



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth
District Council**

TE HUINGA TAUMATUA MEETING AGENDA

Rāapa 18 Poutū-te-rangi 2026

Wednesday 18 March 2026

hei 10am

**Council Chamber
Liardet Street, New Plymouth**

Co Chairperson:	Cr Gordon	Brown
Co Chairperson:	TBC	
Members:	Cr Sam	Bennett
	Cr Gina	Blackburn
	Cr Te Waka	McLeod
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	Ms Jacqui	King (Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust)
	Ms Vicki	Kershaw (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama Trust)
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	Mr Anaru	White (Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust)

COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Purpose of Local Government

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- Promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
 - Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council.
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OPENING KARAKIA

Tutawa Mai

Tūtawa mai i runga

I summon from above

Tūtawa mai i raro

I summon from below

Tūtawa mai i roto

I summon from within

Tūtawa mai i waho

I summon from the outside
environment

Kia tau ai

to calm and settle

Te mauri tū

the vital inner essence

Te mauri ora

the wellbeing of everyone

Ki te katoa

Be joined,

Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

together united!



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APOLOGIES / NGĀ MATANGARO

- Mayor Max Brough

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ADDRESSING THE MEETING

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PUBLIC FORUM / ĀTEA Ā-WĀNANGA

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- None advised

DEPUTATIONS / MANUHIRI

Deputations enable a person, group or organisation to speak to the meeting on matters contained on the agenda. An individual speaker can speak for up to 10 minutes. Where there are multiple speakers for one organisation, a total time limit of 15 minutes, for the entire deputation, applies.

- None advised

REPORTS

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY COMMITTEE

- 1 Whiringa Toi Overview and Update
- 2 Tiriti O Waitangi Review Update
- 3 Tiriti Outcomes Framework Introduction and Engagement Update
- 4 Naming of New Right of Way – Konana Lane
- 5 Naming of a New Road and Right of Way – Inglewood Subdivision
- 6 Naming of a New Roads – New Plymouth
- 7 New Plymouth Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation – Statement of Expectations for Waterco1
- 8 Consideration Of Council Granting A Ground Lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated at 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy.

WHIRINGA TOI OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

PURPOSE/ TE WHĀINGA

1. The purpose of this item is to provide an overview and update of Whiringa Toi.

RECOMMENDATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

2. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

3. Whiringa Toi is a central partnership rōpū for Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre that provides a structured forum through which iwi and Māori artists, shape how the gallery operates, plans, and delivers its work.
4. The rōpū provides cultural leadership and advice on priorities, procedures, and cultural activities, and helps ensure tikanga Māori is appropriately applied across programmes, events, and operations.
5. This strengthens relationships between the gallery, iwi, and Māori practitioners, supports Māori staff, influences how Māori culture, tikanga, and contemporary Māori art are cared for and presented, and embeds Māori culture, values, aspirations, and Te Tiriti-led practice into gallery strategy and operations.

Composition and Relationships

6. Membership of Whiringa Toi includes:
 - a) Representatives from local Māori artists.
 - b) Iwi of Taranaki.
 - c) NPDC representatives.
 - d) The Gallery Director (GBAG|LLC).
7. This composition allows the rōpū to operate as a strategic advisory body, and a sounding board for ongoing dialogue, trust-building, and shared decision-making.

Areas of Influence

Strategic and Operational Advice

8. Whiringa Toi is consulted on Te Ao Māori plans and operations at GBAG|LLC, contributing to strategic direction and ensuring Māori priorities are visible and influential in planning and delivery.

Cultural Decision-Making

9. The rōpū participates in decision-making that affects:
 - a) Development of exhibition, event and wider programming projects.
 - b) The gallery's Māori engagement and iwi/hapū connections.
 - c) Presentation and support of Māori narratives, taonga, and artists.

Supporting Māori Artists and Kaimahi

10. Whiringa Toi plays a role in:
 - a) Supporting advocacy, growth and visibility of Māori artists.
 - b) Ensuring Māori advice is visible and respected in programmes and operations.
 - c) Providing support and guidance for the gallery's kaimahi Māori roles (Curator Contemporary Māori Art, Māori Public Programmer and Pouako ara Māori), and contributing to these roles' recruitment and mentoring.

Tikanga and Cultural Processes

11. Whiringa Toi offer guidance and coordination of tikanga-based processes (for example pōwhiri, mihi whakatau, movement of taonga, and ceremonial practices), underscoring the rōpū's role in guiding culturally appropriate practice across all aspects of the gallery's work.

Whiringa Toi Fits Within Council's Strategic Framework

12. The work of Whiringa Toi contributes to the community outcomes set out in Council's Strategic Framework, specifically:

Community Outcome	Contribution
Trusted	<p>Strengthening Māori participation and partnership within Council-supported arts and culture services.</p> <p>Through Whiringa Toi:</p> <p>a) Māori artists and practitioners have an ongoing role in shaping cultural priorities and practice at the gallery, leading to positive programmes outcomes.</p>
Thriving Communities and Culture	<p>b) Māori cultural perspectives are embedded in planning and programming, supporting authenticity and trust.</p> <p>c) Relationships between Council, iwi, and Māori creative communities are maintained and improved, building confidence in how culture is represented and cared for by the gallery.</p>
Environmental Excellence	<p>Whiringa Toi is not an environmental delivery body, but contributes to environmental excellence through supporting Māori worldviews that emphasise relationships between people, place, and environment.</p> <p>Through Whiringa Toi:</p> <p>a) Māori values such as kaitiakitanga and whakapapa are reflected in cultural narratives and artistic practice.</p> <p>b) Cultural programming and advice help reinforce connections between land, people, and identity.</p> <p>c) Council-supported cultural spaces acknowledge Māori perspectives on place and responsibility to future generations.</p>

Community Outcome	Contribution
Prosperity	<p>Whiringa Toi contributes to prosperity by supporting Māori participation in the creative and cultural economy and strengthening the conditions for Māori artists and practitioners to succeed.</p> <p>Through Whiringa Toi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Māori artists and creative practitioners are supported to engage with major cultural institutions. b) Māori creative practice is visible within high-profile Council venues, contributing to the district's cultural economy and reputation. c) Relationships and capability are strengthened, supporting long-term opportunities within the arts and cultural sector.

Report Details

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 Approved By: Bernie O'Donnell (Group Manager Te Tiriti Partnerships)
 Ward/Community: District Wide
 Date: 20 February 2026
 File Reference: ECM9715642

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TIRITI O WAITANGI REVIEW

PURPOSE/ TE WHĀINGA

1. The purpose of the report is to update Te Huinga Taumatua on the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review report prepared by Buddle Findlay (Review report) and next steps.

RECOMMENDATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

2. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

3. The purpose of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review is to assess the Council's current performance in meeting key statutory obligations to Māori and in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
4. Generally, the Review report finds that Council has some very strong and effective relationships and processes in place and is genuinely committed to providing a meaningful voice for iwi and hapū in Council processes. A copy of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review report prepared by Buddle Findlay is attached as Appendix 1.
5. Areas for improvement include consistency in good engagement practice across Council; embedding relationships to withstand changes in staff and governance; partnership approaches such as joint decision making and working together on joint strategic priorities; and resolving significant land issues.

Relationship to Te Tiriti Outcomes Framework

6. The Agenda Report – *Introduction to the Tiriti Outcomes Framework and engagement information update* provides members with an update on Council's development of the Tiriti Outcomes Framework. As may be expected, early feedback from iwi and hapū signals a strong desire for enduring, authentic and mutually beneficial Tiriti relationships with Council.
 7. Officers intend to schedule a workshop in April 2026 for Te Huinga Taumatua that will cover the Draft Te Tiriti Outcomes Framework including iwi and hapū feedback and Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review. These two pieces of work are complementary and mutually enhancing.
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8. Opportunities to incorporate Review report recommendations into the Draft Te Tiriti Outcomes Framework will be identified and progressed.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

9. Progressing relationships with iwi and hapū promotes reducing climate change impacts as their values often involve sustainable development, renewable energy and an intergenerational view to decision making impacting te taiao.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

10. The next step is a workshop for Te Huinga Taumatua members on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review Report and the Draft Te Tiriti Outcomes Framework. This will be held in April 2026.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS / NGĀ HĪRAUNGA Ā-PŪTEA, Ā-RAUEMI

11. A workshop on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review report is achievable within existing budgets.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT / HĪRANGA AROMATAWAI

12. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
 - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
 - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
 - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
 - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
 - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.
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APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1 Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review prepared for the New Plymouth District Council, 10 November 2025, Buddle Findlay (ECM 9717346)

Report Details

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Ward/Community:	District Wide
Date:	24 February 2026
File Reference:	ECM 9717360

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Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review

Prepared for New Plymouth District Council

10 November 2025

BUDDLE FINDLAY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Buddle Findlay has been engaged by the New Plymouth District Council (**Council**) to carry out an independent Tiriti o Waitangi review.
- 1.2 The purpose of the review is to assess the Council's current performance in meeting key statutory obligations to Māori and in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- 1.3 This review is not an 'audit' and does not provide an overall rating or score. Instead, the aim is to provide an assessment of the current state of relationships between the Council and iwi/hapū and in particular to explore the following:
 - (a) What is working well?
 - (b) What are some of the challenges?
 - (c) What are the opportunities for improvement?
- 1.4 This report sets out:
 - (a) the methodology for the review;
 - (b) the legislative context;
 - (c) the Ngāmotu / New Plymouth context;
 - (d) current structures and processes within the Council;
 - (e) what is working well;
 - (f) some of the challenges and opportunities for improvement; and
 - (g) our overall conclusions and recommendations for improvement.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Buddle Findlay has completed a review of relevant documentation and undertaken a series of workshops to understand the Council's current performance and the state of relationships between Council and iwi/hapū.
- 2.2 Our impression is that the Council has made significant progress in how it manages its relationships with iwi and hapū and its Te Tiriti obligations. Through our review, it appears to us that the Council has some very strong and effective relationships and processes in place and is genuinely committed to providing a meaningful voice for iwi/hapū in Council processes.
- 2.3 Key positive aspects that were reported to us include:
 - (a) Te Huinga Taumatua (which is a committee of Council made up of the Mayor and elected members and iwi representatives) has been an invaluable mechanism to improve relationships and understanding between Council and iwi. In particular, the skilled and effective manner in which the co-chairs have chaired meetings, including through contentious and sensitive issues, was highly valued.
 - (b) There are also strong relationships between the Mayor/Chief Executive and iwi leaders directly.

- (c) The creation of the Māori wards has been valuable and helped ensure that iwi and hapū are represented in Council decision-making (but needs to be supported by other mechanisms too). The Council's leadership in speaking up in support of these wards was highly valued by iwi and has helped to strengthen the relationship.
- (d) There are strong relationships between Te Ranga Urungi (Council's executive leadership team) and iwi leaders, including regular scheduled meetings and open lines of communication to raise matters with each other when needed.
- (e) The creation of a new role (General Manager – Te Tiriti Partnerships) was highly valued by iwi and Council staff, and iwi appreciated the ability to be involved in the recruitment process for this position.
- (f) The iwi relationships team is also highly valued and plays a critical role in supporting Council to engage and work with iwi and hapū.
- (g) The development of Ngā Kaitiaki (a forum of iwi and hapū representatives) has improved how the Council works with both iwi and hapū representatives on environmental matters, including in particular the review of the Council's district plan. The Council's commitment to resource this forum and to provide specialist technical support to advise and support iwi and hapū to engage in the resource management space was highly valued.
- (h) The Council is improving its cultural competency and ability to engage appropriately with iwi and hapū, including to work in partnership on some key projects and initiatives (although there is some inconsistency in this area and opportunities for further improvement).
- (i) The Council's Te Tiriti partnerships strategy is an important document, which sets out clear objectives and actions that should deliver further significant improvement, when implemented.

- 2.4 Our overall impression is a very positive one. However, we also acknowledge that there is much more that can be done to forge an even stronger relationship between Council and iwi/hapū and to achieve genuine partnership in a way that respects and upholds Te Tiriti obligations.
- 2.5 In particular, while there are some very strong relationships and structures in place, and some positive examples of iwi and hapū working in partnership with Council on projects, this is not consistently the case. There is an opportunity to improve the consistency across the range of Council departments and to ensure that the commitment at leadership levels is carried through at operational levels also.
- 2.6 There are also improvements that could be made to formally embed and strengthen the current strong relationships to ensure they are able to withstand changes in Council staff and governance. In particular, there is an opportunity to develop or update formal partnership agreements to capture current good practice and to provide for growth opportunities.
- 2.7 There is also an opportunity for the Council and iwi/hapū to move closer to a true partnership approach, including by exploring further opportunities for joint decision-making and actively working together on joint strategic objectives.

- 2.8 Finally, we heard that there are important and significant lands issues that remain outstanding between iwi, hapū and the Council. There is an opportunity to develop a framework for addressing these issues, which has the potential to strengthen the relationship between council, iwi and hapū.
- 2.9 We have set out our findings in more detail in the sections that follow and in the final section of this report we set out our specific recommendations regarding how we consider the Council could make further improvements in its partnerships with iwi/hapū.

3. METHODOLOGY FOR THE REVIEW

3.1 The methodology for the review has included the following steps:

- (a) a review of relevant background documentation;
- (b) a series of workshops with:
 - (i) Council staff;
 - (ii) Te Huinga Taumatua (a committee of Council comprising both elected members and iwi representatives);
 - (iii) Ngā Kaitiaki Forum; and
 - (iv) iwi representatives;
- (c) preparation of a draft report;
- (d) presentation of the draft report to the Council's executive leadership team (Te Ranga Urungi) and Te Huinga Taumatua; and
- (e) consideration of feedback provided and preparation of the final report.

3.2 Further details on these steps are provided below.

Documentation review

3.3 Prior to holding workshops, we reviewed a range of documentation either available online or provided to us by Council in order to understand relevant background and context.

3.4 The documentation we reviewed included:

- (a) the long-term plan 2024-2034;¹
- (b) the annual plan 2025-26;²
- (c) the proposed district plan – decisions version;³
- (d) other relevant Council plans, policies, strategies and guidelines, including the significance and engagement policy;⁴ Te Tiriti partnerships strategy;⁵ and mana whenua resourcing guidelines;⁶

¹ [long-term-plan-2024_2034.pdf](#)

² [annual-plan-2025_26-adopted-by-council-13-may-2025.pdf](#)

³ [About the Proposed New Plymouth District Plan - Appeals Version](#)

⁴ [p23-001-significance-and-engagement-policy-adopted-by-the-council-12-december-2023.pdf](#)

⁵ Provided to us by Council.

⁶ Provided to us by Council.

- (e) the terms of reference for Te Huinga Taumatua;⁷
- (f) the terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki Forum;⁸
- (g) information on the tangata whenua page of the Council's website;⁹
- (h) any relationship documents between Council and iwi/hapū groups;¹⁰
- (i) iwi management plans lodged with Council;¹¹ and
- (j) a range of other project or initiative specific documents (for example, specific agreements or strategies in relation to particular Council projects or initiatives).

3.5 We have considered this information in undertaking this review and, where relevant, refer to key documents in this report.

Workshops

3.6 We held a series of workshops between 18 March 2025 and 12 June 2025 with Council staff, Te Huinga Taumatua Committee, Ngā Kaitiaki Forum and a number of iwi representatives. These workshops were held either in person at Council's offices or online. A summary of the workshops we carried out is provided in **Appendix One**.

3.7 The approach for the workshops was to ask participants for feedback on the following high-level questions:

- (a) What is working well?
- (b) What are some of the challenges?
- (c) What are the opportunities for improvement?

3.8 From these high-level questions, themes or topics arose, which we were able to explore with the participants in more depth throughout the workshops.

3.9 There was a good level of participation in the workshops and many people came prepared with feedback to contribute. Accordingly, the workshops provided valuable insights from a number of different iwi and hapū representatives, a range of Council departments, and from two of the key current bodies that provide for Māori participation in the Council's decision-making processes (Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki).

3.10 We do note that there are some iwi and hapū we have not had the opportunity to meet with through this review process and, accordingly, this review may not cover all iwi and hapū perspectives on the current state of the relationship. Similarly, we were not able to meet with all Council departments as part of this review. However, we met with enough groups to have confidence in terms of the common themes that arose.

⁷ Provided to us by Council.

⁸ Provided to us by Council.

⁹ [Tangata whenua](#)

¹⁰ The only such document we are aware of is the memorandum of understanding between the Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga, dated 24 June 2009.

¹¹ Five iwi management plans were provided to us by Council:

- Maniapoto Environmental Management Plan;
- Taranaki Iwi Rautaki Tiaki Whenua Reserves Management Plan 2019-2029;
- Taiao, Taiora – Iwi Environmental Management Plan for the Taranaki Iwi Rohe;
- Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao – Te Atiawa Iwi Environmental Management Plan; and
- Ngāti Mutunga Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2019.

Preparation of report

- 3.11 From the feedback received at the workshops, and drawing on the broader contextual understanding gained from the documentation review, we have identified a number of key themes in terms of what is working well and the challenges or opportunities for improvement. The key themes we identified are set out in sections 7 and 8 below.
- 3.12 A draft of the report was presented to Council's executive leadership team (Te Ranga Urungi) on 18 June 2025. We are informed that the report received positive feedback from Te Ranga Urungi, who considered the report provided a sound basis for moving forward.
- 3.13 A draft of the report was also presented to Te Huinga Taumatua at a workshop on 9 September 2025. Valuable feedback was received on the report, including:
- (a) Members would like to see more detail on options for embedding Te Huinga Taumatua and increasing its decision-making role. Of note, all of the five Mayoral candidates who were in attendance at the workshop confirmed their support for the continuation of Te Huinga Taumatua and for exploring options to embed this into the Council governance structure in an enduring way.
 - (b) There is a need for greater prominence and attention to outstanding lands issues between council, iwi and hapū.
 - (c) The relationship between council, iwi and hapū is in a much stronger place than it was previously. That is a significant achievement, which has been hard fought for by previous generations, and which should be acknowledged and celebrated today. However, there remains much more to do.
 - (d) In order to move the recommendations in this report forward there is a need for a clear action plan with clear deliverables that can be tracked and reported on. This action plan should be developed in time that any resourcing considerations can be addressed through the long-term planning process.
 - (e) While legislative and policy requirements continue to change, there is always an opportunity for council, iwi and hapū to work closely and continue to build a strong relationship. That should not be lost sight of.
 - (f) There is an opportunity to move the relationship between council, iwi and hapū from the transactional level to a more strategic level that aligns with the promise of partnership contained within Te Tiriti o Waitangi. That will require continued effort and commitment from all parties to achieve.
 - (g) The benefits of a strong relationship between council, iwi and hapū should be acknowledged and communicated, including to the broader public and community.
- 3.14 We have incorporated the above feedback into this report, particularly in the conclusion and recommendations section (section 9).

4. THE LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- 4.1 In undertaking a Tiriti o Waitangi review, it is important to first acknowledge the legislative context for Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations in a local government context.
- 4.2 There is no one coherent framework of statutory obligations for the relationship between Māori and local government. Rather, discrete statutory obligations have been developed on a statute-by-statute basis over many years, and they are framed in different ways depending on the statute in question.
- 4.3 There are different obligations that may apply to a council depending on the circumstances. For example, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) there are certain obligations that are relevant to a council in its regulatory capacity; and others when acting as an applicant for resource consent (eg when seeking consents for three waters infrastructure). The statutory obligations arise under a range of statutes, including:
- (a) local government legislation (such as the Local Government Act 2002);
 - (b) planning and environmental legislation (such as the RMA);
 - (c) Treaty settlement legislation;
 - (d) customary rights legislation (such as the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011); and
 - (e) other legislation (such as the Reserves Act).
- 4.4 There are also other obligations to Māori that arise, for example, under RMA national policy statements such as the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 or the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020.
- 4.5 The specific legal obligations vary depending on the statute and the context, and those differences are important. Obligations may focus on (for example):
- (a) Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi;
 - (b) recognition of tikanga Māori, values, culture and traditions;
 - (c) understanding of tikanga and mātauranga Māori;
 - (d) customary rights (for example in the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act context);
 - (e) participation for Māori in local authority decision-making;
 - (f) recognition of areas or resources of particular significance to Māori; and
 - (g) processes such as consultation.
- 4.6 The inconsistencies and gaps in the legislation present challenges to both Māori and councils in terms of understanding what is required in the relationship context. Where legislative requirements change, this can also sometimes present challenges.
- 4.7 One important matter to be explored further is the extent to which the legislation is enabling or constraining in terms of advancing the partnership aspirations of the parties.

5. THE NGĀMOTU / NEW PLYMOUTH CONTEXT

5.1 In undertaking this particular Tiriti o Waitangi review for the Council, it is also important to understand the unique context of the Council area. By unique context, we mean:

- (a) population structure and demographics;
- (b) the iwi and hapū of the district; and
- (c) relevant Treaty settlements.

5.2 We consider each of these elements below.

Population structure and demographics

5.3 The 2023 census put the population count for New Plymouth district at 87,000 people.¹² Within that overall population, 19,608 (or 22%) identified themselves as being of Māori descent.¹³ Comparatively, the 2023 census found that 19.6% of the total New Zealand population identify themselves as being of Māori descent.

Iwi and hapū

5.4 Within the New Plymouth district, there are a number of different iwi and hapū who exercise mana whenua. The iwi include:

- (a) Ngāti Tama;
- (b) Ngāti Mutunga;
- (c) Te Atiawa;
- (d) Ngāti Maru; and
- (e) Taranaki.

5.5 In addition, Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāruahine have interests within the northern and southern boundaries of the district.

5.6 Within some of these iwi, there are hapū who continue to exercise mana whenua. The Council recognises these hapū and has established a number of mechanisms to provide for engagement with hapū as well as iwi (including, for example, the establishment of Ngā Kaitiaki Forum).

Relevant Treaty settlements

5.7 All the above iwi have settled their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims against the Crown through deeds of settlement and the following Treaty settlement legislation:

- (a) Ngāti Tama Claims Settlement Act 2003;
- (b) Ngāti Mutunga Claims Settlement Act 2006;
- (c) Te Atiawa Claims Settlement Act 2016;
- (d) Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Claims Settlement Act 2022;

¹² Statistics New Zealand "2023 Census maps and data" [2023 Census population change | 2023 Census maps and data](#).

¹³ Statistics New Zealand "2023 Census maps and data" [2023 Census Māori descent population change | 2023 Census maps and data](#).

- (e) Taranaki Iwi Claims Settlement Act 2016;
- (f) Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022; and
- (g) Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Act 2016.

5.8 Consequently, all of these iwi also have established post-settlement governance entities (**PSGEs**).

5.9 Another important milestone is Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025, which is the collective redress legislation in relation to Taranaki Maunga entered into by Ngā Iwi o Taranaki¹⁴ and the Crown.

6. CURRENT STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES WITHIN THE COUNCIL

6.1 This section explains the current structures and processes that have been established within Council to provide for Māori participation in Council decision-making and to foster relationships between Council and iwi/hapū. This information has been gathered from the documentation we reviewed and is supplemented by feedback we received at workshops.

Governance structures

6.2 The governance structure of the Council is made up of:

- (a) a full Council comprising of the Mayor and 14 councillors;
- (b) a number of different committees of Council;
- (c) five community boards comprising of community board members elected by the district; and
- (d) a number of working parties.

6.3 In terms of the above categories, Māori are currently represented in the following ways:

- (a) At **Council** level, there is one Māori ward councillor who is elected by those on the Māori electoral roll. The Mayor and other councillors are elected by those on the general electoral roll, but are elected to represent all of the district, including Māori.
- (b) At the **committee** level:
 - (i) Te Huinga Taumatua has been established as a committee of Council to foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making processes and to enable Māori to provide strategic guidance and advice to the Council on matters of importance to Māori. This committee includes Council elected members and iwi representatives selected by the relevant PSGEs.
 - (ii) In addition, the strategy and operations committee's purpose includes to *"ensure that decisions are made with the appropriate level of participation by Māori and the wider community in the decision-making process"*.¹⁵ This committee also includes the iwi co-chairperson of Te Huinga Taumatua.

¹⁴ Ngaa Rauru Kiihahi, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Tama, Taranaki Iwi and Te Āti Awa.

¹⁵ Terms of reference for the Strategy and Operations Committee, para 1.

- (c) At **community board** level, there is no formal representation provided for Māori. However, we heard that at least some of the community boards have extended invitations to iwi and hapū representatives to participate in community board meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- (d) At the **working party** level, their terms of reference record that some of the working parties include at least one tangata whenua representative. In particular, the Rewa Rewa agreement working party has been developed to assist the administration of the Rewa Rewa Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and the Rewa Rewa agreement, which is an agreement between Council and Tawhirikura a Hapū Trust. This working party includes the Mayor, three elected members and four representatives of Ngāti Tawhirikura Hapū. There are also other working parties such as the Sustainability Working Party.

Other mechanisms that provide for Māori participation

6.4 In addition to the above, the Council has established a number of other mechanisms to engage with Māori and foster positive working relationships. This includes:

- (a) Ngā Kaitiaki Forum: Ngā Kaitiaki was formed in 2016 to review the district plan from a Te Ao Māori perspective. While the district plan review is now essentially complete, with the decisions version of the plan being published on 13 May 2023, both Council and hapū saw value in the forum and committed to it being continued. The terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki now state that its purpose is *"to provide a streamlined process for ngā hapū and iwi to engage collectively with Council officers on district wide environmental policy and planning matters"*.¹⁶
- (b) Regular meetings with PSGE Chief Executives: Te Ranga Urungi (the Council's executive leadership team) holds regular quarterly meetings with the Chief Executives of the PSGEs of the district.

