaki Hill already had a name. That he could also add that to his story of the land.

Members are eager to keep names correct.

Mr Hancock feels he has already been through the protocols.

## 6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were not actions from public participation.

## 7. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION *(YouTube streaming 25:52)*

### Māori Standing Committee – 30 January 2024

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/14) that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting held on 30 January 2024 be confirmed as true and correct. With corrections added.

(Moved Mikaera/Seconded Karauna)

Carried

Typos. Pg 4 Grey Hay Tikanga. Korowai. Names sp. Te Rina to follow up with. Pg 6 9.3 Wānanga matter arising around the policy.

ACTION 168: Matter arising: Mana whenua.

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## 8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT *(YouTube streaming 30:04)*

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/15) to receive the Chairpersons Report.  
*(Moved Cr. Maynard/Seconded Whittaker)* Carried

Karakia by Sandi Ngamoki asking to hear the grant decisions.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/16) to accept the resignation of Pae Tū Mōkai O Tauria representative Narida Hooper.  
*(Moved Rutene/Seconded Edwards-Hina)* Carried

Chair Ms Rutene invites Ms Hooper to the table with her new potae.

## 9. REPORTS FROM CHIEFL EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

### 9.1 Pou Māori April 2024 Report *(YouTube streaming 36:59)*

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/17) to receive the Pou Māori April 2024 Report.  
*(Moved Mikaera /Seconded Smith)* Carried

Ms Hooper spoke to her report. Enhanced Annual Plan, process of consultation, and submissions, and questions. Ms Hooper spoke specifically to question 2. Allocated quota of water for households is currently 350 m<sup>3</sup>, council propose reducing this to 250 m<sup>3</sup>, there will likely be an impact to marae, schools, and sports hub on town supply. MSC members are encouraged to make submissions to the EAP consultation document on behalf of their marae. MSC also agrees that a submission on behalf of the MSC should be submitted to request that all marae, schools, and sports hubs be exempt from the proposed reduced allocated quota of water. Or be noted as “special character” and receive exemption.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/18) to make a submission on the Enhanced Annual Plan seeking an exemption on water allocation for Marae, Schools, and Sports Hubs.  
*(Moved Edwards-Hina/Seconded Cr. Maynard)* Carried

### 9.2 Appointment to Assurance, Risk and Finance *(YouTube streaming 54:49)*

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/19) to: Receive the Appointments to Committees Report  
*(Moved Cr. Maynard/Seconded Edwards-Hina)* Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/20) the following:

That the Māori Standing Committee recommends to SWDC Karen Mikaera be appointed to the Assurance, Risk and Finance Committee.

That the Māori Standing Committee recommends to SWDC Whitu Karauna be appointed as the alternate to the Assurance, Risk and Finance Committee.

*(Moved Edwards-Hina/Seconded Smith)* Carried

Members discussed getting funding information to people who need funding. Hoping to

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make the Funders Forum a regular event.

**9.3 Lake Ferry Tender Information Report (YouTube streaming 1:01:48)**

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/21) to receive the Lake Ferry Tender Information Report  
(Moved Cr. Maynard /Seconded Karauna) Carried

Staff from the Partnerships & Operations Team spoke to their report. Council is now in a position to begin the Tendering process to find a new lessee for the Lake Ferry Holiday Park. Staff are seeking guidance and recommendations from the Māori Standing Committee that should be included in this process to ensure that mana whenua have every opportunity to feed into the process.

Committee members felt an induction by hapū for the new lessee be a part of the process, to inform the lessee of the significance of the site, who are tangata whenua, and whakapapa of the area. Ms Mikaera also expressed that a caveat be added to prevent any intensive or highrise building being done at the campsite.

Ms Hooper to continue working with Mr O'Conner, Ms Pearson-Coats and with the PSGE's (Post Settlement Governance Entities)

Action 175: request Pou Māori Narida Hooper continue working with Mr O'Conner on the Lake Ferry Tender Process.

**9.4 Income & Expenditure Report (YouTube streaming 1:12:33)**

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/22) to receive the Income and Expenditure Report  
(Moved Edwards-Hina/Seconded Mikaera) Carried

Members still seeking clarity of the 2024 – 2025 budget for the Māori Standing Committee. This funding is for projects and grants.

**9.5 Financial Assistance Report (YouTube streaming 1:18:29)**

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/23) to receive the Financial Assistance Report.  
(Moved Whittaker/Seconded Cr. Maynard) Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/24) to grant \$9,000 from the Whakapapa Fund to Hau Ariki Marae for the purpose of purchasing sleeping mattresses for the Marae.  
(Moved Whittaker/Seconded Edwards) Carried

Abstentions: Karauna and Smith.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/25) to grant \$1,000 from the Tautoko Fund to Georgia-May Hill for the purpose of attending the Future Leaders Academy Programme.  
(Moved Mikaera /Seconded Whittaker) Carried

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MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/26) to grant \$5,000 from the Tautoko Fund to Featherston Rugby Football and Featherston Netball Club to support the purchase of training equipment and uniforms.

*(Moved Karauna/Seconded Smith)*

Carried

## 9.6 **Action Items Report** *(YouTube streaming 1:33:12)*

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2024/27) to receive the Action Items Report.

*(Moved Edwards-Hina /Seconded Mikaera)*

Carried

### Actions

358&359 – planting cancelled due to high water levels. Expecting more information from Wellington Water.

147 – CEO asked for a meeting on the paper road. See Chair’s report for more detail.

149 – Went to Council on 27 March. There is a sign out there. Take this issue to the meeting with CEO. Request for SWDC Communications around the camping bylaw.

159 – request to invite Mr Carter to come back and update MSC on Emergency Management. Mr Carter and Ms Brown attended a meeting at Hau Ariki Marae. Trustees are working with SWDC.

155 – invite Community Youth Advisor to the Forum.

156 – still looking for a suitable venue. Feedback the Anzac Hall is cold and less friendly.

Ongoing search for a suitable location.

2 – to be arranged on a separate date to the forum.

3 – Korowai. Storage at the Waihinga centre in a glass case.

4 – Clarity on Rapaki. Actioned.

5 – email sent to Far North. Actioned.

Māori Policy – Narida is updating the Māori Policy.

Māori Ward – when will a decision be made by the Council out of the three options? Due to be introduced in May. Reintroduction elections of Māori Wards. Three options; rescind of Māori wards, rescind for 25 and poll for 28 or to keep the status quo and poll in 25 for 28. Bill still going through the legislative process. Representation review is underway. Council will need to decide on preferred presentation. Poll may well be part of the 2025 local election. Current legislation active until replaced. Council have voted to have a Māori Ward in 2025.

Chair acknowledges this is the environment that we are in. Encourages to be proactive getting whānau on who they would want to support and to keep that focus. Council is welcoming input from the community.

## 9.7 **Māori Standing Committee Appointment** *(YouTube streaming 1:58:36)*

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/28) to receive the Māori Standing Committee Appointment Report.

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*(Moved Whittaker /Seconded Edwards)*

Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2024/29) to accept the external appointment from Pae Tū Mōkai O Tauria to appoint Mark Fenwick to the Māori Standing Committee.

*(Moved Whittaker /Seconded Smith)*

Carried

**10 MEMBERS REPORTS**

Action 184 – MSC requested a newsletter or highlights from our committee meeting that can be used to report back to their respective marae and boards. Pou Māori to prepare this informal paper.

Members closed with a Karakia at 8:04 pm

**Confirmed as a true and correct record.**

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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