

Chairperson and Committee Members
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI

25 JUNE 2019

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

WAITANGI DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2019 AND FUTURE EVENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report provides the Committee with community feedback on the 2019 Waitangi Day 2019 event and seeks the Committee's consideration on how to deliver future Waitangi Day events.

DELEGATION

- 2 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has delegation to make this decision under the Memorandum of Partnership.

BACKGROUND

- 3 In Kāpiti, Council and tāngata whenua signed a Memorandum of Partnership in 1994 and established the partnership committee Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti. The outcomes of this partnership are premised on forging a relationship of mutual benefit that will develop into an effective and meaningful partnership. The committee stems from two core principles of the Treaty of Waitangi of 'partnership' and 'active protection'.
- 4 The impetus to celebrate Waitangi Day in Kāpiti came in 2002, from the Mayor of the day, Alan Milne. At his suggestion, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti agreed that the event should be marked in a public way. That led to a decision that Waitangi Day would be commemorated annually and that the hosting rights would rotate annually between iwi.
- 5 The first jointly co-hosted event occurred at Whakarongotai Marae in 2003. In the following years, the hosting has moved between each iwi and has been hosted on each of the marae and other areas of significance across the district.
- 6 The following is a list of hosts from the past 7 years:
 - 2013 – Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai – Whakarongotai Marae
 - 2014 – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki – Raukawa Marae
 - 2015 – Ngāti Toa – Whareroa, QE Park
 - 2016 – Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai – Whakarongotai Marae
 - 2017 – Nga Hapu o Ōtaki – Ōtaki Māori Racecourse
 - 2018 – Kāpiti Coast District Council – Council Chambers
 - 2019 – Kāpiti Coast District Council – Ramaroa, QE Park.
- 7 On 28 August 2018, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti agreed that the Council would host the 2019 Waitangi Day event. It was also agreed that moving forward, the

key component of all Waitangi Day Commemorative events will be the exhibition *Te Tiriti, me huri whakamuri ka titiro whakamua*.

- 8 As a signature event for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, the Iwi Relationship Team is responsible for delivering a commemorative event that respects the current Treaty Settlement environment on the Kāpiti Coast and provide an opportunity for the wider community to experience and understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its relevance within the district.

Summary of Waitangi Day 2019

- 9 Waitangi Day 2019 was held at Ramaroa, Queen Elizabeth Park. The pōwhiri was the highlight of the day with positive feedback from iwi and the community. It was well attended by Council Senior Leadership team and Elected Members.
- 10 The cold and windy weather on the day had a negative impact on the planned Market and Activity Tent. Some of the market vendors early on had to close down their stalls due to gusty winds which deemed the stalls to be unsafe. The venue did not allow for shelter against the wind.
- 11 The total cost for holding the event at Queen Elizabeth Park went significantly over budget as state highway traffic management was required for the safety of all attending the event. This cost was not factored into the event planning for this location. However, Council has absorbed these additional costs into existing baselines.
- 12 The Council debriefed following the event to identify what went well and what could have been done differently to make the event more successful. A key success was Greater Wellington Regional Council's support of the Council in terms of logistical tasks such as water tanks, catering and assistance with and at the venue. Some lessons learned included commencing the project planning of the day in July of the previous year to ensure considerations such as traffic management and volunteer or paid effort on the day are confirmed well ahead of time.
- 13 The Council is aware that the current budget for Waitangi Day Commemorative events is constrained and does not reflect the real costs to Council and Iwi of planning a commemorative event. A recommendation from the Council debrief was for the level of the budget for this event be reviewed.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

Questionnaire Feedback

- 14 Following the event, on 12 March 2019, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti agreed to seek feedback from Committee members and any other interested parties on their thoughts about how the Waitangi Day 2019 event went and their suggestions on how these events could be run in the future.
- 15 An online questionnaire was created and provided to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti to complete and forward on to other interested parties. Three responses to the questionnaire were received (attached as Appendix 1).
- 16 Respondents were positive about the venue but commented that future venues should have good access, good facilities and suitable cover.

- 17 One respondent suggested that the event should be rotated around marae in the district to host and the Council settle on one venue which is used every time the Council hosts.
- 18 Another respondent suggested that one central location is chosen where all future Waitangi Day events are held, to save costs for Council and market stall holders, and establish an awareness within people who attend to expect where the event is held every year and what happens there.

Options

Waitangi Day Commemorations 2020

- 19 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti must decide on how Waitangi Day is commemorated for 2020 and future years.

Option 1

- 20 Respondents suggested that Waitangi Day events returning to rotated responsibilities by Iwi within the district. Council would also be part of the rotation and have a turn hosting the event at a venue of its choice. Given that the Council hosted the events in 2018 and 2019, an opportunity is available for one of the three Iwi to host in 2020.
- 21 If Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti decides for the event to be hosted in 2020 by Iwi, the Committee will need to confirm who that will be.
- 22 Council staff will work directly with the host to organise the Waitangi Day commemorative event for 2020 and any other activities for the public, as deemed appropriate by the host.

Option 2

- 23 A questionnaire respondent suggested that the Waitangi Day event be held at a central venue with good access, good facilities and suitable cover. This venue would then be where all future Waitangi Day events are held. The suggestion was made on the basis that it would build public awareness and set an expectation on where these events are held and what happens at them every year.
- 24 The respondent's comments included that event costs for Council and market stall holders would be lower than moving the event around to different venues in the district every year.
- 25 If Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti decides on this option, the Iwi Relationships Team will work with the Committee to develop a plan for Waitangi Day Commemorations 2020 and work with Council staff to implement the plan.
- 26 For both options, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti will have the ability to change the scope of this event following each Waitangi Day, to help ensure that commemorations on the Kāpiti Coast remain aligned with Iwi aspirations.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial considerations

- 27 The budget for Waitangi Day 2019 was \$12,634. An overspend occurred largely due to unexpected costs for state highway traffic management. These extra costs have been absorbed into existing baselines.

28 The budget for Waitangi Day 2020 is \$12,912.

Tāngata whenua considerations

29 This event is a direct outcome of the Memorandum of Partnership and is delivered via the Iwi Relationships Team.

Strategic considerations

30 The commemoration of Waitangi Day is a direct outcome of the Memorandum of Partnership and significantly contributes towards achieving the goal listed in the 2018-38 Long Term Plan: *Council is a trusted partner with tāngata whenua and strongly engaged with the community.*

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Significance policy

31 This matter has a moderate degree of significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it relates directly to the Memorandum of Partnership.

Publicity

32 Staff will work closely with the Communications Team to ensure a communications plan for Waitangi Day Commemorations 2020 event is developed and implemented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

33 That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti:

33.1.1 Receives the report PP-19-840 and notes its content.

33.2 Confirms that _____ will host the Waitangi Day Commemorations 2020 event.

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