Formal relationship documents and iwi management plans

- 6.5 We are aware of only one formal relationship document between the Council and iwi/hapū. This is the memorandum of understanding between the Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga, dated 24 June 2009. This document is intended to form the basis of a meaningful long-term relationship and provides for regular meetings. It is not legally binding.
- 6.6 A number of iwi (but not all iwi in the district) have lodged iwi management plans with the Council.
- 6.7 There are no mana whakahono ā rohe agreements or joint management agreements in place with the Council at the current time.

Key Council plans, strategies and policies

The long-term plan

- 6.8 The long-term plan 2024-2034 includes a section entitled 'Working with Tangata Whenua / Te Mahi Ngātahi me Tangata Whenua'. This section provides a useful overview of the Council's strategic focus on working with mana whenua and current initiatives.

¹⁶ Terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki Roopū.

- 6.9 The plan states: *"Tiriti Partnership sits at the heart of NPDC's relationship with ngā hapū and iwi and underpins our statutory obligations in relation to the Treaty and Māori"* and records a clear commitment by Council to strengthen its Tiriti partnerships.¹⁷
- 6.10 The plan records that the Council *"recognises the need to engage tangata whenua in our decision-making stems from the Tiriti principle of Partnership"*.¹⁸
- 6.11 The plan then summarises a number of current initiatives that are underway to strengthen Tiriti partnerships, many of which are referred to in this report as well. One significant commitment was to create a new role: General Manager, Tiriti Partnerships.

The district plan

- 6.12 As noted above, Ngā Kaitiaki was established to enable Council to work collaboratively with hapū and iwi on the review of the Council's district plan. We heard through our workshops that this had been a positive experience, with some participants referring to this as a genuine co-design process. This feedback is described in more detail in the following section.
- 6.13 Decisions on the proposed New Plymouth district plan were notified on 13 May 2023. While a number of appeals were received, large parts of the plan are now operative.
- 6.14 The proposed plan includes a tangata whenua chapter, which sets out:
- (a) a summary of the iwi and hapū who exercise mana whenua within the district;
 - (b) a description of the kaupapa Māori framework, which provides a non-exhaustive list of iwi/hapū cultural values and which was applied throughout the plan to guide the development of provisions;
 - (c) a summary of relevant Treaty settlements;
 - (d) a summary of relationship agreements and iwi management plans; and
 - (e) a summary of engagement and consultation that the Council carries out with iwi/hapū on a wide range of resource management related matters.
- 6.15 We also heard in our workshops that iwi and hapū participation in the district plan review process has led to a much higher number of wāhi tapu being recorded in the district plan.

Te Tiriti partnerships strategy

- 6.16 The Council has developed the Te Tiriti partnerships strategy, which was approved by Te Ranga Urungi in June 2024.
- 6.17 The purpose of the strategy is to *"support our organisation's commitment to strengthen Tiriti Partnerships for improved community wellbeing by embedding Te Tiriti Principles of Partnership, Protection and Participation into the way we work."*¹⁹
- 6.18 The strategy was developed over a period of 12 months through in-depth conversations and interviews with management and employees across Council. It sets out Council's commitment to the principles of partnership, participation and protection and then lists the actions that Council

¹⁷ Long-term plan, page 20.

¹⁸ Long-term plan, page 22.

¹⁹ Te Tiriti Partnerships Strategy, page 1.

intends to take to deliver on these principles. Specific actions that the Council has committed to include:

- (a) develop and implement bespoke Te Ao Māori training for management and key Council staff;
- (b) develop a range of Māori competencies for use in job descriptions (and other initiatives to ensure that recruitment is aligned with the strategy);
- (c) scope a work programme to develop relationship agreements;
- (d) investigate and report on the development of a Māori outcomes framework; and
- (e) develop and implement processes for streamlined Māori engagement.

6.19 The strategy also lists many additional actions for the Chief Executive, Te Ranga Urungi, Te Tiriti Partnerships Group (including specific actions for the General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships, and for the iwi relationships team), the Strategy and Planning Group, the Corporate Innovation Group and Operational Excellence Group.

Significance and engagement policy

6.20 The Council's significance and engagement policy was approved by Council on 12 December 2023.²⁰ The policy states the following:

Council is committed to maintaining and improving opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes.

Council will engage with local iwi and hapū before making a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water. This is so that Council can properly consider the relationship of local iwi and hapū and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga.

Council may also engage with local iwi and hapū on other matters as they arise. Council is more likely to engage where the significance assessment indicates that a decision impacts on the known issues of significance for the iwi and hapū.

Council will determine the best form of engagement on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the level of significance of the matter, and any other relevant considerations. Council will engage with local iwi and hapū as early in the process as is reasonably practicable in the situation.

Issue or project specific agreements or arrangements that provide for Māori participation

6.21 The long-term plan and/or Council website also refer to a number of issue or project specific agreements that provide for Māori participation. This includes but is not limited to:

- (a) Puke Ariki Kaumatua Committee: Te Kaumātua Kaunihera o ngā Whare Taonga o Puke Ariki was established in 2004. The Committee is made up of kaumatua (elders) from around Taranaki, and advises Puke Ariki on issues regarding Māori, the taonga Māori collection, and tikanga.²¹
- (b) Whiringa Toi: This group was established as a result of the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre's desire to enrich their expression of a Te Tiriti based partnership. The group

²⁰ [p23-001-significance-and-engagement-policy-adopted-by-the-council-12-december-2023.pdf](#)

²¹ Long-term plan, page 22.

includes representatives of local Māori artists and iwi and provides a forum for iwi-Māori to participate in shaping the priorities, procedures and cultural activities of these galleries.²²

- (c) Te Kōwhatu Tū Moana: In March 2019, Council signed an agreement with Te Ātiawa hapū, Manukorihi and Otaraua at Ōwae Marae detailing how the parties will work together to manage the proceeds of the sale of Waitara endowment land under the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018. Moving forward, it is planned that the Council and Te Kōwhatu Tū Moana Trust (representing Otaraua and Manukorihi hapū) will look to progress the co-management and administration arrangements for the reserve lands listed in the Act as well.²³
- (d) Te Rewarewa Reserve: In 2007, Council and Ngāti Tawhirikura Hapū signed an agreement to co-manage Te Rewarewa Reserve, which is a site of significant spiritual, cultural and historical importance to the hapū. In 2018, after a review of the co-management entity in place, Te Rewarewa Reserve Working Party was established (as referred to above).²⁴
- (e) Waitara Spatial Plan: This is a project where the Council has partnered with Te Kōwhatu Tū Moana Trust, Manukorihi Hapū and Otaraua Hapū to develop an enduring and high-quality spatial plan for Waitara.²⁵
- (f) Waitara-Bell Block Coastal Walkway Extension: The long-term plan states that Council is working in partnership with several hapū and other stakeholders to progress this project.²⁶
- (g) Urenui/Onaero wastewater project: The Council and Ngāti Mutunga have developed a terms of reference setting out how they will work together on this project.²⁷
- (h) Tangaroa Stream restoration and flood protection project: The long-term plan states that this project is a collaboration between local hapū and Council to restore the awa and its connection to mana whenua, including its pathway through Owae Marae and its reconnection to Waitara River.²⁸
- (i) He Puna Wai: This is a joint working party made up of Council staff and representatives of five iwi. The working party's key area or focus is to develop a sustainable, long-term strategy for the district's three waters.²⁹
- (j) Port Areas of Mutual Interest: In 2018, the Council, Port Taranaki and Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū formed a governance liaison group to *"provide encouragement and assistance to the hapū in their aspirations to protect the urupā and the historic sites on the reserve and to use other areas on the reserve for a variety of cultural activities."*³⁰
- (k) Te Papa Rererangi I Puketapu (**PRIP**): In 2014, Te Ātiawa and the Council signed a memorandum of understanding relating to New Plymouth Airport. PRIP is 100% owned by

²² Long-term plan, page 22.

²³ Long-term plan, page 23.

²⁴ Long-term plan, page 23.

²⁵ Long-term plan, page 23.

²⁶ Long-term plan, page 24.

²⁷ Long-term plan, page 25.

²⁸ Long-term plan, page 25.

²⁹ [Māori committees](#)

³⁰ [Māori committees](#)

the Council and is governed by a Board of Directors. Te Atiawa has a dedicated position on the Board.³¹

7. WHAT IS WORKING WELL?

7.1 Our overall impression is that the Council has some very strong and effective relationships and processes in place and is genuinely committed to providing a meaningful voice for iwi/hapū in Council processes. The Council has made significant progress in how it engages and works with iwi and hapū and we heard numerous positive comments about the Council from iwi and hapū. The particular themes that were reported to us through our workshops include:

- (a) There is a strong commitment from Council.
- (b) There are positive examples of genuine engagement and collaboration.
- (c) There are some strong relationships.
- (d) There are some strong structures in place.
- (e) There are better levels of resourcing available.
- (f) Council is gaining in confidence to engage in a culturally appropriate manner.

There is a strong commitment from Council

7.2 We heard that there is a strong commitment from Council, including at the most senior levels, to improve its relationships with iwi and hapū and act in a manner that upholds Te Tiriti and its principles. We heard this feedback from both Council staff and iwi/hapū representatives. Those we met with reported that there is strong commitment and partnerships from the Mayor and elected members, the Chief Executive, Council's executive leadership team and operational staff (although there can be some variation at the operational levels).

7.3 At the elected members level, we heard that Te Huinga Taumatua has helped forge relationships and understanding. In particular, the skilled and effective manner in which the co-chairs have chaired meetings, including through contentious and sensitive issues, was highly valued.

7.4 We also heard that both the General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships and the iwi relationships team are highly valued within Council and by iwi and hapū, and have demonstrated commitment and dedication to improving relationships between Council and iwi/hapū.

7.5 A commitment from Council is also clearly evident in the documentation we reviewed. By way of example:

- (a) Council has developed Te Tiriti partnerships strategy, which records Council's commitment to strengthen Tiriti partnerships and lists a number of actions to be taken towards this goal.
- (b) The long-term plan also records the Council's strategic focus on strengthening Tiriti partnerships.
- (c) The Council has invested in several different mechanisms to support Māori engagement, including through the establishment of Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki and by securing additional resources in the long-term plan to support engagement. One significant

³¹ [Māori committees](#)

new commitment is the creation of a new role (General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships) and resourcing of specific projects as referred to in the plan.

- 7.6 While there will be inevitably be challenges and issues with implementation, the Council is clearly doing some excellent work in its relationships with iwi and hapū in the district.

There are positive examples of genuine engagement and collaboration

- 7.7 We heard that there are several examples where the Council has engaged well with iwi and hapū, such that the engagement felt genuine, collaborative, and more akin to a partnership.
- 7.8 A significant example that was referred to several times in our workshops is the establishment of Ngā Kaitiaki and how Council worked with iwi and hapū on the district plan review. We heard that this process had involved:
- (a) The establishment of Ngā Kaitiaki to provide a forum to work together with both iwi and hapū on the district plan review.
 - (b) The Council funding a planner to work with the iwi and hapū members of Ngā Kaitiaki to help members understand proposed provisions and work together with Council on potential amendments that could be made to embed cultural values into the plan.
 - (c) Ultimately there was significant involvement from iwi and hapū in the district plan review process. We heard that iwi and hapū provided over 90 statements of evidence in support of the proposed district plan and attended all of the hearings. This level of involvement in district plan reviews is unprecedented in Ngāmotu.
- 7.9 The feedback we heard on this process was overwhelmingly positive, with some referring to it as being a genuinely collaborative process, akin to co-design.
- 7.10 As well as leading to a positive outcome in terms of the district plan review, we also heard that through this process:
- (a) Iwi and hapū representatives have been able to improve their understanding of Council processes and technical resource management matters.
 - (b) Strong relationships have been developed between Council staff and iwi/hapū.
 - (c) The forum itself has proven its worth and Council and iwi/hapū have committed to it being retained and used for future engagement on environmental and resource management related matters.
- 7.11 We also heard of other Council projects which participants felt were working well and provided examples of Council engaging with Māori in a collaborative and positive manner. Some specific examples mentioned to us were the Waitara-Bell Block coastal walkway extension;³² Fitzroy Beach access project; and Te Matatini celebrations.
- 7.12 Where engagement had gone well, the common themes reported to us included:
- (a) The engagement felt genuine (ie hapū/iwi felt genuinely listened to and that they had a real voice and opportunity to influence project outcomes).

³² This is also referred to in the long-term plan, page 24.

- (b) There were increasing levels of trust, meaning that iwi/hapū felt more comfortable to share their historical associations with particular areas and speak frankly about their objectives. Council also felt more able to explain technical or logistical constraints, where needed.
- (c) The engagement was building on pre-existing strong relationships (ie rather than the Council just coming to iwi/hapū where it needs something from them).
- (d) The iwi and hapū felt better resourced and empowered to engage with the project in a meaningful way (either because of their internal arrangements or through resourcing and upskilling obtained through earlier engagements with Council).
- (e) The engagement started early and was ongoing, through different stages of the project.
- (f) There were in some cases project agreements entered into that clearly set out the expectations for the engagement and made resourcing available as appropriate.

There are some strong relationships

- 7.13 We heard that there are some very strong relationships in place, at all levels of Council, including with the Mayor and elected members (in particular, through Te Huinga Taumatua), the Chief Executive, the General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships, the iwi relationships team and other key Council staff. The ability to have direct discussions with the Mayor and Chief Executive were highly valued, as was the leadership of Te Huinga Taumatua which plays a critically important role. The appointment of the new General Manager, Tiriti Partnerships was also highly valued, as was the involvement of iwi leaders in the recruitment process for that role.
- 7.14 Of particular note, we heard several times that the iwi relationships team is highly valued, both by Council staff and by iwi/hapū and it holds strong relationships with iwi and hapū. These strong relationships support the Council to engage with iwi and hapū in an appropriate manner. We also heard that this team actively supports and encourages other Council teams to engage directly with iwi and hapū where appropriate.
- 7.15 We also heard that the existing structures in place (including Te Huinga Taumatua, Ngā Kaitiaki, and the regular meetings of Te Ranga Urungi with iwi PSGE Chief Executives) are helping to develop and strengthen relationships.
- 7.16 There is only one formal relationship document in place,³³ and as discussed below, that is a key opportunity for the Council to document the relationships and commitments so they are enduring.

There are some strong structures in place

- 7.17 It appears that the Council has some strong and effective structures in place that enable Council and iwi/hapū to work closely and collaboratively on certain matters. In particular, Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki are critically important structures. We provide further details on these structures below.

³³ Memorandum of understanding with Ngāti Mutunga.

Te Huinga Taumatua

7.18 Te Huinga Taumatua is a committee of Council comprising the Mayor, four elected members and five iwi representatives nominated by PSGEs.³⁴

7.19 The terms of reference record that:

New Plymouth District Council and the Iwi of the New Plymouth District are committed to working together in partnership to enhance the Council's decision-making processes for the benefit of the people of the New Plymouth District.

7.20 The purpose of Te Huinga Taumatua includes:

- (a) to identify, report and decide (where the committee has delegated authority) on the issues and priorities of cultural, economic, environmental and social importance to Māori of the district;
- (b) to provide strategic guidance and advice to the Council on matters of importance to Māori;
- (c) to foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making processes; and
- (d) to jointly determine Māori cultural issues and priorities of importance for integration into long-term planning in line with the strategic framework.

7.21 Te Huinga Taumatua has some delegated authority to make decisions in respect of road naming, naming of Council administered reserves and determination of particular grants under the community funding investment policy, and some other matters, including any other matter referred to Te Huinga Taumatua for final decision by the Council or another committee.

7.22 We heard that the agenda for Te Huinga Taumatua is very full and covers a range of matters, which members are happy with and consider appropriate.

7.23 Te Huinga Taumatua is clearly a highly effective and valued leadership forum which plays a key role in this strengthening of the Council's partnerships with iwi/hapū. There is strong leadership across Te Huinga Taumatua including through the highly effective co-chairing of hui.

7.24 We heard that this structure has helped foster stronger relationships between iwi and Council as well as a better understanding of each other's respective views, interests and priorities. However, the current members also consider there is an opportunity for this committee to be further embedded into Council's practices to be more effective. We elaborate on this in section 8 below.

Ngā Kaitiaki

7.25 Ngā Kaitiaki was formed in 2016 to review the district plan from a Te Ao Māori perspective. However, the terms of reference now record that it has a broader mandate *"to provide a streamlined*

³⁴ Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama; Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga; Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust; Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust; and Te Kotahitanga o Te Ātiawa Trust.

process for ngā hapū and iwi to engage collectively with Council officers on district wide environmental policy and planning matters".³⁵

- 7.26 As noted above, this forum is being continued because the engagement it facilitated on the district plan review process was considered to be so valuable by both Council and iwi/hapū.
- 7.27 We heard that the Council continues to fund a planner to attend meetings of Ngā Kaitiaki, and this is continuing to support engagement by helping iwi and hapū to better understand Council proposals and to explore options that meet iwi/hapū aspirations and are also technically feasible to implement.
- 7.28 As with Te Huinga Taumatua, we heard that this forum has helped foster stronger relationships between Council and iwi/hapū. We also heard that this forum has helped foster relationships between hapū as well.

There are better levels of resourcing available

- 7.29 It appears that there are better levels of resourcing in a number of areas, and this has helped improve relationships and the quality of Council's engagement with iwi and hapū overall.
- 7.30 As noted, all of the iwi in this district have settled their historical Treaty claims and have established PSGEs. While iwi should not be expected to self-fund their engagement with Council, where iwi have strong structures and organisations in place, this clearly makes it easier for them to engage effectively with Council.
- 7.31 It is also clear that the Council has made meaningful steps to bridge the resourcing gap and to support iwi/hapū to engage. This has included, for example:
- (a) the establishment of specific structures such as Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki;
 - (b) funding of a specialist planner to support iwi/hapū to engage in the district plan review process;
 - (c) supporting iwi/hapū representatives to complete the Making Good Decisions accreditation programme (which is a pre-requisite for acting as a hearings commissioner under the Resource Management Act 1991); and
 - (d) specific project agreements that provide for resourcing in relation to specific projects.
- 7.32 One new initiative that was reported to us is that a specialist planner has been engaged to support Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and to review resource consent applications on behalf of iwi and/or provide further specialist advice where needed.
- 7.33 The Council has also taken steps to improve the resources available within Council by, for example, creating a new role (General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships) and approving the Te Tiriti partnerships strategy.
- 7.34 Despite these positive steps, resourcing remains a challenge, as we describe further below.

Council is gaining in confidence to engage in a culturally appropriate manner

- 7.35 We heard that Council has come a long way in developing its cultural competency. This includes understanding the tribal landscape in Ngāmotu, including the different roles of iwi, hapū, whānau,

³⁵ Terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki Roopū.

marae and PSGEs. It also includes understanding the historical context for iwi and hapū, including the breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi that have occurred and the long journey to address those breaches (which continues today).

- 7.36 We heard that Council staff are feeling more confident in these matters and more empowered to engage with iwi and hapū in a culturally appropriate way.
- 7.37 This appears to be at least partly the result of the strong relationships developed between Council and iwi/hapū. Some Council staff commented on the generosity shown by iwi and hapū in helping to upskill Council staff in tikanga, te reo and relevant historical context and knowledge as needed through their engagements with Council.
- 7.38 There are also experienced Council staff with specialist knowledge and expertise in Te Tiriti, tikanga and te reo, and these staff support the wider Council to engage in a culturally appropriate way. In particular, and as noted above, we heard that the iwi relationships team is highly valued by both Council staff and iwi/hapū, as is the General Manager, Te Tiriti Partnerships.

8. WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT?

- 8.1 Our overall impression is that relationships between the Council and iwi/hapū are strong in Ngāmotu. However, we also heard about some challenges that remain along with some opportunities for further improvement, including:
- (a) There are inconsistencies in how Council engages.
 - (b) There is an opportunity to further embed existing structures.
 - (c) There is an opportunity to formalise and secure existing strong relationships so that they endure.
 - (d) Resourcing remains a challenge.
 - (e) Legislative uncertainty and change can create challenges.
 - (f) More could be done to develop a genuine strategic partnership between Council and iwi/hapū.
 - (g) There are outstanding grievances to address.

- 8.2 These matters are discussed in more detail below.

There are inconsistencies in how Council engages

- 8.3 As noted there are very positive examples of the Council engaging effectively with Māori (for example, the district plan review process).
- 8.4 We also heard, however, that there can be a lack of consistency in how the Council approaches consultation and engagement.
- 8.5 Some examples of engagement that was not considered to be appropriate or positive that were reported to us include:
- (a) Where the Council staff member leading engagement did not have adequate cultural knowledge and had (inadvertently) caused offence.

- (b) Where the level of engagement did not match the level of significance for iwi/hapū.
- (c) Where only some of the relevant groups were engaged with, or where the Council found it difficult to work through differences between different iwi or hapū groups.
- (d) Where engagement occurred too late for iwi/hapū to have meaningful influence on project outcomes.
- (e) Where there was a misalignment of expectations – ie where iwi/hapū have aspirations that were outside the scope of what the Council considered able to deliver in relation to a particular project, or where Council expectations did not reflect the realities for iwi/hapū.
- (f) Where the engagement felt transactional, rather than Council working alongside iwi/hapū in a collaborative manner.
- (g) Where Council contractors have not been aware of or have not complied with commitments made by Council to iwi/hapū.

8.6 Overall, we have the impression that the Council has been engaging in a positive and collaborative manner that is respectful and is moving towards a partnership approach. However, it is also clear that this is not always the case and there is room for improvement and more consistency across the Council processes (and particularly in some of the operational or project processes).

There is an opportunity to further embed existing structures

8.7 As noted, the Council has some strong partnership structures in place, in particular, Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki. However, we also heard that there is an opportunity to further embed those structures into Council's processes. In particular:

Te Huinga Taumatua

- (a) Te Huinga Taumatua is a committee of council and is therefore discharged following every triennial election. It is therefore up to the incoming Mayor and Council to re-establish Te Huinga as a committee of council and set its terms of reference. However, it is open to the Council to resolve that Te Huinga Taumatua is not automatically disestablished as a committee of council at the end of each triennium, and this could also be reflected in a partnership agreement.
- (b) The purpose and scope of Te Huinga Taumatua could be reviewed. We heard that Te Huinga Taumatua only has limited delegations and has a limited decision-making role. The members felt that there was an opportunity to expand the scope of Te Huinga Taumatua to move closer to a genuine partnership approach, which could include more decision-making.
- (c) We also heard a range of views on how Te Huinga Taumatua could be further integrated with Council's decision-making to further its effectiveness. For example, the timing of Te Huinga Taumatua meetings could be considered, including whether this should come before the meeting of the strategy and operations committee (we heard a range of views on this).

Ngā Kaitiaki

- (d) We heard a range of views on how the effectiveness of Ngā Kaitiaki could be improved. On one hand, some felt that Ngā Kaitiaki was providing a useful forum for engagement on a range of Council projects and initiatives. Conversely, some said they felt that using this

forum for this purpose was inappropriate, and its focus should remain on environmental issues. Some of the hapū members on Ngā Kaitiaki told us that they were happy with the expanded brief and felt able to push back on suggested agenda items proposed by Council that they considered inappropriate for any reason (either because it was not the correct forum, or because the engagement appeared to be 'too little, too late').

- (e) As a result, the terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki could potentially be reviewed to provide guidance on what kind of matters are appropriate for Council to bring to this forum.

Links between the two structures

- (f) Some members of Ngā Kaitiaki considered there could be clearer linkages between Te Huinga Taumatua and Ngā Kaitiaki.

There is an opportunity to formalise and secure existing strong relationships.

- 8.1 The relationships that are in place have developed over time but are often not supported by formal partnership agreements or structures. As mentioned, there is only one formal agreement in place (MoU with Ngāti Mutunga).
- 8.2 As such, there is a risk that while strong relationships are held with particular individuals, if those individuals move on, the relationship may be undermined or lost.
- 8.3 There is an opportunity to secure the positive relationships that do exist by the Council entering into formal partnership agreements with iwi and hapū and potentially around structures such as Te Huinga Taumatua or Nga Kaitiaki (or where a document already exists, such as the MoU with Ngāti Mutunga, reviewing that to ensure it is meeting the parties' expectations).
- 8.4 We acknowledge that developing partnership agreements is already one of the actions recorded in Te Tiriti partnerships strategy.
- 8.5 One interesting suggestion that arose during our workshops and interviews was the possibility of an overarching partnership agreement between Council and Ngā Iwi o Taranaki (in addition to the individual agreements). This agreement could recognise and embed some of the positive arrangements that are already in place (for example, participation on Te Huinga Taumatua, the regular meetings with Te Ranga Urungi and the engagement of appropriate technical planning expertise to support iwi in responding to resource management matters). This could potentially be a powerful mechanism to embed and strengthen relationships but could of course only be developed if supported by all relevant iwi.

