

Report

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti | Policy/Planning Committee

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SUBJECT: Oct 2019 – June 2020 Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework

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1 Background

1.1 This report summarises the progress made in the programmes, activities and outcomes sought through the Māori Responsiveness Framework over the 2019/2020 period. Added commentary is provided where necessary.

1.1.1 The last update against the Māori Responsiveness Framework was provided to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) on 8 October 2019. This update covers a 9 month period from 1 October 2019 to 30 June 2020. Moving forward a written bi monthly update will be provided at each TRAK meeting.

2 Māori Responsiveness Framework Outcomes

2.1 The following is a summary of the sought outcomes, performance measures and progress made as part of Council's commitment to mana whenua, by way of the Māori Responsiveness Framework.

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Tabled at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

on 7 July 2020

2.1.1 Governance and relationships:

Council will engage with iwi/hapū in the spirit of kotahitanga (togetherness) and establish strong relationships for mutual benefit.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p>1: Number of hui held/attended</p> <p>Measures engagement opportunities with Māori – measured by the number of significant hui and other hui held.</p>	<p>Te Huinga a ngā kanohi kitea o ngā kaunihera is a central collective group of kaimahi Māori from the following Councils who meet regularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitīkei District Council • Manawatū District Council • Palmerston North City Council • Ruapehu District Council • Horowhenua District Council • Horizons Regional Council • Whanganui District Council • Tararua District Council
<p>Annual Target:</p>	
<p><i>Attendance of the six annual hui with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa at Council Offices.</i></p>	<p>Support Council with regular meetings with Ngāti Hauiti and Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitīkei on issues with the Waste water Treatment Plant in Hunterville and Taihape.</p>
<p><i>Attendance of significant hui with Iwi/hapū on request of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa or Council.</i></p>	<p>Supported newly elected members who attended the Annual Rātana Pā Celebrations in January 2020.</p> <p>Attended the Māori Legal, Business and Governance Forum held in Wellington.</p>
<p><i>At least one hui annually with every hapū in the District.</i></p>	<p>Attended and presented at the Annual SOLGM Summit in Napier. This was attended by our National Te Pae Urungi Collective Group.</p>
<p><i>Attend all Te Huinga a ngā kanohi kitea o ngā kaunihera hui</i></p>	<p>Supported this event on behalf of Council. Which was the MoU Signing between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and UCOL held at Te Poho o Tuariki.</p> <p>Met with Healthy Families of Te Oranganui to discuss their well-being services in the Rangitīkei and how people can access those services. This is an on-going discussion.</p>
	<p>Supported elected members at the official welcome to Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.</p> <p>Presented the Maori Responsiveness Framework to elected members at the Taihape Chambers as part of their inductions to Council.</p>
	<p>Attended the Southern Ward Tour with elected members. Opportunity to share insights to our area from an iwi and Morehu perspective.</p>
	<p>Met with Blair Jamison of MPI. Discussion on development of Māori Land and working with Māori Land Owners.</p> <p>Attended the Mōkai Patea Tribunal Hearings at Moawhango Marae.</p>
	<p>Attended Te Pae Urungi (National Group) in Wellington hosted by Te Ūpoko o te Ika Cluster.</p>
	<p>Ngā kānohi kitea o ngā kaunihera got together for the final time in 2019 at Horizons. Rose from The University of Amsterdam gave a presentation on her Masters Research Paper.</p>

Attended Te Maruata Workshop in South Taranaki alongside Cr Waru Panapa and Cr Tracey Hiroa. Te Maruata is LGNZ's network of Māori elected and appointed members.

Supported Council staff and Higgins to complete the Temporary Transport Management Plan pertaining to Ratana Paa 25th Celebrations.

Supported CEO Peter Beggs, Mayor Andy Watson and Group Manager Michael Hodder with their meeting alongside hapū Ngā Ariki to discuss a Papakainga build at Koitiata.

Met with the Ratana Communal Board Trustees on behalf of Council to have discussions about the MoU between Council and the RCB. This is an on-going discussion.

Projects involving greater engagement:

Marton Memorial Hall Playground and Play Trail:

- Council working with the Marton Development Group and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa have formed a MoU for the visual presence of Tutaeporoporo in the Marton Memorial Hall Playground and the Tutaeporoporo Action Trail. This is an ongoing project. Council are involved when and if necessary.
- Regular meetings are still being had with Len Hetet of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Boffa Miskell around design work.

