

# Te Kārearea



## Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision:

“He Whenua Rangatira”

“Whangarei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities.”

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## Te Kaupapa/Mission:

“Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa”

“Local Government that works through effective partnership and provides practical solutions”

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## Ngā Tikanga/Principles:

- He kitenga mutunga kore, mahi tahi, mahi pono – Strategic partnership working collaboratively and in good faith
  - Kia Māia – Providing leadership through courage
  - Te Manawatōpu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together
  - Anga mua – Progressive and proactive
  - Me kōrero tika, tau noa ngā take – Open and frank mutually agreed outcomes
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## Te Kārearea Members

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
Cr Sharon Morgan  
Cr Shelley Deeming  
Cr Greg Martin  
Cr Greg Innes  
Cr John Williamson  
Cr Crichton Christie  
Cr Stuart Bell

Pita Tipene  
Richard Shepherd  
Deborah Harding  
Mike Kake  
Taipari Munro  
Te Warahi Hetaraka  
Pereri Mahanga  
Kaile Nahi-Taihia

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## Te Huinga Members

Pita Tipene, Pita Cherrington, Dick Shepherd, Huhana Seve, Deborah Harding, Jared Pitman, Mike Kake, Allan Halliday, Taipari Munro, Te Warihi Hetaraka, Merepeka Henley, Pereri Mahanga, Kaile Nahi-Taihia, Anaru Kaipo.

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Māehe 2014



*Hapū of Whangārei, through Te Huinga and Whangārei District Council (WDC) have developed a strategic partnership forum known as Te Kārearea, to work towards achieving on agreed vision 'He Whenua Rangatira – Whangārei, a district of prosperity wellbeing and empowered communities.' The forum provides a platform for high level, strategic discussion that will enable self determination and self reliance to flourish. This relationship will build incrementally to develop more robust partnership arrangements over time through learning conversations.*



*Above, Councillors and Te Huinga members korero at the March Te Kārearea Forum in Council Chambers.*

## **Te Reo o Te Iwi - Community feedback from the Te Kārearea hui at the Tūparehuia Marae, Bland Bay.**

The list of issues raised by the community at the hui held at the Tūparehuia marae on 19 February was tabled and discussed. The forum asked for an update on progress regarding these issues. This will be tabled at the next meeting.

## **Ngā Whāinga - Te Huinga priorities**

**Māori Representation on Council committees** - A report by Huhana Seve generated a positive response with consideration to be given to incremental steps such as initially co-opting onto sub-committees. WDC is to consider the proposal.

## **Planning and Policy - Proactive Hapū Specific pathways for planning are developed and implemented**

Discussion was held regarding proactive involvement by Te Huinga representatives in the Long Term Planning (LTP) process. Her Worship the Mayor (HWM) Sheryl Mai agreed to discuss with Council and feedback to the next meeting.

## **Resourcing - A Hapū Resource Hub is established and adequately resourced**

A proposed hub could be space shared by Te Huinga and other Māori organisations willing to contribute to costs. Te Huinga will progress discussions with potential participants.

## **Ngā Whāinga ka Whakaakongia - WDC Priorities and He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti training**

Council will finalise its priorities at its second Treaty of Waitangi training day on 31 March. An alignment with Te Huinga priorities will be part of the process.

## **Ngā Kaitiaki o ngā Wai Māori (NKONWM)**

Members of NKONWM presented to Te Kārearea to inform them of what the organisation does and familiarise them with the significance of Wai ora. They asked a collaborative model of cooperation between Council and NKONWM be explored. Their user-friendly planning model, shared by the indigenous peoples of North America has been widely utilised by many marae.

## **Te Paparahi o Te Raki - Waitangi Tribunal Hearings**

Te Kārearea was updated on the recent Mahurangi hearings and advised of the upcoming hearings in Hokianga 6-11 April 2014, Moria Marae, Whirinaki and Ngati Hine on 3rd -8th of August 2014 at Tau Henare Marae in Pipiwai. There was also an update about the Tūhoronuku mandate process.

## **Arotake i te te Kāwanatanga ā rohe - Local Government Reorganisation Update**

The Local Government Commission (LGC) received approximately 1850 submissions on its draft proposal for reorganisation, released in November 2013. Te Huinga will speak to the submission in April whereby WDC has already presented to the LGC. WDC does not support the proposal which recommends one Unitary Authority for Northland.

## **Mahere ā tau - Draft Annual Plan**

WDC's Draft Annual Plan for 2014-2015 was tabled. It sets out WDC's proposed programme of work for the financial year beginning 1 July 2014, as well as anticipated income sources. Of particular note to hapū is the review of policies in relation to Māori land specifically - Remission of Rates on Unoccupied Māori Freehold Land and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land. Check out WDC's website for the submission form and Plan or ph 09 430 4200 for a copy. Te Huinga requested that a copy of the Draft Annual Plan Summary be sent to each marae.