Resourcing remains a challenge

- 8.6 Above we summarised the steps that we understand Council has taken to address resourcing and capacity issues. This has included creating structures to provide for Māori engagement, funding technical support (eg planning support) and entering into specific project agreements that enable resourcing to be provided.
- 8.7 Despite these positive steps, it is clear that resourcing remains a challenge, both for iwi/hapū and Council. Some of the key messages we heard were:
 - (a) Iwi and hapū are under significant resourcing constraints. This needs to be taken into account by Council (including by ensuring that sufficient time is built into the programme).

- (b) Iwi and hapū should not be expected to contribute cultural expertise on an unpaid basis.
- (c) Where iwi and hapū contributions are not compensated for, this is inappropriate and also undermines the quality of engagement as these contributions will be being provided by unpaid volunteers, who are fitting this around other commitments.
- (d) There is inconsistency in terms of how the Council reimburses iwi and hapū for their time and contribution. While there are Council guidelines,³⁶ these may not always be being implemented. Some iwi representatives suggested to us that it would be more helpful/practical to have a standing agreement setting out agreed rates for particular activities that they may be asked to carry out (eg cultural monitoring, preparation of cultural impact assessment, participation on working groups, etc).
- (e) Difficulties arise where there is not a clear agreement at the outset regarding payment for the contributions requested from iwi and hapū.

Legislative uncertainty and change can create challenges

- 8.8 Another common theme was that the legislation governing local government can be unclear and uncertain, and that can sometimes create challenges. One example that was reported relates to the management of reserves, where there can be overlapping requirements under the Reserves Act 1977, Resource Management Act 1991 and relevant Treaty settlement legislation.
- 8.9 Another matter raised is that where legislative requirements change, that can also create challenges for the relationship. For example, the requirement to hold a poll on the Council's Māori ward was considered by many to be a distraction and undermining of the relationship. The resource management and three waters reforms are further examples.

More could be done to develop a genuine strategic partnership

- 8.10 We heard that both Council and iwi/hapū see the potential to further develop a strong strategic relationship that is more in the nature of a partnership.
- 8.11 Some commented to us that they believe the word 'partnership' is being used in inappropriate ways – for example, to describe a situation where the relationship is not really a partnership.
- 8.12 Some steps are already being taken in this direction. For example, we heard that at the regular meetings between Te Ranga Urungi and PSGE Chief Executives, it is planned that both Council and iwi will present to each other on their strategic goals and plans. The aim of this exercise is to increase an understanding of each parties' respective goals and aspirations so that common objectives can be identified.
- 8.13 Other opportunities that could be explored relate to:
- (a) Council procurement: There are opportunities for the Council to actively partner or engage with Māori in its procurement processes. We understand that a procurement strategy is under development.
 - (b) Partnering with iwi/hapū to pursue economic opportunities: We heard that more could be done to identify joint economic or development opportunities.

³⁶ Mana whenua kaitiaki resourcing guidelines.

There are outstanding grievances to address

- 8.14 An observation that was shared with us by some was that while iwi in Ngāmotu have settled their historical Treaty claims with the Crown, they have not 'settled with the Council'. We understand this to be a reference to outstanding historical grievances associated with previous Council actions that hapū and iwi would like to see resolved, and that this sometimes includes consideration of Council-owned land and assets that may have come into Council ownership as a result of Te Tiriti breaches.
- 8.15 We also heard that in some cases Treaty settlement arrangements had only partly addressed iwi aspirations in respect of certain lands, in particular reserves land (for example, where the ownership of the reserve has been vested in iwi through the settlement but continues to be administered and managed by the council).
- 8.16 We heard this issue is significant and important to iwi and hapū. Where these issues are not addressed appropriately, iwi and hapū perceive this as a continued or new 'confiscation'.
- 8.17 There is an important opportunity for the partners to work through and we understand the Council is looking into options in this regard.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 In conclusion, our impression is that the Council has some very strong and effective relationships and processes in place and is genuinely committed to providing a meaningful voice for iwi/hapū in Council processes. There has been some excellent partnership work done by the Mayor, Chief Executive, Te Huinga Taumatua, Ngā Kaitiaki, iwi/hapū leadership and others to build strong and authentic relationships. This commitment is also clear in key documents, such as the long-term plan. Importantly, the commitment is also clear to the iwi and hapū representatives that we met with.
- 9.2 While there is a clear commitment, there are also some challenges with implementation. Set out below are our recommendations about how we consider the Council could further work towards a stronger partnership with the iwi and hapū of Ngāmotu:

Structural recommendations:

- (a) review options for embedding Te Huinga Taumatua into Council's structure in an enduring way;
- (b) review the terms of reference for Te Huinga Taumatua to identify opportunities for a greater decision-making role;
- (c) develop partnership agreements with iwi and, where appropriate, hapū (and potentially with Ngā Iwi o Taranaki);
- (d) carry out more strategic planning with iwi and hapū to identify shared opportunities (this could be provided for through partnership agreements as noted above at (c));
- (e) review the terms of reference for Ngā Kaitiaki to ensure its purpose and scope is clear;

Lands issues:

- (f) consider the Council's policy for dealing with land that is particularly significant to iwi/hapū and is in Council ownership or management;

Engagement:

- (g) develop Council guidelines for engagement to ensure consistency;
- (h) develop procedures to ensure that the strong partnerships at leadership level can also develop and exist consistently at the operational and project levels of the Council (including in project delivery by contractors);
- (i) review the Council's approach for funding iwi and hapū to engage in order to ensure consistency and efficiency;

Council's cultural awareness and competency

- (j) continue with the delivery of Te Ao Māori Learning Framework to ensure continual improvement in the cultural awareness and competency of Council staff;
- (k) ensure there are clear processes for cultural induction of councillors following the upcoming election;

Broader outcomes:

- (l) continue with the implementation of Te Tiriti partnerships strategy, including in particular the identified actions for improving cultural competency and involving Māori in recruitment processes; and
- (m) consider how Māori can be better involved in procurement decisions (we acknowledge that the Council has recently made important decisions on a procurement strategy, which may partly address this issue).

9.3 We recognise that these recommendations are only the beginning and there is much more to do. In order to take these recommendations forward, it will be necessary to develop a detailed action plan. We recommend that the Council develop an action plan, together with Te Huinga Taumatua, Ngā Kaitiaki and iwi leaders. The action plan should include clear deliverables, responsibilities and timeframes, as well as a commitment to regular reporting to allow progress to be monitored. Ideally, the action plan would be developed before the long-term planning process so that any resourcing and financial implications can be clearly considered as part of that process.

9.4 We have heard that the relationship between New Plymouth District Council and iwi and hapū is in a strong position. With continued effort and commitment, there is much more that the partners can achieve and the potential for an even stronger relationship. We hope that the findings and recommendations in this report are helpful and recognise that this review and report is only one step in a long journey between the Council, iwi and hapū.

APPENDIX ONE: SUMMARY OF WORKSHOPS

Workshop participants	Date	Location
<i>Te Huinga Taumatua</i>		
Workshop with members of Te Huinga Taumatua	18 March 2025	Council offices
<i>Ngā Kaitiaki</i>		
Workshop with members of Ngā Kaitiaki	18 March 2025	Council offices
<i>Iwi representatives³⁷</i>		
Workshop with representative of Te Atiawa	19 May 2025	Online
Workshop with representative of Ngāti Maru	22 May 2025	Online
Workshop with representative of Ngāti Mutunga	5 June 2025	Online
Workshop with representatives of Ngāti Tama	12 June 2025	Online
<i>Council staff</i>		
Workshop with Te Ranga Urungi (Council's executive leadership team)	19 March 2025	Council offices
<p>Three workshops and follow up calls with individual staff as needed.</p> <p>Workshops included managers and/or other key staff from the following Council departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Consents and regulatory • Project management office • Strategic planning • Property • Parks and open spaces • Three waters • Iwi relationships • Te Tiriti partnerships 	18 March 2025 – 4 April 2025	Council offices / Online

³⁷ Other iwi were also invited to provide their feedback, however, we were unfortunately unable to find a suitable time to meet with them during our review process.

TIRITI OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK INTRODUCTION AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

PURPOSE/ TE WHĀINGA

1. The purpose of the report is to introduce the Tiriti Outcomes Framework and provide an update on engagement with iwi and hapū groups.

RECOMMENDATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

2. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

Relationship context for development of the Tiriti Outcomes Framework

3. Council has a Strategic Goal to Strengthen Tiriti partnerships with iwi and hapū for improved wellbeing.
4. Council actively relates to the iwi and hapū of the New Plymouth District as follows:
 - a) Ngāti Tama Iwi
 - b) Ngāti Mutunga Iwi
 - c) Ngāti Maru Iwi
 - d) Te Atiawa Iwi
 - e) Taranaki Iwi
 - f) Ngāti Rahiri Hapū
 - g) Pukerangiora Hapū
 - h) Otaraua Hapū
 - i) Manukorihi Hapū
 - j) Puketapu Hapū

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- k) Ngāti Tawhirikura Hapū
 - l) Ngāti Tūparikino Hapū
 - m) Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū
 - n) Ngāti Tairi Hapū
 - o) Ngā Mahanga Hapū
5. Hapū and iwi have occupied Taranaki for a millennium or more along the length of the Taranaki Coast. The iwi are descendants both of those from here 'from before time' and of subsequent Pacific migrants.
 6. Large scale land confiscation in Taranaki and colonisation (muru me te raupatu) undermined iwi and hapū traditional systems of authority, relationships to lands and waters, and the economic capacity of Māori to provide for their own physical, cultural and spiritual wellbeing.
 7. The Waitangi Tribunal, in its *Kaupapa Tuatahi | Taranaki Report* assessed that approximately 1,922,200 acres of land were confiscated from Māori to provide for settlement. Approximately 0.4% of Māori land remains in the New Plymouth District today.
 8. There are a number of Council reserves supporting community wellbeing in the district that originated in lands confiscated by the Crown or which were otherwise taken from iwi and hapū. NPDC relationships with iwi and hapū have strengthened over time. Some significant milestones are the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018, establishment of the Māori ward, Te Purutanga Mauri Pūmanawa and a collaborative approach to reserves management.
 9. A decision by Council in 2014, recognised the history of confiscation and land taking from iwi within the district. This decision 'to facilitate the return of land to the Crown for use in Treaty settlements' was unprecedented and eventually led to the implementation of a private Member's Bill resulting in the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018.
 10. Today, iwi and hapū are self-determined burgeoning activators for the recovery and thriving of whānau wellbeing from intergenerational set back sourced in confiscation and colonisation.
 11. Iwi Post Settlement Governance Entities in the district hold a combined net asset value of just over \$379 million. Alongside hapū, they are leading a raft of environmental wellbeing, development, housing, community and employment initiatives, although there is much work yet to be done.
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12. Māori comprise 20.3% of the New Plymouth population with the highest overall proportion of Māori living in Waitara (45.1%), Marfell (40.2%) and Spotswood (27.1%). 52.25% of Māori in New Plymouth own or partially own their own home compared to 72.2% for the rest of the population and 46% of Māori are employed in low skilled jobs compared to 35% of the New Plymouth population generally. In 2021, 13.6% of businesses in New Plymouth were Māori owned.

What is the Tiriti Outcomes Framework?

13. The Tiriti Outcomes Framework will inform Council's Long-Term Plan alignment with Māori aspirations and priorities for wellbeing, as defined by Māori communities.
14. At a broader level, the Framework will give Council a clear reference point for achieving NPDC's Strategic Framework goals as they pertain to iwi and hapū including in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori.

Why are we developing a Tiriti Outcomes Framework?

15. By informing preparation of the LTP, the Framework will provide a robust and transparent opportunity for iwi and hapū input to decision making in fulfilment of Local Government Act 2002 statutory requirements for Māori participation.
16. The Framework will bring together insight as to iwi and hapū developmental goals and opportunities for Council collaboration and activities that can meaningfully contribute to their achievement, where possible.
17. In effect, the Framework will empower Council to positively impact Māori goals for advancing economic growth, prosperity and cultural connection, for the benefit of the whole community.
18. The Framework is also anticipated to assist Te Huinga Taumatua allocation of the Mana Whenua Partnerships Fund. Allocations can be targeted toward collaboratively funded iwi and hapū led strategic priorities that most effectively advance one or more of the Tiriti Outcomes.
19. Council allocated \$7.2m over 10 years in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 to support Mana Whenua priorities. In Years 1-3, \$1.2m was allocated to the Ngāti Te Whiti Marae development and the Pukerangiora Pā project. Subject to the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037, from July 2027, the remainder of the fund becomes available for allocation starting with \$600,000 for the 2027/2028 financial year. Te Huinga Taumatua has delegated authority for allocation of the Fund.
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How will it work?

20. It is envisaged that Council's support for the Tiriti Outcomes Framework will occur within aligned services and activities and the Mana Whenua Partnerships Fund.
21. In addition, the Tiriti Outcomes will be relevant to Council decision making as a reference point for how Council delivers on its Strategic Framework goals in relation to te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori, where relevant.

Engagement to develop the Framework

22. The Iwi Relationships Team has been engaging one on one with iwi and hapū groups on draft Tiriti Outcomes and priorities. The draft outcomes (high level and intermediate) are based on common themes identified in a review of iwi and hapū strategic plans.
23. You can view the draft outcomes in the *NPDC Tiriti Outcomes Framework Discussion Document* attached as Appendix 1. In summary, the high-level draft outcomes are:
 - a) Rangatiratanga – iwi and hapū are self-determining with authority and resources to sustain tangata whenua thriving into the future;
 - b) Ōhanga puāwai – Māori communities are thriving and successful economically, generating wealth and prosperity across generations of whānau;
 - c) Oranga Taiao, Oranga Tāngata – the wellbeing of the environment is the wellbeing of the people;
 - d) Ahurea Tuakiri Kaha Rawa – Iwi and hapū unique and distinct cultural identity is practiced, valued, celebrated and stronger than ever.

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24. Feedback to date is that the draft outcomes resonate with iwi and hapū aspirations. Feedback on strategic priorities has focussed on:
- a) enduring, authentic, mutually supportive iwi and hapū relationships with NPDC
 - b) investment in renewable energy and housing
 - c) marae, papakāinga and community centre developments
 - d) developing education and employment opportunities and pathways
 - e) procurement opportunities and sustainable economic development
 - f) removing barriers to development of Māori land (whether for housing or economic development)
 - g) re-establishing iwi and hapū estates – including land significant to hapū in Council ownership
 - h) increased visibility of iwi and hapū cultural narratives and relationships across public places and spaces
25. Officers have met with representatives of the iwi and hapū groups listed below, and will endeavour to engage remaining groups before the end of March 2026:
- a) Ngāti Tama
 - b) Ngāti Tūparikino
 - c) Ngāti Mutunga
 - d) Taranaki Iwi
 - e) Ngāti Rahiri
 - f) Manukorihi
 - g) Ngāti Maru
 - h) Puketapu Hapū
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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

26. The Tiriti Outcomes Framework is anticipated to support reduced climate change impacts as iwi and hapū strategic goals include modelling sustainable development, resilient policy and planning, and intergenerational care for the environment.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

27. The Iwi Relationships Team will bring a Draft Tiriti Outcomes Framework based on feedback from iwi and hapū engagement to Te Huinga Taumatua to workshop in April 2026.
28. A Draft Tiriti Outcomes Framework will then be reported to the 20 May 2026 meeting of Te Huinga Taumatua for approval as a DRAFT to inform development of the LTP over the remainder of 2026.
29. The Draft Tiriti Outcomes Framework, incorporating changes arising from development of the LTP, will be reported to Te Huinga Taumatua for adoption after the LTP is adopted in June 2027.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS / NGĀ HĪRAUNGA Ā-PŪTEA, Ā-RAUEMI

30. Development of the Tiriti Outcomes Framework is achievable within existing budgets.
31. Council support for Tiriti Outcomes will be determined as part of the LTP process.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT / HĪRANGA AROMATAWAI

32. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
 - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
 - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
 - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
 - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
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- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1 NPDC Tiriti Outcomes Framework Discussion Document (ECM 9717307)

Report Details

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NPDC Tiriti Outcomes Framework

Discussion Document

Iwi Relationships Team, NPDC

January 2026



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth
District Council**

NPDC TIRITI OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

What are we doing and why?

NPDC proposes to co-create a Tiriti Outcomes Framework to inform development of its Long-Term Plan 2027-2037.

The Framework will give Council a clear reference point for achieving its Strategic Framework Goal of Strengthening Tiriti partnerships with iwi and hapū to improve wellbeing.

It will help align NPDC services, infrastructure and decision-making with iwi and hapū aspirations where possible.



Council recognises that iwi and hapū are self-determined burgeoning activators for the recovery and thriving of whānau wellbeing from intergenerational set back sourced in vast Crown land confiscations and colonisation in Taranaki.

Today, iwi PSGEs in the district hold a combined net asset value of just over \$379 million and alongside hapū, are leading social, economic and environmental initiatives.

Given its statutory purpose to promote community wellbeing, NPDC sees investment in iwi and hapū wellbeing as a beneficial to the whole district.

What we are proposing and what we seek your feedback on

We reviewed iwi and hapū strategic plans, submissions to the Long-Term Plan 2024–2034, Iwi Environmental Management Plans, and input from recent Council policy initiatives.

From these, we identified common themes and drafted proposed Tiriti Outcomes. We are seeking your feedback on the Outcomes and Intermediate Outcomes (pages 5–7) to ensure they reflect iwi and hapū definitions of wellbeing.

Activities, Measures, and Targets are indicative only and will be developed in 2026 as part of the DRAFT Tiriti Outcomes Framework informing the Long Term Plan 2027–2037.

However, we welcome your feedback on the proposed Activities to help us understand what would meaningfully support progress toward the Tiriti Outcomes from an iwi and hapū perspective.

Ways to give feedback

Feb-March 2026 - One on One Hui – we will gather your feedback during our one on one hui with iwi and hapū entities over February-March 2026. Please reach out if our hui with you is not yet confirmed.

27 March 2026 - Email – please feel free to provide your feedback by email directly to rangi.maihi@npdc.govt.nz or latesha.utiger@npdc.govt.nz by 27 March 2026.

End March 2026 – Collective Report Back Hui – we will report back to participating iwi and hapū groups at a collective hui with a Draft Tiriti Outcomes Framework for any further feedback before the end of March 2026. An invitation to this collective hui will be sent shortly.

What's next?

The Tiriti Outcomes Framework will be reported to Te Huinga Taumatua in May 2026 for approval as a DRAFT to inform development of the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037. Ultimately, Te Huinga Taumatua will adopt the Tiriti Outcomes Framework concurrent with, or just after adoption of the Long-Term Plan in July 2027.

How we define outcomes

Council defines Tiriti Outcomes as:

OUTCOMES – iwi and hapū aspirations for wellbeing – the future state iwi and hapū want to achieve.

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES - the changed state that iwi and hapū would expect to see if the overall outcomes are to be achieved. This is “what good looks like” from an iwi and hapū perspective.

ACTIVITIES – the activities that Council will undertake as part of business as usual to contribute to the achievement of the Intermediate Outcomes. In deciding our Activities, we are asking “where are we aligned and in a position to make the most difference in the circumstances?”

MEASURES – how we’ll keep track of the outputs from Activities.

TARGETS – specific goals at the 3 year mark for Activities.

Who’s involved and how will the Tiriti Outcomes Framework be delivered?

The intention is that the Tiriti Outcomes Framework will guide the New Plymouth District Council, Council departments, and Council Controlled Organisations.

Te Huinga Taumatua has delegated authority to approve the Tiriti Outcomes Framework.

Council will deliver on the Framework through the Mana Whenua Partnerships Fund and services and activities aligned to contributing to achievement of the Tiriti Outcomes.



COMMON THEMES

We looked at common themes across iwi and hapū in relation to Economic, Cultural and Te Taiao and Whenua wellbeing and set these out below.

ECONOMIC WELLBEING

Iwi and hapū consistently emphasise economic security and intergenerational wealth as essential to whānau wellbeing, rangatiratanga, and reducing the impacts of poverty.

Housing is a critical foundation, supporting education, employment, and future asset-building.

Iwi commercial activity

- Grow assets and invest in renewable energy and technology
- Generate returns to support housing, taiao, cultural revitalisation, marae and hapū development
- Collaborate through iwi clustering to access large procurement and scale investments
- Co-invest with the Crown and local authorities

Business development

- Strengthen procurement pathways for iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori-owned businesses
- Access Crown and local government procurement opportunities
- Partner with external businesses to grow capability and create whānau employment
- Support pākihi Māori through entrepreneurial incubators
- Develop iwi, hapū and marae enterprise as local economic hubs (for example, catering, tourism, plant nurseries)

Housing

- Regional iwi investment approach with external partners to expand whānau housing access – Ka Uruora
- Financial literacy and savings programmes to support home access
- Iwi-led builds: affordable rentals, shared and full home ownership
- Whānau and hapū papakāinga and kaumātua housing developments

Skills, training, education and employment pathways

- Industry partnerships for work placements and skills development
- Iwi and hapū organisations developing essential roles and succession in mātauranga, cultural history, governance, digital, ecological and environmental skills
- Future focused training aligned to growth sectors, infrastructure and transferable skills
- Iwi scholarships and grants



CULTURAL WELLBEING

Strengthening iwi and hapū identity, cultural practice and connection to place was a key outcome area across iwi and hapū.

Aspirations included:

- Strong, visible and accessible culture: whakapapa, history, pūrākau, tikanga, kawa, mātauranga, taonga, events, archives, arts and cultural narratives in public places
- Protection of taonga Māori and iwi rangatiratanga over cultural assets within NPDC structures (e.g., Kaunihera Kaumātua – Puke Ariki)
- Te Reo Māori commonly spoken across marae, homes, workplaces, events and public spaces
- Thriving marae as cultural hubs with strong ahikā, manaaki, and digital capability
- Protection and restoration of wāhi tapu, urupā and sites of significance, enabling whānau access and appropriate care
- Whānau access to ancestral lands for kai growing, resource gathering, rongoā and toi Māori materials

TE TAI AO AND WHENUA

Iwi and hapū emphasise their deep cultural relationship with whenua, wai and te taiao, viewing the wellbeing of people and the natural world as inseparable.

Aspirations focus on restoring the tribal estate, pursuing development grounded in mātauranga, and strengthening kaitiakitanga through meaningful participation in planning, monitoring and environmental restoration.

Hapū seek to return to and care for their lands, grow kai, and access natural resources for sustenance and cultural practices, including rongoā.

Key priorities include:

- A long-term (1000-year) approach to sustaining te taiao through renewable energy, sustainable land-use practices, and wastewater and stormwater systems that protect ecological health
- Parakore, māra kai and kai sovereignty initiatives that support indigenous food production, gathering and distribution
- Restoring tribal and hapū lands, including former Māori lands held by Council, with opportunities for co-management
- Strengthening rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga in all levels of environmental decision-making

- Embedding and implementing Iwi Environmental Management Plans
- Supporting active kaitiaki involvement in restoring land, water, biodiversity and native species
- Iwi and hapū leading and modelling sustainable development
- Enhancing access to clean, healthy land, water, air and natural environments



SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK

Please give us your feedback and guidance for improvement on the Outcomes and Intermediate Outcomes in the Framework below.

The Activities, Measures and Targets are indicative only as they will need to be drafted over 2026 through the process of the DRAFT Tiriti Outcomes Framework informing development of our Long-Term Plan 2027-2037.

We welcome your feedback on the proposed Activities to help us understand what would meaningfully support progress toward the Tiriti Outcomes from an iwi and hapū perspective.

