Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako

Mēneti Wātea | Open Minutes

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, TE AROHA on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 10:00am.

NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERSHIP

Tiamana | Chairperson: Hinerangi Vaimoso

	Mema Tūturu | Principal Member:	**Mema Tautoko | Alternate Member:**
Ngāti Hauā	Te Ao Marama Maaka	Rangitionga Kaukau
Ngāti Hinerangi	Dianna Vaimoso	Hinerangi Vaimoso
Ngāti Maru	Craig Solomon	Waati Ngamane
Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	Jill Taylor	Norm Hill
Ngāti Pāoa	Tahauariki Thompson	Glenice Puke
Ngāti Whanaunga	Michael Baker	Gavin Anderson
Raukawa	Leo Whaiapu	Andrea Julian
Ngāti Tamaterā	Arama Ngapo	*Vacant*

Te Kaunihera ā-rohe o \| Matamata-Piako District Council

Manuhuia \| Mayor:
Adrienne Wilcock

Koromatua Tautoko \| Deputy Mayor:
James Thomas

Kaunihera ā-Rohe \| District Councillor:
Gary Thompson

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Recording	Document Reference #	Youtube Link
Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako – 7 October 2025	3099587	https://youtu.be/FXUWZ_e1ceo

Minutes prepared by:

Stacey Edwards

Kaitohu Kāwana | Governance Advisor

Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Name	Position/Organisation
Whaea Dianna Vaimoso	Ngāti Hinerangi
Matua Tahau Thompson	Ngāti Pāoa

Ngā mema kua tae ā-tinana | Members Present

Name	Position/Organisation	Time In	Time Out
Hinerangi Vaimoso	Ngāti Hinerangi	10.00am	12.15pm
Adrienne Wilcock	Matamata-Piako District Council	10.00am	12.15pm
Craig Solomon	Ngāti Maru	10.00am	12.15pm
Jill Taylor	Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	10.00am	12.15pm
Norm Hill	Ngāti Pāoa	10.23am	12.15pm
Michael Baker	Ngāti Whanaunga	10.07am	12.15pm
Gary Thompson	Matamata-Piako District Council	10.05am	12.15pm
Arama Ngapo	Ngāti Tamaterā	10.00am	12.15pm
Waati Ngamene	Ngāti Maru	10.00am	12.15pm
Leo Whaiapu	Raukawa	10.00am	12.15pm
Andrea Julian	Raukawa	10.00am	12.15pm
James Thomas	Matamata-Piako District Council	10.00am	12.15pm

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Manaia Te Wiata	Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive Officer	
Stacey Edwards	Kaitohu Kāwana | Governance Advisor	
Tamara Kingi	Kaiārahi Kāwana | Governance Team Leader	
Tuatahi Nightingale-Pene	Pou Tūhono | Iwi Relationship Manager	
Tayla Bamber	Kai-whakahaere ā-Tūhono| Iwi Relationship Advisor	
Niall Baker	Kaiārahi Tīma Kaupapahere	7.3
Laura Hopkins	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Mātāmua | Senior Policy Advisor	7.4
Charlotte Walker	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Paetahi | Graduate Policy Advisor	8.1
Fiona Hill	Kaiārahi Rautaki RMA | Team Leader RMA Policy	8.2
Nathan Sutherland	Pou Whakamahere | Planning Manager	8.2
Alyson van Kuijk	Hautū Tipu me te Whakamatua | Group Manager Growth & Regulation	8.3
Andrew BuBear	Pou Whakahaere Whakararu | Emergency Management Manager	8.3
Toka Wolfswood	Āpiha Whakahaere Whakararu | Emergency Management Officer	8.3
Jennifer Cochrane	Hautū Wheako Kiritaki | Group Manager Customer Experience	8.3
Sharon Bryant	Pou Whakahaere Taiwhanga | Facilities Operations Manager	8.3

I reira | In Attendance

Name	Position/Organisation	Time in	Time out
Tokaanu Thompson	Member of the community	10:00am	12.15pm

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Tiamana Hinerangi Vaimoso declared the meeting open at 10am and welcomed members and staff.

