

Te Ara Wai Governance Committee Public Agenda - 19 June 2023

Council Chambers
101 Bank Street
Te Awamutu



Chairperson

Andrew Brown

Members

Her Worship the Mayor SC O'Regan, EM Stolwyk, P Gloyne, L Muntz, G Taithua

14 June 2023 09:00 AM

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APOLOGIES



DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Members are reminded to declare and stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they may have.



LATE ITEMS

Items not on the agenda for the meeting require a resolution under section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 stating the reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why it cannot be dealt with at a subsequent meeting on the basis of a full agenda item. It is important to note that late items can only be dealt with when special circumstances exist and not as a means of avoiding or frustrating the requirements in the Act relating to notice, agendas, agenda format and content.



CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

Recommendation

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

COMMITTEE AGENDA



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee

From: Governance

Subject: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Date: 19 June 2023

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

The local authority, its committees, subcommittees and any local and community boards must keep minutes of their proceedings. These minutes must be kept in hard or electronic copy, authorised by a Chairperson’s manual or electronic signature once confirmed by resolution at a subsequent meeting. Once authorised the minutes are the prima facie evidence of the proceedings they relate to.

The only topic that may be discussed at a subsequent meeting, with respect to the minutes, is their correctness.

2 RECOMMENDATION – TŪTOHU Ā-KAIMAHI

That the open minutes of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee meeting held on 3 April 2023, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3 ATTACHMENT - ĀPITITANGA

Te Ara Wai Governance Committee Open Minutes – 3 April 2023

COMMITTEE MINUTES



Time: 1:00pm
Date: Monday 3 April 2023
Venue: Council Chambers

Karakia Whakapuaki

PRESENT

Chairperson

Councillor A Brown

Members

Her Worship Mayor O'Regan, Lee-Ann Muntz, Paraone Gloyne, Glenda Taithua, Councillor Stolwyk

In attendance

Chairperson A Brown, Her Worship Mayor O'Regan, Lee-Ann Muntz, Councillor Stolwyk

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

9/20/05

That the apologies of Parone Gloyne and Glenda Taithua for non-attendance be received.

Mayor O'Regan / Councillor Stolwyk

2 Te Ara Wai Governance Committee - Election of a Chairperson

There was one nomination received for Chair of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee, Councillor A Brown.

RESOLVED

9/20/06

That Te Ara Wai Governance Committee:

COMMITTEE MINUTES



- a) *Receives the report of Jo Gread, Manager Governance, titled 'Te Ara Wai Governance Committee – Election of a Chairperson (document number 10961898);*
- b) *Selects System B from clause 25 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to elect its Chairperson, and*
- c) *Appoints Councillor A Brown as Chairperson of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee*

Mayor O'Regan / Councillor Stolwyk

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no new disclosures.

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

RESOLVED

9/20/07

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Mayor O'Regan / Committee Member Muntz

6 DEPUTATION – TE AWAMUTU MUSEUM TRUST BOARD

Dean Taylor provided a brief history of the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board and outlined the role of the Trust Board.

RESOLVED

9/20/08

That the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee receives the verbal deputation from Dean Taylor of the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board.

Committee Member Muntz / Councillor Stolwyk



7 TE ARA WAI GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2023

RESOLVED

9/20/09

That the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee;

- a) Receives the report of Sally Sheedy, Group Manager Customer & Community Services, titled 'Te Ara Wai Governance Committee - Schedule of Meetings 2023' (document number 10961899);
- b) Adopts the following schedule of meetings for the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee for 2023 commencing at 1:00pm:
 - 19 June
 - 11 September
 - 21 November; and
- c) Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to alter the schedule of ordinary meetings for the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee in consultation with the Chair as required.

Councillor Stolwyk/ Mayor O'Regan

8 Te Ara Wai Development Project Recap and Reconfirmation of Objectives, Deliverables and Benefits

Sally Sheedy provided a presentation to the committee which included a project recap on the history and development of the project and sought the committee's reconfirmation of objectives for the Te Ara Wai project.

There was a question on the information Council held on inbound tour operators in respect of the project. Staff advised that further analysis would be undertaken and reported back to the committee.

The committee queried how "enacting positive and social change" would be measured as an objective. It was noted that the project in its entirety will enact positive and social change so this should be removed from the objectives. The motion that was put to the vote had the wording "enacting positive and social change and" removed from the first objective.



RESOLVED

9/20/10

That the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee;

- a) *Receives the report of Sally Sheedy, Group Manager Customer and Community Services titled Te Ara Wai Development Project Recap and Reconfirmation of Objectives, Deliverables and Benefits (document number 10961107);*
- b) *Approves the objectives, deliverables and benefits for the Te Ara Wai development project as follows:*

Objectives	<p><i>Specific key objectives for the project are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Highlight the significance of local sites on a personal, national and international scale.</i> ▪ <i>Be a place that actively supports the sharing of stories that until recently have been ignored or suppressed including collaboration with local iwi and engagement with mana whenua.</i> ▪ <i>Be a multidimensional offering that combines a museum experience with natural and cultural sites, travel information and heritage activities for all visitors.</i> ▪ <i>Create a safe gathering place for people to come together and understand different perspectives, facilitating healing and reconciliation.</i> ▪ <i>Provide space to house, care for and showcase our community’s precious and unique collection of taonga with ever-changing exhibitions and interactive zones that tell our unique Waipā stories.</i> ▪ <i>A successful tourism destination which increases national and international visitation to the Waipā region.</i> ▪ <i>Provide a space for research, offering increased access to the Museum’s archival collection and increase our schools and outside the classroom education programmes and enhance the learning curriculum.</i>
Deliverables	<p><i>A new museum facility on Arawata Street, Te Awamutu. The building will undergo structural, seismic and roofing upgrades with full interior fitout to create Te Ara Wai and a facility which delivers the project objectives and the outcomes agreed within the commercial and operational model.</i></p>



	<p><i>Te Ara Wai will be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>A vibrant leader in its own time, agile and forward thinking in its approach to being kaitiaki to and sharing the stories of its community.</i> ▪ <i>Focused on our community as a starting point for telling our stories and utilising the collection in support of those stories.</i> ▪ <i>An authentic challenging educational storytelling experience with visibly strong integrity.</i> ▪ <i>Challenger of past understanding of our history and promotor of dialogue to encourage new understanding and healing.</i> ▪ <i>Recognising the place and space of mana whenua.</i> ▪ <i>An enabler of the philosophies that support Te Tiriti o Waitangi.</i>
<p>Benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>A place for healing and sharing Aotearoa New Zealand’s history.</i> ▪ <i>Increased learning and education facilities.</i> ▪ <i>Local history will be accessible to all and preserved to provide a greater understanding for future generations.</i> ▪ <i>People will identify with their history and heritage.</i> ▪ <i>For Waipā people, it creates changing vibrant storytelling and educational experiences that explore Waipā identity and celebrate achievement.</i> ▪ <i>For Iwi, it is a space in which to share their stories in their way and in their words.</i> ▪ <i>For visitors, it offers a unique, place-based perspective, discussion about an important aspect of New Zealand history, and an opportunity to visit sites of major significance within the Waipā region.</i> ▪ <i>For local businesses, it generates tourism from within and outside the region increasing time in the region bringing wider economic benefits to Waipā.</i> ▪ <i>Increased ability to meet Museological standards.</i>