NPDC TE TIRITI O WAITANGI OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

Outcome	Intermediate Outcomes	Activities	Measure	Target 2030
<p>Rangatiratanga Iwi and hapū are self-determining with authority and resources to sustain tangata whenua thriving into the future.</p>	<p>Re-establish and grow the tribal and hapū estate as an enduring legacy.</p> <p>Advocacy, relationships, partnerships and influence that progress uplift for Māori communities and shared futures in Taranaki.</p>	<p>Partnerships and relationships with Council on mutual strategic priorities.</p> <p>Full participation in Council’s decision making.</p> <p>Mana Whenua Partnerships Fund for iwi and hapū led strategic priorities.</p>	<p>The Mana Whenua Partnerships Fund prioritises collaboratively funded iwi and hapū led projects for realising benefits at scale.</p> <p>Governance and operational level mechanisms for iwi and hapū participation in decision making are supported.</p>	<p>Tiriti Relationship Agreements with Iwi PSGEs. A Policy is in place for consideration of Mana Whenua interests and requests for return of land pertaining to Council owned land.</p> <p>Minimum 1 strategic initiative receives funding contribution.</p>
<p>Ōhanga puāwai Māori communities thriving and successful economically, generating wealth and prosperity across generations of whānau.</p>	<p>Iwi, hapū and Māori owned businesses are economic hubs creating employment and collectively enriching the district.</p>	<p>Collaborative Strategy to grow Māori led business and iwi commercial investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sustainable tourism - significant infrastructure - renewable energy - agri-business 	<p>Clear understanding of settings required for iwi, Crown, Council, industry partnerships and co-investment opportunities for growth in Taranaki.</p>	<p>Increased iwi commercial investment in Taranaki.</p>
		<p>Council procurement enables greater uptake by local Māori owned businesses.</p>	<p>Levers established in procurement strategies, policies, practices, relationships and engagement.</p>	<p>Minimum 5% Council procurement spend awarded to local Māori owned businesses or subcontracted businesses.</p>
	<p>Whānau home ownership on ancestral lands and papakāinga housing is common as is access to warm, dry affordable rentals.</p>	<p>Council facilitated wānanga to share knowledge on developing Māori land for housing.</p>	<p>Participation by Māori land owners.</p>	<p>There is new housing development on Māori land underway or completed.</p>
	<p>Strong Māori employment, especially for rangatahi.</p>	<p>NPDC Employment Strategy with target of Māori employment rate matching district Māori population %.</p>	<p>Partner with WINZ/Tertiary/Universities for pathways and cadetship in Council.</p>	<p>Increased Māori employment at Council.</p>

NPDC TE TIRITI O WAITANGI OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

Outcome	Intermediate Outcomes	Activities	Measure	Target 2030
<p>Oranga Taiao, Oranga Tāngata The wellbeing of the environment is the wellbeing of the people.</p>	<p>Iwi and hapū kaitiakitanga is activated and influencing decision making that promotes environmental health while meeting human needs.</p>	<p>Co-design and collaborative engagement in Council spatial, growth and infrastructure, and land use planning.</p>	<p>Number of collaborations and use of Iwi Environmental Management Plans.</p>	<p>Plans demonstrate incorporation of Māori environmental values and practices; environmental restoration and sustainability principles; and measuring for environmental health that incorporates mātauranga Māori.</p>
		<p>Co-design and co-management for Council reserves.</p>	<p>Number of collaborations and use of Iwi Environmental Management Plans.</p>	<p>Increasing number of reserves under co-management, and plans that incorporate protection and regeneration of native flora, fauna, waterways and whenua; iwi and hapū cultural and environmental values; and connection and access including to natural resources for cultural purposes as appropriate.</p>
		<p>Collaborative engagement for infrastructure development and renewals projects.</p>	<p>Number of collaborations and use of Iwi Environmental Management Plans.</p>	<p>Projects incorporate Māori environmental and cultural values and cultural monitoring.</p>
	<p>Iwi and hapū māra kai and environmental restoration projects.</p>	<p>Community, Environmental, and Planting our Place Grants and collaborations support iwi and hapū led environmental restoration and food sustainability projects.</p>	<p>Numbers of grants and collaborations.</p>	<p>Increased opportunities and participation in community gardens and environmental restoration projects.</p>

NPDC TE TIRITI O WAITANGI OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

Outcome	Intermediate Outcomes	Activities	Measure	Target 2030
Ahurea Tuakiri Kaha Rawa Iwi and hapū unique and distinct cultural identity is practiced, valued, celebrated and stronger than ever.	Marae at the heart of collective wellbeing, cultural vitality, connection and tūrangawaewae.	Marae grants and collaborations.	Number and value of grants and collaborations.	Marae development and facilities are supported.
	Iwi and hapū Reo Māori and cultural connections and relationships are celebrated across Taranaki ki te Raki fostering community pride and cohesion.	Reo Māori and cultural connection incorporated into our place-making projects, community facilities and services, events and reserves, signage and naming activities.	Consistency of application and number of initiatives.	1 iwi exhibition Puke Ariki Museum. Increased visibility of cultural narratives, connection and Reo Māori across our public spaces, facilities and events.
	Wāhi tapu, urupā and sites of significance to Māori are cared for and protected.	Manaaki Urupā and Cultural Heritage Grants. Protection built into planning, reserves management and infrastructure projects decision making.	Number and value of grants. Consistency of application in planning and projects.	Complete the identification of wāhi tapu for protection.



NAMING OF NEW RIGHT OF WAY – INGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION

MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new right of way created because of subdivision development by BTW Company Ltd in Inglewood.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) **Approve the following name for a new right of way created by a subdivision development (22 lots off Konini Street) in Inglewood**
 - i) **Konana Lane**
- b) **Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.**

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of some importance
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the name Konana Lane for the new right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood. 2. Decline the recommended name and recommend alternative names for the right of way.
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are identified in the Road Naming and Numbering Policy, including Pukerangiora Hapū and Puketapu Hapū, the Inglewood community, residents of the new subdivision, and the subdivision developer.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	No
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

2. Officers recommend Council approve the name Konana Lane, for the new right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood.
3. The proposed name is consistent with the approach for road naming as set out in New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC) Road Naming and Numbering Policy and is consistent with NZ Standard AS/NZS4819:2011.
4. This row name has been put forward by Pukerangiora Hapū with support from Puketapu Hapū. Pukerangiora Hapū have been engaged by the developers, BTW Company.
5. Council has delegated authority for the naming of roads and right of ways to Te Huinga Taumatua.
6. Once approved by Council the General Manager of Operational Excellence will allocate street numbers to the properties fronting these streets.
7. The Inglewood Community Board endorse the Officers recommendation.

ROAD NAME RECOMMENDATIONS

Konana Lane

8. This residential subdivision created 22 lots off Konini Street and consequently Horoeke Street was approved for the Road's name. This right of way serves 6 lots at the end of Horoeke Street.

Why the name Konana was chosen:

9. This row name has been put forward by Pukerangiora Hapū with support from Puketapu Hapū. Pukerangiora Hapū have been engaged by the developers, BTW Company.
10. Pukerangiora Hapū suggested Konana as a play on Konini Street that originated from the Konini plant or Fuchsia excorticata commonly known as tree fuchsia. A Konana denotes something that is sloping, leaning, slanting, tilted or inclined. In this context it is an extension that rhymes with Konini that captures characteristics of a Konini tree which it is a product of.
11. LINZ have confirmed appropriateness of using this name in this area.

PARTICIPATION BY MĀORI / TE URUNGA O NGĀI MĀORI

12. The endorsement of the name provided by Pukerangiora Hāpu and supported by Puketapu Hāpu confirms participation.
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13. If this name is not approved further engagement with tangata whenua would be recommended before a final decision on the right of way name is made.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

Legislation

14. Council's general powers in relation to roads, including road naming, are set out in Section 319 of the Local Government Act 1974. Section 319(j) provides the power "to name and to alter the name of any road and to place on any building or erection on or abutting on any road a plate bearing the name of the road."
15. The Act does not specify any process which must be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
16. Section 319A provides that where the Council names a road for the first time, or alters the name of a road, the Council must, as soon as practicable, send a copy of the resolution to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).
17. Section 319B relates to the allocation of property numbers and provides that "for electoral, postal and other purposes" the Council may allocate street numbers and requires the Council to advise LINZ of the numbers it has allocated.
18. LINZ validates the road name and property numbers and updates the official national record. LINZ makes the official address information that it holds available in several forms.

Council Policy

19. Council adopted the Road Naming and Numbering Policy (reference P18-005) in October 2018. The Policy provides for the same provisions and processes for the naming of roads and private ways (rights-of-ways) with six or more primary address sites, or the potential to develop six or more address sites.¹
20. The Policy sets out processes to identify and inform affected and interested parties. Council Officers are responsible for the engagement between iwi/hapū, the developer and interested parties, reflecting LINZ requirements, and ensuring cultural appropriateness and identifying overseas military history and use of RSA poppy image.

¹ Clause 9 Policy P18-005

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

21. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance, as the area is of cultural and historical significance to both tangata whenua and the local community.
22. Road naming can contribute to a sense of connection, place and belonging and be a contributing factor to strengthening a sense of community between residents, tangata whenua and local communities across the New Plymouth District.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

23. There are no climate change impacts associated with the naming of roads. The names do however associate with the natural and culturally significant environment.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

24. The process that will follow is set out in Sections 319A and 319B of the Local Government Act 1974 (outlined above). The developer will be responsible for installing the road signposts.
25. LINZ will validate the road names and property numbers and update the official national record.
26. LINZ will make the official address information that it holds available in several forms. Data resellers take this data and tailor it for end-users such as the emergency services, businesses, and local government and central government agencies.

OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA

27. There are two practical options for consideration.

Option 1 Approve the name Konana Lane for the right of way created by the subdivision development off Horoeke Street, Inglewood.

Option 2 Decline the recommended name and recommend alternative names for the roads.

These options have been assessed together below.

Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hiraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi

28. There are no operational and capital expenditure requirements or other budget or cost implications resulting from this decision. Installation of new signs for roads/rights of way is a financial undertaking by the developer.

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

29. Any risks associated that arise with either of these options will be appropriately mitigated by Council.

Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori

30. The naming of roads supports Thriving Communities and Culture as they provide the community with a sense of identity, cultural integrity and belonging.

Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture

31. Council Officers will ensure compliance with its statutory obligations as set out in the Local Government Act 1974.

Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere

32. The right of way name proposed complies with the Road Naming Criteria set out in Appendix 1 of the Road Naming and Numbering Policy.
33. The Road Naming Policy set out an order of priority in terms of preference.
- a) Criteria 1A d) Distinctive or significant geographic feature, landscape, flora or fauna unique or characteristic to the area.
34. A Konana denotes something that is sloping, leaning, slanting, tilted or inclined, a unique characteristic of the subdivision, and consistent with the Road Naming Policies priority of preference.

Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori

35. The Local Government Act 1974 does not specify any process to be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
36. Council Officers have not consulted directly with the community on this matter; however, the recommended name reflects the views of the tangata whenua and confirm the historical connections relating to the site.

Recommended Option

This report recommends **Option 1** - approve the name Konana Lane for the new right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood, for addressing the matter.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1 Road Naming Application (ECM 9727186)

Appendix 2 Subdivision Scheme Plan (ECM 8837092)

Appendix 3 Email correspondence with Hapū (ECM 9727424)

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Approved By:	Damien Morresey (Manager Consents & Regulatory)
Ward/Community:	New Plymouth District
Date:	27 January 2025
File Reference:	ECM 9717899

-----*End of Report*-----



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu
New Plymouth District Council



FORM

**Request for naming /
renaming of a road**

4.1

Please email to: roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz.

Or post to: The Planning Lead, NPDC,
Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth 4340

1. Request details

1a. This request is for:

- Naming of a road
- Naming of a private road or way
- Renaming of a road
- Renaming of a private road or way

1b. If part of a subdivision, please state the Resource Consent number:

2. Affected party details

2a. I am the:

- Developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
- Agent for the developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
- Property owner on the affected road.
- Owner of a private road or way.
- Occupier of a property on the affected road.
- Appropriate mandated iwi authority/hapū representative.

2b. Full name
First name(s) Surname

2c. Postal address (include postcode)

2d. Contact details
Mobile Work phone Home phone

2e. Email

3. Proposed name details

3a. Proposed road name

- A name 15 letters or less, excluding the road type designation is preferred.
- Up to four names may be proposed for each new road. NPDC will propose names where options are not provided.
- For each private road or way, two names may be proposed.

Location
Provide existing road name.
For new roads provide adjacent street names or name of development.

Proposed name
Use 15 letters or less, do not include numbers or symbols.

Descriptor
e.g. Road, Street, Crescent, etc.

	Location	Proposed name	Descriptor
1	HOROEKE	K O N A N A	LANE
2			
3			
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8			
9			
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Please turn over

Liardet Street, Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth 4340, New Zealand. Telephone 06-759 6060, Fax 06-759 6072, Email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz, Website www.newplymouthnz.com

4. Supporting information

4a. Please identify below the affected parties, and describe the extent to which they have had the opportunity to suggest a name and/or support the final list of proposed names.

PUKERANGIORA HAPU ARE THE MANA WHENUA FOR INGLEWOOD. PUJERANGIORA HAPU HAVE BEEN ENGAGED BY BTW COMPANY.

4b. To what extent does the proposed name(s) meet the Road Naming Criteria of NPDC’s Road Naming and Numbering Policy?

CRITERIA 1C OF THE ROAD NAMING POLICY APPLIES TO THE NAME KONANA. THE NAME FOLLOWS THE THEME OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION ROAD NAMES WITHIN INGLEWOOD. REFER TO OUR NARATIVE BELOW.

- 4c. Please list below any additional supporting information attached to this form, which may include:
- i. Written endorsement from a mandated tangata whenua entity or entities for a proposed Māori name.
 - ii. For a new road, evidence demonstrating the extent to which road naming has, or is nearing completion, including:
 - A list of final proposed road names.
 - Details of consultation completed.
 - A list of new road names that have been approved.
 - Copy of proposed or approved subdivision plan.
 - iii. Where required, evidence demonstrating that the name meets the District-specific provisions of the Road Naming Criteria, including meaning, history and/or translation.
 - iv. Written consent from:
 - Property owners who access their property via the private road, or
 - Persons who own, or have a right of use over the private way.

KONANA IS A PLAY ON KONINI STREET THAT ORIGINATED FROM THE KON INI PLANT OR FUCHSIA EXCORTICATA COMMONLY KNOWN AS TREE FUCHSIA. A KONANA DENOTES SOMETHING THAT IS SLOPING, LEANING, SLANTING, TILTED OR INCLINED. IN THIS CONTEXT IT IS AN EXTENSION THAT RHYMES WITH KONINI THAT CAPTURES CHARACTERISTICS OF A KONINI TREE WHICH IT IS A PRODUCT OF.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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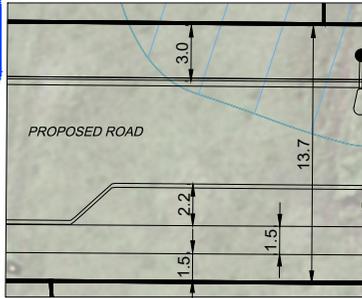
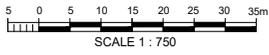
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Purpose	Shown	Serv. Ten	Dom .Ten
R.O.W	(A)	Lot 20	Lot 18
Water	(B)	Lot 12	Lots 9-11, 13-14
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Electricity			
UFF			
Gas			

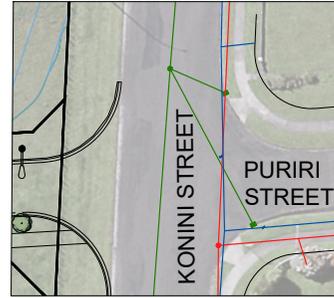
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STAGE 2: Lots 5 - 7, 9 - 16 & 22

- PROPOSED ROAD**
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- REDUCED LEGAL WIDTH OF ROAD RESERVE (13.7m)
 - NO RECESSED PARKING ON NORTHERN SIDE

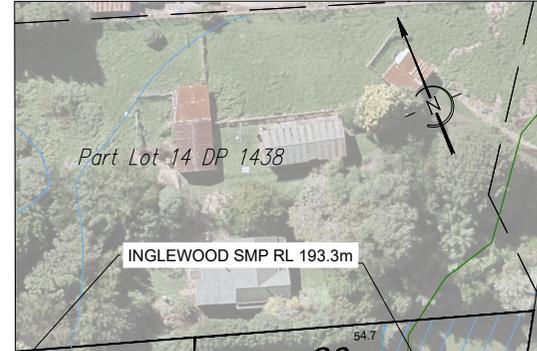
LEGEND	
	NPDC WASTE WATER
	NPDC WATER
	NPDC STORMWATER



TYPICAL ROAD SECTION
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NEW ROAD INTERSECTION
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Lots 1-22 Being a Proposed Subdivision of Part Lot 15 DP 1438

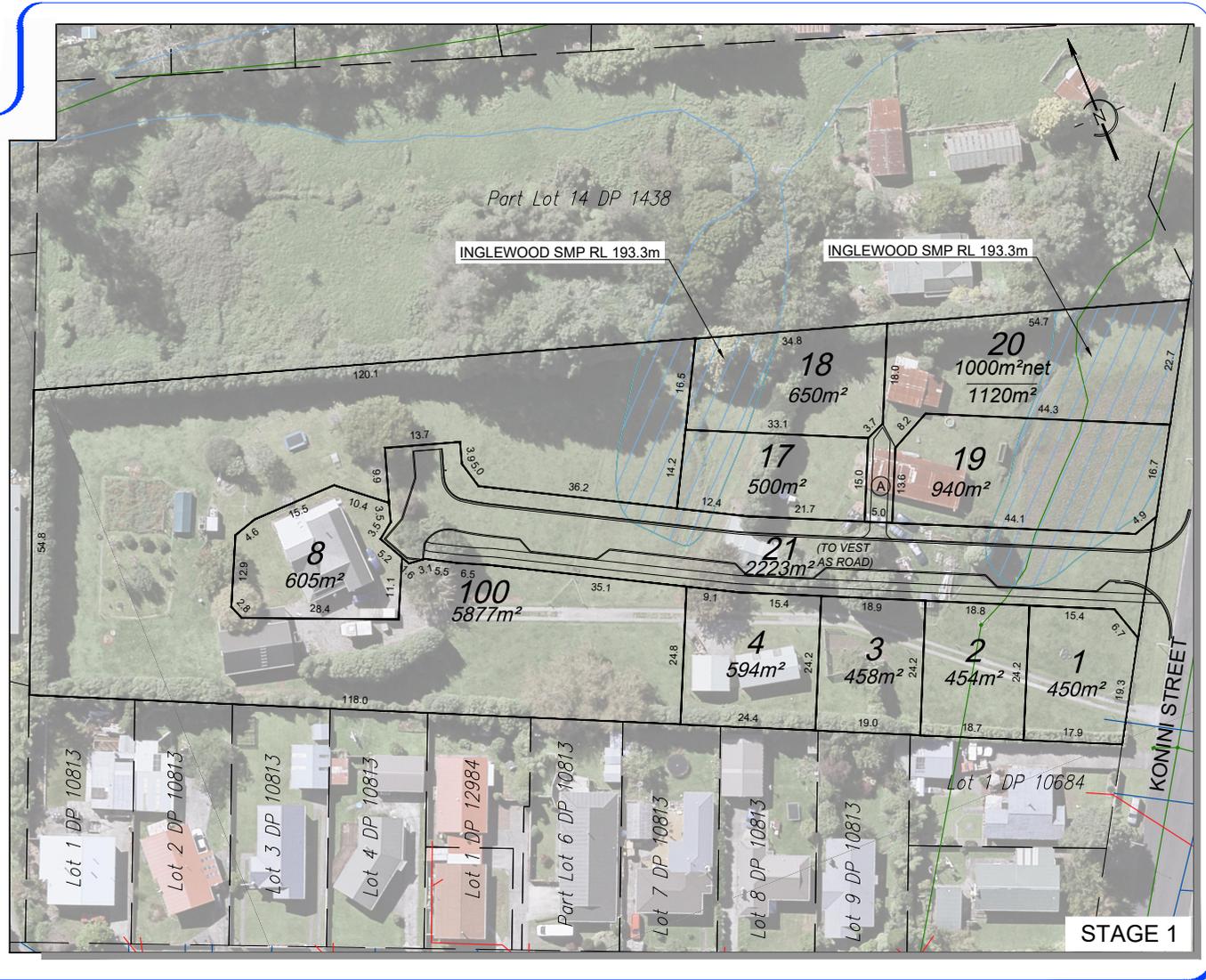
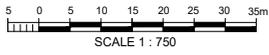
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PROPOSED EASEMENTS			
Purpose	Shown	Serv. Ten	Dom .Ten
R.O.W Water Sewer Electricity UFF Gas	(A)	Lot 20	Lot 18

LEGEND	
	NPDC WASTE WATER
	NPDC WATER
	NPDC STORMWATER



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Lots 1-4, 8, 17-21 and Lot 100 Being a Proposed Subdivision of Part Lot 15 DP 1438 - STAGE 1

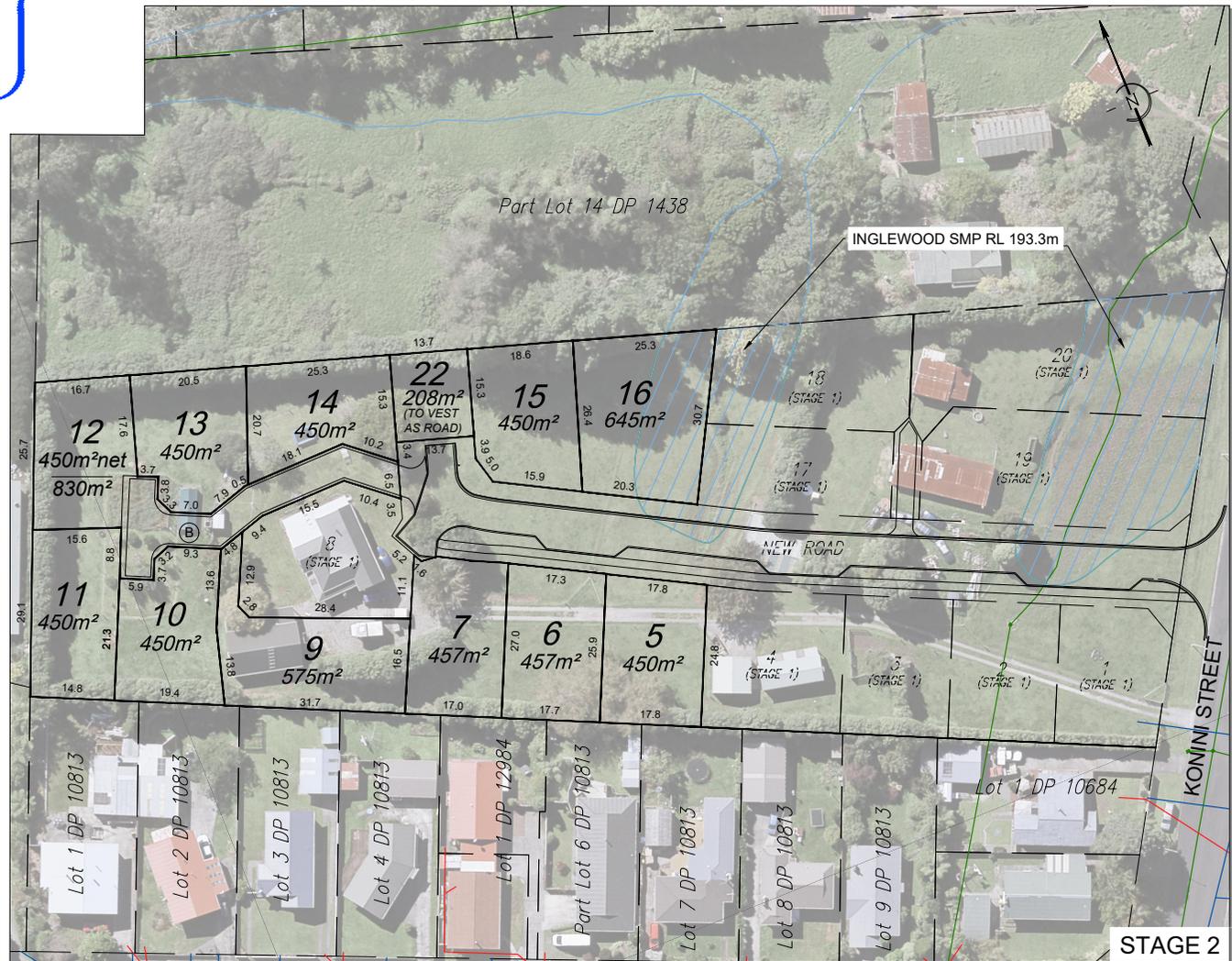
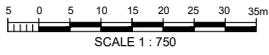
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PROPOSED EASEMENTS			
Purpose	Shown	Serv. Ten	Dom .Ten
R.O.W Water Sewer Electricity UFF Gas	(B)	Lot 12	Lots 9-11,13-14

LEGEND	
	NPDC WASTE WATER
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 APPLICANT: Manor Properties Ltd
 COMPRISED IN: RT TNH3/1369
 SCALE: 1:750

Lots 5-7, 9-16 and 22 Being a Proposed Subdivision of Lot 100 (Stage 1)

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Kia Ora Connie,

Puketapu are happy to support the proposed name if this was put forward by Pukerangiora hapu.

Nga Mihi
Raukura Salisbury
Consents Lead
Nga Kaitiaki o Puketapu Hapu Trust



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On Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 8:43 AM Connie Edie <Connie.EDIE@npdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning Raukura,
Thank you for the below email, and sorry for taking so long to get back to you.
The name proposed for the ROW at the end of Horoeoka Street, is the consultation/feedback we required sorry.
The name 'Konana' was proposed as per attached email.
Can you please relook into this at your earliest convenience. As of this week titles have been issued for this land.
If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Kind Regards

From: Raukura Salisbury <puketapu.taiao@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 1:26 pm
To: Connie Edie <Connie.EDIE@npdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Kimberley Laurence <Kimberley.Laurence@npdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: FW: Request REQ0051100 - Comments added

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Kia Ora Connie,

My apologies for the delay in responding.

Puketapu fully supports the stance of Pukerangiora Hapū and the road name they have proposed. The name Horoeka is fitting, as it reflects a species that is common to the area and aligns with Pukerangiora's established naming conventions.

Nga Mihi
Raukura Salisbury
Consents Lead
Nga Kaitiaki o Puketapu Hapu Trust



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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 1:36 PM Connie Edie <Connie.EDIE@npdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good afternoon,
As per below email, can we please have Puketapu Hapu's consultation as soon as possible.

Any questions please contact me.