2 Karakia | Prayer

Mātua Waati Ngamane performed the opening Karakia.

Pou Tūhono | Iwi Relationship Manager, Tuatahi Nightingale-Pene, performed a mihi whakatau to acknowledge and welcome Whaea Arama Ngapo of Ngāti Tamaterā, to the forum and Kaitohu Kāwana, Stacey Edwards, as the new Governance Advisor for the forum.

3 Ngā whakapāha | Apologies/Leave of Absence

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That apologies from Whaea Dianna Vaimoso and Matua Tahau Thompson be received and accepted.

Resolution number AC/2025/00001

Moved by: **Tiamana H Vaimoso**
Seconded by: **Matua L Whaiapu**

KUA MANA | CARRIED

4 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohorere Anō | Notification of Urgent/Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

(a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and

(b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public -

  (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and

  (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting."

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting -

(a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-

  (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and

  (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(iii) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

5 Whākī pānga | Declaration of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Whakaaetanga meneti | Confirmation of Minutes

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary meeting of Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako held on Tuesday, 3 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number AC/2025/00002

Moved by: **Tiamana H Vaimoso**
Seconded by: **Whaea A Julian**

KUA MANA | CARRIED

NGĀ PŪRONGO A NGĀ ĀPIHA | OFFICER REPORTS

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.1 New appointment for Ngāti Tamaterā Settlement Trust

CM No.: 3096766

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Te Manawhenua Forum of the new membership from Ngāti Tamaterā Settlement Trust.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Ngāti Tamaterā Settlement Trust is giving formal notice to the Te Manawhenua Forum of the new appointment of Arama Ngapo as the principal representative. An alternate representative will be appointed in due course.

The formal letter from Ngāti Tamaterā is attached.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. **The information be received.**

2. **Arama Ngapo be welcomed to the Forum and appointed as the new Ngāti Tamaterā principal representative.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00003
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Matua CS Solomon

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.2 Recommendation to Re-establish Te Manawhenua Forum in the 2025-28 Triennium

CM No.: 3094079

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

To provide the basis for a recommendation from Te Manawhenua Forum to the incoming Mayor and Council, that the Te Manawhenua Forum be re-established by the incoming Council in the new triennium.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Te Manawhenua Forum is well established; however, it must be formally re-established each triennium if it is to continue. The Forum is operating well and adding significant value. It is strongly recommended by management that the Committee continue, as it is seen as a key means of strengthening Council's relationships with mana whenua. The establishment of the forum assists Council with meeting legislative requirements to consult with tangata whenua. A resolution is sought to recommend that the Committee be re-established in the new triennium on a very similar basis to current.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. **The forum receives this report.**

2. **The forum recommends to the incoming Mayor and Council, that Te Manawhenua Forum be re-established by the incoming Council in the new triennium, on a similar basis to the currently existing forum.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00004
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Whaea J Taylor

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.3 Draft Climate Resilience Strategy

CM No.: 3082912

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the draft *Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata Matamata-Piako Climate Resilience Strategy 2026-2036* (Strategy) to the Forum for their review, and to seek their endorsement of the Strategy.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

A draft *Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata Matamata-Piako Climate Resilience Strategy 2026-2036* (Strategy) has been developed jointly with Forum members and staff now seek the Forum's endorsement of the Strategy to the incoming Council, after which the draft will be refined and adopted for public consultation.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

Three key areas of focus for Te Manawhenua Forum noted: the sharing of historic knowledge (*korero tuku iho*), marae resilience, and Māori land management. Members discussed the importance of incorporating traditional knowledge about environmental patterns into the strategy. Marae, often located on vulnerable or sloped land, are vital during emergencies and must be prioritised. Support for whānau in managing Māori-owned land sustainably was also noted as increasingly important.