Councillor Stolwyk / Committee Member Muntz

COMMITTEE MINUTES



9 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

9/20/11

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
9. Te Ara Wai Draft Project Implementation Report	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
9.	Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(h)	To enable the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Mayor O'Regan / Committee Member Muntz

Karakia Whakamutunga



There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:

COMMITTEE REPORT



INFORMATION ONLY

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee

From: Director Museum and Heritage

Subject: **Overview of Support for Te Ara Wai**

Meeting Date: 19 June 2023

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

The purpose of this report is to inform the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee (the Committee) of the support Council has received for the Te Ara Wai project.

This update is in response to discussion at the Committee meeting on 3 April 2023, where members sought to understand the level of support for the project.

Support for the project was extremely encouraging with 29 letters of support (Appendix 1). Key themes of the letters were:

- The articulation of tangata whenua stories in collaboration with mana whenua
- The ability to cater to the powerful surge of interest in the local history of place, providing an authentic experience centred in the place where history happened
- The importance of providing a space to tell the nationally significant stories of Waipā with a particular focus on the New Zealand Land Wars
- Catering to local, regional and national interest, providing increased tourism opportunities
- Contributing to our economic, heritage, cultural and social wellbeings
- Increasing a sense of pride and identity in our community.

An excerpt from the support letter received from Waikato Tainui:

“Much of the rich weave of heritage and geography, and the events and eruptions that happened in the district, have slipped past generations of New Zealanders. Yet it is that very same weave that has shaped our identity. We ‘are’ because of our past, and by knowing the truth of our past we can better determine our future.”

While the location for the development of Te Ara Wai has changed to the Arawata Street site, the fundamental basis and intent of the project remains the same. With little change in the broader sense regarding the key drivers of Te Ara Wai, it is expected the support from these mana whenua partners and other key stakeholders remains the same.

2 RECOMMENDATION – TŪTOHU Ā-KAIMAHI

That the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee receives the report of Anne Blyth titled Overview of Support for Te Ara Wai (document number 11023378).

3 COMMENTARY - KŌRERO

The development of the Te Ara Wai dates back to November 2017. In the time since, several key pieces of work have been completed including the development and launch of Te Ara Wai Journeys, completion of the Concept Master Plan, Commercial and Operational Model, Kaupapa Kōrero Iwi Engagement and Architects Brief for a site in Mahoe Street, Te Awamutu.

In late 2018 and early 2019 Council's elected members and staff sought letters of support from mana whenua, key stakeholders and organisations associated with the Te Ara Wai Project. These letters were to provide Council with assurance of support for the project and to strengthen Council's application to the Regional Growth Fund.

Twenty nine letters of support for Te Ara Wai were received by Council. Support came from mana whenua and a wide range of other organisations with interest in the project from sectors covering:

- Education
- Tourism
- Local, regional and national bodies
- Museums
- Historians.

The application to the Regional Growth Fund was unsuccessful and the project then stalled in August 2020 until Council seized the opportunity to acquire the lease of a site in Arawata Street in 2021 for a new location for Te Ara Wai.

Subsequently, funding for the development of Te Ara Wai was approved through the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

4 APPENDIX – ĀPITITANGA

No:	Appendix Title
1	Te Ara Wai Letters of Support (Doc Set ID 11020057)



Anne Blyth
DIRECTOR MUSEUM AND HERITAGE



Reviewed by Brad Ward
MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES



Approved by Sally Sheedy
GROUP MANAGER CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



TE ARA WAI

Letters of Support

No	Organisation	Type	Date of Letter	ECM
1	Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa	Mana Whenua	17 Dec 2018	7858744
2	Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust	Mana Whenua	6 Jan 2019	7858741
3	Te Kōpua Marae Trustees	Mana Whenua	25 Oct 2018	7744174
4	Maniapoto Māori Trust Board	Mana Whenua	30 Aug 2018	7666766
5	Waikato Tainui	Mana Whenua	17 May 2019	9966811
6	Raukawa Charitable Trust	Mana Whenua	29 April 2019	8009461
7	Parawera Marae	Mana Whenua	10 Feb 2019	7915115
8	Tom Roa	Mana Whenua	4 Feb 2019	7886147
9	TA Museum & District Trust Board	Trust Board	14 August 2018	7608849
10	TA Museum & District Trust Board	Trust Board	12 Feb 2019	7897729
11	Te Waka	Regional Body	15 Feb 2019	7977761
12	Hamilton Waikato Tourism	Regional Body	15 Feb 2019	7906403
13	Waikato Regional Council	Regional Body	27 Feb 2019	7954460
14	Waitomo District Council	Local Authority	8 Feb 2019	7893998
15	Otorohanga District Council	Local Authority	7 Feb 2019	7892410
16	New Zealand History Teachers Assoc	Education	18 Feb 2019	7909831
17	Te Awamutu College	Education	12 Feb 2019	7900696
18	St Patrick's Catholic School	Education	12 Feb 2019	7897726
19	Te Awamutu Primary School	Education	5 Feb 2019	7892981
20	Cambridge High School	Education	5 Feb 2019	7886101
21	Pirongia School	Education	7 Feb 2019	7904709
22	Creative Waikato	Organisation	8 Feb 2019	7894929
23	Te Awamutu District & Memorial RSA	Organisation	14 Feb 2019	7903845
24	TA Community Public Relations Org	Organisation	12 Feb 2019	7899281
25	Museums Aotearoa	Organisation	7 Feb 2019	7892987
26	Te Papa Tongarewa	Museum	26 March 2019	7998500
27	History Works - Dr Vincent O'Malley	Historian	1 Feb 2019	7883323
28	Bridget Williams Books	Publisher	6 Feb 2019	7892975
29	Barbara Kuriger	MP	13 Feb 2019	7903832

Chairman and Treasurer

Gaylene Roberts, 24 Breckons Avenue, Nawton, Hamilton
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Secretary

Hazel Wander, 23 Te Kanawa Street, Otorohanga, 3900 [REDACTED]
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17 December 2018

digitally delivered

Mr Jim Mylcreest
Your Worship The Mayor
Waipa District Council
Private Bag 2402
TE AWAMUTU

Tena Koe

In the meeting dated December 17th 2018 the meeting asked that I write a letter advising Council that NITOW unanimously endorse the Waipa District Council Heritage project to establish a new Discovery Centre, development of the new Hub and the development of the heritage sites across the Waipa district.

