



**WANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

TE RUNANGA O TUPOHO

Atihaunui - A - Paparangi - Whanganui - Nga Hapu O Tupoho



Te Runanga o Tupoho

Wanganui District Council

Te Whakarauhitanga o Te Tangata

Relationship Document

2011-2015

Introduction

The relationship between Te Runanga o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council has been formally defined since 2000.

Prior to the escalation of land issues at Pakaitore/Moutoa Gardens in 1995, the Council operated a multi-Iwi forum, Te Roopu Whakakotahi. While the tri-partite governance agreement for Pakaitore was negotiated, it was also determined that a more meaningful, higher-level relationship document for the District Council and Tupoho was required. Agreement between the Council and Tupoho was forged over the following year, with considerable debate and argument as both parties began to understand each other. The resulting agreement was a successful document for the time, built around compromise and an emerging understanding of each other's position.

In 2009, representatives at the Tupoho Working Party Annual General meeting resolved that a new relationship document that demonstrated a maturing relationship should be drafted, and a small working party undertook this task. The following document represents this new understanding. The original relationship document signed in 2000 has been used as the foundation document for this agreement.

It is agreed between Te Runanga o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council that this relationship is in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi. It is further agreed that this relationship between Te Runanga o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council will focus on all levels: politically, socially, economically and environmentally for the benefit of all of Wanganui or Whanganui.

In order to maintain a meaningful relationship, Te Runanga o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council will act in good faith at all times, and continue to build trust as a sound basis for the future.

Te Runanga o Tupoho is a collective of representatives from Nga Hapu o Tupoho. Te Runanga o Tupoho is the mandated Iwi authority to support and advocate and make recommendations on behalf of nga uri o Whanganui with regard to the Tupoho rohe. A hapu may approach the Council on any issue that relates to its individual area.

Te Runanga o Tupoho role extends from the Whangaehu River, north to the Kai Iwi Stream, inclusive of the coastal areas and the inland areas within the rohe of Tupoho, TamaUpoko, Hinengakau, Ngati Rangi and others.

Wanganui District Council is a Territorial Authority, accountable to the people of the District. As a statutory body with the rights and obligations conferred by Local

Government Act 2002 and other statutes, it must effectively represent the residents of the District through the promotion of social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing.

Following a recommendation by the New Zealand Geographic Board and consequent decision by the Minister of Land Information in 2009, the spellings Wanganui and Whanganui will both be accepted as correct, when the decision is formally gazetted.

For the purposes of this document, in the interim, we will use *Wanganui or Whanganui*.

Relationship Arrangements

Values Statement

The following (shared) values – nga tikanga - underpin this relationship document.

Unity – Kotahitanga

Nga Hapu o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council sharing a common voice and aspirations to achieve the goals stated in this relationship document with:

Leadership – Rangatiratanga

To guide and facilitate well-grounded initiatives in pursuit of the goals stated in this relationship document

Responsiveness – Whakararata

To demonstrate responsiveness and awareness, understanding and appropriate consideration for the expectations of Nga Hapu o Tupoho and the Wanganui District Council

Collaboration – Mahi Tahī

To work with preferred organisations, relevant agencies, nga hapu, whanau o Tupoho, Whanganui Iwi and the wider community to achieve the initiatives stated in this relationship document.

Values – Tikanga Statement

We with the relevant organisations Te Runanga o Tupoho and the Wanganui District Council will act as collective and responsible leaders in pursuing the initiatives stated in the Relationship Document 2011, moving towards a more positive and progressive future that will benefit whanau, hapu, Iwi and the wider community.

Consultation

Wanganui District Council and Te Runanga o Tupoho will inform each other and consult when requested on all issues including:

- Whanganui River issues, pertaining to the area of Tupoho jurisdiction
- Policy issues, including those of resource management
- All issues that may arise from current or settled Treaty of Waitangi claims
- Sites of significance, rahui, urupa and other wahi tapu including koiwi

Early discussion and involvement of Tupoho will be sought at the development stage of significant policy. Consultation will occur in a timely fashion to ensure that Tupoho views can be incorporated into final decision-making.

Both parties will ensure any matters that impact on the relationship within the rohe of Tupoho will be informed in a timely manner in order for Te Runanga o Tupoho and/or Wanganui District Council to respond accordingly.

