

Taupō District Council

Notes of Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee Workshop

Group	Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee
Date	Thursday 2 May, 5.30pm – 7pm
Venue	Council Chamber, 107 Te Heuheu Street, Taupō
Topic	Motutere GIS layers, Draft RMP review, Direction on vision
Facilitated by	Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott) and Policy Advisor (H Wood)
Committee Members present	Cr Danny Loughlin (in the Chair), Aroha French, Cr Sandra Greenslade (via MS Teams), Maru Maniapoto (via MS Teams), Cr Kevin Taylor, Jade Wikaira (via MS Teams)
Other elected members present	Cr Rachel Shepherd (until 6.30pm)
Officers present	General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Team Leader Resource Management (E O'Callaghan), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood via MS Teams), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)
Public / media present	Mr John Tilton (Motutere Holiday Park via MS Teams)
Documents either pre-circulated or tabled	Email sent on 24 April 2024 by Policy Advisor (H Wood) to Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee attaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motutere Reserve Background Draft (A3538936)• Draft Objectives and Policy Framework (A3538939)• Motutere GIS layers with legend copy (A3538941) Agenda (A3548330) was presented at the workshop
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Notes²

The Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker) opened the workshop with a karakia.

The Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott) introduced herself to the Committee. The Policy Advisor (H Wood) shared a PowerPoint detailing the agenda for the workshop (A3548330).

¹ Workshops are public (and are always advertised whether public or closed), unless there is a good reason(s) for information to be withheld and there is no overriding public interest in holding the workshop in public. Withholding grounds set out in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) are a guide. If closed, cite relevant LGOIMA section.

² Workshops are not decision-making forums, therefore this document contains notes of key points discussed only, not decisions.

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GIS layers of Consideration

The Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott) talked through the maps detailed in the PowerPoint showing the parcels of land, boundaries within the Motutere campsite, layers detailing services, land with ecological value, and archaeological sites.

She clarified the following:

- Soil testing would be required in the areas identified on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) by Waikato Regional Council.
- She has reached out to a consultant for a cost estimate of conducting an onsite ecological assessment as there has only been a desktop study completed in the past.
- She would follow up with Lake Taupō Forest Trust to further identify any archaeological sites of significance.
- The foreshore protection area was 20 metres inland from all waterways. This meant that any building on or above the ground in that area required a resource consent. It did not apply to current structures, but should they be renewed, a consent would be required.
- Applications for resource consents would need to consider the Reserve Management Plan, along with other policies such as the District Plan.

Ngāti Te Rangīita

Committee member and Deputy Chair Jade Wikaira confirmed that the hapū was not in a position to present feedback yet. She reiterated points that had been made at the last workshop which included safety for recreational use and transport, and access to the foreshore. There was a clear desire that there be no camping down on the landing/grass area of the lakeshore of the reserve. The hapū had held a hui on 10 March at the marae which was attended by hapū in person and online. Points raised were being collated to be put into the plan. The Policy Advisor (H Wood) reminded the committee that the hapū were co-drafting the draft Reserve Management Plan, not just the cultural values section. Maia Wikaira was the hapū representative who was holding the pen and working alongside council officers. Hapū Committee Member (A French) proposed the idea of helping with some of the drafting. Policy Advisor (H Wood) explained that governance had to be kept separate to this process. Hapū Committee Member (A French) nominated Herea Winitana to be the cultural advisor to assist staff with the values section of the RMP. She advised that there was an upcoming hui where they could discuss the matter in more detail.

Background information document

The Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott) and the Policy Advisor (H Wood) shared the document onscreen and talked through additions (Motutere Reserve Background Draft A3538936).

The following changes were noted:

- 3.4 Partnerships - Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board was the legal owner but Ngāti Te Rangīita hapū was the kaitiaki.
- 3.4 Partnerships – Treaty Settlement entities such as Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa were added.
- 4.3 Taupō-nui-a-Tia Management Plan summary was added.

The Key Natural Values and Sensitive Areas were discussed, and members agreed that the cultural values should be emphasised separately to give them more weight.

Draft vision and key themes

Members agreed that the background, vision and history should all flow and connect together in the Reserve Management Plan.

The vision that was shared onscreen (page 25 of the PowerPoint A3548330) was a list of objectives rather than a vision. They showed how the vision would be achieved. It was agreed that the Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott) and the Policy Advisor (H Wood) would work on the vision wording and redistribute it to the committee members. Something like “The mauri of Motutere and its taonga are protected and restored, while enabling play and active recreation, providing wellbeing and enjoyment for Ngāti Te Rangīita, locals and the wider community.”

Next Steps

More work was required on the Cultural Impact Statement and the environmental assessment of the bush. These would be discussed further at the next workshop.

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Members asked that specific questions be broken down and put before the committee to address at the next workshop.

The Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker) closed the workshop with a karakia at 7.03pm.