NITOW appreciate the Council's support in moving this important work forward as agreed in the long term plan 2018-2028.

Noho ora mai,

Gaylene Roberts
CHAIR - NGĀ IWI TOOPU O WAIPA

C.C: GARY KNIGHTON
SHANE TE RUKI

6 January 2019

Mayor Jim Mylchreest
Waipa District Council
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Te Awamutu 3840

Email: jim.mylchreest@waipadc.govt.nz

Tēnā koe e te rangatira

TE ARA WAI – Waipa District Council Heritage Project

I write to confirm Ngāti Hauā support for the Waipa District Council Heritage Project and its various workstreams which we understand to include the proposed museum discovery centre, the hub development and The Journey – Heritage Sites.

My Trustees received a detailed briefing on this project from Iwi Relations Advisor Shane Te Ruki on 20th December which was well received and very much appreciated.

We see the heritage project as a wonderful opportunity for tangata whenua stories to be articulated. We would welcome the opportunity to be part of this project as it progresses and look forward to receiving regular updates on developments.

Nāku noa, na



Mokoro Gillett
Chairperson



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TE KŌPUA MARAE TRUSTEES

Chief Executive Officer
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25 October 2018

Tena koe

TE KŌPUA MARAE COMMITTEE: WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL HERITAGE PROJECTS AND NAMING OF NEW MUSEUM/DISCOVERY CENTRE

At a meeting of the Te Kōpua Marae Committee (which includes all the Marae Trustees) held on 7 October 2018, the Committee resolved that I send Council a letter informing it of the Committee's support in respect of the following:

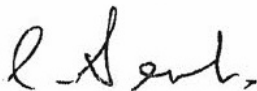
1. the 3 streams of Council's Heritage Project, namely:
 - a) Te Arawai – Waipa Discovery Centre;
 - b) The Hub;
 - c) The journeys – Heritage sites.

and

2. Council's decision to name the new Museum/Discovery Centre to be "Te Ara Wai".

Please therefore accept this letter as confirmation of same.

Yours sincerely



George Waraki Teruki
Chairperson, Te Kōpua Marae Trustees and Te Kōpua Marae Committee
5 Opal Place, Chartwell, Hamilton 3210



MANIAPOTO MĀORI TRUST BOARD

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30 August 2018

Waipa District Council
101 Bank Street
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To whom it may concern

RE: Cultural Heritage Project

Tēnā rawa atu koe i runga i ō tātou tini aituā, o ia marae, o ia marae, kua whetūrangitia. Kei te mihi atu, kei te tangi atu. Rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou. Tātou te hunga ora ki a tātou. Tēnā anō tātou katoa.

The Waipa District Council (as a heritage protection authority) will continue to support the identification, celebration, protection and promotion of its district's heritage. Waipa's heritage comprises a combination of tangible assets (such as buildings, monuments and artefacts), intangible culture (such as folklore, traditions and language) and natural heritage (including culturally significant landscapes and biodiversity). The Cultural Heritage project outlined to the Board on 27/8/18 is one of the mechanisms proposed to identify, celebrate, protect and promote Waipa's unique cultural heritage. Maniapoto Iwi are part of that cultural heritage. The presentation to MMTB forms part of the Council's iwi engagement and the Board was pleased to be able to host the contingent from Waipa District Council and to hear the exciting future steps being proposed.

MMTB has two Strategic Goals, which will be supported by the Cultural Heritage Project. They are:

1. To lead and inspire our Iwi to enhance and improve upon our natural resources and taonga
2. To support the advancement of Maniapoto Wellbeing;

Maniapoto Māori Trust Board are fully supportive of the Cultural Heritage Project as it will assist in achieving, not only our Strategic Plan goal, but also our vision of: *"A unified Maniapoto Iwi achieving cultural and social wellbeing, environmental sustainability and economic growth."* This can only have positive effects for our wider community as a whole.

We wish to continue ongoing conversations with the Waipa District Council to ensure a successful working relationship.

Nō reira, kāore e kume roatia te kōrero, heoi anō, noho pai mai i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa.

Nāku noa, nā

R Tiwha Bell
Chairman - Maniapoto Māori Trust Board

Ā muri kia mau ki tēnā, kia mau ki te kawau mārō, whanake ake, whanake ake



17 May 2019

Mayor Jim Mylchreest
Waipa District Council
Private Bag 2402
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Tena koe e te Koromatua

Te Ara Wai - Waipa District Council Heritage Project

He hoonore, he korooria, he maungaarongo ki te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngaa tangata katoa, Paimaarire.

Waikato-Tainui has been made aware through various engagements that the Waipa District Council is forging forward with the Waipa District Council Heritage Project, Te Ara Wai. Te Ara Wai has alignments and connective tissue to the heritage, environmental aspirations and tribal projects of Waikato Tainui.

I am happy to confirm our support of Te Ara Wai as a new means by which a richer reflection of the past can be seen and comprehended by present and future generations. Waikato-Tainui is enthused by the project which will give voice to the accounts from iwi and hapuu by iwi and hapuu. Much of the rich weave of heritage and geography, and the events and eruptions that happen in the district, have slipped past generations of New Zealanders. Yet it is that very same weave that has shaped our identity. We 'are' because of our past, and by knowing the truth of our past we can better determine our future.

Waikato-Tainui welcomes the opportunities to further our relationship to the Waipa District Council through Te Ara Wai.

Please feel free to contact Manaaki Nepia (manaaki.nepia@tainui.co.nz) if you have any questions.

Ngaa manaakitanga

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. McLean'.

Parekawhia McLean
Chair, Te Whakakitenga o Waikato

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29 April 2019

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Tēnā koe e te rangatira

TE ARA WAI – WAIPĀ DISTRICT COUNCIL HERITAGE PROJECT

I write to confirm Raukawa Charitable Trust's support for the Te Ara Wai Heritage Project.

Te Ara Wai aligns with the objectives and direction on the Trust and in particular the Ngā Wāhi Tūturu Project and its emphasis on the protection and restoration of cultural heritage and the utilisation and dissemination of Raukawa mātauranga.

For Raukawa, the proposed museum discovery centre and The Journeys project will provide opportunities for people to reflect on the past, reconnect with land and taonga and share the significant and historic heritage of the Waipa District

The Trust have also provided its support for Te Ara Wai through the 2018 Waipa District Council Long Term Plan.

