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South Taranaki District Council

Rārangi take Poari
Hapori o Pātea

Pātea Harbour Endowment Sub-Committee

Wednesday 4 November 2026, 9.00 am

Council Chamber, Administration Building,
Albion Street, Hāwera



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Purongo Whaitikanga
Governance Information

Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members

Councillor Brian Rook
Community Board Representative Cheryl Rook

Te Kāhui o Rauru	Mike Neho
Te Korowai o Ngāruahine	Ngaraina Brooks
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui	Ngapari Nui

Apatono / Delegations

The Pātea Harbour Endowment Sub-Committee is responsible for recommending to the Council on how to allocate funds raised from the Harbour Endowment reserve.

Funding must be used for:
a) Maintenance and improvements of endowment properties
b) Maintenance and improvement of Harbour facilities (including walls)
c) On recreational and cultural facilities within Pātea

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Rārangi Agenda

Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Sub-Committee

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5. **Karakia**

Karakia

1. Karakia

Ruruku Timata – Opening Prayer

Whaia, whaia, whaia te urutapunui a Tāne.
Tāne te waiora, Tāne te pūkenga, Tāne te wānanga
Tāne te whakaputa nei I te whaiao, I te ao mārama
Tīhei mauri ora

Let us follow in the footsteps of Tāne (The god who gave us knowledge)
Tāne the lifesource, Tāne the skilful, Tāne the knowledgeable
Tāne who brought light to the world
So give us life.

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Matakore Apologies

2. Matakore / Apologies

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Ngā Whakaputanga
Declarations of Interest

3. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Notification from elected members of:

a) Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and

b) Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

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Pūrongo-Whakamārama
Information Report

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To	Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Committee
From	Kaitātari Tūrawa – Ture / Property Officer – Legal, Elizabeth Albert
Date	4 November 2026
Subject	**Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund – Background and Administration Information Report**

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. Following a query raised at a Te Kāhui Matauraura meeting, this report has been prepared and is now presented to the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Committee. The report outlines the history, purpose and administration of the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund (the Fund) and the governance arrangements that have evolved since the abolition of the Pātea Harbour Board.

2. The report outlines the legislative framework governing the Fund, the Council's longstanding practice of seeking advice from the Pātea Community Board and the continued application of endowment income.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Committee receives the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund – Background and Administration Information Report.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

3. Under the Pātea Harbour Board Act 1876, land was set aside as an endowment, and the Act created the Pātea Harbour Board empowered to receive revenue from these lands and apply that revenue towards harbour purposes.

4. The Pātea Harbour Endowment Act 1892 formally declared scheduled land as an endowment for Pātea Harbour.

5. The Pātea Harbour Board was abolished by the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965, with its functions transferred to the Taranaki Harbour Board.

6. As part of that legislative restructuring, endowment lands, assets and income from the former Pātea Harbour Board remained protected and preserved for harbour purposes and harbour related liabilities within the Pātea Harbour district, consistent with the original intended benefit.

7. Under section 12 of the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965, income from the Endowment Account was to be applied:

   a. Firstly, to the improvement and maintenance of endowment properties;
   b. Secondly, to the maintenance and development of the Pātea Harbour and associated structures; and
   c. Thirdly, to offset any levies required by the Taranaki Harbour Board from local authorities within the harbour district.

8. During local government reorganisation, the Local Government (Taranaki Region) Order 1989 vested all Pātea Harbour Endowment property, rights, liabilities and funds in the South Taranaki District Council.

9. The Council thereby assumed responsibility for administering the Fund and associated land holdings, delegated matters to be considered by the Pātea Community Board for recommendation and sought advice regarding the future administration of the Endowment Fund and associated property.

10. In 1990, the Pātea Community Board recommended to the Council, the establishment of the Pātea Harbour Endowment Committee.

11. The Harbour Boards Dry Land Endowments Revesting Act 1991 revested some of the coastal marine area around Pātea in the Crown. This created a lack of clarity around the responsibility for harbour structures that were now on Crown land. In the absence of clarification from the Department of Conservation and the Taranaki Regional Council, the Judicial Committee recommended on 2 August 1993 that the disbanded Harbour Endowment Committee be re-constituted and resume the functions previously undertaken by the Committee. This recommendation was adopted at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 August 1993.

Existing Council Policy

12. Since 1993, the Council's longstanding practice has been for the Pātea Community Board to deliberate as an advisory body on matters relating to the Fund.

13. The Council resolved that the endowment funds and income, from time to time, derived from any property or investment should be applied as follows:

   a. On maintenance and improvement of Endowment properties;
   b. On maintenance and improvement of Harbour facilities, including Harbour walls; and
   c. On recreational and cultural facilities within the Pātea Ward.

