

## Manaia's Project Tūkau Moves a Step Closer

The opportunity to develop an Iwi – community multi-purpose space in Manaia is a step closer with the completion of a spatial brief, a key part of the feasibility study. In 2022, Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and the Council agreed to explore the opportunity for an Iwi-community multi-purpose space in Manaia through the signing of a partnership agreement. The partnership is an exciting opportunity for both the Council and the Iwi to combine their resources to achieve a great outcome for the whole community. Recently, Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trustees and the Council received an update on the project. All acknowledged that while it has taken a considerable amount of time to get to this point, there was comfort in knowing that a lot of hard work had been going on behind the scenes and significant progress had been made in the past four months. At the end of 2022 the establishment phase of the project was completed with the development of an outcomes

framework. This was a co-designed process that included a town hall workshop, Iwi hui, two rounds of community surveys and reference groups and consideration of prior engagement rounds. The outcomes framework outlines the community's shared aspirations and desired outcomes, guiding any following business case or design concepts. We are now a good way through Stage 2 of this project with the completion of a spatial brief, and the opportunities that are being worked on look really exciting for Manaia. The next step is to develop a business case which will look at assessing the feasibility and prioritisation of the aspirations, to understand to what extent they can be achieved. This work should be completed by the end of June. Over the next two months, a series of hui and surveys with Iwi and the wider community will be held as work progresses, so keep an eye out for these.

Stage 1

**Establishment phase**  
What are the project aspirations of the community?

Stage 2

**Business case**  
Spatial brief and feasibility  
(Forecasted 30 Jun 2024)

Stage 3

**Design development**  
What will it look like?  
(Forecasted 30 Nov 2024)



### New features for Eltham

Work started this week on reinstating the recently renovated bollards, decorative lamps, bins and seats in Eltham as part of the town's revitalisation project. The features had been removed in April so they could undergo sand blasting and repainting, and are looking resplendent with their new coats.

### Work beginning at Pātea Saltmarsh

Work is underway to protect and enhance the Pātea Saltmarsh, recently classified as a Key Native Ecosystem by the Taranaki Regional Council. The site is described as an 'originally rare ecosystem' and is the largest area of Ribonwood Saltmarsh/Sea Rush vegetation between the Manawatu Estuary and the Tongaporutu Estuary. Predator control and fencing to exclude stock from the area are planned for the coming months, and Council staff plan to begin buffer planting around the Saltmarsh to coincide with World Biodiversity Day on 22 May.

### Mural for skatepark

On April 23-24, EmpowerYouth painted a mural at the Hāwera Skate Park. This project was done in collaboration with Te Hāwera Community Board. Three local youth put forward concepts for the mural, then EmpowerYouth members decided to amalgamate all three to create the final design. After presenting this to Te Hāwera Community Board, EmpowerYouth members painted the mural to bring their vision to life.



### Upcoming Meetings

**Extraordinary Council**  
Long Term Plan Hearing  
Monday 20 May, 9am

**Extraordinary Council**  
Long Term Plan Hearing  
Wednesday 22 May, 3pm

**Te Hāwera Community Board**  
Monday 27 May, 11am  
Te Paepae o Aotea, 13 Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Pātea Community Board**  
Monday 27 May, 4pm  
Waverley Community Centre, Chester Street, Waverley

**Etham-Kaponga Community Board**  
Wednesday 29 May, 10.30am  
Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham

**Taranaki Coastal Community Board**  
Wednesday 29 May, 2.30pm  
Manaia Bowling Club, 48 Riemenschneider Street, Manaia

**Extraordinary Council**  
Long Term Plan Deliberations  
Tuesday 4 June, 11am

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 5 June, 10am

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 5 June, 4pm

*Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.*



### Rates Due

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2023/24 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 29 May 2024.