The Trust would welcome the opportunity to be a part of this project and wish to continue ongoing conversations with the Waipā District Council to ensure a successful working relationship.

If you have questions or queries, please feel free to contact Grant Kettle, Group Manager Pūtake Taiao at grant.kettle@raukawa.org.nz

Nāku noa, nā

Vanessa Eparaima
Chair
Raukawa Charitable Trust

Waipā District Council
101 Bank Street
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Te Awamutu 3840

Tēnā koe Mayor Jim Mylchreest,

We of the Parawera Marae would like to take this opportunity to express our support to yourself and the Waipā District Councillors for the work done in the Waipā Heritage trail.

Our Marae committee moved Sunday 10 Feb 2019 to write a letter supporting the Council for the initiative taken in the Heritage project.

Nāku iti noa,
Nā



Tiamana - Warren McGrath

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To: [Sharyn King](#)
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From: Tom Roa [mailto:tom.roa@waikato.ac.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 4:18 PM
To: Tony Roxburgh
Subject: Re: FW: Te Ara Wai: Letter of Support

Kia ora Tony

A letter of support:

To Whom It May Concern
Re: Te Ara Wai proposed heritage centre in Te Awamutu

Tēnā koutou i roto i ngā tini āhuetanga o te wā.
Hei tautoko tēnei reta i te rautakinga o runga ake nei e kiia nei ko Te Ara Wai.
Ki a au, he tino huarahi tēnei hei whakamōhio, hei whakamaumahara hoki i a tātou ahakoa ko wai i ngā kōrero o ngā rā o mua, he aha koa ko ētehi o aua kōrero he ngaoko i te kiri, he āhua hakirara, he whakatenetene pea. Ko te whare e whakaarotia ana, e tūmanakohia ana, he piringa e taea ai e te marea te whai whakaaro ki ngā kōrero i tuku iho; kia tau pai ai te maunga-a-rongo ki runga ki te takiwā.
Kei runga kei te rohenga o te Whae Taonga o Te Awamutu tētehi wairua e tārewa ana, me whai taunga e tatū ai te tika, te pono o te nohonga ngātahitanga o ngā iwi katoa o te hapori, mai i tōna hītori ka tahi.
Ka rua, hei whakaaturanga i te tuakiri o te rohe, ā-iwi Māori, ā-iwi Pākehā,

ahu atu ana ki roto ki ngā iwi o te ao whānui e whai wāhi ana ki tēnei rohe i ēnei rā.

Ka toru, ko ōna hua he pānga anō ki roto ki te ōhanga o te rohe, he tauira o te manaaki a te rohe i a ia anō, ōna tāngata, i tōna taiao, ā, i ngā manuwhiri ka eke mai ki runga ki a ia.

Heoi anō ko te tūmanako ka whai wāhi tēnei rautakinga ki roto i ō koutou whakaaro, whai hua mai ai i ā koutou tautoko, i ā koutou āwhina i a ia.

Paimārire

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From: Tony Roxburgh
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 8:36 AM
To: 'Tom Roa'
Subject: Te Ara Wai: Letter of Support

Morena Tom



Council will very soon be lodging an application to the Provincial Growth Fund for funding to assist the building of Te Ara Wai our new proposed heritage centre here in Te Awamutu. We hear through our sources that the fund

managers are keen for applicants to demonstrate the level of community support for their projects. So hence this request.

Would you be in a position to provide a letter of support for this venture on behalf of your department. I have attached a summary document but I'm sure you will know the project.

If you require any further information please ask.

Kind regards

Tony Roxburgh

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Te Awamutu District Museum Trust Board
C/- Dean Taylor
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August 14, 2018

Jim Mylchreest
Mayor
Waipā District
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Dear Jim,

On behalf of the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board, please accept my congratulations to all the team involved in the project to highlight Waipā's heritage and the success of winning the Local Government New Zealand Fulton Hogan Excellence Award.

The project and award have brought a huge deal of recognition for the district.


Thank you also to Council for voting in favour of bringing forward the new Waipā Discovery Centre.

It will be an exciting development for Te Awamutu and Waipā and the Trust Board is looking forward to being part of the project.

The Trust Board agrees in principle to the collection being prepared for transfer, transferred, housed, and exhibited to a new home in the Waipā Discovery Centre in accordance with best practice of Museum Standards¹.

We look forward to further discussions and the continuation of the positive relationship between Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board and Waipā District Council into the future.

Dean Taylor



Chairman
Te Awamutu District Museum Trust Board

¹ National code of ethics:
<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz/code-ethics>

International code of ethics:
<http://archives.icom.museum/ethics.html#intro>

TE AWAMUTU AND DISTRICT MUSEUM TRUST BOARD

To whom it may concern

The Te Awamutu and District Museum Trust Board (Board) is charged with the trusteeship of the invaluable collection of colonial and Māori artefacts of local, national and international origins. It is this collection that is the primary feature of Te Ara Wai - the new museum and discovery centre for the Waipā district. The collection will be a medium for telling the historical accounts of the Waipā district and the greater Waikato region in respect of the heritage theme of the Waipā heritage project.

The Te Awamutu and District Museum Trust Board and the Waipa District Council have a Deed Arrangement for Operation of the Te Awamutu and District Museum and a Memorandum of Understanding that underpins and provides for the collection to be managed, stored, and displayed, according to the best and current museum curation practices and standards, ensuring the past will live on for generations to come.

The Board gave its full support of the Waipā heritage project in the early part of 2018, in writing, to Waipa District Council. The Board is happy to provide this letter in support of the funding application to the Provincial Growth Fund. We await a positive response for all the people of the Waipā district, indeed the greater Waikato region and the Nation.

Nāku noa, nā



Dean Taylor

Chairman - Te Awamutu and District Museum Trust Board



Mr Garry Dyet
Chief Executive
Waipa District Council
Te Awamutu
15 February 2019

Dear Garry,

Re: Te Ara Wai proposal

On behalf of Te Waka, the Waikato region's economic development agency, I write to confirm our support in principle for Waipa District Council's proposed development, Te Ara Wai.

Te Waka was established in July 2018 to lead, support and facilitate regional economic development in the Waikato region. Our mandate is to help create prosperity and growth right across the region. As you are aware, on 14 November 2018 Te Waka launched our 2018-2022 Waikato Economic Development Programme. The priorities outlined in the Programme were developed during the Waikato Economic Summit, where 250 of the region's business, iwi, community and local government leaders were invited for two days in late August 2018.

