



PĀNUI

Tēnā tātou. As raumati is fast approaching, so too is the end of the year. We are beginning to tidy up our projects so that we may start afresh in 2026. I take this opportunity to acknowledge all whānau members that took the time to attend wānanga, engage and hui with us at various times throughout the year. Working in the Te Taiao space is relenting and there is always a kaupapa on the table, therefore Tamatea Pōkai Whenua appreciates your attendance and input.

Our priority projects for Te Mātai Ao continue to be: 1. The Development of the Hapū Environmental Management Plan (HEMP), 2. Registering of Wahi Taonga. These projects are well advanced with Marae Taiao co-ordinators appointed to undertake the mahi. These co-ordinators play a vital role as Taiao advisors to Tamatea Pōkai Whenua by bringing their unique perspectives and lived experiences to the table. It is a powerful way for your Marae and Hapū to be involved in shaping Te Taiao future together. This is our last pānui for 2025 and we look forward to re-connecting with you in 2026. Mauri ora.

Di (Te Mātai Ao General Manager)

TAIAO RŌPŪ DISCUSSION SUMMARY

On October 13–14, we held our second wānanga for the Hapū Management Plan, with whānau diving deep into the draft policies and sharing their whakaaro on each of the eight chapters: Land, Air, Water, Biodiversity, Infrastructure, Development, Climate Change, and Natural Hazards.

There was some great kōrero – lots of discussion, ideas, and challenges – which is exactly what we need to make sure the plan reflects the views and values of our people. Every bit of feedback helps shape something that will guide how we care for and make decisions about our Taiao for years to come.

The next step is to pull together all the feedback, tidy up the policies, and start drafting the full plan. We're aiming to have a full draft ready to take to the Board in December. If you couldn't make it to the wānanga, you can still take a look at the draft policies [here](#) and share your thoughts by emailing taiao@tpw.iwi.nz

WĀHI TAONGA PROJECT

Our Wāhi Taonga Project is moving ahead strongly. We've now engaged our Taiao Rōpū advisors, who have been endorsed by their marae as representatives on environmental matters; to act as project coordinators for this kaupapa, unless advised otherwise by their marae. Their role is to collaborate, coordinate, support and work with whānau to identify and record sites of significance for potential inclusion in the District Plan.

This mahi is really important, it's about recognising and protecting the places that carry our kōrero, memories, and whakapapa. Each marae and their whānau will decide which sites they wish to share for the District Plan process. While it is up to each marae and hapu to identify culturally significant sites, it is the key first step for whānau who want to ensure those sites are protected. The kōrero stays with whānau or those who hold the mātauranga. This work is being prioritised to give mana whenua the opportunity to identify areas of the whenua that are culturally significant, enabling landowners to be aware of and to help protect these taonga. Getting these sites formally recognised in the District Plan is one of the most effective ways we can ensure our wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga are respected and safeguarded for future generations. If there are any patai or you would like to korero further, please don't hesitate to contact the project team or connect with your project coordinator. Partnering with you through your project coordinator will help us all collectively achieve the project goal for Council to consider.





Te Mātai Ao

Since our last pānui..

- **Hui ā`Awa: Te Awa o Mokotūāraro**
 - HBRC & HDC discussed upcoming projects on Te Awa o Mokotūāraro. A follow up hui is scheduled for Dec 09 in the TPW Boardroom.

Important Dates

09
DEC

TPW BOARD MEETING
Contact your marae trustee

09
DEC

HUI Ā AWA HUI #2
A hui on Te Awa o Mokotūāraro dredging project. [More info](#)

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TPW OFFICE CLOSING DATES
The Tamatea Pōkai Whenua operations office will shutdown from December 22 to January 5th

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS COURSE EOI

We are gathering expressions of interest for a locally delivered Making Good Decisions (MGD) Foundation Course here in Te Matau-a-Māui. This nationally recognised programme supports accreditation for Hearings Commissioners under the RMA and helps build capability ahead of upcoming RM reforms.

The course covers practical exercises (including mock hearings), RMA decision-making frameworks, and peer learning with other Māori environmental practitioners. Those who complete the course become eligible to sit on hearings panels across Aotearoa.

If you are interested in attending, please email taiao@tpw.iwi.nz and we will follow up with next steps. You are also welcome to share this opportunity with others in your iwi or hapū who may benefit.

WAIPAWA STOPBANK MANA WHENUA ROLES

Tamatea Pōkai Whenua is seeking expressions of interest for two roles:

Mana Whenua Liason Lead

The Mana Whenua Project Liaison Lead acts as the central coordination point between the project team and the wider mana whenua collective. The position plays a facilitative role in ensuring consistent communication, cultural integrity, and shared understanding between mana whenua and project partners.

Cultural Monitor

The Cultural Monitor will be responsible for ensuring that cultural protocols and practices are respected and adhered to in the projects and activities.

If you're interested, please check out our [website for more info](#).

WAIPAWA STOPBANK COMMUNITY DROP-IN

[Click for more info](#) about the upcoming community drop-in, in Waipawa on Saturday 22nd November at the CHB Municipal Theatre to share the first concept design with community.

TREC CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

See the updates for [Transport Recovery East Coast Construction here](#)