Kind Regards

Connie Edie

Data Support Officer

NAMING OF A NEW ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY – INGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION

MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new road and right of way created after a subdivision by All Good Properties Limited off Towai Street, Inglewood.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) **Approve one of the following names for the new road created by a subdivision development off Towai Street in Inglewood:**
 - i) **Franklyn Park Lane OR Whārangī Place (*delete one*)**
- b) **Approve the following name for a new right of way created by a subdivision development off Towai Street in Inglewood:**
 - i) **Pukapuka Lane**
- c) **Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.**

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of some importance
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve either the name Franklyn Park Lane or Whārangī Place for the new road and approve the name Pukapuka Lane for the right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood. 2. Decline the recommended names and recommend alternative names for the road and right of way.
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are identified in the Road Naming and Numbering Policy, including Pukerangiora and Puketapu Hapū, the Inglewood community, residents of the new subdivision, and the subdivision developer.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	No
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

2. Officers recommend Council approve either Franklyn Park Lane or Whārangī Place for the new road and approve the name Pukapuka Lane for the right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood.
3. This matter is considered urgent. The new lots created from this subdivision have been deposited/titled and there are three dwellings completed or near completion on the sites. This road and right of way name need to be assigned as soon as possible as the owners cannot get insurance, electricity etc nor have an address for emergency services.
4. These names have been put forward by the applicant All Good Properties Limited and Pukerangiora Hapū. Pukerangiora Hapū have been engaged by the developers, Bland and Jackson Surveyors Limited.
5. The proposed names are consistent with the approach for road naming as set out in New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC) Road Naming and Numbering Policy and is consistent with NZ Standard AS/NZS4819:2011.
6. Unfortunately to date there has been no consensus between the applicant and hapū. The intention is for Officers to facilitate discussions between the applicant and hapū prior to the Te Huinga Taumatua hui and an update will be provided at the meeting.
7. Once approved by Council the Chief Executive will allocate street numbers to the properties fronting these streets.
8. Council has delegated authority for the naming of roads and right of ways to Te Huinga Taumatua.

ROAD NAME RECOMMENDATIONS

9. This 3-stage residential subdivision created 36 new lots off Towai Street, Inglewood.

Franklyn Park Lane - Why the name Franklyn Park has been proposed:

10. This road name has been proposed by the applicant, All Good Properties Limited. William Franklyn is a historical figure to the Inglewood Community. He was a pioneering owner of the surrounding land area unofficially referred to in the late 1800's as Franklyn Town. Consistent with his recognition is the aptly named 'William Franklyn Reserve' located at the intersection of Towai and Kelly Streets approximately 100m from this development.

Whārangī Place - Why the name Whārangī has been proposed:

11. Pukerangiora Hapū suggested Whārangī Place for the new road name. Whārangī is an alternate name for Rangiora, which is the name of the road opposite this development. The name Whārangī captures the Rangiora plant's ability to grow and expand while keeping with tree names that Inglewood has adopted in naming streets.

Pukapuka Lane - Why the name Pukapuka has been proposed:

12. Bland and Jackson Surveyors Limited approached Pukerangiora Hapū to suggest a name for the right of way of the new road.
13. Pukerangiora Hapū suggested Pukapuka Lane for the new right of way name. Pukapuka is another name for the Rangiora and Whārangī Tree. Ironically within a book (Pukapuka) are pages (Whārangī). So Pukapuka and Whārangī are related by both being alternate for Rangiora are book and page.
14. LINZ have confirmed appropriateness of using these names in this area.

PARTICIPATION BY MĀORI / TE URUNGA O NGĀI

15. The names Whārangī and Pukapuka were provided by Pukerangiora Hāpu which confirms participation.
16. Puketapu Hāpu have been engaged to ensure they support the names provided by Pukerangiora Hāpu however Officers haven't received any feedback at the time of preparing this report. The intention is to provide a verbal update at the hui.
17. If these names are not approved further engagement with tangata whenua would be recommended before a final decision on the road and right of way name is made.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

Legislation

18. Council's general powers in relation to roads, including road naming, are set out in Section 319 of the Local Government Act 1974. Section 319(j) provides the power "to name and to alter the name of any road and to place on any building or erection on or abutting on any road a plate bearing the name of the road."
19. The Act does not specify any process which must be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
20. Section 319A provides that where the Council names a road for the first time, or alters the name of a road, the Council must, as soon as practicable, send a copy of the resolution to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).
21. Section 319B relates to the allocation of property numbers and provides that "for electoral, postal and other purposes" the Council may allocate street numbers and requires the Council to advise LINZ of the numbers it has allocated.
22. LINZ validates the road name and property numbers and updates the official national record. LINZ makes the official address information that it holds available in several forms.

Council Policy

23. Council adopted the Road Naming and Numbering Policy (reference P18-005) in October 2018. The Policy provides for the same provisions and processes for the naming of roads and private ways (rights-of-ways) with six or more primary address sites, or the potential to develop six or more address sites.¹
24. The Policy sets out processes to identify and inform affected and interested parties. Council Officers are responsible for the engagement between iwi/hapū, the developer and interested parties, reflecting LINZ requirements, and ensuring cultural appropriateness and identifying overseas military history and use of RSA poppy image.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

25. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance, as the area is of cultural and historical significance to both tangata whenua and the local community.

¹ Clause 9 Policy P18-005

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26. Road naming can contribute to a sense of connection, place and belonging and be a contributing factor to strengthening a sense of community between residents, tangata whenua and local communities across the New Plymouth District.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

27. There are no climate change impacts associated with the naming of roads. The names do however associate with the natural and culturally significant environment.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

28. The process that will follow is set out in Sections 319A and 319B of the Local Government Act 1974 (outlined above). The developer will be responsible for installing the road signposts.
29. LINZ will validate the road names and property numbers and update the official national record.
30. LINZ will make the official address information that it holds available in several forms. Data resellers take this data and tailor it for end-users such as the emergency services, businesses, and local government and central government agencies.

OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA

31. There are two practical options for consideration.

Option 1 **Approve either the name Franklyn Park Lane or Whārangī Place for the new road and approve the name Pukapuka Lane for the right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood.**

Option 2 **Decline the recommended names and recommend alternative names for the road/right of way.**

These options have been assessed together below.

Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hiraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi

32. There are no operational and capital expenditure requirements or other budget or cost implications resulting from this decision. Installation of new signs for roads/rights of way is a financial undertaking by the developer.

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

33. Any risks associated that arise with either of these options will be appropriately mitigated by Council. Due to the urgency of these road naming applications, there is reputational risk to the Council should a decision not be reached.

Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori

34. The Local Government Act 1974 does not specify any process to be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
35. Council Officers have not consulted directly with the community on this matter; however, the recommended name reflects the views of the tangata whenua and confirm the historical connections relating to the site.

Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori

36. The naming of roads supports Thriving Communities and Culture as they provide the community with a sense of identity, cultural integrity and belonging.

Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture

37. Council Officers will ensure compliance with its statutory obligations as set out in the Local Government Act 1974.

Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere

38. The road and right of way names proposed complies with the Road Naming Criteria set out in Appendix 1 of the Road Naming and Numbering Policy.
39. The Road Naming Policy sets out an order of priority in terms of preference.
- a) Criteria 1A a) A site, area or name of cultural or historical significance to tangata whenua (supporting evidence required).
 - b) Criteria 1A b) A site, area or name of cultural or historical significance to local community(s) (supporting evidence required).
 - c) Criteria 1A d) Distinctive or significant geographic feature, landscape, flora or fauna unique or characteristic to the area.
40. Franklyn Park Lane is a name of historical significance to the Inglewood community and consistent with the Road Naming Policies priority of preference.
41. Whārangī Place is a name of cultural or historical significance to tangata whenua.
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42. Pukapuka Lane is flora or fauna unique or characteristic to the area.

Recommended Option

This report recommends **Option 1** - approve either the name Franklyn Park Lane **or** Whārangī Place for the new road and approve the name Pukapuka Lane for the right of way created by the subdivision development in Inglewood for addressing the matter.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1 Road Naming Application – BJSL - SUB19/47447 - Towai Street (ECM 9713910)

Appendix 2 Documentation to support Road Naming Application - SUB19/47447 (ECM 9730358)

Appendix 3 Road Naming Application – Pukerangiora Hapu - SUB19/47447 - Towai Street (ECM 9713911)

Appendix 4 Scheme Plan – SUB19/47447 (ECM 9716888)

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Ward/Community: New Plymouth District
Date: 3rd March 2026
File Reference: ECM 9713934

-----*End of Report*-----

4. Supporting information

4a. Please identify below the affected parties, and describe the extent to which they have had the opportunity to suggest a name and/or support the final list of proposed names.

ManaWhenua - Pukerangiora Hapū

BJSJ have written to hapu to consider the above proposed name as well as offer suitable alternatives in the absence of any support. In addition we have asked Hapū for consideration of future naming of right of Way C within the same development,

4b. To what extent does the proposed name(s) meet the Road Naming Criteria of NPDC's *Road Naming and Numbering Policy*?

The chosen name conforms with part 1 b.) of the Policy with William Franklyn being a historical figure to the Inglewood Community and a pioneering owner of the surrounding land area unofficially referred to in the late 1800's as Franklyn Town. The chosen name is also consistent with part i. e.) of the as William Franklyn was a prominent figure in the early settlement of Inglewood. The naming is consistent with his recognition in the aptly named 'William Franklyn Reserve' located at the intersection of Towai and Kelly Streets approximately 100m from this development and proposed road name and therefore provides for a somewhat consistent theme in accordance with i. c.) of the policy.

The proposed name is compliant with all General LINZ addressing standards under part ii) of the policy

4c. Please list below any additional supporting information attached to this form, which may include:

- i. Written endorsement from a mandated tangata whenua entity or entities for a proposed Māori name.
- ii. For a new road, evidence demonstrating the extent to which road naming has, or is nearing completion, including:
 - A list of final proposed road names.
 - Details of consultation completed.
 - A list of new road names that have been approved.
 - Copy of proposed or approved subdivision plan.
- iii. Where required, evidence demonstrating that the name meets the District-specific provisions of the Road Naming Criteria, including meaning, history and/or translation.
- iv. Written consent from:
 - Property owners who access their property via the private road, or
 - Persons who own, or have a right of use over the private way.

There is no existing properties already addressed or accessed from the proposed road and therefore there is not considered to be any other 3rd parties to which consultation is considered necessary beyond that of Mana Whenua.

A series of records pertaining to Mr William Franklyn are attached to this application as supporting evidence as to his history and relationship within the Inglewood Pioneering Community. These were acquired by the applicant from a living relative, Patricia Franklyn (granddaughter) who still resides in the Inglewood District and endorses the proposed road naming.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received

Time received

Received by

Property ID

Land ID

Resource Consent #

Affected Party ID

Document #

Amount paid \$

WILLIAM HENRY FRANKLYN

William Henry Franklyn was born in Middlesex, London 17 July 1840 a son of William Henry Franklyn and Jane Margaret Treherne.

In 1855 he left England with his parents and traveled to Melbourne, Australia. He well remembered the sights of Melbourne as an fifteen year old. His father who was a plumber immediately secured the contact for fitting up the Bishop's Palace. William helped his father to carry out the contract. The family came to New Zealand in 1860 to explore the Alexandra gold fields, and they remained here until 1862 without much success.

The family moved back to Melbourne where his brother became involved in the printing trade, being deputy publisher of the "Herald", "Bells Life" and "Illustrated Post" and by virtue of his brother's position William became a junior in one of the divisions, acting as a junior store man, until the death of his father. At this time his mother returned to England.

William resigned his position with the paper and once again chanced his arm at gold digging at Gabriels Gully in central Otago in 1861. Six months convinced him that there was no fortune there, so he set off to Melbourne once again. The roving spirit was strong as he returned to the Molyneaux diggings where he spent the next six or seven years. He left these diggings to travel to Wanganui .

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Again the word of gold on the West Coast of the South Island enticed him to return there, but four months later he returned to Melbourne during Prince Alberts visit and commenced exporting mining machinery to the west coast. Shortly after he again chased the gold fields at Charlestown on the West Coast about 1876 and this time with two others mined a very successful claim. He sold out before the claim was exhausted and returned to Wanganui. Here he plied the Wanganui river visiting Maori pa~~l~~ and selling goods for Beaver Bros some 50 miles up the river.

He then ventured into Taranaki and became involved in building the railway line from New Plymouth to Waitara and then the line to Inglewood. Putting two years into this new occupation before he purchased a farm of some 500 acres at Inglewood . This land stretched from the Waiongonaiti Stream to the stream, and bounded by Windsor Road on one side and Junction Road on the other. He cleared 25 acres (with the exception of small patches of native bush), which were sub divided. In 1875 he married Miss Mary Ann Rowe of Bell Block, New Plymouth and settled down to business which was a general store in Matai Street in Inglewood which stocked a very wide variety of merchandise. It is said you could purchase anything from a needle to an anchor in the store. A very large building of some 82 feet wide and 182 feet deep.

The living quarters were above the store and housed William, Mary Ann and seven of their children. Mary Ann died in 1890 and in 1892 he married Henrietta Jane Tilly and a

Waiongonaiti
- by Primary School
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Waiongona
- High School

family homestead was built in Hinau Street. The land surrounding the homestead was farmed by William's eldest son Arthur.

William was Postmaster at Inglewood (the post office being in his shop) ,from 1 March 1877 to May 1878.

He also served on the Town Board for six years from 1886 to 1894 as well as the School committee. The Inglewood High School stands on the northern most end of his farm..

William made several visits to Melbourne during these years often taking members of his family with him.

In 1907 he took a well earned rest by returning to England for 12 months with his wife, daughter Grace and his youngest son James. Being a staunch royalist he attended the Coronation of King George the Fifth.

William died at his home on 29 February 1924 aged 83 and is buried with Mary Ann in the Inglewood Cemetery.

A memorial plaque is in St Andrews Church and a piece of land on what was his farm is now called Franklyn Park.

William was certainly an early pioneer who left his mark in his adopted country.

Wairi Peas
Sept 10 1951

History Of William Franklyn Park

Situated corner of Kelly & Towai Streets, Inglewood.

One of Inglewood's early pioneers, William Franklyn, was born on July 17, 1840 at Clare Street (now Clare Market) in the heart of London.

His mother died when he was a small child and his father died several years later.

In 1855, at the age of 15 years, William left England and sailed to Port Phillip, Australia remaining there for two years.

In 1857 at the age of 17 years, he arrived in New Zealand and beteled for the gold fields at Otago. Some years later he came north to Waipapa during the Maori Wars 1863-71, and acted on transports on the Waikanae River.

With the cessation of hostilities, he came to Taranaki and worked on the formation of railway lines between New Plymouth and Waitara and later to Inglewood.

In 1874, William finally settled in Inglewood commencing business in Matai Street as a general storekeeper. This site is now owned by Martin's Drapery business.

In 1875, he married Mary Ann Rope of Bell Block. There was a family of seven children, living quarters

having been built above the shop.

In 1890 Mary Ann died. After 18 months William married Henrietta Jane Tilly of Inglewood. A family home was built in Willows Street (now Hinatu Street), a family of six children being born of the second marriage.

FRANKLYNTOWN
A large area of land has been purchased (approx. 150 acres) which extended from the Waioanga River to Franklyn Street (now Mahoe Street) and bounded by Kate Street.

The area is known on survey maps as Franklyn-town.

Gradually the land was cleared, ploughed and farmed by Mr Arthur Franklyn, a member of the first family.

A dairy herd was established, the milk providing the town supply. The land is nearly all built up now, the primary school having been built nearest the town, and the high school near the Waioanga River.

All frontages from the Waioanga River to Windsor Road (now Miro Street) and extending southerly to Brookes Street were surveyed for building sites. William served on the Town Board for six years between 1890 and 1894.



Early pioneer, William Franklyn after whom Inglewood's William Franklyn Park on the corner of Kelly and Towai Streets is named.

He was also the second Postmaster, the office being in his shop. After retirement William and his wife took a well-earned twelve months holiday in his home country. This was at the time of the Coronation of King George Fifth.

They were occupied by Grace, of the first family and James of the second family. William died on February 29, 1924 and is interred in the Inglewood Cemetery.

A memorial plaque is in St Andrew's Church and the William Franklyn Park on the corner of Kelly and Towai Streets is named in his honour.

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William Franklyn (Elsie Tilly Dobson's father) was one of Inglewood's first business men.

1876 New store built on Matai St. (for Budget, 22 Jan 1971)

1892 Shop area doubled in size (... 13 July 1972)

1889 Wm. Franklyn, Mayor & Board

1884 - 1890 Member of Town Board. 1891 Chairman

1889 Franklyn town area bought as a farm (Budget bounded by Mahoe St bounded by Rara St.) 30 Sept 1889.

1902 Ragwort first made its appearance on the New Dunston Rd (Rara St.) farm.

Water owners of store.

18 Mr Bunnington

17 Mr Roberts (Droper)

32 Jacobs O'Keefe (grocer)

M - Mrs Harriet Frankle (general store - cum - farmers dropery and children's clothing (Good Milk Bar)

Grade Art's Rough - Jim Hart.

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On Friday, 22nd January 1875, Provincial Council chairman Mr. Arthur Standish dashed a bottle of champagne against a tree trunk and officially named the tiny settlement around him as Inglewood. Three cheers were raised, and the Council members toasted the success of the district and predicted a prosperous, thriving future. Back then, the little town consisted of just a few huts in a bush clearing, but the councillors were correct in their vision, and from that time on Inglewood has prospered.

Before this, the first settlers had called it Moatown in reference to the Moa Block, an area of 32,830 acres of dense virgin forest that was surveyed in 1874. Trails used by Maori crossed the area, and there was a small pa and three bush clearings, but no permanent settlement. The land was bought from Maori for 5,650 pounds, with the intention of clearing the bush and creating dairy farms. It was part of government-assisted immigration into the Taranaki area, and European immigrants arrived from England (Kent, Lincolnshire, and Sussex) and Poland (some were German-speaking), Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy.

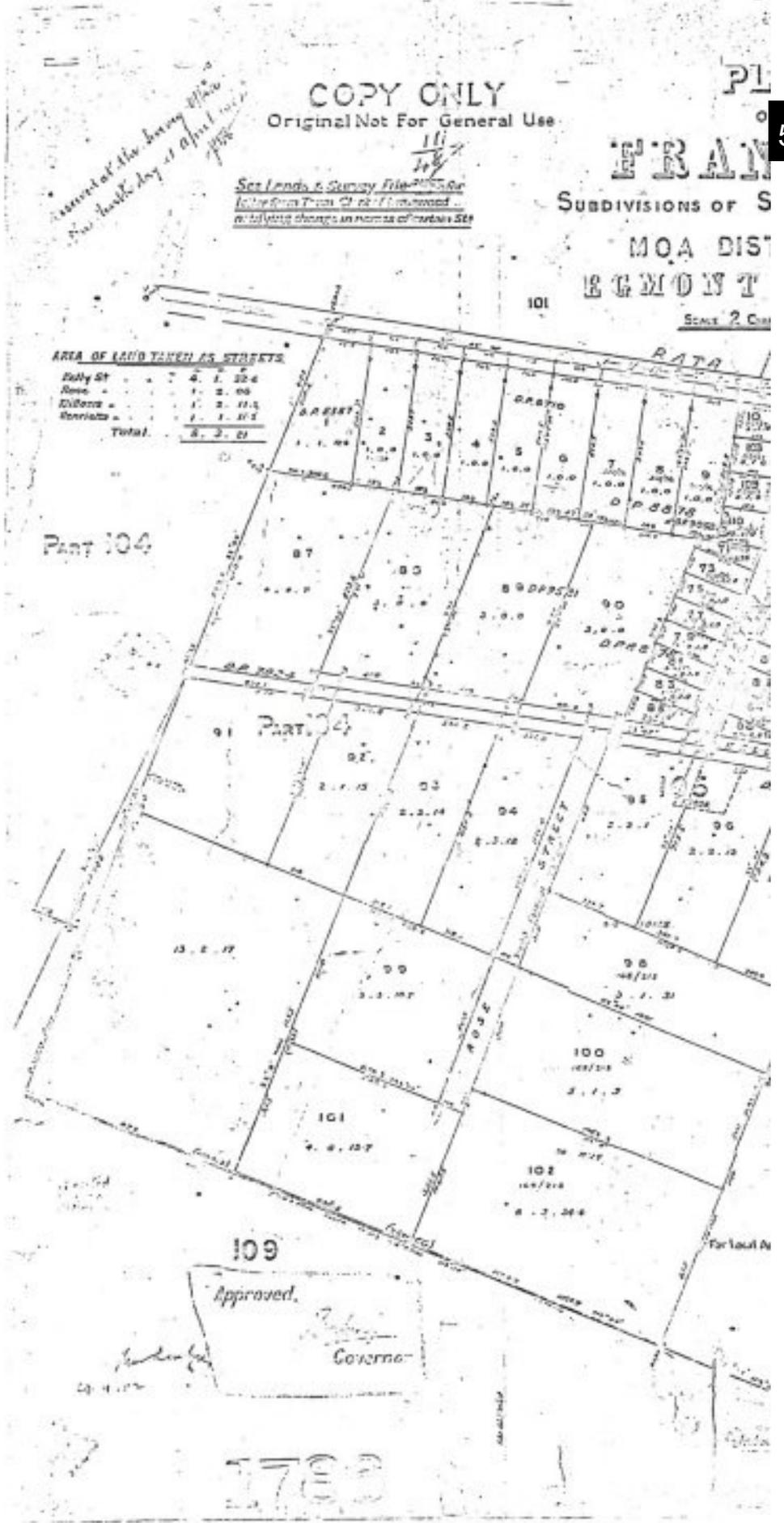
They toiled in the difficult conditions, cleared land for farms, cut lines for the road and railway, and bought sections with the money they earned. Buildings appeared along Moa Street (then the main street) and in 1878 the railway line was opened, and Henry Brown's sawmill began operation. The mill was to become one of New Zealand's largest. By 1889 the population was 500, and the farmland surrounded the settlement. The dairy industry grew and associated industries flourished - blacksmiths, boarding houses, general stores and others.

In 1894, a raging fire threatened to destroy most of the businesses on Matai Street, but quick thinking and organized action with buckets and blankets averted a complete tragedy. Like other towns, Inglewood suffered during the Depression and the two World Wars, but it continued to function as a servicing town to the rich dairying area, and the Moa-Nui Dairy Company eventually became the fourth largest in the country.

Unlike many other pioneer towns, Inglewood was a quiet town, and there was no need for a policeman and magistrate in the very early years. Today the town retains its quiet, unhurried ambience but it has not stood still. While many long established Taranaki businesses continue to thrive in Inglewood, the progressive nature of the community encourages growth. The TET stadium with its world-class, all-weather Mondo track; a new home for the strong local theatre group; a nationally-recognised collectors' museum; an award-winning cafe and a stylish street upgrade are but a few recent innovative developments.

When the early councillors drank their toast in the shadow of tall matai, rimu and rata trees, they envisaged a lush pastureland surrounding the town in every direction. If they could be here today, no doubt they would raise another toast to both the pioneers who successfully hewed farms from forest, and to today's community, which plans boldly for the future, yet still celebrates the district's rich heritage.

If you are seeking historical or genealogical information and need further assistance, please email info@inglewood.co.nz and we will endeavour to help you, as we have for many others, although we cannot promise miracles!



Obituary: William Henry Warren FRANKLYN

One of Inglewood's earliest pioneers, Mr William Henry Franklyn, died yesterday morning, in his 84th year.

The late Mr. Franklyn was born in London on July 17, 1840, and came to Australia when a lad. A year or two later, when the 'gold fever' was rampant Mr. Franklyn came to New Zealand and at once went to in the goldfields Otago where he laboured with variable success.

During the Maori war the deceased was employed on the canoe transport on the Wanganui river, being engaged in carrying supplies of provisions, ammunition, etc., for the soldiers.

At the termination of hostilities he came to Taranaki and assisted in the construction of the railway line from New Plymouth to Inglewood.

In the year 1875 Mr. Franklyn married Miss Rowe, of Bell Block, and in the same year entered into business in Inglewood, being one of the first, in which he remained until 1897.

By his first wife there was a family of seven, viz., William Henry (San Francisco), Frank Ernest (Wellington) Arthur N. (Inglewood), Treherne (Cambridge), Mrs. Edith Honore (Palmerston North), Miss Grace (Gisborne), and Mrs Rose Marshall (Te Awamutu). His first wife predeceased him 34 years ago.

In 1892 Mr. Franklyn married Miss Henrietta Tilley of Inglewood, by whom there was a family of six, -viz., Mrs. Violet Fraser (Huiroa), Mrs. Beatrice Arnold (Rangiwahia) Mrs. Ivy Watson (Whangarei), Miss Elsie (Inglewood), Henry (killed France) and James (Inglewood).

NOTE: Frank Ernest FRANKLYN is my Grandfather, Great Grandfather to Shaun McDOUGALL & 2 x Great Grandfather to Franklyn Bernard McDOUGALL

Source:
Taranaki Daily News
01 March 1924
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FUNERAL NOTICES
The Funeral of the late William Henry Franklyn will leave his late residence, Hinau Street, Inglewood, to-morrow (Sunday), March 2, at 9.30 a.m., arriving at the Inglewood Cemetery about 10.15 a.m.

Service in Anglican Church at 9.45 a.m.

SPURDLE BROS & ALLEN,
Funeral Furnishers.