During the Summit, attendees identified a network of culturally related tourism projects as the number one priority "Te Waka o Waikato – Improved tourism infrastructure, capability/capacity and authentic experiences for visitors". The Programme highlights many of the projects within the tourism infrastructure network, with Te Waka's objective to support development of these projects where the job growth is most needed.

Te Waka's support is therefore contingent upon the development of a business case that demonstrates Te Ara Wai's positive contribution within the authentic tourism and cultural education concept – both locally and regionally.

The authentic regional tourism and cultural education concept is being promoted by Te Waka to government. The network of authentic tourism product, industry and operator development

initiatives is the Waikato region's single biggest short-term job growth opportunity. The linking of these initiatives will greatly magnify the benefits for the region and result in jobs where they are needed most. The package leverages the Maori economic powerhouse to underpin a substantial cultural education component for which there is significant demand.

Te Waka is working with Waikato Tainui, Tainui Waka Tourism, Hamilton Waikato Tourism, Tainui Group Holdings, Momentum Foundation, Hamilton Airport and Waipa, Hamilton and Waikato Councils to finalise the prioritised list of projects that will form the network. Following a briefing to Minister Robertson on 18 January 2019 and Minister Jones on 27 February 2019, they are expecting a paper from Te Waka framing the authentic tourism and cultural education concept and list of projects that form the network. This will allow PDU officials to better assess individual PGF applications by also taking into account the network effect of the total concept.

The Te Ara Wai initiative is an integral component of the network. The network spans from Rangariri in the North following the Waikato River. Te Ara Wai forms an important hub for the network concept, telling the story about the Maori land wars and cultural history, and linking with tourism products in the highly deprived districts in Southern Waikato. It incorporates training in digital technologies with partnerships planned with Wintec and Te Wananga o Aotearoa to establish training opportunities for young people and a potential foundation for delivering cultural education.

In summary, I believe the Te Ara Wai proposal offers significant potential benefits for Waikato. Te Waka's support is contingent upon there being a net positive economic impact to the region and that it positively contributes to the network of tourism product in the region. We understand that Waipa District Council plans to commission a business case to demonstrate these benefits as the next stage.

I am happy to lend the full support of Te Waka to this proposed next step.



Dallas Fisher
Chairman, Te Waka



15 February 2019

Mr Garry Dyet
Chief Executive
Waipa District Council
Te Awamutu

Dear Garry

LETTER OF SUPPORT – TE ARA WAI & JOURNEYS PROJECT

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism (HWT) fully supports Waipa District Council's application to the Provincial Growth Fund for the Te Ara Wai and Waipā Journeys Project.

Tourism attracts more than 3.8 million visitors to New Zealand shores each year and is now the largest contributor to our national economy. Hamilton & Waikato are now reaping the benefits of this growth with our region holding the fifth largest visitor expenditure in this country behind Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown. The results are outstanding with tourism contributing more than \$1.55 billion to the region each year, and still growing.

To ensure the region is able to sustainably leverage the growth of the visitor economy long-term, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism along with regional stakeholders developed the Tourism Opportunities Plan in 2016. The plan sets the direction for future development opportunities across the region to ensure we fully extract the 'value' of the visitor economy rather than just meet the 'volume' only.

The goals set out in the tourism plan state that by 2025 the Hamilton and Waikato region will:

- Be established as a competitive destination that attracts visitors who stay multiple nights, spend money on experiences, recommend the region to others and return
- Be recognised by visitors as the home of Kiingitanga with exceptional visitor experiences that enable the visitor to immerse themselves in our unique Māori culture
- Have a range of quality events and experiences that attract domestic and international markets year-round
- Have added at least one new high-quality visitor attraction that is on the 'must do' list for short itinerary markets currently predominantly visiting Hobbiton Movie Set and Waitomo
- Offer a range of ways to engage with the Waikato River in vibrant settings in Hamilton and across the region, as well as the Waipā and Waihou Rivers.

The Te Ara Wai and Journeys Project not only assists with delivering the goals of our Tourism Opportunities Plan, it also aligns to one of our five game-changer projects 'The Home of Kingitanga' - delivering a suite of Māori visitor experiences that tell the distinctive story of our region's historic importance in a range of ways and places.

Telling the story of the New Zealand Wars, and specifically the Waikato Wars, aligns with our aspirations to grow and develop authentic visitor experiences anchored in our sense of place, people and culture. In the wider regional sense, it also provides an additional destination on the journey of the New Zealand Wars from our main gateway at Rangiriri.

Hamilton & Waikato TOURISM

The project is also collaborative in creating a multi-purpose visitor destination at Te Ara Wai, by incorporating Te Awamutu's i-SITE visitor information centre.

Together, these combined development projects have the potential to unlock wider economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits for Waipā and its communities. Waipā District Council have our full support with the submission of this PGF application.

Feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Nгаа mihi nui



Jason Dawson
Chief Executive

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From the Chairman's Office

27 February 2019

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To Whom It May Concern

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Support for Proposed Te Ara Wai Project On behalf of Waikato Regional Council

I write in full support of the visionary proposal of Waipa District Council to develop the Te Ara Wai Museum Discovery Centre. I also note that this project has the full support of the Waikato Mayoral Forum, Te Waka, the Waikato region's economic development agency, and that it is being undertaken in partnership with Iwi.

The Waikato region contributes significantly to New Zealand's rich cultural heritage and the Waipa district is very much central and integral to that. Much of the Waikato Land War occurred within the Waipa district from just south of Ngaruawahia to its culmination at the Battle of Orakau. Also, and very importantly, some major inter-tribal battles (Hingakaka, Matakītaki, Taumatawiwi) and events that had significant impacts on those tribes occurred within Waipa district.

During this period there were eras and events of significance that played important roles in shaping our region and country including Missionary influence, Maori agriculture, Main Trunk railway development of vast peat swamps and the growth of the dairy industry.

These stories must be told to our more enquiring generation and this purpose built centre using modern interpretive learning mediums will do just that.

Unlike other countries, there has been a real shortcoming in us telling the story of battles that were to shape our country. This was poignantly brought home to me when attending the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Orakau with there being nothing to tell this defining story. Te Ara Wai will do that for present and future generations.

The project is to be congratulated in having Iwi partnering in the planning and implementation. From a Waikato regional perspective, Te Ara Wai will provide a regional and national focus and be a significant contributor to our economic, heritage, cultural and social wellbeings. As proposed, it will showcase, tell the stories, educate and provide research.

I both congratulate and thank Waipa District Council and their Iwi partners on their initiative, planning and commitment and fully endorse the project to all prospective local, regional and national funders.

