

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako

Ngā Tāpiritanga – Mēneti | Attachments – Minutes

Attachments – Minutes of a meeting of an ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, TE AROHA on 07 Oct 2025 at 10:00.

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Mihi I Acknowledgment

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Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua - Go forth into the future with our past laid out before us.

This whakatauki - proverb is a reminder that resilience is strengthened by carrying forward the wisdom of our past into the challenges of our future. In shaping the Climate Resilience Strategy, the pathways forward can be guided by the knowledge, values, and practices handed down through our tūpuna - ancestors. Their wairua or presence remains in our whakapapa, in our whenua, in our waters, and in the spirit of collective care.

By grounding our response to the changing climate in this perspective, we honour the interconnectedness of past, present, and future. We acknowledge that our actions today are not separate from those who came before, nor from those who will come after. This strategy therefore rests on a foundation of whakapapa and tikanga, ensuring that resilience is not only about surviving change, but about carrying forward the strength and wisdom of generations.



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Review of **Policy on Dogs & Dog Control Bylaw**

7 October 2025



Purpose of Today



- Kōrero
 - Inclusion of significance of kūrī
 - Waahi tapu considerations
- Paw and Order survey:
What's the ruff verdict?



Significance of Kurī



Cultural Significance of Kurī

- Kurī are acknowledged as taonga, reflecting their unique importance in Māori heritage and culture.
- Forum members invited to discuss and advise on the inclusion and placement of this acknowledgment.

Council acknowledges and recognises the cultural significance of kurī as taonga in te ao Māori. This does not override owner responsibilities under the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Bylaw.



Waahi Tapu



- Councils can make bylaws for **public places** under the Dog Control Act 1996 (s20):
 - Prohibit dogs in specified public places.
 - Require dogs to be on-leash in certain areas.
 - Designate dog exercise areas.

How do the current rules apply to waahi tapu?

- ✓ Dogs must be confined to owner's property
- ✓ Dogs must be under control at all times in public places
- ✗ No uncontrolled access to other properties or public places
- Some waahi tapu are within prohibited/leash control areas



Paw and Order Survey



Complete the survey here:
mpdc.nz/pawandorder

What's the ruff verdict?

Love them, live with them or prefer to keep your distance? Help shape the dog rules - quick, anonymous, and just five minutes to complete.

[Start now](#)



Engagement



- Continued engagement through October (email to marae committees, Kiwianis Fun Day, Morrinsville)
- Council workshop November – community views and consideration of options
- February 2026 – Draft Policy and Bylaw signed off for consultation
- March/April 2026 – In person events to support engagement on proposed changes.