The Funeral of the late George Gostick Simons will leave the Anglican Church, Inglewood, to-morrow (Sunday), March 2, at 2.20, arriving at the Inglewood Cemetery about 2.35.

Service in Anglican Church at 2 p.m.

SPURDLE BROS & ALLEN,
Funeral Furnishers.

(Situated on the corner of Kelly and Towai Street.)

In 1874 one of Inglewood's earliest pioneer Mr W. Franklyn settled in the town and commenced business in Matai Street as a general storekeeper.

He purchased a large piece of land (150 acres) from Waiongona river to Franklyn Street (now Mahoe Street) and bounded by Rata Street.

The area on old maps was known as Franklyn-town. He later built a second building on Matai Street and in 1894 this shop along with other buildings on Matai Street were burnt to the ground.

The very same year he rebuilt it. (It is now the site of Funk Fish)

This Park was named in his honour.

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January 11th

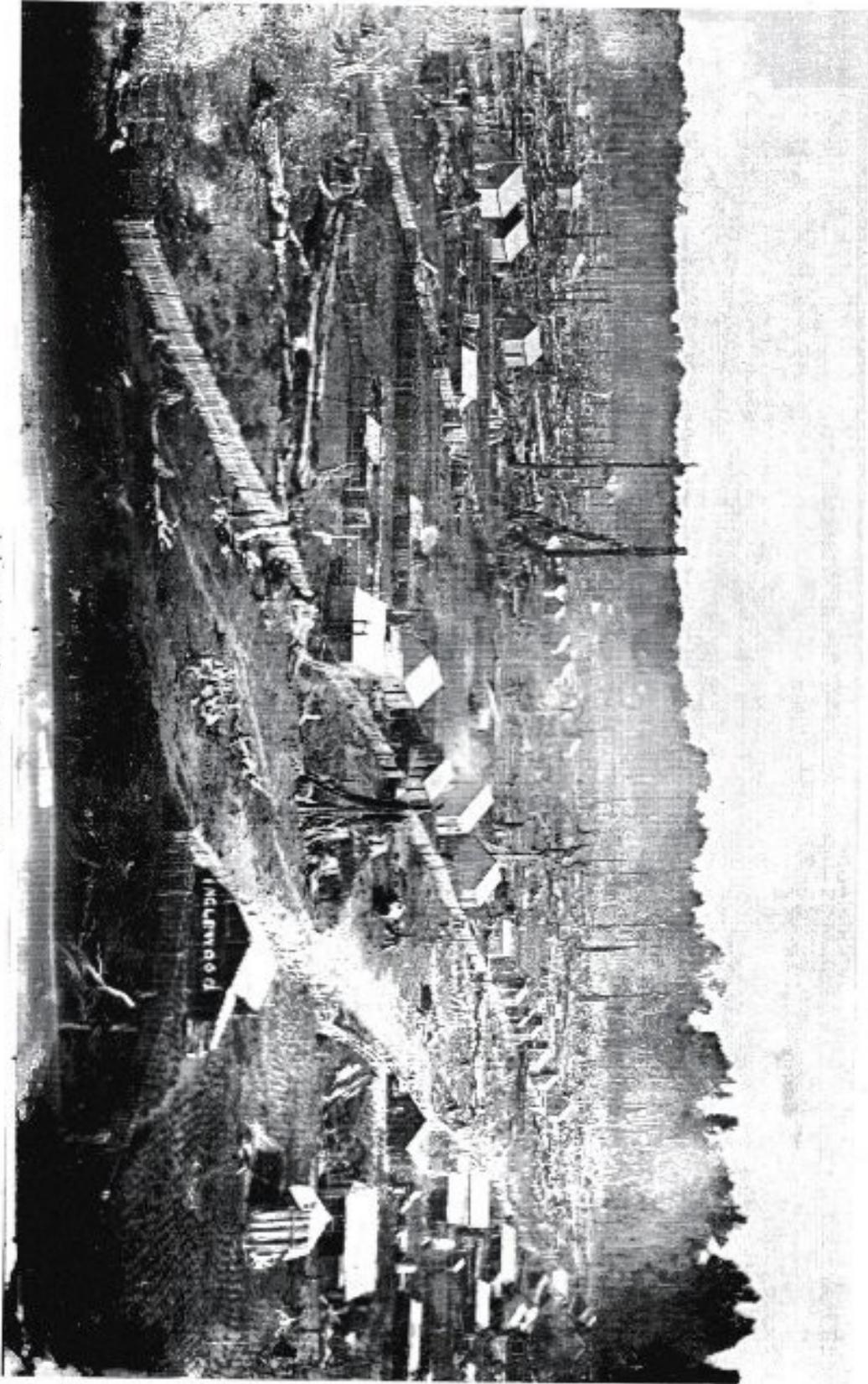
Last year 2011 the park was given a makeover.

In January 2012 it has new swings, a slide and other playground equipment.

The local children can once again enjoy good outdoor fun.

The park is a lasting memento to one of our foremost pioneers.

Inglewood soon after its founding in 1875



INGLEWOOD.

THE SITE OF THE PICTURESQUE BOROUGH OF INGLEWOOD was, in the year 1874, a dense mass of virgin bush. Most of the surrounding land was originally sold on deferred payment, in sections of from fifty to eighty acres. A strong batch of Lincolnshire settlers were among the first to arrive on the scene; among them such men as Messrs J. King, F. Clough, R. and W. Urry, T. Bishell, and W. H. Franklyn. The settlers were of a very suitable type, and first found employment in cutting the bush on the main roads, and preparing the township. They were accorded the right to the first selection of agricultural land. Soon afterwards there was a considerable influx of settlers from Europe, and these included natives of Poland, Russia, Germany, Denmark, and other countries. It is stated that it was no uncommon thing to hear seven or eight different languages spoken on the verandah of the first hotel, in the early days. The felling of the bush and the building of rough slab huts of two rooms each, for the accommodation of the immigrants, constituted the principal employment of the first settlers. In 1877, Inglewood consisted of two hotels and several stores; the site of the town had been surveyed, and roads had been laid out but not metalled. At that time there were 700 or 800 people in the locality, the greater number of whom were living in whares, and a large number could not get on to their land until clearings had been made in the bush. Two mills were then working in the neighbourhood; the railway had been opened from New Plymouth to Sentry Hill, and was extended about the end of 1877 to Inglewood.

Inglewood to-day is governed by a Borough Council, which was constituted on the 8th of April, 1903, prior to which the governing body, for some years, had been the Inglewood Town Board. There is a large co-operative dairy factory, the machinery of which is driven by an electric motor, supplied by the local Electric Light and Power Company. About a mile out of the township, towards Egmont Village, there is a large and successful bacon-curing factory. The Moa Farmers' Co-operative Company carries on a large store in the borough,

and besides this establishment, all branches of the retail trade are fully represented by well-equipped places of business. The Bank of New Zealand and Bank of New South Wales have local branches. Inglewood has its own railway station, a large modern brick Post and Telegraph Office and a police station. The professions are represented by a resident medical man and two solicitors. The railway line passes right through the centre of the borough. Saturday is the regular market day, when the town is made busy by the presence of country settlers. There are two sawmills at work. Accommodation for travellers is provided by two hotels, and an excellent coffee palace. There is a large public school in Inglewood, which is the headquarters of the Moa Road Board. The town also has a newspaper, the Inglewood Record, which is referred to in another article. There are Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Primitive Methodist churches in the town. The railway station stands at an altitude of 657 feet above sea level on the main trunk line, New Plymouth to Wellington, and is seventeen miles from the former, and 230 miles from the latter, via Manawatu. The town has about twenty-four acres of reserves, and the recreation grounds are planted with shrubs and shelter trees, and supplied with seats. Trimble Park, which is intersected by Rata Street, is utilised for the benefit of the residents. The borough is surrounded by the Moa riding of the county of Taranaki. Its population at the census of 1901 was 719, which had increased to 1152 at the census of 1906; a substantial increase. Inglewood, which is in the Egmont survey district of the Taranaki land district, is intersected at Mountain road by the Junction road, by which it is fourteen miles from New Plymouth, via Egmont Village. The borough lies to the south-east of the provincial capital, and to the north-east of Mount Egmont. The Waiongono stream runs to the north and west of Inglewood, and the Manganui river and its tributaries are to the south and east. Inglewood is the centre of a very large and prosperous dairy country, and factories and creameries are seen in all directions.

FRANKLYN'S STORE

OWNED BY WILLIAM HENRY FRANKLYN

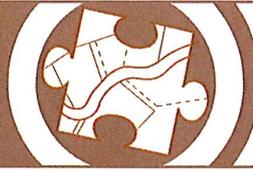


MY GRANDFATHER GREW UP ABOVE THE STORE WITH HIS PARENTS + 6 SIBLINGS
(FRANK ERNEST FRANKLYN)



Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

New Plymouth District Council



FORM

Request for naming / renaming of a road

Please email to: roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz.

Or post to: The Planning Lead, NPDC,
Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth 4340

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1. Request details

1a. This request is for:

- Naming of a road
- Renaming of a road
- Naming of a private road or way
- Renaming of a private road or way

1b. If part of a subdivision, please state the Resource Consent number:

2. Affected party details

2a. I am the:

- Developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
- Agent for the developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
- Property owner on the affected road.
- Owner of a private road or way.
- Occupier of a property on the affected road.
- Appropriate mandated iwi authority/hapū representative.

2b. Full name
First name(s) Surname

2c. Postal address (include postcode)

2d. Contact details
Mobile Work phone Home phone

2e. Email

3. Proposed name details

3a. Proposed road name

- A name 15 letters or less, excluding the road type designation is preferred.
- Up to four names may be proposed for each new road. NPDC will propose names where options are not provided.
- For each private road or way, two names may be proposed.

Location
Provide existing road name.
For new roads provide adjacent street names or name of development.

Proposed name
Use 15 letters or less, do not include numbers or symbols.

Descriptor
e.g. Road, Street, Crescent, etc.

	Location	Proposed name	Descriptor
1	Towai Street, Inglewood	W H Ā R A N G I	Place
2	Towai Street, Inglewood	P U K A P U K A	Lane
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4. Supporting information

4a. Please identify below the affected parties, and describe the extent to which they have had the opportunity to suggest a name and/or support the final list of proposed names.

The developer, All Good Properties through their Agent, Bland & Jackson has referred the road name, Franklyn Park Lane for the new road. Franklyn is reflective of William Franklyn also named at nearby William Franklyn Reserve.
 Pukerangiora hapū are mana whenua for Inglewood. Pukerangiora do not support the name Franklyn Park Lane.
 Pukerangiora has followed the theme of indigenous trees within the Inglewood area in recommending the new road and right of way names. This is consistent with other road naming recommendations. The preferred names are those set out in this form - Whārangi and Pukapuka

4b. To what extent does the proposed name(s) meet the Road Naming Criteria of NPDC's Road Naming and Numbering Policy?

The proposed names Whārangi and Pukapuka meet Criteria contained in Policy Appendix 1;
 1A Council Road Naming Criteria i c) An already established theme in a neighbourhood, or a proposed common locally relevant theme in a new subdivision with multiple new roads.

4c. Please list below any additional supporting information attached to this form, which may include:

- i. Written endorsement from a mandated tangata whenua entity or entities for a proposed Māori name.
- ii. For a new road, evidence demonstrating the extent to which road naming has, or is nearing completion, including:
 - A list of final proposed road names.
 - Details of consultation completed.
 - A list of new road names that have been approved.
 - Copy of proposed or approved subdivision plan.
- iii. Where required, evidence demonstrating that the name meets the District-specific provisions of the Road Naming Criteria, including meaning, history and/or translation.
- iv. Written consent from:
 - Property owners who access their property via the private road, or
 - Persons who own, or have a right of use over the private way.

Attached is the narrative from Pukerangiora hapū supportig the names - Whārangi and Pukapuka.

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Whārangī Place

On the opposite side of Towai Street where the new road is located is a street that holds the name Rangiora Place. Rangiora known as *Brachyglottis repanda* or Bushman’s friend is a significant plant to our hapū. The Pukerangiora hapū or subtribe takes its name from a hill or puke that was covered with *Brachyglottis repanda* or Rangiora. Our name confirms our connection to the land and district shared together with our Puketapu neighbours. The Pukerangiora hapū would like to submit “Whārangī Place” as a potential name for the new road. Whārangī is an alternate name for Rangiora. The Whārangī name however captures the Rangiora plant’s ability to grow and expand while keeping with tree names that Inglewood has adopted in naming streets.

An alternate meaning for Whārangī is the “Vast Heavens” which resonates well with our Te Ātiawa tribe that claim to originate from the clouds and heavens. Both Puketapu and Pukerangiora originate from the Te Ātiawa tribe.

Pukapuka Lane

I propose that we name the small road that extends from the proposed Whārangī Place, Pukapuka Lane. Pukapuka is another name for the Rangiora and Whārangī Tree. Ironically within a book (Pukapuka) are pages (Whārangī). So Pukapuka and Whārangī are related by both being alternate for Rangiora are book and page.



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 Stages 1 - 4

RT 576776

Location Towai Street, Inglewood

Rev	Amendment Description	Date	Dr.	Appr
03	Exemptions 1, J & K Amended	03.09.24	ta	vm
02	Stages 3 & 4 added	17.04.24	am	vm
01	Staged Boys Amended	12.04.24	am	vm
00	Issued	12.12.23	am	crj

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NAMING OF A NEW ROAD – NEW PLYMOUTH

MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new road created after a subdivision off Frankley Road in New Plymouth.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) **Approve the following name for the new road created by a subdivision off Frankley Road in New Plymouth:**
 - i) **Harmony Way**
 - OR**
 - ii) **Tranquillity Way**
 - OR**
 - iii) **Rongo Marie Place**
- b) **Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.**

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of some importance
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve either of the names Harmony, Tranquillity or Rongo Marie for the name of the road created by the subdivision development off Frankley Road in New Plymouth. 2. Decline the recommended names and recommend alternative names for the road and right of way.

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are identified in the Road Naming and Numbering Policy, including Ngati Te Whiti Hapū, Ngati Tairi Hapū, Puniho Pā, Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi, the New Plymouth community, residents of the subdivision, and the subdivision developer.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	No
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

2. Officers recommend Council approve either Harmony, Tranquillity or Rongo Marie for the new road created by the subdivision development off Frankley Road in New Plymouth.
3. This matter is considered urgent. The application to name this road was received 27th November 2024 by the applicant/developer Robert Mathers. The new lots created after subdivision have been deposited/titled and there are six dwellings completed or near completion on the sites. This road name needs to be assigned as soon as possible as the owners cannot get insurance, electricity etc nor have an address for emergency services.
4. In accordance with NPDC's road naming and number policy 9.1.k) As an affected party, tangata whenua must be consulted. Council has emailed and phoned affected Iwi/Hapū representatives. Iwi/Hapū representatives have not communicated their suggested names or provided their feedback on the applicants suggested names. This matter has been passed on to NPDC's Iwi Relationships Team to rectify. A timeline of Councils attempts to get Iwi/Hapū's consultation is in Appendix 2 of this report.
5. Without Iwi/Hapū consultation and given the urgency of this matter Officers recommend a choice of the applicant's Robert Mathers' name suggestions.
6. Council has delegated authority for the naming of roads and right of ways to Te Huinga Taumatua.
7. The proposed names are consistent with the approach for road naming as set out in New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC) Road Naming and Numbering Policy and is consistent with NZ Standard AS/NZS4819:2011.

8. Once approved, the Chief Executive will allocate street numbers to the properties fronting these streets.

ROAD NAME RECOMMENDATIONS

9. This 2 stage residential subdivision created 20 new lots off Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

Harmony, Tranquillity or Rongo Marie

Why the names Harmony, Tranquillity or Rongo Marie have been proposed:

10. These road names have been proposed by the applicant, Robert Mathers. Robert has indicated the location of the subdivision is especially tranquil and peaceful and the development concept was to build a village of energy efficient homes that integrate into the environment in a sustainable and harmonious way. The development is called Harmony. The applicants preferred name would be Harmony Way.
11. As Council have not had any suggested names from affected Iwi/Hapū, Council do not have any names to put forward on their behalf.
12. LINZ have confirmed appropriateness of using these names in this area.

PARTICIPATION BY MĀORI / TE URUNGA O NGĀI MĀORI

13. Consultation/feedback has been requested from the list of Iwi/Hapū representatives provided by New Plymouth District Councils Iwi Relationships Team; however, after 16 months no other names have been provided. The following outlines the most recent communication with each Iwi or Hapū group.
 - Puniho Pā – Email reply from representative was received on 22nd May 2025, suggesting they did not have any specific comments to make regarding the road names currently proposed.
 - Puniho Pā Trustees– Email received 22nd May 2025, no objections to the street name proposed.
 - Taranaki Iwi – No response from emails sent on 9th December 2024, 3rd and 27th February 2025 and 22nd May 2025.
 - Ngāti Tairi Hapū – received email response to Council’s initial consultation email on 19th July 2025. Followed up with phone call 3rd October 2025. They wanted to ensure Ngati Te Whiti Hapū were consulted in the matter first. Follow up voicemail left 27th November 2025. No further response.

- Ngati Te Whiti Hapū – Initial consultation emails sent 29th November 2024, 3rd February 2025, and 27th February 2025. 3rd October 2025 phone call with Ngati Te Whiti Hapū representative who asked for email documentation again. 27th November 2025, follow up phone call, representative suggested they would investigate the matter again. Email sent 11th December 2025 from Council representative again asking for an update. Reply received 20th January 2026 that Ngati Te Whiti Hapū were planning a site visit and would get back to Council as soon as possible. No further response.
14. If one of these names are not approved further engagement with tangata whenua would be recommended before a final decision on the right of way name is made. It is to be noted however that due to the urgency of these road naming applications as outlined in this report, should a decision not be reached, Council will need to consider appropriate next steps for operational purposes.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

Legislation

15. Council's general powers in relation to roads, including road naming, are set out in Section 319 of the Local Government Act 1974. Section 319(j) provides the power "to name and to alter the name of any road and to place on any building or erection on or abutting on any road a plate bearing the name of the road."
16. The Act does not specify any process which must be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
17. Section 319A provides that where the Council names a road for the first time, or alters the name of a road, the Council must, as soon as practicable, send a copy of the resolution to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).
18. Section 319B relates to the allocation of property numbers and provides that "for electoral, postal and other purposes" the Council may allocate street numbers and requires the Council to advise LINZ of the numbers it has allocated.
19. LINZ validates the road name and property numbers and updates the official national record. LINZ makes the official address information that it holds available in several forms.

Council Policy

20. Council adopted the Road Naming and Numbering Policy (reference P18-005) in October 2018. The Policy provides for the same provisions and processes for the naming of roads and private ways (rights-of-ways) with six or more primary address sites, or the potential to develop six or more address sites.¹
21. The Policy sets out processes to identify and inform affected and interested parties. Council Officers are responsible for the engagement between iwi/hapū, the developer and interested parties, reflecting LINZ requirements, and ensuring cultural appropriateness and identifying overseas military history and use of RSA poppy image.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

22. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance, as the area is of cultural and historical significance to both tangata whenua and the local community.
23. Road naming can contribute to a sense of connection, place and belonging and be a contributing factor to strengthening a sense of community between residents, tangata whenua and local communities across the New Plymouth District.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

24. There are no climate change impacts associated with the naming of roads. The names do however associate with the natural and culturally significant environment.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

25. The process that will follow is set out in Sections 319A and 319B of the Local Government Act 1974 (outlined above). The developer will be responsible for installing the road signposts.
26. LINZ will validate the road names and property numbers and update the official national record.
27. LINZ will make the official address information that it holds available in several forms. Data resellers take this data and tailor it for end-users such as the emergency services, businesses, and local government and central government agencies.

¹ Clause 9 Policy P18-005

OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA

28. There are two practical options for consideration.

Option 1 Approve either the name Harmony, Tranquillity, or Rongo Marie for the right of way created by the subdivision development in New Plymouth.

Option 2 Decline the recommended names and recommend alternative names for the road/right of way.

These options have been assessed together below.

Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi

29. There are no operational and capital expenditure requirements or other budget or cost implications resulting from this decision. Installation of new signs for roads/rights of way is a financial undertaking by the developer.

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

30. Any risks associated that arise with either of these options will be appropriately mitigated by Council. It is to be noted however that due to the urgency of these road naming applications, should a decision not be reached, Council will need to consider appropriate next steps for operational purposes. There may also be reputational risk to the Council should a decision not be made.

Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori

31. The naming of roads supports Thriving Communities and Culture as they provide the community with a sense of identity, cultural integrity and belonging.

Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture

32. Council Officers will ensure compliance with its statutory obligations as set out in the Local Government Act 1974.

Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere

33. Although neither of the names Harmony, Tranquillity or Rongo Marie meet the criteria set out in Appendix 1A i. of the Road Naming Policy, the area has been known as Harmony with residence around the area since subdivision.

Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori

34. The Local Government Act 1974 does not specify any process to be followed in identifying and allocating road names and no consultation with, or input from, any party is required.
35. Council Officers have not consulted directly with the community on this matter.

Recommended Option

This report recommends Option 1, Approve either the name Harmony, Tranquillity, or Rongo Marie for the right of way created by the subdivision development in New Plymouth for addressing the matter.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

- Appendix 1 Road Naming Application – SUB21/47810 – Robert Mathers – Frankley Road (ECM 9718188)
- Appendix 2 Timeline for Frankley Road new name correspondence – SUB21/47810 (ECM 9717148)
- Appendix 3 Scheme Plan for subdivision (ECM 9432632)

Report Details

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Team: Regulatory and Consents
Reviewed By: Kimberley Laurence (Community Health and Animal Services Lead)
Approved By: Damien Morresey (Manager Consents & Regulatory)
Ward/Community: New Plymouth District
Date: 17 February 2026
File Reference: ECM 9718124

-----*End of Report*-----

From: "Rob Mathers" <robmathers@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wed, 27 Nov 2024 09:03:06 +1300
To: "Road Naming" <roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Submission for new road name in New Plymouth
Attachments: Road Name Request submission w res con no.pdf
Categories: Road Naming

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Please note I missed the resource consent no on the submission for a new road name sent yesterday. I have updated the submission as attached.

Thanks & regards

Rob Mathers
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From: Rob Mathers <robmathers@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 November 2024 2:19 pm
To: roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz <roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission for new road name in New Plymouth

Please find attached the road name request for a subdivision (Harmony Place) on Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

The website for this development can be found at the following link:

[Harmony Place | New Plymouth | Sections for sale](#)

Regards

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Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu
New Plymouth District Council



FORM

Request for naming / renaming of a road

Please email to: roadnaming@npdc.govt.nz.

Or post to: The Planning Lead, NPDC,
Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth 4340

1. Request details

1a. This request is for:

Naming of a road
 Naming of a private road or way

Renaming of a road
 Renaming of a private road or way

1b. If part of a subdivision, please state the Resource Consent number:

2. Affected party details

2a. I am the:

Developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
 Agent for the developer of the subdivision that will result in a new road.
 Property owner on the affected road.
 Owner of a private road or way.
 Occupier of a property on the affected road.
 Appropriate mandated iwi authority/hapū representative.

2b. Full name

Robert Martin	Mathers
First name(s)	Surname

2c. Postal address (include postcode)

2d. Contact details

021 0173 3872		
Mobile	Work phone	Home phone

2e. Email

3. Proposed name details

3a. Proposed road name

- A name 15 letters or less, excluding the road type designation is preferred.
- Up to four names may be proposed for each new road. NPDC will propose names where options are not provided.
- For each private road or way, two names may be proposed.

	Location Provide existing road name. For new roads provide adjacent street names or name of development.	Proposed name Use 15 letters or less, do not include numbers or symbols.		Descriptor e.g. Road, Street, Crescent, etc.
1	HARMONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT	H A R M O N Y		No Exit Road
2	HARMONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT	T R A N Q U I L I T Y		No Exit Road
3	HARMONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT	R O N G O		No Exit Road
4	HARMONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT	M A R I E P L A C E		No Exit Road
5	HARMONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT			No Exit Road
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4. Supporting information

4a. Please identify below the affected parties, and describe the extent to which they have had the opportunity to suggest a name and/or support the final list of proposed names.

The affected parties are predominantly the home owners who will live on the new subdivision development. These future residents are participating in a development of energy efficient high performance homes with a favorable impact on the environment and in line with the image of a clean green New Zealand. These access road names are a reflection of this environmentally sustainable development so will have the support of future residents. The location is peaceful and the development is in Harmony with nature.

4b. To what extent does the proposed name(s) meet the Road Naming Criteria of NPDC's Road Naming and Numbering Policy?

The proposed road name reflects Harmony and is in either English or Maori. The Road is a cul-de-sac with no exit road so the designation of Way or Place may be appropriate

- 4c. Please list below any additional supporting information attached to this form, which may include:
- i. Written endorsement from a mandated tangata whenua entity or entities for a proposed Māori name.
 - ii. For a new road, evidence demonstrating the extent to which road naming has, or is nearing completion, including:
 - A list of final proposed road names.
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 - iii. Where required, evidence demonstrating that the name meets the District-specific provisions of the Road Naming Criteria, including meaning, history and/or translation.
 - iv. Written consent from:
 - Property owners who access their property via the private road, or
 - Persons who own, or have a right of use over the private way.