Yours sincerely

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Alan Livingston, ONZM
Chairman

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8 February 2019



Garry Dyet
Chief Executive
Waipa District Council
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Te Awamutu 3840

Dear Garry

WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR PGF FUNDING - TE ARA WAI

We write on behalf of Waitomo District Council (WDC) in support of Waipa District Council's Provincial Growth Fund application for its *Te Ara Wai* proposal at the Te Awamutu Museum/Discovery Centre.

WDC is located at the southern end of Waikato region. As for Waipa District Council, our district is included in the Te Waka Regional Economic Development Programme and we are members of the Southern Waikato Economic Action Plan. At the heart of both, we recognise that economic drivers are symbiotic and cross-boundary, and that our economic and social community of interest extends at least into southern Waikato.

As at Waipa, Waitomo district has its own special and unique attractions - instance Waitomo Caves - which provide interest and appeal for locals and visitors alike. Increasing visitor numbers will help to increase local employment and productivity. Developing these attractions is therefore of local, regional and national interest, and represents an appropriate use of the PGF.

We believe *Te Ara Wai* will provide an important attraction as part of the wider visitor destination journey through our region that extends to and beyond our district. It will complement and be complemented by our own tourism focused initiatives that build off the many local attractions and experiences on offer or to be developed as part of our own economic development strategy.

In conclusion, we fully support the Waipa District Council application for provincial growth funding for *Te Ara Wai* as an important contributor to increased economic development in our district and region.

Yours sincerely

**BRIAN HANNA
MAYOR**

**CHRIS RYAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Inquiries to:
Our Reference:

7 February 2019



To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

Support for Proposed Te Ara Wai Project

I write on behalf of the Mayor and Councillors of the Otorohanga District to express support for the proposal of Waipa District Council to develop the Te Ara Wai Museum Discovery Centre.

Much of the rich history of our region is shared by the Waipa and Otorohanga Districts, and we believe that this history is currently often not adequately recognised.

The Waikato Land Wars in particular are something that had broad effects in our area, but which are only now beginning to again be properly appreciated, as for example reflected by students of Otorohanga College recently being the initiators of a national petition to parliament that sought greater formal recognition of these events.

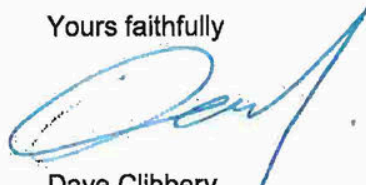
Whilst Otorohanga has a small but well run local museum it is volunteer operated and does not have the resources to provide the type of broad and impactful visitor experience that Te Ara Wai could give, and as such we believe that this proposed new project would be very complementary to our local facility.

It is believed that a facility such as Te Ara Wai would be of benefit both through enabling local people to better understand the history of their region, and as a potential destination for tourists, very large numbers of whom – believed to be in the order of 1 million per year - currently pass quickly through our districts on route to the Waitomo Caves and other attractions to our south

We believe that it would be of considerable benefit to the economy of both districts to expand the range of tourism products available so that we might have a package of activities that could hold those tourists longer in our area.

As such our Council strongly encourages others to support the Te Ara Wai project, through whatever means are available to them.

Yours faithfully



Dave Clibbery
Chief Executive Officer





NEW ZEALAND HISTORY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
I E PUNA MATAURANGA O NGĀ KAIWHĀKĀKA HĪTORI O AOTEAROA

18 February 2019

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to express the support of the New Zealand History Teachers' Association's for the application made for the new museum facility in Waipā – Te Ara Wai.

This development will be of huge benefit to our members, particularly given the recent increase in focus on the New Zealand Land Wars in New Zealand classrooms. The Museum currently provides a valuable resource for schools through its LEOTC Education programmes, which allows students to touch history through Museum collection objects and visits to key sites. The new Centre will provide further opportunities for schools to utilise this service.

The new centre will further enhance the learning available to schools and the wider community about the New Zealand Land Wars, and other key aspects of New Zealand history.

This project shows that Waipa District Council is committed to investing and sharing the district's stories and history to people from all walks of life, which is beneficial for everyone. The taonga cared for at the current Museum deserves to be housed and displayed appropriately for everyone to appreciate and learn from. The Centre would provide a unique and valuable offering in a centrally located part of New Zealand.

We at NZHTA look forward to hearing further about the success of the application and subsequent project.

Regards

Graeme Ball

Chair

NZHTA

www.nzhta.org.nz

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12 February 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to feedback on the concept masterplan of Te Ara Wai.

As an educational institution, Te Awamutu College, fully supports the concept plan and we believe that this facility located within our community would be an excellent tool to support and enhance the teaching and learning of a wide range of subjects within the school. At present a range of classes, including but not limited to the History, Tourism and Travel, Te Reo, the Arts, and Science classes have all made use of both the physical space and the educators. We have all agreed that this new concept is exciting and we look forward to investigate ways to continue to build the relationship between the College and Te Ara Wai.

There is a real focus and push at the moment within the History teaching community to address the lack of colonial history that is being taught to students. There is a petition being run at the moment asking for this period of our history to be made compulsory. Looking at what the new space is looking at offering allows the layers of the story to be told from a range of perspectives at the local, national and international level. It also allows for students to investigate how the significant events have not only impacted the Waipa but also New Zealand as a whole. As a College we are committed to improving the understanding of our shared past and the proposed new space would be an asset to be able to have access to on our doorstep. It makes the content accessible to all our students and also supports the teaching and learning of this within the wide range of subject areas. We also believe that other schools outside the area would also make use of this wonderful concept. The zones and hubs App would also be useful for students to be able to see the significant sites in and around the Waipa, but also allow other people outside the area to tell our stories.

We are also pleased to see a space for "pop-up" exhibitions, as these often fit into an aspect of our teaching across the curriculum and allows for the opportunity to enrich and extend our students. In particular the Visual Arts Department, really enjoy being able to use the space to show exhibitions of student work. It gives the Art/Photography students a taste of what it is like to be a resident artist in a space and allows the community to see the work that our talented students produce.





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It is also important that our Taonga are given the status that they deserve. The placement and focus of the likes of Uenuku allows the links with the community and the College to be maintained. As a community we are fortunate to have access to significant artifacts.

The location of the facility is ideal and it is easily accessible for all levels of students. The location near the Library also makes the facility a multi-dimensional facility to carry out research tasks and allows students to access the wide range of resources on offer. Students can use the information within the museum as well as the library to carry out their research.

As a collective of teachers we would like to fully support the concept behind Te Ara Wai and believe that this facility would allow the people of the Waipa to connect with their past, allow engagement with the present and help develop better understanding for the future of our area and our people.

All the best for your project and if further information is required we would be more than happy to address any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Tony Membery
Principal



St. Patrick's Catholic School

Empowered today for tomorrow's world.