Rangitikei.com:

- Council's branding project involves engagement with TRAK. This project is still being undertaken due to the delays with Covid 19.
- Hui for visual elements of Branding with Ngāti Apa for the Rangitikei District
- Blacksheep Design meeting for new Council branding
- Council staff have a branding design and proposal
- Lampp Studios have been involved with this too

Council Policy Development for:

- Koha Policy
- Cultural/Iwi Remuneration
- Internal Cultural Competency Framework

Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei:

- Meeting at Te Poho o Tuariki
- Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei Project Governance Meeting with Ministry of Primary Industries and One Billion Trees Representatives

Mangaweka Bridge Project:

- Discussions with stakeholders including Robert Martin and OPUS. Talks around proposed walk bridge, appropriate planting and art placement.

Lake Waipu:

- Working with Horizons and Councils Assets and Infrastructure department on Lake Waipu / Ratana meeting on FIF update.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council have identified a potential parcel of land for disposal. We are in negotiation with MfE to change our funding arrangement to allow securing land by methods other than outright purchase. <p>Bulls Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged with Len Hetet regarding the Iwi Design & Production Scope for Bulls Community Centre • Engaged with Space Works who has the contract to look after the interior design work. • Assist the Bulls Governance Group with consultation with iwi, Rangitikei Youth Space and others. <p>Wai 2180 Taihape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitikei ki Rangipō Inquiry, Hearing Week 10 at Ōmahu Marae
<p>2: Number of Hapū Action/Activity Plans in progress per annum</p> <p>Measures the success of capturing the future aspirations of hapū and the Council's planned contribution.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>1 Hapū plan per annum.</i></p>	<p>No activity to report for this period</p>
<p>3: Number of formal relationships established with Māori entities</p> <p>Measures progress in securing relationships (that relate to this framework) for future prosperity.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Establish relationships as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Relationships have been formed with the following organisations/entities thus far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kōtahitangi o Ngāti Tuwharetoa • Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei • Mōkai Pātea Services • Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa • Te Kōtuku Hauora • Bulls Governance Group • Te Oranganui • Te Huinga a Ngā Kanohi Kitea o Ngā Kaunihera • Marton Development Group

2.1.2

Culture and identity:

Council recognises the unique identity of our district is the heritage and whakapapa of mana whenua.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p>1. Number of employees taking Tikanga Māori cultural training</p> <p>Measures the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence.</p>	<p>A formal welcoming process has been created for new staff members coming in to the organisation. There have been a number of new staff since our last welcome. A date will be set for our next welcome soon. We have put a hold on staff whakatau at this time due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Council have recognised the growing need to require Iwi participation in the decision-making processes regarding natural resources and community outcomes. A standard for engagement document and workshop has been drafted so staff are aware of their obligations for Māori engagement and have an understanding of Tikanga (the Māori way of doing things), while exploring the best practices to include Iwi/hapū into the overall decision-making process.</p>
<p>Annual Target:</p>	
<p><i>Whakatau for all staff being inducted.</i></p>	<p>Tikanga Māori workshop and the Tiriti o Waitangi workshops were held for staff, councillors and members of the public.</p>
<p><i>Undertaking a Tikanga training session with new and existing staff.</i></p>	<p>Newly elected and returning Councillors received a powhiri into Council on Thursday 24 Oct at Shelton Pavilion. This was attended by Councillors families and Community Board members. The Ratana Brass Band led the manuhiri in.</p>
<p><i>Participating in a Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop</i></p>	<p>A Powhiri for new CEO, Peter Beggs, was held at the Rangitikei College Hall. This was attended by all staff of Council, CEO from Horizons Regional Council, Iwi, Councillors and Community Committee and Board members. Rangitikei College led the Haka Pōwhiri.</p>
<p><i>Celebrating Māori Language Week within the workplace</i></p>	<p>An invitation went out to all elected members offering a Cultural support and advice. We had 6 Councillors who took advantage of this opportunity. These sessions covered simple introductions in Te Reo Māori and correct Māori pronunciation. This process was a success in 2019 and is yet to start back up for 2020.</p>
	<p>Initiatives are being further explored to increase an understanding of Te Reo Māori and Tikanga within the organisation.</p>
	<p>Michael Andrews displayed his 9 sheets of Te Tiriti o Waitangi lino-prints and the Declaration of Independence for a Private Exhibition in Council Chambers. This was an invite only display. Mike Paki officially opened the exhibition. Michael has given a copy of Sheet 8 to be placed in Council Chambers. A ceremony will be organised for this moment.</p>