I have discussed the naming of the road with people that have bought into the development and with selected neighbors. All agree that the location of the subdivision is especially tranquil and peaceful and the development concept is to build a village of energy efficient homes that integrate into the environment in a sustainable and harmonious way. The development is called Harmony, an appropriate name for the access road would be Harmony Way.

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Timeline for Frankley Road New Road name correspondence:

Frankley Road – Harmony Subdivision

November 2024

- 27/11/2024 - Application received on 27/11/2024
- 29/11/2024 – Connie Edie (Data Officer) replied to applicant as it didn't look as if applicant had contacted Iwi/ Hapū.
- 29/11/2024 – Applicant replied and said forward on to Hapū on their behalf.
- 29/11/2024 – Connie sent through application to office@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz asking for their feedback/suggestions

December 2024

- 09/12/2024 - After Te Huinga Taumatua it was discovered council had missed some Hapū. Connie forwarded the application to oakurapa.trustees@gmail.com; tanemanu77@gmail.com; secretary@puniho.co.nz; ngawai@taranaki.iwi.nz on the advice of Iwi Relationships Team.

January 2025

- 21/01/2025 – Connie received an email from Geoff Bland (BJSI surveyors) on behalf of the applicant seeing if we had had any reply from Hapū (Connie was on leave, so didn't get a chance to reply to this email).
- 30/01/2025 – Geoff emailed again.
- 30/01/2025 – Connie replied to Geoff saying no response from Iwi/ Hapū yet and would go back to them.

February 2025

- 03/02/2025 – Connie resent application asking for all Iwi/ Hapū feedback/suggestions.
- 03/02/2025 – Connie received reply from Julie Healey from Ngati Te Whiti asking for a copy of subdivision documents.
- 04/02/2025 – Connie sent the subdivision documents to Julie Healey.
- 25/02/2025 – Connie received another email from Geoff asking what was going on.
- 25/02/2025 – Connie replied with another no response from Iwi/ Hapū and I would go back to them again.
- 27/02/2025 – Connie sent another email to all parties asking again for feedback/response.

May 2025

- 08/05/2025 – Kimberley Laurence (Community Health & Animal services lead) sent

through a Portal request to IWI Relationships Team to see what to do next.

- 14/05/2025 – Kimberley forwarded Connie through email from Rachel King (Iwi Relationships) with more people to email.
- 22/05/2025 – Connie emailed all parties again asking for their feedback
- 22/05/2025 – Connie received an email back from Tane Manu, with no specific comments, however this email was subjected with Tukapa Street however email text mentioned Frankley Road
- 23/05/2025 – Connie received reply from Richard Buttimore saying they needed to have input in this application.

June 2025

- 4/06/2025 – Geoff emailed again.
- 6/06/2025 – Connie advised Geoff she was still waiting and unfortunately Kimberley was on leave until July
- 09/06/2025 – Connie Replied to Richard Buttimore asking if there was anything she could help with to move the matter on.

July 2025

- 19/07/2025 – Connie received email from Richard Buttimore saying that the Ngāti Tāiri Consents rohu meet and wish to understand the appetite of the applicant to engage with hapū on this kaupapa and look into names that are associated with the whenua.

September 2025

- 04/09/2025 – Connie replied back to Richard Buttimore, as had not heard from him, asking whether he had been in contact with applicants or not and stressing the need to get this matter sorted and the road named.
- 11/09/2025 – Connie received another email from Geoff Bland asking if there had been any progress.
- 15/09/2025 – Replied back to Geoff with no further progress.

October 2025

- 03/10/2025 – Kimberley rung and spoke with Richard Buttimore who said he wanted to ensure Ngati Te Whiti were included first.
- 03/10/2025 - Kimberley Rung Julie Healey from Ngati Te Whiti who asked for the email documentation again, which Connie then sent through.

November 2025

- 27/11/2025 – Kimberley called and left a message for Richard Buttimore
- Kimberley Rung Julie again, who if I remember right didn't have an answer and would look into it.

- 11/12/2025 - The matter was then referred to Zane Wood (Planning & Development Lead) to see if he could help.

December 2025

- 12/12/2025 – Zane sent an email to Julie Healey asking to have a chat about the situation and see what was happening from the perspective of Hapū.

January 2026

- 20/01/2026 – Julie replied to Zane saying they were planning a site visit and will get asap.
- 27/01/2026 – Geoff emailed again. He copied in email correspondence he had had with Julie Healey as well. There was an email from Geoff to Julie in October 2025 asking for help. Julie replied to say she was going to put through her board meeting. In November Geoff sent Julie another email, to which he got a reply from Julie saying Naming not done, Te Huinga can give guidance.
- 27/01/2026 - Connie responded to Geoff with every attempt Council had made since October 2025 to get this matter progressed and that the matter had been forwarded to Damien Morresey (Manager Consents and Regulatory).
- 28/01/2026 – Connie received reply back from Geoff thankful for the feedback and efforts made.

February 2026

- 09/02/2026 – Whilst in a meeting with Aroha Chamberlain (Manager Iwi Relations) regarding the road naming policy, Aroha suggested to Kimberley that all the Road Naming applications that we are either not getting a response from Iwi/ Hapū or need to come to some sort of agreement be forwarded through to her team to try move forward.
- 13/02/2026 – Kimberley and Connie had a meeting with Rachael King (Iwi Relationships) explaining all issues including this Frankley Road application. Racheal said she would try and get a hold of Ngati Te Whiti Hapū asap.
- 23/02/2026 – Kimberley had a meeting with Julie Straka (Manager Cultural Experiences) who suggested that even though we do not have consultation/feedback from Iwi/ Hapū to take to Te Huinga Taumatua.



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Location 338 Frankley Road

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06	scheme staged	06.08.24	am	gb
05	Road Bdy Amended	17.06.24	gb	gb
04	Road Bdy Amended	30.11.23	JAK	GB
03	Site Bdy's amended	12.11.21	gb	gb
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NEW PLYMOUTH WATER SERVICES COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATION – STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS FOR WATERCO1

MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration is whether Council should adopt the Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the New Plymouth Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO), currently referred to as WaterCo1.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Notes that the WaterCo1 Statement of Expectations (SOE) is a key governance instrument through which New Plymouth District Council, as shareholder, articulates expectations regarding the strategic direction, performance, and accountability of the Council Controlled Organisation.**
- b) Notes that the SOE provides direction for ongoing engagement with iwi and hapū.**
- c) Notes that in addition to the SOE, the intention of WaterCo1 is to develop further documents to inform an active strategy of engagement with iwi and hapū.**
- d) Instructs the Chief Executive to provide the following feedback on the draft SOE, to be considered in the development of a final SOE:**
 - i) XXXX**
 - ii) XXXX**
 - iii) XXXX**

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA

2. Under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this decision is identified as moderate importance.
3. The SOE is a foundational governance document for the WSCCO. It sets out the Council's expectations for performance, outcomes, and accountability, and is issued in accordance with legislative requirements. Once adopted, WaterCo1 is required by law to give effect to the SOE in the exercise of its functions, decision-making, and strategic planning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

4. This report seeks a recommendation from Te Huinga Taumatua to Council on whether to adopt the Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the New Plymouth Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WSCCO), temporarily referred to as WaterCo1. Noting final decision-making authority rests with Council.
5. The SOE is a core shareholder governance instrument through which Council, as shareholder, sets out its expectations for WaterCo1's performance, outcomes, and accountability. Once adopted by Council, the SOE is required by legislation to be given effect to by the company. The SOE is particularly significant at this stage of establishment, as it will guide the development of WaterCo1's inaugural Water Services Strategy (WSS), which will set out the organisation's long-term approach to water service delivery, investment, and performance in alignment with legislative requirements and Council's strategic direction.
6. The WSCCO is being established with an ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership. While the SOE is a formal governance instrument that clearly articulates Council's expectations from the outset, it is not intended to limit or replace ongoing, meaningful dialogue with Te Tiriti partners. Rather, the SOE provides transparency and certainty at the point of establishment, while recognising that partnership, participation, and shared stewardship will continue to be developed through enduring relationships, engagement, and future governance and operational arrangements as the organisation matures.
7. Feedback on the draft SOE is being sought concurrently from Te Huinga Taumatua and the WSCCO Board of Directors. Input from both governance bodies will be considered by the WSCCO Oversight Group prior to submission of a final draft SOE to Council for adoption. This approach supports robust governance, ensures multiple perspectives are considered during establishment, and reinforces the distinction between advisory, shareholder, and decision-making roles.
8. The SOE has been developed in accordance with the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, including the requirement to provide the WSCCO Board with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the draft Statement. The draft SOE has also undergone an independent legal review to confirm consistency with legislative and constitutional requirements. Adoption of the SOE will enable WaterCo1 to progress its establishment roadmap, support compliance with the Water Services Delivery Plan, and provide confidence to Council, regulators, and stakeholders as the organisation moves into its next phase of development.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

9. At its meeting on 18 December 2025, Council adopted the Constitution for WaterCo1, formally establishing the governance parameters for the New Plymouth Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO). The Constitution is a foundational document that sets out the roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the Shareholder and the Board, and provides the framework within which the organisation is required to operate. Adoption of the Constitution marked a key milestone in the establishment of the WSCCO and enabled the transition from legal incorporation to strategic and operational planning.
10. The Statement of Expectations (SOE) is a key shareholder governance instrument through which Council, as Shareholder, sets its performance expectations for the Water Organisation. Statements of Expectations are issued by Shareholders on a three-yearly cycle and are intended to inform and guide the decisions of the Board, while preserving the Board's statutory responsibility for the governance and management of the organisation. The SOE provides clarity on Council's priorities, desired outcomes, and expectations regarding performance, reporting, and the relationship between the Shareholder and the WSCCO.
11. This SOE is particularly significant as it will guide the development of WaterCo1's inaugural Water Services Strategy (WSS). The Strategy will be a critical document for the WSCCO, setting out its long-term approach to service delivery, investment, and performance in alignment with legislative requirements and Council's strategic direction. The SOE therefore plays an important role in shaping the early strategic focus of the organisation and ensuring alignment between Council's objectives and the WSCCO's planning and decision-making.
12. The accountability framework for Water Organisations as sourced from the Department of Affairs (DIA) is below and highlights the SOE as a key accountability mechanism within the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) Framework.

Figure 1. Accountability Framework for Water Organisations



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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERCO1 STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

13. The SOE is one of the key planning mechanisms that the shareholding council will have to influence WaterCo1’s priorities and strategic direction. This is because WaterCo1 is required by legislation to give effect to the SOE.
14. The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 sets out a range of mandatory matters that a SOE must address, including outcomes that the shareholders expect the company to achieve through its delivery of water services. The SOE can also address other matters, such as a requirement to undertake community or customer engagement, and the contents of that engagement. The proposed SOE is appended to this report.
15. The SOE has been prepared by Council officers in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, which provides that shareholders must give the water organisation a reasonable opportunity to review the draft Statement and provide comments. Consistent with this requirement, the draft SOE was provided to the WSCCO Board of Directors for review, and their feedback was invited and considered as part of the development process.

16. In addition, the draft SOE has been considered through Council's established governance arrangements, including review by the WSCCO Oversight Group¹, comprising Councillors Chard, Bublitz, Woodward, and Moeahu. In finalising the SOE, Council has a statutory requirement to consider any comments provided by the water organisation before issuing the Statement.
17. To provide further assurance, the draft SOE has also undergone independent legal review by Simpson Grierson. This review was undertaken to confirm consistency with relevant legislation and to ensure alignment with the WaterCo1 Constitution and applicable statutory requirements.

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI AND ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

18. WaterCo1 is being established with an ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership. While the SOE is a formal shareholder governance instrument that sets out Council's expectations for performance, outcomes, and accountability, it is not intended to limit or replace ongoing, meaningful engagement with Te Tiriti partners. Rather, the SOE provides clarity of expectations at the point of establishment, while recognising that partnership, participation, and shared stewardship will continue to evolve through dialogue, relationship building, and future governance and operational arrangements.
19. Setting clear expectations through the SOE at this early stage supports transparency and accountability, while preserving the ability for Council and the WSCCO to engage constructively with Māori partners as the organisation matures and its operating context develops.

Feedback Received to Date

20. The section of the draft SOE related to Relationship with Iwi, Hapū, and other Māori Organisations was presented to and discussed with the Ngā Kaitiaki forum on 25 February 2026.
21. Feedback has been received from two representatives on Ngā Kaitiaki. This feedback is summarised below:

a) Direct feedback on the Statement of Expectations

- i) The SOE should clearly position mana whenua iwi and hapū as the primary relationship holders at a strategic level, rather than placing iwi, hapū, and other Māori organisations or entities on an equal footing.

¹ The WSCCO Oversight Group is an established Council governance forum that supports Council in its role as shareholder of the Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation. The Oversight Group provides a mechanism for elected members to consider and test key shareholder documents, governance settings, and establishment milestones prior to formal decision-making by Council.

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- ii) References to “Māori organisations”, “Māori entities”, and similar collective terms should be removed or limited, as only mana whenua iwi and hapū hold whakapapa-based authority, rights, responsibilities, and obligations relevant at this level.
 - iii) Terminology throughout the SOE should be consistent and precise, particularly in references to iwi, hapū, mana whenua, Māori interests, Māori communities, and stakeholders, to accurately reflect mana whenua status.
 - iv) Wording in key clauses should be strengthened to use clear, definitive purpose statements, rather than interpretive or aspirational phrasing (for example, replacing “with a view to” with language that clearly states intent and outcomes).
 - v) The SOE should include an introductory provision recognising the mauri of wai as a taonga and affirming WaterCo1’s commitment to restoring, protecting, and enhancing the health, quality, and integrity of catchments for present and future generations.
 - vi) Expectations around maintaining “effective relationships” with iwi and hapū should be clearly defined, including what this means in practice across planning, design, delivery, operation, and decommissioning of water assets.
 - vii) Clauses relating to engagement should explicitly recognise and respect tikanga, mana, rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, mana motuhake, mana whakahaere, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles, rather than relying on high-level references alone.
 - viii) Engagement expectations should reflect co-design and shared influence, and where appropriate, shared decision-making, particularly in matters relating to te taiao, wai, and mana whenua responsibilities as kaitiaki.
 - ix) The SOE should require annual reporting by WaterCo1 on engagement with iwi and hapū, including how mana whenua perspectives have influenced decisions, with consideration given to mechanisms that enable iwi and hapū to provide feedback on engagement effectiveness.

b) Expectations regarding ongoing engagement with iwi and hapū

- i) Council’s expectations for WaterCo1 should emphasise that relationships with iwi and hapū are enduring and strategic, not transactional or project-specific.
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- ii) Engagement should occur early and consistently, including during strategic planning and programme development, rather than being limited to consultation once decisions are largely formed.
- iii) Mana whenua must be adequately resourced to participate meaningfully in engagement processes, recognising capacity constraints and the cumulative impact of engagement demands.
- iv) Engagement practices should ensure timely, transparent, and culturally appropriate communication, consistent with tikanga Māori and with clear expectations around timeframes and information sharing.
- v) Mana whenua input should meaningfully inform strategic initiatives, projects, and operational decisions, particularly where these impact the mauri of wai, te taiao, or mana whenua roles as kaitiaki.
- vi) Co-design approaches should give equal recognition to mātauranga Māori and western science, with environmental outcomes reflecting tikanga and traditional concepts where appropriate.
- vii) Opportunities to support uri capability building through projects and ongoing engagement should be actively considered, contributing to the long-term resilience and capacity of mana whenua.
- viii) Accountability mechanisms should enable ongoing assessment of engagement quality, including opportunities for iwi and hapū to comment on WaterCo1's engagement performance, drawing on existing models such as iwi engagement reporting under the Crown Minerals Act.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

22. The Sustainability and Climate Change section of the SOE provides clear direction that climate change mitigation and adaptation must be embedded into WaterCo1's planning, operations, and decision-making. It requires the organisation to consider environmental outcomes alongside service delivery, with an explicit focus on protecting the health and wellbeing of water bodies, and to align its approach with relevant Council and national strategies.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

23. Following consideration from Te Huinga Taumatua, the key next steps are to:
 - a) Provide feedback and/or proposed amendments to the WSCCO Oversight Group for consideration, along with input from the WaterCo1 Board of Directors.
 - b) Submit a final draft SOE to Council for adoption at the 30 April 2026 Council meeting.
24. If adopted, provide the final SOE to WaterCo1 to inform the preparation of its WSS, including the development of its strategic priorities.
25. Publish the final SOE on the NPDC website, along with information outlining the process followed by Council as shareholder in developing the SOE.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS / NGĀ HĪRAUNGA Ā-PŪTEA, Ā-RAUEMI

26. There is no budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this paper.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT / HĪRANGA AROMATAWAI

27. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
 - Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
 - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
 - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
 - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
 - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
 - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1: WaterCo1 Statement of Expectations (ECM 9721376)

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{DATE}

STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDER EXPECTATIONS FOR {WATERCO1 LIMITED} 2026/27

7.1

1. New Plymouth District Council (Council), as the shareholder of {WaterCo1}, is required by section 224 of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 to prepare and adopt a Statement of Expectations (SOE).
2. This SOE has been developed with input from {WaterCo1} and sets out Council's expectations of {WaterCo1}. Its purpose is to inform and guide the company's strategic direction and set out expectations of {WaterCo1} over the period between 2026 to 2036, including {WaterCo1's} preparation of its Water Services Strategy (WSS).
3. The Company must not take any action inconsistent with this SOE without prior written shareholder approval.
4. This SOE was approved by Council on {date} 2026

Purpose

5. This SOE provides guidance and sets out expectations as to how Council and {WaterCo1} will work together to achieve strategic alignment, including through regular communication, reporting, and engagement. In addition, it provides guidance as to how {WaterCo1} should engage with key stakeholders and the community.
6. {WaterCo1} is a publicly owned utility with a primary purpose of long-term infrastructure stewardship, protection of public health, and intergenerational equity. The Company is charged with delivering drinking water and wastewater services within the New Plymouth District in alignment with the objectives set out in section 17(1) of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, and in compliance with all other applicable regulatory requirements

Outcomes to be achieved

7. The Company exists to deliver safe, reliable, and resilient drinking water and wastewater services in the long-term interests of the New Plymouth District community.
8. {WaterCo1's} financial management must align with the guiding principles within Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP)¹, ensuring services are delivered in a financially sustainable manner, maintaining value for money while ensuring long-term resilience. The Company must

¹ [long-term-plan-2024_2034.pdf](#), pg. 30

prioritise resilience, renewals, and regulatory compliance over short-term financial optimisation.

9. {WaterCo1's} must aim to recover the costs of growth-related infrastructure through appropriate development contributions. {WaterCo1} is expected to adopt Council's Development Contributions Policy under section 120 of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025. Any proposal to depart from that policy, including the development of a separate Development Contributions Policy or the adoption of an alternative cost recovery mechanism, must be formally agreed with Council by resolution before progressing.
10. {WaterCo1} is expected to demonstrate value for money for households through efficient service delivery, innovation, and continuous improvement.
11. {WaterCo1} is to place focus on delivering its services in a manner that minimises adverse environmental effects as far as is reasonably practicable.
12. Proactive planning for climate events, infrastructure risks, and emergency response must be embedded in operational practices and strategic planning, so that operational resilience is provided to consumers.
13. While its initial focus is on achieving a successful establishment, {WaterCo1} is to explore future opportunities to achieve greater efficiency and scale, including through the potential investigation of opportunities to share services or partner with other water service providers to provide more cost-effective services to the people of New Plymouth district.

Alignment with Council Resource Management and Land Use Planning

14. {WaterCo1} must align its planning, investment, and service delivery, as far as practicable, with Council's existing resource management and land use planning. This is to be achieved by:
 - a. Considering and engaging with Council's Long-Term Plan, Infrastructure Strategy, and strategic growth-related strategies, and working collaboratively to input into the Council's strategic planning work.
 - b. Directing growth-related capital investment toward areas identified for development in Council's Future Development Strategy 2024-2054 and district plan, in alignment with Council's strategic growth framework.
 - c. Maintaining regular communication with Council in relation to the alignment of its delivery of new infrastructure with Council's delivery of stormwater services and new infrastructure.

- d. Supporting Council's policy and planning documents by providing completed, accurate and timely technical and strategic advice to assist in council decision making.
- e. Working in alignment with Council when making submissions on any future, relevant Government reform, rather than advocating independently.
- f. Supporting and measuring against Council's climate change initiatives and targets, where possible.

Information required in half-yearly report

15. {WaterCo1's} half-yearly report is to include the following:

- a. Progress against the establishment plan and any challenges or difficulties that need to be escalated to Council, through to 30 June 2027.
- b. A performance dashboard outlining {WaterCo1's} activities and performance against the performance measures in the Water Services Strategy.
- c. {WaterCo1's} capital programme, including reporting on delivery of capital projects and, in the event of any delay or disruption, explanation for such delay or disruption.
- d. Compliance, regulatory adherence, and/or any consenting issues.
- e. Forecast expenditure, lending and any associated implications for water service delivery charges.
- f. {WaterCo1's} activities and progress against environmental priorities as outlined in Council's Environmental Sustainability Policy and reporting on its progress with reducing operational emissions (including scope 1, 2 and 3 emission sources).
- g. Health safety, wellbeing and risk reporting.

General Expectations

16. Governance and Accountability

- a. {WaterCo1} must manage its operations in accordance with {WaterCo1's} Constitution, and relevant legislation. In the event of any inconsistency between this SOE and the Constitution of the Company, the Company must give effect to this SOE to the fullest extent legally permissible
- b. {WaterCo1} will work closely with Council when developing its significance and engagement policy to ensure that: it draws on Council's experience with community engagement in the New Plymouth District, and it is workable for the District's communities.

- c. {WaterCo1} is expected to prepare a Water Services Strategy that reflects the priorities outlined in this SOE and include performance measures and financial forecasts that are to be agreed with Council.

17. Sustainability and Climate Change

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- a. {WaterCo1} must incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation into its planning and operations, guided by relevant Council and national strategies.
- b. {WaterCo1} must consider environmental outcomes in all of its decision-making, ensuring the health and wellbeing of water bodies is prioritised.
- c. The Council has opted into the climate-related disclosures regime to enhance transparency regarding climate change risks and opportunities. {WaterCo1} is requested to investigate what would be required to undertake similar disclosures by 2027/28. These disclosures should be aligned to the New Zealand Climate Standard, but strict adherence to that Standard is not required and {WaterCo1} is asked to focus on fit-for-purpose reporting instead.
- d. Council has a strategic goal “Environmental Excellence Te Kounga ā-Taiao”. Council’s Environmental Sustainability Policy outlines Council’s main environmental priorities. All CCOs must be aware of these and assist in the achievement of them where and when appropriate. This should be reported on in the half-yearly reports.
- e. Council is in the process of joining the Local Government Funding Agency’s Climate Action Loans to provide an interest rate discount for Council debt. This requires all CCOs to be included within Council’s emissions boundary. Therefore, Council requires {WaterCo1} to monitor, report on, and reduce operational emissions (including scope 1, 2 and 3 emission sources) in a cost-effective and practical manner, prioritising emission reductions through existing projects and new initiatives that result in other operational benefits or operational cost savings.

18. Relationships and Engagement

- a. Relationship with Council:
 - i. To ensure strong communications and alignment, the Council expects that a designated Council observer will be invited to attend all Board meetings of {WaterCo1}. The observer will not have voting rights and will not participate in decision-making but may contribute to discussions where appropriate.
 - ii. The Board Chair, or in their absence a Board member, must attend Council meetings to present quarterly updates. The Chief Executive and/or management should attend to answer questions for clarification.

- iii. {WaterCo1} is expected to maintain a “no surprises” policy and inform Council officers within five (5) working days of any material or significant events that create a material public health risk or are likely to affect service continuity and/or public confidence, transactions, or other issues that would be considered contentious or attract wide public interest such as material consent or drinking water compliance breaches.

- b. Relationship with New Plymouth District Community:
 - i. The Council expects {WaterCo1} to operate in a manner that is socially responsible, by having regard to the interests of the community and endeavoring to accommodate those interests when it is able to.
 - ii. As far as possible, {WaterCo1} is expected to undertake its operations, and make decisions, with the best interests of the district’s current and future communities in mind.

- c. Relationship with Iwi, Hapū, and other Māori Organisations:
 - i. The Council expects {WaterCo1} to maintain effective relationships with iwi and hapū, including through regular engagement with a view to supporting the effective design, delivery and operation of water networks and systems.
 - ii. {WaterCo1} is to engage with local iwi and hapū in a manner that is respectful, inclusive, and consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles. This includes:
 - a. Identifying and establishing meaningful relationships with iwi and mana whenua stakeholders, and Māori entities that have an interest in {WaterCo1’s} activities.
 - b. Ensuring timely and transparent sharing of information that may impact on Māori interests.
 - c. Seeking advice and input from iwi and hapū on strategic initiatives, projects, and decisions that affect Māori communities.
 - d. Supporting Māori aspirations through collaborative approaches and co-design where appropriate.
 - e. {WaterCo1} is expected to report annually on its engagement activities and outcomes with iwi and hapū, including how Māori perspectives or input have influenced {WaterCo1’s} decision-making.