Waipa District Council
101 Bank Street
Te Awamutu

12 February 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the application made for the new heritage facility in Waipā - Te Ara Wai.

St Patrick's Catholic School have consistently utilised the LEOTC resource at the current Te Awamutu museum to promote our students understanding of their community's history and their own heritage. St Patrick's students also learn about Rangiaowhia and the Catholic Holy Angels mission station which was located there at the time of the land war. Students attend the annual commemoration each year. Learning about these stories and enhancing our knowledge in this area is identified as a Strategic goal in our 2019 – 2021 Strategic plan.

I believe that a discovery centre, Te Ara Wai, would be pivotal in relaying those stories. The dynamic, interactive displays would entice the community to visit. To our students, it would be a treasure trove of history in which to learn from.

In conclusion, I believe this will be an incredibly valuable resource for local schools and the wider community. I look forward to hearing about the application's success.

Yours sincerely

Board Chair
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Sharon Griffiths
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5th February 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the application made for the new museum facility in Waipā - Te Ara Wai.

Te Awamutu Primary School have consistently utilised the Museum as a resource in the quest to scaffold our students understanding of their community's history and their own heritage. More recently, our staff of twenty-five teachers and management ventured on the heritage tour of our local area, facilitated by the Museum and Waipā Council employees.

The feedback from staff centred around surprise about the rich history in our immediate area and a sense of importance in sharing these stories with our whānau and school community, in order to honour our past. I believe that a discovery centre, Te Ara Wai, would be pivotal in relaying those stories. The dynamic, interactive displays would entice the community to visit. To our students, it would be a treasure trove of history in which to learn from.

In conclusion, I believe this will be an incredibly valuable resource for local schools and the wider community. I look forward to hearing about the application's success.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Griffiths

Sharon Griffiths
Principal
Te Awamutu Primary School.



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RE: Letter of support for Te Ara Wai

To whom it may concern,

For several years now, Cambridge High School has utilised the Waipa Museum and its Education Facilitator program to help inform our students of the rich and important history of our district.

It is because of this that we are excited about Te Ara Wai, the proposed Waipa Museum/Discovery, which we believe will further enhance the sharing of Waipa's powerful and nationally significant stories.

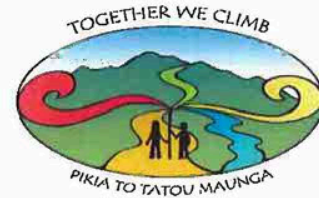
Cambridge High School therefore fully supports Waipa investing in sharing and hosting the stories of our past through Te Ara Wai and we look forward to it becoming a reality.

Nгаа mihi,

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7th February 2019

Letter of Support for Provincial Growth Fund Application:

Recently our school spent half a day with Tony Roxburgh from Waipa District Council, learning about the history of our area. As a staff we found this very informative, bringing to life the stories of the area in which we all work and where many of our staff live. More importantly where our children and their families live. It also made us realise how little we know about the rich history of this area and how much we enjoyed learning about the history through stories. Here are two examples of the feedback I received from staff following our day out with Tony.

The wealth of knowledge and understanding of the development of Pirongia was amazing. I personally found it really interesting and think that Tony did an amazing job at sharing his knowledge. I am looking forward to the development of these historical landmarks. I think it would be beneficial for our school to have a collaboration of the information shared yesterday by Tony and how to consider school-wide how we could ensure our local children come to understand and identify with their community history and landmarks.

Thank you very much for the commentary on our Teachers Only Day, it was great to get an insight on the local history of Pirongia, from someone who clearly has a wealth of knowledge of the community we live in. I am interested in trying to incorporate some of our local history into our Visual Art programme to begin with, it is good to know that we have people we can call upon in the Council who may be able to support us if needed.

Tony also informed the staff about the Te Ara Wai proposal for Te Awamutu. We know that this discovery centre will be an incredibly valuable resource for Waipa and in particular for the twenty + schools in the Waipa area. Our time with Tony has fired up the staff at our school to learn more about this area's history and we look forward to being able to access the Te Ara Wai centre. We understand it will be an ever evolving resource, an interactive resource and we are excited by what it will offer the community.

Yours sincerely

Jan Cullen

Principal



8 February 2019

Tēnā koe te kaipānui,

Te Ara Wai

It is with pleasure I provide this letter of support for the development of the new Waipā Museum and Discovery Centre – Te Ara Wai.

Te Awamutu Museum has punched above its weight for many years in its efforts to curate and share important cultural and heritage stories of our region. However, we all recognise there has been a critical part of the cultural development of our region, which story has gone largely untold in the mainstream. We commend Te Awamutu Museum for its intelligent and sensitive, strategic investigation into the most effective way to present the powerful and significant history of Waipā.

As in all creative and educational storytelling, the sharing and telling of conflicts past, and reconciliations present is critical to building harmony, empathy and understanding in our communities. It is also so very important that visitors to our country and region get a full context of our cultural history.

Creative Waikato passionately supports the concept, applauds the approach and encourages investment into the Waipā from the Provincial Growth Fund.

While this heritage story is intimately regional, it is much more. It is the story of Aotearoa.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Nathan", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Nathan
CEO
Creative Waikato

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From: Els Brown [mailto:louandelsb@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 February 2019 2:56 PM
To: Anne Blyth; Rowan Miller
Subject: RSA - Museum support

Dear Anne

The Te Awamutu District and Memorial RSA is very supportive of the concept for the Te Ara Wai, the Waipa District Discovery Centre. The creation of a Hub to display, research and store our local history is very important. Future generations will be able to gain knowledge and insights to our District's history and artifacts in a centralised forum. Many important and relevant artifacts need specialised storage and the Hub will provide a suitable environment for these treasures of our past. Again, our RSA supports the concept of a Hub which will be able to display, protect and store artifacts of our past.

Yours sincerely
Lou Brown
President
Te Awamutu District and Memorial RSA



Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Organisation (Tacpro)
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12 February, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Tacpro wishes to record our whole-hearted endorsement of the outstanding Waipa District Council initiative, Te Ara Wai.

Te Ara Wai will give us a unique format to tell our stories. It will further enhance what our town has to offer both to our visitors and to our local community.

We fully appreciate the opportunity provided by combining the i-SITE with the Te Ara Wai discovery centre.

Yours sincerely

Tom Davies
Chair, TACPRO

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7 February 2019

In support of the Provincial Growth Fund application for Te Ara Wai

Museums Aotearoa supports the proposal to build Te Ara Wai, a new Waipā Museum/Discovery Centre in Te Awamutu.

This new facility will be an integrated hub for discovery of the region's culturally important heritage that is currently largely hidden. As a visitor information centre, research facility, education provider and community gathering space, incorporating and expanding the existing Te Awamutu museum services, Te Ara Wai will be a game-changer for the Waipā District.