<p>2. Number of Māori Art Placements</p> <p>Measures the increase in visibility of Māori culture in our district via art.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>1 Placement Project</i></p>	<p>Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Parewahawaha have worked collaboratively with Council on the visual representation of iwi for the Bulls Community Centre Project, including appropriate artwork/carvings/taonga.</p> <p>Council is working with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Marton Development Group regarding the placement of Māori artwork for the new playground depicting local stories and history.</p> <p>A project to have art of cultural significance for the district adorning the walls of the Marton Council Chambers was initiated with the three district high schools late last year, with the intention of students completing this project in 2020. Due to COVID-19 the timeframe for this project is being considered for 2021 or 2022.</p>
<p>3. Iwi Narratives</p> <p>Measures the increase in visibility of Māori heritage and history in our district.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>1 Annual Physical Signage Project.</i></p> <p><i>2 Annual Online Inclusions Published.</i></p>	<p>Town signage is still being confirmed, and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2020.</p> <p>The remaining towns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whangaehu • Mangaweka • Marton/Tutaenui • Bulls <p>Council, working with the Marton Development Group and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, have formed a MoU for the visual presence of Tutaeporoporo in the Marton Memorial Hall Playground and the Tutaeporoporo Action Trail. This is an ongoing project.</p>
<p>4: Collaborative Planting Local Hapū</p> <p>Measures the opportunities captured to reflect Māori values/inclusion in planting.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Local Iwi/hapū advised of all planting projects with non-financial offer of inclusion.</i></p>	<p>A planting collaboration for Iwi took place as part of an initiative being run through Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei.</p> <p>Lakes380/Lake Oporoa revisit with Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei. Presentation by Ngati Hauti & Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei on future plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Oporoa • Rangitikei Awa/catchment • Presentation on the Lakes380 project and Lake Oporoa from GNS Science and Cawthron Institute • Lakes380 coring demonstration and activity

2.1.3 Prosperity and wellbeing:

Council will work with others to enhance the capacity for Māori participation in the economy and enhance overall Māori wellbeing.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p>1: Support the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land</p> <p>Measures engagement vs outcomes of Council in Remission of Māori Freehold Land Policy.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Determining and assisting parties who may qualify for remission.</i></p>	<p>Discussions were had as part of our hui and engagement with local marae in 2019 regarding Rates Remission. Only two marae showed interest in these conversations at the time. I have not physically assisted those marae who qualify. At this stage no marae have engaged further and this will be an on-going process.</p> <p>The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Bill is expected to be enacted in August 2020. This will mean some changes to Council's policy.</p>
<p>2. Economic Development Partnership Linkages</p> <p>Measures the effectiveness of how many Iwi/hapū are partnered with and included in Economic Development plans or activities.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Ensuring Iwi/hapū are included in economic plans and programmes.</i></p>	<p>On 20 November 2020 the Economic Development Strategy was reviewed by Councillors in a Council workshop. While at the time Councillors agreed to the draft strategic direction presented, the COVID-19 pandemic event has since changed the landscape of the economy. Council is contracting an external consultant who will review the current strategy within this new context, utilising data and comparison information to present a revised Economic Development Strategy identifying specific areas of sector support and prioritisation for Council's consideration. This is anticipated to be a 3-4 month project. Following which Council will engage with key stakeholders including iwi.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This is set under the statement of the development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision Making – stating Council will welcome to opportunity to receive particular input from iwi/hapū for economic development. Iwi/hapū are informed of Councils intentions and progress in ED and are given an opportunity to influence them.</i></p>
<p>3. Māori Economic Strategy</p> <p>Measures the effectiveness of how Iwi/Māori are engaged as part of the overall RDC Economic Development</p>	<p>This will take place following the aforementioned engagement.</p>