19. Employer obligations

{WaterCo1} is to be a good employer and must comply with all applicable employment-related legislation, including but not limited to the Employment Relations Act 2000, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Holidays Act 2003, and Human Rights Act 1993. {WaterCo1} shall ensure that all employment agreements are lawful, fair, and consistent with good employer practices.

20. Sensitive Expenditure:

While noting that CCOs operate in a different market than the Council, {WaterCo1} must be cognisant of the public environment in which it operates and be aware of the Council's sensitive expenditure policy.

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21. Statutory and Third-Party Obligations:

{WaterCo1} must always act in a manner consistent with the statutory obligations of Council and those pursuant to agreements with third parties, including Iwi, Hapū, or other Māori organisations.

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CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL GRANTING A GROUND LEASE TO THE BEACH STREET HALL SOCIETY INCORPORATED AT 38 BEACH STREET, FITZROY.

PURPOSE/ TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the Council decision to grant a ground lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated (The Society) for land at 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy for the purpose of continuing its operation and management of the Beach Street Hall.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION/ NGĀ WHAIKUPU That having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) **Notes the report.**
- b) **Provides the following feedback (*if any*) for Officers to be included in the report for Council to consider the granting of a ground lease to Beach Street Hall Society in April 2026**
 - i) **XXX**
 - ii) **XXX**
 - iii) **XXX**

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

2. This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as being of some importance.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

3. The recommendation to Council is to grant a ground lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated for the land it occupies at 38 Beach Street for a term of 15 years with one 15 year right of renewal. The renewal will be contingent on a review demonstrating that the Society continues to meet clear and ongoing community needs and that its use remains well justified in the context of wider community interests including consultation with Ngāti Tāwhirikura and Ngāti Te Whiti.



Figure 1. 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy. Leased area delineated in red.

4. The Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated (Hall Society) has requested a ground lease for a term of 33 years, with a further 33 year right of renewal for the land occupied by its hall and sealed carpark, under the Community Funding Investment Policy.
5. The Hall was built by the Rotary Club of Fitzroy with the approval of the New Plymouth City Council of the day in approximately 1981. The Hall was built to establish a Senior Citizens and Community Centre. Later, the Rotary Club of Fitzroy gifted the Hall, along with its lessee interest in the land, to the Society upon or shortly after completion of the build.
6. Council Resolved in 1982 (Appendix 1 ECM 9588234) to consent to a lease being arranged for a 21 year term with a right of renewal. Council records show a letter dated 29 August 1985 instructing Govett Quilliam to prepare a lease however neither the Council, Hall Society nor Govett Quilliam have located an executed lease suggesting this work was not completed.
7. We are now seeking to correct this by granting a ground lease to the Hall Society.

The Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated

8. The Hall Society is a charitable organisation that manages and operates the Hall in accordance with its charitable objectives. These include servicing a wide range of groups for the betterment of the residents of New Plymouth; with a particular focus on older people.

9. The Society has maintained the building to a good standard making it appealing to potential hirers. With a variety of spaces available for hire, the hall offers flexibility for a wide range of uses and users from the community representing all ages and cultures.
10. The Society rents the hall to a range of community groups which promotes an inclusive and connected community. Regular users include: Fitzroy Senior Citizens Association, Combined Martial Arts International Federation, New Plymouth Stroke Support Trust, Mahjong Club, Manchester Unity, St Bosco Bowls, Fitzroy Seniors, Fitzroy Ladies Friendship Club, New Plymouth Classic Motorcycle Club, New Plymouth Tramping Club, Santa Rosa Music Club, Fitzroy Mens Friendship Club, New Plymouth Christian Association, Ruth Cohen Yoga, Wallace Hoskin Collective – Children’s Martial Arts. Additionally, there are one-off bookings for family events and other functions.

Land History

38 Beach Street was originally purchased from Māori people of Ngāmotu on 28 November 1844 as part of a much larger block known as Fitzroy No. 1 Block, which comprises much of what is now the urban area of New Plymouth. The Governor FitzRoy negotiated the details for acquiring Fitzroy Block with Te Atiawa. The area as delineated by iwi members as outlined in the Deed and then surveyed by Octavius Carrington. The Deed stated "...the pās, cultivations, burial places, and reserves are all that we retain and we agree to sign our names to a proper deed of cession hereafter, on being requested so to do, to the Agents of the said Company of all our places in the said land excepting these places above mentioned. {Endorsed on back of the Deed}. We the persons whose names are attached to the this deed of sale, that is We the people of Ngāmotu, have received the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling being the balance which Governor Fitzroy said we should have that is to say the final payment for all our lands ceded by us within the boundary known as Governor Fitzroy's in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four." - Land Information New Zealand Māori Deed No. 2 (28 November 1844).

11. Deed No. 11, dated 8 April 1850 records a Crown Grant for Fitzroy No. 1 Block, among other land, to the New Zealand Company by Queen Victoria.
12. The block was subsequently subdivided; later Duncan Carmichael held an estate in fee simple (part Section 91 Fitzroy Block, two acres one road twenty-three perches and with tenth of a perch). Duncan transferred to Victor Richard all his estate and interest in the parcel of land lot 4 Part Section 91 Fitzroy District (38-40 Beach Street) on 29 November 1921.
13. In 1982, the New Plymouth City Council purchased the land for community facilities pursuant to Section 601 of the Local Government Act 1974.

14. Four pensioner flats (units Housing for the Elderly); 15 – 17 Henui Street are located at the same title (TNF4/289) as the Hall. The Housing for Elderly (HFE) units are strategic assets as listed in the Significance and Engagement Policy. Granting a lease to the Society over part of the land which is not used for HFE does not affect the ownership, control or service delivery of the portfolio.

Mana Whenua Engagement and Sites of Significance

15. Engagement was undertaken with Ngāti Tāwhirikura Hapū Charitable Trust as mana whenua of the land, to seek their views on the Hall Society's request for a 33 year lease. Ngāti Tāwhirikura advised that they do not support a lease term of this length and instead indicated support for a 15-year lease. The Trust considers a 33-year term inappropriate given likely regulatory changes. They advised that a shorter term would enable more regular engagement and review of the hall's function and use and ensure alignment with district, regional, and iwi planning documents (Appendix 2).
16. The site is surrounded by five Native Reserves being Native Reserve 18 (Pukaka) 190m away, Native Reserve 23 (Raiomiti) 360m, Native Reserve 16 (Purakau) at 550m and both Native Reserve 15 (Te Henui) and Native Reserve 17 (Pukeweka) are 725m from the site.
17. Ngāti Tāwhirikura Hapū Charitable Trust also confirmed that there are no identified Sites of Significance to Māori in the immediate vicinity of the Hall, with both Aotere Pā (Site ID:743) and Pukeweka located over 700m away.
18. Engagement was also undertaken with Ngāti Te Whiti as a neighboring hapu to seek their views on the proposed lease. Ngāti Te Whiti advised they would support a lease for a 33 year term to the Hall Society Incorporated (Appendix 3), noting they would like an opportunity to utilise the Hall from time to time.

Proposed Lease Term

19. Under the Resource Management Act, any lease with a term exceeding 35 years is considered a subdivision and would therefore trigger subdivision requirements. The maximum lease term the Council is at liberty to grant in this instance is 35 years in total.
 20. Having considered the feedback from both Ngāti Tāwhirikura and Ngāti Te Whiti against the original request for a 33 year lease plus 33 year right of renewal from the Hall Society; together with the maximum term allowed in point 21; Officers recommend that a lease be granted for a 15 year term plus 15 year right of renewal. The right of renewal will be subject and contingent on a review that the Society continues to meet clear and ongoing community needs and that its use remains well justified in the context of wider community interests including consultation with Ngāti Tāwhirikura and Ngāti Te Whiti.
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21. The intent of this approach is to balance the feedback from Ngāti Tāwhirikura who requested a 15 year lease against the request for a 33 year plus 33 year lease from the Hall Society whilst creating efficiencies for the Council; reducing the need for a full Council report to enable the renewal term.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

22. No new climate change implications arise from the recommendation to grant a new lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated. The Society will continue its occupancy of the existing hall, maintaining the current arrangement. It is worth noting that locally managed halls tend to attract nearby residents, which can contribute to reduced vehicle emissions and promote active modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

NEXT STEPS/ HIKOI I MURI MAI

23. Feedback received from this meeting will be considered and incorporated where appropriate into the report to Council for Meeting Round 4, scheduled Thursday 30 April 2026.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS / NGĀ HĪRAUNGA Ā-PŪTEA, Ā-RAUEMI

24. The Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated qualifies for a Community Concessional Lease under the Community Funding Investment Policy.
25. The lease arrangement has minimal financial impact on the Council. The Council will be responsible for preparing the lease agreement, while all ongoing costs; including building, ground and improvements maintenance, insurance, property and water rates will continue to be managed by the Society.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT / HĪRANGA AROMATAWAI

26. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
 - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
 - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
 - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and

- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

Appendix 1 Council of the City of New Plymouth: Resolution 19 July 1982 (ECM 9588234).

Appendix 2 Ngāti Tāwhirikura Hapū Feedback dated 6 December 2025. (ECM 9686779).

Appendix 3 Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū Feedback (ECM 9716894).

Report Details

Prepared By:	Thalia Macic (Property Officer)
Team:	Property
Approved By:	Catherine Croot (Manager Property)
Ward/Community:	District Wide
Date:	20 February 2026
File Reference:	ECM 9716906

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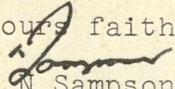
CITY OF NEW PLYMOUTH

Mr/Councillor TOWN CLERK

Dear Sir

I am directed to inform you that (an) Special and Ordinary Meeting(s) of the Council of the City of New Plymouth will be held at the Municipal Offices, Liardet Street, New Plymouth, on Monday, 19th July 1982 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully


K N Sampson
Town Clerk

BUSINESS SHEET

1. Reading and Confirmation of Minutes of Preceding Meetings.
2. Reading and adoption of Committee's Reports:

(a)	<i>Parks and Recreation Committee</i>	(Pages 29 - 42)
(b)	<i>Works and Traffic Committee</i>	(" 43 - 93)
(c)	<i>Waste Water Treatment Committee</i>	(" 94 - 103)
(d)	<i>Town Planning Committee</i>	(" 104 - 106)
(e)	<i>Energy Committee</i>	(" 107 - 115)
(f)	<i>Transport and Communications Committee</i>	(" 116 - 121)
(g)	<i>Salaries and Staff Committee</i>	(" 122 - 123)
(h)	<i>Cultural Committee</i>	(" 124 - 134)
(i)	<i>Policy and Resources Committee</i>	(" 135 - 161)

Certain reports dealing with confidential matters are attached to this Budget and will be dealt with after the public have been excluded, see page 162 and pages following.

3. Other matters of which previous notice has been given. (See Agenda).

THE COUNCIL RISES

The Report of the Policy and Resources Committee was read:-

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

13 JULY 1982

Present: His Worship the Mayor (Acting Chairman) Crs Barclay, Bellringer, Collins, Fletcher and Squire.

Cr Livingston was also present.

Apology for absence received from Cr Armstrong.

1. That consequent upon the resignation of Cr R J Burkitt His Worship the Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the balance of the 1980/83 term of the Council.
2. That the petition containing 583 signatures presented by the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Values Party be acted upon as follow:-

(a) The requests that:-

- (i) The City of New Plymouth be declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone;
- (ii) The New Zealand Government be urged to pursue an active peace making policy and to actively urge the nuclear powers to seriously commence nuclear disarmament;

be referred to the Council as a whole for consideration;

(b) In respect of the requests that:-

- (i) The New Plymouth City Council consult with Civil Defence authorities to ensure that they are able to instruct all of our citizens in the consequences of nuclear war, accidents, fallout and the dumping of wastes,
- (ii) The Council give consideration to the need for amendments or additions to the By-laws or District Scheme to facilitate attainment of a nuclear weapons free policy,

the City Engineer be instructed to report on the adequacy of existing codes of practice in use by the Council as they would relate to the storage, handling and transportation of radio active materials.

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3. That in response to its request for support in its efforts to persuade the Government to reinstate the Student Community Service Programme (SCSP) the New Zealand University Students' Association Inc be advised that the Council will make representations through the Municipal Association, the Taranaki United Council, and both local Members of Parliament for the continuation of the Programme.
- 4... That having considered the report of the Director of the Govett Brewster Art Gallery on the provision of child care facilities in New Plymouth the Council resolves:-
- (a) To not involve itself directly in the provision of child care facilities;
- (b) To be represented, if requested, on any properly appointed Committee established to further investigate such a service.

A copy of the report is attached.

5. That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 146 (1)(A) of the Rating Act 1967 a remission of one half of the rates payable for 1982/83 be granted to the organisations detailed hereunder:-

Organisation	Amount of Remission \$
Academy of Judo (NP) Inc	521.71
Beach Street Hall Society	827.10
Disabled Civilians Service Club Inc	356.30
Fitzroy Bowling Club	1221.57
Fitzroy Golf Club Land (NPCC)	3003.04
Fitzroy Womens Bowling Club	356.29
Govett Brewster Art Gallery	1476.07
New Plymouth Bridge Club	585.33
New Plymouth Bowling Club	5522.54
New Plymouth Chess Club	254.49
New Plymouth Easter Camp Society	483.54
New Plymouth Little Theatre Society	432.64
New Plymouth Operatic Society	916.18
New Plymouth Repertory Society	241.77
New Plymouth Senior Citizens Assn	1659.59
Paritutu Bowling Club	853.50
Paritutu Womens Bowling Club	178.15
Riverside Womens Bowling Club	172.59
Taranaki Agriculture & Pastoral Society	5166.25
Taranaki Cruising Club, NP Underwater Club Inc	63.62
Taranaki Lawn Tennis Assn	674.40
Taranaki Society of Arts	687.14
Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Assn	16.85
Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust	458.09
Vogeltown Bowling Club	890.73

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Waimea Bowling Club	750.76
Waimea Womens Bowling Club	305.39
YMCA	1826.00
YWCA (Powderham Street)	509.00

\$30950.63

6. That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 a remission of the total rates payable for 1982/83 be granted to the organisations detailed hereunder:-

Organisation	Amount of Remission \$
Disabled Citizens Society (Taranaki) Inc	916.18
Hearing Association New Plymouth Branch	483.54
New Plymouth Council for Social Services (Bingham House)	2952.14
New Plymouth Emergency Shelter Trust Board	1017.98
New Plymouth Opera House Trust Board	5598.89
New Plymouth Sub-Centre St John Ambulance Assn	1119.77
North Taranaki Branch (NZ) Crippled Childrens Society	992.53
New Zealand Society Intellectually Handicapped Children Taranaki Branch	2133.76
Royal New Zealand Society for the Health of Women and Children (Plunket Society)	
- City	2952.14
- Fitzroy	356.29
- Vogelstown	178.14
- Westown	229.04
Tainui Home Trust	2926.68
Taranaki Rugby Football Union (Inc)	6875.46
Wellington Presbyterian Social Service Assn (Chalmers Home)	4148.98
Westown Hall Society	534.43
Youth for Christ (NP) Inc	1094.32
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7. That the application of the Iona Trust Hospital pursuant to Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 for a

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reduction in the rates payable for 1982/83 amounting to \$3319.19 be declined on the grounds that any assistance to hospitals is considered to be the responsibility of Central Government.

8. That the application of the New Zealand Red Cross Society Incorporated pursuant to Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 for a reduction in the rates payable for 1982/83 amounting to \$1577.86 be declined on the grounds that the commercial use of the premises concerned has returned an income more than sufficient to accommodate the rates.
9. That the application of the Taranaki Agriculture Society Incorporated pursuant to Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 for a reduction in the rates payable for 1982/83 amounting to \$5166.25 be declined on the grounds that the commercial use of the premises concerned has returned an income more than sufficient to accommodate the rates.
10. That the application of the New Plymouth Rotary Club pursuant to Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 for a reduction in the rates payable for 1982/83 on the rental accommodation at 106-108 Lemon Street amounting to \$1140.13 be declined on the grounds that rates, along with other costs, should be recovered through the rents being charged for the accommodation concerned.
11. That the application of the Vogelstown Sunday School Society Incorporated pursuant to Section 146 (1) of the Rating Act 1967 for a reduction in the rates payable for 1982/83 amounting to \$393.25 be declined on the grounds that as a vacant section of land the property does not meet the requirements of the Act which enable a reduction in rates to be considered.
12. That in reply to its letter requesting a lease of the property at 38 Beach Street at a nominal rental and without rates being payable by the occupier the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated be advised that the Council consents to a lease being arranged to incorporate the following basic conditions:-
 - (a) The term of the lease shall be twenty one years with a right of renewal except that in the event that the lessee cannot continue to meet the objectives set out in the Rules adopted by the Society when it was formed, the lease may be terminated by the Council;
 - (b) The lessee shall be responsible for paying all rates and charges levied or imposed by the Council in respect to the land it occupies;
 - (c) The rental shall be one dollar per annum if demanded by the Council;
 - (d) Such other conditions as the Town Clerk may consider necessary or desirable.

13. That in view of the imminent commencement of the Emergency Housing Scheme and noting that a condition of the involvement of the Council was that it be represented on the Emergency Shelter Trust Board which will administer the tenancies the Council hereby appoints Cr DKL Lyall to the Emergency Shelter Trust Board for the balance of the 1980/83 term of the Council.
14. That having considered the report of the Town Clerk that as a result of the resignation of Cr RJ Burkitt an extraordinary vacancy had occurred on the Council and in pursuance of Section 51 of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976, the Council resolves that the following action be taken:
- (a) In pursuance of Clause 51 (1) (b) of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976 the vacancy be filled by the appointment of a person qualified to be elected;
 - (b) In relation to (a) above and in pursuance of Clause 51 (2) of the said Act the Town Clerk be instructed to give the appropriate public notification of the intention of the Council to fill the extraordinary vacancy by an appointment;
 - (c) At the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee following expiry of the period within which the specified number of electors may demand that an election be held to fill the vacancy, and provided that an election will not be held, consideration be given to the manner by which the person to be appointed shall be selected.
- ... The report of the Town Clerk is attached.
15. That the tender of the Ireland Family Partnership in the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) per annum for the lease of approximately 23 hectares of the old Bell Block Airport be accepted by the Council and that any two Councillors be authorised to affix the City Seal to and to sign on behalf of the Council the Agreement attaching to the lease.
16. That pursuant to the provisions of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the New Plymouth City Council hereby resolves that for the purpose of permitting the Taranaki Car Club (Inc) to stage a car rally start, the undermentioned streets be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 6.30am until 10.30am on Saturday 7 August 1982 and that any two Councillors be authorised to affix the City Seal to and sign on behalf of the Council, certified copy of the resolution:

Street to be Closed

Devon Street East between Gover and Liardet Streets.

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NGĀTI TĀWHIRIKURA HAPŪ

VISION – Voice, Grow, Hapū Ora, Cultural Strength

PURPOSE – To have a presence, an influence and create positive change in our community through the development of Ngāti Tawhirikura Hapū

VALUES – Mana Motuhake, Tiakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Tūturutanga

Charlotte Dunning
Property Management Lead
New Plymouth District Council
Liardet Street, New Plymouth
Via email: charlotte.dunning@npdc.govt.nz

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6 December 2025

Tēnā koe Charlotte,

RE: Beach Street Hall Society Lease, 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy, New Plymouth

On behalf of Ngāti Tāwhirikura Hapū Charitable Trust (the Trust), we appreciate you seeking our feedback on the Hall Society's request for a community concessional lease (\$1 if demanded) with a term of 33 years.

It is our understanding that this feedback will be included in a report prepared by the New Plymouth District Council Property Team for the elected members of the Council.

The Trust has reviewed this request and provides the following comments:

- We understand that the Hall Society owns the building, and its purpose is to manage the Hall for charitable projects- broadly, providing the Hall facility for the betterment of New Plymouth residents and, in particular, older people.
- There are no identified Sites of Significance to Māori in the immediate vicinity of the Hall, with both Aotere Pā (Site ID: 743) and Pukeweka located over 700m away.
- The proposed lease duration of 33 years is long, particularly considering the regulatory shifts expected within that term.

Based on the above, the Trust supports the Hall Society lease with a term of 15 years, which will enable more frequent conversations between the Hall Society, hapū, and the wider community to discuss its function and seek alignment with policies and provisions of district, regional, and iwi planning documents.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact hinetu@tawhirikura.org.

Noho ora mai,
Ngāti Tāwhirikura Hapū Charitable Trust.

From: "Charlotte Dunning"
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Cc: "Catherine Croot" <Catherine.Croot@npdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Beach Street Hall Society Lease - 38 Beach Street

Feedback from Ngati Te Whiti for the Beach St Hall report,

Cheers
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From: Ngāti Te Whiti Society Inc Office <office@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 September 2025 10:44 pm
To: Charlotte Dunning <Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Julie Healey <julie@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>; jslgoddard@gmail.com
Subject: Beach Street Hall Society Lease - 38 Beach Street

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Kia ora Charlotte and Jenny

Thank you for reaching out to Ngāti Te Whiti regarding the lease renewal between The Beach Street Hall Society and the New Plymouth District Council. We acknowledge and appreciate that the nearby SASM sites continue to be respected and remembered in this process.

Ngāti Te Whiti is in support of the Society's lease being renewed for a further term of 33 years. As a charitable trust, we would respectfully request the opportunity to use the hall from time to time for hapū and whānau events, ideally at no hire cost, and of course always subject to availability. We deeply appreciate the consideration of this possibility, and understand that where necessary, costs related to cleaning may apply if the hall is not returned in the same or better condition than it was at the commencement of use.

We are encouraged by the society's outreach and their expressed interest in strengthening connections with our hapu, and we look forward to building and growing this relationship in the years ahead. Accordingly, Ngāti Te Whiti is in support of the Beach Street Hall Society renewing their lease with the New Plymouth District Council for a further term of 33 years.

Ngā Manaakitanga,

Josie Leckie

For/On Behalf of
Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Board

From: Charlotte Dunning <Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Ngāti Te Whiti Society Inc Office <office@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>
Cc: Julie Healey <julie@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>; [jsgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:jslgoddard@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Beach Street Hall Society Lease - 38 Beach Street

Hi Josie and thanks for your time on the phone –

I have attached below, the recommendation from our Iwi Relationships team to consult with Ngati Te Whiti due to nearby SASM's (in addition to the main contact of Ngati Tawhirikura).

Happy to answer any further questions you might have as your discussions progress,

Ngā mihi
Charlotte

Ngati Te Whiti is the neighbouring hapu with SASM sites also close to the area so it would pay to also reach out to them too.

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julie@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz - Julie Healey

From: Ngāti Te Whiti Society Inc Office <office@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 3:43 pm
To: Charlotte Dunning <Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Julie Healey <julie@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>; jsgoddard@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Beach Street Hall Society Lease - 38 Beach Street

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Kia ora Charlotte

Could you please call me on 021 335 084?

We are keen to know a little more about the lease, length of lease, land etc.

Ngā mihi

Josie

From: Charlotte Dunning <Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 3:57 PM
To: Ngāti Te Whiti Society Inc Office <office@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>
Cc: Julie Healey <julie@ngatitewhitisocietyinc.co.nz>; jsgoddard@gmail.com
Subject: Beach Street Hall Society Lease - 38 Beach Street

Kia Ora Ngati Te Whiti –

The Beach Street Hall Society has asked the Property Team at New Plymouth District Council, to prepare a report to Elected Members, recommending that they approve the grant of a new lease to the Society for their site at 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy. The Hall Society has requested a community concessional (\$1 if demanded) lease with a term of 33 years.

We have already contacted Ngati Tawhirikura requesting feedback and understand that because Ngati Te Whiti has SASM sites close to this location, you may also wish to provide feedback.

In 1981, the New Plymouth City Council , Town Planning Committee approved “establishment of a Senior Citizens and Community Centre”. The Hall Society now needs a new lease to continue their site occupation and are seeking feedback from Hapu to include the report to the Council. The Hall Society owns the building and its purpose is to manage the Hall for charitable projects, broadly, providing the Hall facility for the betterment of the residents of New Plymouth and in particular older people. Regular users include indoor bowls, senior citizens support, women’s support, table game group, health support trust, outdoors club, music club, yoga group, performing arts group, mens support group, childrens entertainment, martial arts groups, family events (reunions, birthdays etc), motorcycle enthusiasts, antiques and collectable shows etc etc.

We would be grateful of any response that you could provide, specifically if you support a new lease of 33 years or have some other preference. You are welcome to respond to me, but I have also copied Jenny Goddard, the current Chairperson of the Hall Society who I am sure would be happy to answer any additional questions you may have about the Hall Society.

We look forward to your receiving your comments.

Nga mihi nui
Charlotte

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CLOSING KARAKIA

TE WHAKAEATANGA

Te whakaeatanga e,
Tēnei te kaupapa ka ea,
Tēnei te wānanga ka ea,
Te mauri o te kaupapa ka whakamoea,
Te mauri o te wānanga ka whakamoea,
Koa ki runga,
Koa ki raro,
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e.

It is completed, it is done,
We have achieved our purpose,
Completed our forum,
Let the purpose of our gathering rest for now,
Let the vitality of our discussions replenish,
We depart with fulfilled hearts and minds,
Bonded in our common goal and unity.

This karakia is recited to close a hui or event. It takes us from a place of focus and releases us to be clear of all the issues or tensions that may have arisen during the hui. We are now free to get on with other things.