Formal and urgent consultation will be managed at a political level between the Mayor, the District Council Chief Executive, and Te Runanga o Tupoho Kaiwhakahaere and holder of the Tokotoko.

The Tupoho Working Party will manage all other aspects of consultation as the mandated forum for Runanga and WDC discussion. The Working Party will comprise:

- 3 representatives of the Runanga, one of whom will be the Tokotoko holder
- 3 elected members of the District Council
- The District Council Chief Executive; Senior Managers and officers as required.

Runanga members may attend meetings.

Administration support will be provided by Wanganui District Council/Runanga.

The relationship between the Te Runanga o Tupoho and the Wanganui District Council will also be enhanced through:

- An Annual General Meeting
- 6 weekly meetings between the CE, Senior Managers and Tupoho representatives
- Timely decision-making, which also takes account of resourcing issues and the cost to key representatives to participate at critical times
- The opportunity for individual hapu to approach the Council on localised matters
- Timely access to Senior Managers within Wanganui District Council by any designated Tupoho or where appropriate, hapu representative(s)
- Advance notification to the other party of significant announcements by either the Wanganui District Council or Te Runanga o Tupoho
- Briefings by Council or by Te Runanga o Tupoho on significant issues before any public announcement
- A copy of the cover sheet for all agendas to be provided to the Runanga o Tupoho administrator

- The minutes of the Tupoho Working Party meetings and any significant items debated at the Working Party will be reported to the appropriate Committee and to Council Meetings
- The Relationship Document will be reviewed as part of the Annual General Meeting.

Guidelines for Tupoho Funding

1. Tupoho Working Party meetings and meetings held to discuss the relationship document and other issues involving input into Council affairs.

A single preparation, attendance and travel allowance of \$575 per meeting – paid by Council to Te Runanga O Tupoho – Iwi Liaison budget.
To be administered by per meeting invoice.
To be reviewed annually.

2. Consultation over specific issues, e.g. Whanganui River Road.

Cost of consultation negotiated between Council and Runanga – Appropriate activity budget (e.g. Transport Network).

Cost of employing Iwi expertise for a particular project – Met by Council or by consultant employed by Council.

3. Information sharing, e.g. location of Urupa - Considered on case by case basis. Both parties meet own costs where there is a mutual benefit.
4. Work carried out by the Wanganui District Council for the sole benefit of Tupoho will be charged at normal rates.

Areas of Joint Effort

Te Runanga o Tupoho and Wanganui District Council are committed to developing a programme of activities and initiatives that benefits and enhances the development of the people of Whanganui or Wanganui within the Tupoho rohe/Southern Wanganui area.

These include:

- Following the gazetting of the spelling of Whanganui or Wanganui, continued discussion on the appropriate formal spelling of the District by the Council.
- Hosting of Civic ceremonies
- Telling the Whanganui or Wanganui story
- Development of Wanganui or Whanganui gateway

- Development of the Whanganui River, including a Recreational use plan
- Riverfront and riverbank development
- Wanganui Port/Harbour Endowment land at Putiki
- Safer Wanganui Initiative
- Economic development projects, including Te Kahui Tupua
- Cultural precinct development (Library, Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui Regional Museum)
- Community Taskforce on Youth Wellbeing
- Puanga celebrations
- Public Art Strategy implementation
- For Our Kids
- Building digital capacity through projects such as Computers In Homes; Computer Clubhouse; Aotearoa People's Network
- Geospatial mapping project and Archeological records development
- Sister City relationships
- Youth employment initiatives
- River and land aspirations and issues
- Rating of multiple-owned Maori land and Papakainga

Progress on the Areas of Joint Effort will formally report at every 3rd Working Party meeting, and reviewed at the Annual General meeting.

Signatories for Wanganui District Council and Te Runanga O Tupoho

3 August 2011

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**The Common Seal Of The Mayor, Councillors And
Citizens Of The District Of Wanganui** was affixed
hereto in the presence of:

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Mayor

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Tokotoko – Ngati Hineoneone

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Chief Executive Officer

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Kaiwhakahaere

Nga Hapu O Tupoho 3 August 2011

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