Strategy.	
Annual Target:	<i>NOTE: In conjunction with general economic development focuses, and again under the statement of the development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision Making – stating Council will welcome to opportunity to receive particular input from iwi/hapū for economic development; it is important for iwi/hapū/māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga. Iwi/hapū are informed of Councils intentions and progress in ED and are given an opportunity to influence them.</i>
<i>Iwi/hapū/māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy, and any programme outcomes.</i>	
4. Māori Business Database Measures the accuracy of the databased number of Māori Businesses in the District in order to assist in partner linkages.	Council are forming relationships with Te Mana Atatū, the Whanganui Māori Business, and exploring the Network creation of a Maori owned business database for the Rangitikei Region.
Annual Target:	
<i>Ensuring Māori businesses are categorized within their own subset of the Districts Business Database.</i>	
5. Marae Emergency Response Plan Measures Marae preparedness for an emergency.	All Marae in the Rangitikei Region were part of the Iwi Response Te Ranga Tupua. Regular meetings were held during Lockdown with iwi, Te Kotuku Hauora, Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa, Police and local organisations. Council is working with Te Puni Kokiri on Marae preparedness in a Civil Defence Emergency.
Annual Target:	
<i>1 Marae Plan Developed Annually.</i>	
6. Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) Measures the uptake of Rangatahi in key MTFJ projects & activities in the Rangitikei District.	The Tuia Programme falls under the Mayor’s Taskforce For Jobs. Mataariki Veuger was our Rangitikei Rangatahi Delegate in 2019. The new rangatahi rep for Tuia 2020 is Jasmine Sampson of Tiniwaitara Marae. Rangitikei District Council was successful in securing funding for the Mayor’s Task Force for Jobs (MTJF) Community Recovery Pilot supported by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). This pilot was offered to four councils with populations of 20,000 or less, the others being Ōpōtiki, South Wairarapa and Central Hawkes Bay. The \$100,000 funding is to assist with employment of 30 people into Small and Medium
Annual Target:	

<p><i>Undertake MTFJ projects and activities when required.</i></p>	<p>Enterprises (SME's) either casual, part-time or full-time by 30 June 2020. There is currently 28 people who have been given employment opportunities.</p>
<p>7. Rangatahi (Youth) Development & Engagement</p> <p>Measures Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes.</p>	<p>Māripi Tuatini is an Iwi Leaders Scholarship Programme shared around to each marae of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa. A Council visit to Council Chambers included 32 rangatahi. The purpose was to educate these rangatahi about what Council do and how Council operate. The 2020 Programme kicks off in July.</p> <p>The Rangitīkei Youth Council has been selected for 2020.</p>
<p>Annual Target:</p>	
<p><i>Measured as the number and percentage of Māori attendance in Youth Zones.</i></p> <p><i>Undertake Rangatahi programmes and activities when required.</i></p>	

2.1.4 Resources and infrastructure:

Council will work with hapū and others to ensure: Appropriate infrastructure is in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori communities, and resources are taken care of for future generations.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p>1: District Plan Papakāinga Provisions</p> <p>Measures the effectiveness of Council's District Plan provisions and the facilitation of Papakāinga housing.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of Iwi/hapū.</i></p> <p><i>All Papakāinga are supported in planning and consenting.</i></p>	<p>Making sure Iwi are fully aware of the requirements needed. Council need to know as early as possible of their intentions. Winiata Marae, Rātā Marae, Tiniwaitara and Parewānui have all indicated that they want to build a papakāinga in the near future.</p> <p>Ratana Paa is currently building their Papakainga.</p>
<p>2: Oranga Marae O Rangitikei</p> <p>Measures the success of the projects funded under the Marae Development Policy to meet the needs and aspirations of Iwi/hapū.</p> <p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>95% of Marae Development Projects meet the timeframes and quality expected by Iwi/hapū and Council.</i></p>	<p>Previously reported:</p> <p>That Council worked closely with Ngāti Hauiti of Rātā Marae to assist with their Feasibility Study Plans. BOON Architects and BTW Company had been part of this process from the beginning. Rātā Marae formally received their Final Plans in 2019. We are now waiting for Rata Marae to engage with Te Puni Kokiri for their Oranga Marae Project. Council will support their Application with a Supporting Letter.</p> <p>Current:</p> <p>Staff have been approached to assist Opaea Marae to help remediate their land of trees and have them removed from Marae property. It's not known at this stage if this is possible.</p> <p>Council are aware that a number of marae have submitted applications to the Provisional Growth Fund (PGF) for Marae Development. Council will investigate what support is needed for each marae following their PGF outcome.</p> <p>Conversations around Oranga Marae have been had with Ngā Hau e Wha Marae. Further discussions will continue soon.</p>

<p>3. Inventory of Significant Sites</p> <p>Development of a district wide inventory that includes wāhi tapu, sites or areas of Significance, taonga, historic heritage, and cultural heritage.</p>	<p>To date there have been unsuccessful attempts to acquire this information from Iwi and land owners.</p>
<p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Development of a significant sites inventory for one Iwi per annum.</i></p>	
<p>4. State of the Environment</p> <p>Engagement for the considerations of environmental outcomes is supported, particularly in respect to supporting Māori customary environmental values.</p>	<p>Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei have been very active in the environmental space and I represent the Rangitikei District Council in these engagements.</p>
<p>Annual Target:</p> <p><i>Annual Assessment Report that is put together with the parties from TRAK.</i></p>	

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the report 'Oct 2019 – June 2020 Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework' to 7 July Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.

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