

Chairperson and Committee Members
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI

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Purpose of Report: For Decision

COMMEMORATING WAITANGI DAY 2019

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek confirmation of which partner would like to host the commemoration of Waitangi Day 2019 in Kāpiti and to seek agreement on the scope of the event.

DELEGATION

- 2 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti have 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 5 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- Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki – Ōtaki Māori Racecourse
 - 2018 – Kāpiti Coast District Council – Council Chambers
- 7 In 2017, at the request of His Worship Mayor Gurunathan, it was agreed that Council would host the 2018 commemoration of Waitangi Day

- 8 As a signature event for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, it was believed to be more appropriate to shift from celebrating Waitangi Day to commemorating it across the Kāpiti Coast, given that two of the three iwi partners are still working through the Treaty settlement process
- 9 With that in mind, the proposal by the Iwi Relationships Team was to develop an exhibition that commemorated signatories and have this launched in Council Chambers on Waitangi Day 2018.
- 10 This was approved by iwi partners and each iwi provided the name of a tupuna to be commemorated in the exhibition. To ensure the information gathered was pono (accurate) staff worked with a direct descendant at the direction of each iwi.
- 11 Throughout the development of the exhibition, feedback was provided that it was difficult for iwi to choose just one tupuna to be commemorated and that support was provided on the understanding that the exhibition would be developed over time to include all signatories of the three iwi.
- 12 Whilst this report does not seek to provide a detailed report back on the 2018 event (as this is to be covered in a update by the Iwi Relationships Project Officer) it notes the following:
 - The exhibition commemorated 3 tupuna who were signatories (1 from each iwi)
 - Provided information on the journey of the document as it travelled along the Kāpiti Coast
 - Developed greater understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its relevance on the Kāpiti Coast
 - Included a short video documentary, interviewing the three descendants that worked alongside the Iwi Projects Officer in the development of the exhibition
 - Was launched in Council Chambers with an invite only ceremony, which was then opened up to the public for the remainder of the day
 - The exhibition travelled the length of the District between February and June, being housed in Paraparaumu, Ōtaki and Waikanae Libraries as well as the Paekākāriki Station Museum
- 13 Following the event, there was a very small amount of feedback from the community around not being able to attend a celebratory event on a marae, however there has been a great amount of feedback on the quality of information provided within the exhibition, with Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti and Council being congratulated on providing the community with high quality information via the exhibition. Many requests have since been fielded by library staff on how to access this information now that the 2018 exhibition has closed.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 14 The budget for this signature event is \$12,634. This limits the ability to match larger public events provided across the greater Wellington region and Horowhenua.

- 15 Timeframes to organise and deliver this event present challenges given the time of the year and the availability of people over the Christmas and New Year period. This can be mitigated with a detailed and strict project plan.
- 16 The Waitangi Day project aims to:
- build the community understanding of the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi,
 - increase awareness of tāngata whenua of the district, and
 - promote the partnership and achievements of the partnership between the Council and tāngata whenua
- 17 With the above in mind, it is proposed for the 2019 comemoration that:
- The commemoration of Waitangi Day for the Kāpiti Coast continues to build on the exhibition “*Te Tiriti, me huri whakamuri ka titiro whakamua*”
 - Each iwi consider 1-2 tupuna to be commemorated, along with appropriate uri/people to assist in the research development for in the 2019 exhibition and directly advise Iwi Projects Officer, Maia Whiterod of their decision.
 - The launch of the exhibition is the public event held on Waitangi Day and the host for the 2019 is decided by Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti
 - Staff would work directly with the host to organise the Waitangi Day commemorative event and any other activities for the public, as deemed appropriate by the host.
 - Updates will be provided at Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti hui between now and Februray 2019.
- 18 It is also proposed that:
- The exhibition remains a key element of the commemorative activity until all Kāpiti iwi tupuna who signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi are commemorated.
- 19 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

- 20 The existing budget for this year is \$12,634.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 21 This signature event for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti is a direct outcome of the Memorandum of Partnership and is delivered via the Iwi Relationships Team.

Strategic considerations

- 22 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 that: *Council is a trusted partner with tāngata whenua and strongly engaged with the community.*

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Policy

- 23 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

- 24 Staff will work closely with the communications team to ensure a communications plan for this event is developed and implemented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 25 That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti:
- 26 Receives the report SP-18-587 and notes its content.
- 27 Approves the proposed scope as listed in paragraph 17 of this report.
- 28 Approves that the exhibition remains a key element of the commemorative activity until all Kāpiti iwi tupuna who signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi are commemorated.
- 29 Confirms who will host the 2019 Waitangi Day event.

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