There was broad support for the direction and language of the strategy. Tiamana Hinerangi emphasised that the language used within the strategy is focused on preparedness for extreme events, regardless of whether they are caused by climate change or other factors. Staff confirmed that there would be further opportunity to provide feedback to the strategy before public consultation. It was confirmed the draft is to be endorsed by the incoming Council.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. **The Forum receives the report.**

2. **The Forum endorses the Mihi for inclusion in the Strategy with the amendment to the English translation to "go forth into the future with our past laid out before us".**

3. **The Forum endorses the draft *Manaaki Whenua Manaaki Tangata, Matamata-Piako Climate Resilience Strategy 2026-2036.***

Resolution number AC/2025/00005
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Matua N Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS
A Mihi for Climate Resilience Strategy

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.4 Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw Update

CM No.: 3096174

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report provides an update on the review of the Council's Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw, provides further information following previous Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako (Forum) discussions, and invites further input to help shape the next stage of the review.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Policy on Dogs (Policy) and Dog Control Bylaw (Bylaw) are currently under review in accordance with legislative requirements. At a workshop held on 20 August 2025, members of the Forum were presented with a summary of the Policy and Bylaw and invited to provide feedback on issues relevant to iwi and communities.

Staff also sought advice on appropriate and meaningful ways to engage with iwi, hapū, whānau, and wider communities.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

Staff invited kōrero on how kurī (dogs) could be meaningfully incorporated into the bylaw, recognising both cultural significance and community safety.

There was strong support for referencing Te Tiriti o Waitangi, acknowledging kurī as taonga. Some members spoke to the historical and cultural importance of kurī, noting they were held in high regard by Māori and treated as such.

It was noted that linking the recognition of kurī as taonga directly to the Dog Control Act creates a contradiction, as it undermines the intent of genuine cultural recognition. It was recommended that the statements are separated to preserve its integrity.

Some raised concerns about how the concept of kurī as taonga has been used in legal contexts, and whether it holds sufficient mana when tested. It was noted that staff should be supported to engage in these constitutional and relational conversations with iwi, hapū, and whānau. Tiamana Hinerangi emphasised the need for a separate and considered discussion about kurī as taonga alongside the importance of protecting people.

Members also raised the need to protect and acknowledge wāhi tapu (sacred sites) within the bylaw. Members discussed the challenges of relying on the District Plan for identifying wāhi tapu, noting that some iwi may not wish to publicly share sensitive site information. It was agreed that cultural sites should be acknowledged, while respecting each iwi's discretion over what is shared. Tiamana Hinerangi supported retaining reference to cultural sites, with appropriate language.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. **The report be received.**

2. **Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako provide any further feedback to contribute to the review including views on how the significance of kurī to Māori should be reflected in the documents. Feedback received:**

   - **Separate the statement *'Council acknowledges and recognises the cultural significance of kurī as taonga in te ao Māori'* from the reference to the Dog Control Act.**

   - **Ensure wāhi tapu sites are appropriately protected under the bylaw with the inclusion of encouraging visitors to respect site-specific rules and observe local tikanga when visiting wāhi tapu sites.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00006
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Whaea A Julian

KUA MANA | CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS
A Policy on Dogs & Dog Control Bylaw

8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 Land Transport Bylaw Update

CM No.: 309679

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report is intended to give Te Manawhenua Forum (Forum) an overview of the progress on the Land Transport Bylaw (Bylaw) and discuss previous comments made in the initial workshop and open discussion on how best to include Māori in consultation processes.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Bylaw is currently undergoing work to reach a first draft which includes the feedback received by Council and the Forum in August 2025.

The feedback includes:

- A 'simple' review of the existing Bylaw to ensure the document is up to date with current legislation and aligns with Council's current formatting and branding.
- Reviewing and editing the wording of the Bylaw to be more concise and readable.
- Potentially moving the stock permit condition clauses into a separate document or onto the Council website (under review).
- Tidy up of previous bylaw amendment records and older schedules.
- Inclusion of shared pathway schedule – which will inform updated mapping.

Staff would like to hear any feedback from the Forum regarding appropriate consultation approaches to ensure Māori and iwi have ample opportunity to raise their feedback and concerns during the consultation period.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

No additional feedback was given. Mayor Adrienne acknowledged NZTA's work on SH29.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. The report be received.