National and international research shows that museums provide significant economic returns as part of the tourism offering and wider employment and business of their region, in addition to huge returns to their communities in well-being, pride and identity.

Te Awamutu Museum is well-respected as kaitiaki for an important collection which it cares for and provides access to responsibly. But the present Te Awamutu Museum building has reached the limits of its capacity in terms of space and facilities, and this in turn limits the museum's opportunities to enhance its tourism offering and grow with its communities.

The new Te Ara Wai Museum/Discovery Centre will be a focus to tell important Waipā stories and direct visitors out to the many significant heritage sites in the region, particularly in relation to the New Zealand Land Wars. With Iwi, community and Waipā District Council fully behind the project, Te Ara Wai will be a vibrant community asset with huge potential to contribute to the region's cultural, social, economic and environmental growth.

Museums Aotearoa is New Zealand's professional association for public museums and art galleries. Our research draws on data from institutions and public sources in Aotearoa and academic and international research for context.

<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz/research>.

Nāku noa, nā

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Tēnā koe Mayor Mylchreest

Te Ara Wai – Letter of Support

I am writing to express support of the proposal to build Te Ara Wai, a new Waipā Museum/Discovery Centre in Te Awamutu. Te Papa is excited with the potential this new facility for the region's culturally important heritage.

Te Ara Wai Museum/Discovery Centre has an important role in pushing momentum about New Zealand's early history, including calls for this to be made a compulsory part of our school curriculum.

National and international research shows that discovery centres provide significant economic returns as part of the tourism offering and wider employment and business in their region, in addition to huge returns to their communities in well-being, pride and identity.

The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (Te Papa) fully supports this Centre and sees great value for the communities, the region and our nation. We are only too pleased to provide this letter of support and wish this project all the best for the future.

Ngā mihi nui,

Na,

Dr Arapata Hakiwai
Kaihautū



1 February 2019

Te Ara Wai

The Waipā district is rich in heritage and history. In the mid-nineteenth century it was one of the most important centres of economic activity in the country, not just feeding the residents of Auckland but also exporting produce as far away as Victoria and even California. That activity was led by its overwhelmingly Māori population.

The invasion of Waikato followed in 1863, of course, as did sweeping land confiscations that destroyed almost overnight the previously thriving Māori economy of the region. Many of the most important conflicts of the New Zealand Wars, including the battle of Ōrākau and the attack on the civilian settlement of Rangiaowhia, took place in the Waipā district.

These were defining events in New Zealand history and certainly in the history of the Waipā region, but have not always been remembered in this way. And that is why Te Ara Wai, the proposed new Waipā heritage centre, is an idea whose time has come.

Te Ara Wai will allow these and many other local stories of importance to be told in dynamic, varied and engaging ways. I endorse Waipā District Council's decision to invest in this important new centre, one that is sure to attract many local, national and international visitors to its doors.

Dr Vincent O'Malley



6 February 2019

I am writing to support the development of Te Ara Wai – the proposed museum/discovery centre at Waipā. I can speak from two particular perspectives – as the publisher of Vincent O’Malley’s *The Great War for New Zealand: Waikato 1800-2000* (and forthcoming book for schools and general readers on the New Zealand Wars), and as a long-time publisher of New Zealand history, working closely with not only leading historians but also with the country’s wonderful network of museums.

As others will be documenting, the Waipā District is without a doubt one of the New Zealand places most densely layered with narratives about our past. The history of Waikato-Tainui is present in this landscape, as is the settler narrative, the story of the New Zealand wars, and the country’s farming development (to name only key strands). These local narratives are present in all key New Zealand histories – and in Bridget William Books’ list, not only Vincent O’Malley’s recent work, but also in the award-winning *Tangata Whenua: An Illustrated History* by Atholl Anderson, Judith Binney and Aroha Harris.

The value of a museum and learning space within this landscape, as proposed with Te Ara Wai, cannot be underestimated. As book publishers, we work increasingly with museums around the country – holding talks and supporting school visits. In 2018, for example, we worked with the Auckland Museum to facilitate Vincent O’Malley’s talks about the wars to Auckland schools, and organised talks with different authors (all historians) at Puke Ariki in New Plymouth, the National Library, the Otago Museum and Te Papa. We have an ongoing programme for organising Historian Talks in Schools, in part inspired by the Waipā Council’s initiative in bringing Vincent O’Malley to the Waikato for a series of school talks in 2017. We also work closely with museums to ensure that our illustrated histories are informed with images reflecting local histories accurately. We rely on and greatly value these museum connections.

There is a powerful surge of interest in the local history of place, in the schools and amongst both New Zealand and international tourists. And this engagement needs to be centred in those places where history happened (not in the main centres).

Bridget Williams Books is committed to the development and dissemination of accessible, evidence-based knowledge about New Zealand and its past. Our publishing philosophy is based on a belief that knowing the past informs our understanding of the present, and thus enables a fuller participation in our society. Knowing the past, we believe, enriches both the present and the future.

We see local museums in places rich in history as making an invaluable contribution, and wholeheartedly support the project Te Ara Wai.

Bridget Williams

Bridget Williams, ONZM, MBE
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BARBARA KURIGER

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13th February 2019

To whom it may concern

I fully support the Waipa District Council and their project to build Te Ara Wai – a Waipa museum/discovery centre for the local community and tourists alike to experience the deep history and culture that has made Waipa the district that it is today.

Te Awamutu Museum in its current form has significant historical artefacts and is one of the best smaller museums I have visited. To see this transformed into a larger facility along with an educational hub and research centre would be phenomenal for the Waipa District and wider community. The exhibits will be constantly changing and the interactive areas will make for a very hands on, interesting experience for all visitors.

I am excited that this will give our schools a place to go, educating our children and grandchildren on the past.

We already know that there could be far more awareness and understanding of New Zealand's own history. The importance of learning and understanding the Land Wars in and around the Te Awamutu area including battle sites like Orakau, makes Te Ara Wai the perfect space to start the story of these sites of significant interest.

This is an incredibly exciting venture and a well thought out concept by the Waipa District Council team and I know that it will be a well utilised place by all.

Yours faithfully

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COMMITTEE AGENDA



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Te Ara Wai Governance Committee

From: Governance

Subject: **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Meeting Date: 19 June 2023

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

A local Authority may, by resolution, exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

2 RECOMMENDATION – TŪTOHU Ā-KAIMAHI

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
8. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes – 4 April 2023 9. Updated Commercial and Operational Model	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
8,9	Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(h)	<i>To enable the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</i> <i>To enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</i>
9	7(2)(c)	<i>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.</i>