2. The Forum provide any feedback. Feedback received:

- **Marae parking was noted as largely outside the bylaw's scope but could still be discussed.**
- **The use of e-scooters and mobility scooters on shared paths was raised as an issue to consider for future-proofing.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00007
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Matua N Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.2 District Plan & RMA Update

CM No.: 3091507

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the rolling review of the District Plan, the proposed Growth Strategy, the Resource Management Act Reform, Future Proof and the Council's receipt of six Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

A District Plan and Resource Management Reform summary is provided below. The update specifically refers to Waharoa (PC49), National Planning Standards (PC61), Papakāinga (PC54), Fonterra Waitoa (PPC55), Calcutta (PPC62), the proposed MPDC Growth Strategy, Resource Management Act Reform (RMA Reform), Future Proof, Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF) and the recent receipt of six Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations. Jayshree Kanji and Fiona Hill are available to deliver the update and answer any questions.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

The Forum received an update on the District Plan rolling review, key plan changes, the RMA Reform, and Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements. Plan Change 49 (Waharoa) is paused, with Council applying for an extension. Work is ongoing on the Growth Strategy, with iwi invited to be involved, especially on infrastructure and land use.

Stage 1 of the RMA Reform is complete, with further changes and a new Environment Act expected by late 2025. A full legislative package is anticipated by mid-2026. Six Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations have been received, with some Forum members already involved.

Concerns were raised around iwi engagement in non-notified plan changes. It was noted that while public notification may not occur, iwi should still be consulted, particularly where agreements exist. Members stressed that one-off emails do not meet meaningful engagement standards.

Raukawa expressed interest in collaborating on the Growth Strategy, and staff committed to partnering with iwi throughout the planning and consultation phases.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. The report be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00008
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Matua N Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.3 Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)

CM No.: 3096805

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a quarterly update of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management function and to introduce the new Emergency Management Manager, Andy (Andrew) Bu Bear. Ally van Kuijk, Andy and Toka Wolfswood will be in attendance to present.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Civil Defence and Emergency Management team will be in attendance to present an update to Council on the activities carried out during the previous quarters (Q4) and highlight any matters that are impending or would have an impact on the activity. The activities include work plans, projects, legislation and the intended activities looking forward.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

The Forum was introduced to Pou Whakahaere Whakararu, Andy Bu Bear, the new Emergency Management Manager, and were provided with an update on upcoming CDEM activities, including completed earthquake and severe weather responses, and the development of a local readiness and response plan.

The Group Strategic Plan and Action Plan were approved earlier this year, outlining priority actions through to 2030.

Marae resilience was a key focus. A “Marae Ake Ake” workshop, co-hosted with Tu Te Hono, is planned for 21 October, to clarify roles of Council and support agencies. The Forum expressed interest in ongoing engagement. Raukawa raised the need for coordination, especially as returned marae like Ruapeka, Pikitū and Ko Te Aroha fall outside MPDC but still require support. CDEM acknowledged limited knowledge in this space and committed to improving it.

Discussions also covered funding access for marae, including from philanthropic sources. Forum members asked if Council supports access to such funds; staff were unsure but open to exploring options. Members noted gaps in understanding which marae can open in emergencies and stressed the importance of clarity and coordination.

The Forum acknowledged CDEM’s relationship-building efforts and highlighted the need for proactive planning around State Highway 29 and broader community impacts in the event of emergencies.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:
1. The information be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00009
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Whaea A Julian

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.4 Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme Update - October 2025

CM No.: 3096699

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the forum on the work programme as confirmed for 2025.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The work programme is a standing item for each forum hui.

Kōrerorero | Discussion:

The Forum discussed the need to define its own priorities, noting that external factors often shift the focus. Tiamana Hinerangi supported a more proactive, self-directed approach to the work programme.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
That:

1. **The information be received.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00010
Moved by: Tiamana H Vaimoso
Seconded by: Matua N Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

12.15pm

Tiamana Hinerangi invited Matua Norm Hill to perform the closing karakia, thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING OF TE MANAWHENUA FORUM MO MATAMATA-PIAKO HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2025

KO TE RĀ | DATE: 10 October 2025

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON: .....
Hinerangi Vaimoso