14. In 1997, the Pātea Community Board clarified further that funding for recreational and cultural facilities within the Pātea Ward only be granted from a surplus held at any given time and recommendation to utilise funds come direct from the Community Board.

Current Practice

15. The Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Sub-Committee considers funding proposals to access the Fund and makes recommendations to the Council regarding their merits and alignment with the purposes of the Fund.

16. Decisions relating to recommendations by the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Sub-Committee remain subject to the Council's approval.

Legislative Considerations

17. The administration of the Fund is informed by the provisions of the Pātea Harbour Board Act 1876, the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965, and the Local Government (Taranaki Region) Order 1989.

18. The Council must ensure that decisions regarding the Fund remain consistent with the statutory purposes for which the Fund and associated endowment lands were established.

Whakawhiti Kōrero/Aromātai / Discussion/Evaluation

Legal Advice

19. In March 2018, the Council received legal advice regarding the repeal of the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965 by the Statutes Repeal Act 2017 and the implications for the administration of the Fund.

20. The advice confirmed that although the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965, including section 12, had been repealed, the Endowment land retained its status as endowment property and section 140(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires property to be retained and administered for the purpose for which it was vested in the local authority.

21. The lowest-risk approach for the Council was to continue applying revenue from the Endowment Fund broadly in accordance with the former section 12 of the Taranaki Harbours Act 1965. The income derived from the Endowment land should:

    a. First be used for the maintenance and improvement of the land itself and,
    b. Secondly, for the maintenance and development of the Pātea Harbour
    c. Any surplus funds could be retained until one of those purposes arose.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

22. The historical and legislative framework governing the Fund demonstrates a clear and enduring intention that endowment assets and income be used primarily for the maintenance and improvement of the endowment properties and the ongoing maintenance and development of Pātea Harbour. While the Council has, since 1993, adopted a broader policy approach that includes support for recreational and cultural facilities within the Pātea

Ward, current legal advice confirms that the Fund must continue to be administered in a manner consistent with the original endowment purpose.

23. Accordingly, future decisions relating to the Fund are informed by these statutory obligations and the purpose for which the land was vested.



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Property Officer – Legal



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Kaihautū Ture me te Rironga/
Legal and Procurement Manager

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Pūrongo-Whakamārama
Information Report

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To	Pātea Harbour Endowment Sub-Committee
From	Kaiārahi Tīma Rawa me ngā Whare / Property and Facilities Team Leader, Julie Bryant
Date	4 November 2026
Subject	**Mana Bay Erosion Mitigation Works Update**

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. Ongoing erosion between the landward end of the Pātea North Mole and the northern extent of the existing Manu Bay rock revetment has created a steep erosion escarpment, restricted access and increased risks to public safety.

2. Specialist coastal advice identified temporary sand placement as the most immediate and cost-effective response. The works involve relocating naturally accumulated sand from within the local coastal system to fill the erosion gap, stabilise the escarpment and restore pedestrian and emergency access.

3. The steep erosion face presents a potential burial risk, particularly for children, should further collapse occur. Given the immediate public safety concerns and continuing deterioration of the site, the Council progressed the temporary works under emergency conditions.

4. This approach was successfully used during the summer of 2025/26. As suitable sand is no longer available from the car park side of the erosion gap, the current works use naturally accumulated deposits on the northern side of the North Mole.

5. The Council has liaised with the Taranaki Regional Council regarding the emergency works and has informed relevant iwi.

6. The temporary works are not a permanent solution. The Council intends to progress investigation and design of a permanent rock protection solution, with the proposed project to be considered through the Long-Term Plan process.

7. This report is presented to the Pātea Harbour Endowment Sub-Committee to provide an update on the emergency erosion mitigation works and the proposed pathway towards a permanent solution. The temporary works and associated expenditure have been approved by the Chief Executive in response to the immediate public safety risk. It is intended that the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund will provide funding for both the temporary works and the development and delivery of the permanent solution, subject to any future approvals required.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund Sub-Committee;

a) Receives the Mana Bay Erosion Mitigation Works Update Information Report.

b) Notes that the Council has progressed temporary sand placement works at Mana Bay under emergency conditions in response to ongoing erosion and public safety concerns.

c) Notes that the Council intends to progress further investigation, design and resource consenting for a permanent rock protection solution.

d) Notes that the proposed permanent solution, including its estimated cost, timing and funding requirements, will be considered through the Long-Term Plan process.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

8. Erosion has progressively affected the shoreline between the Pātea North Mole and the existing Manu Bay rock revetment, resulting in the loss of beach material, restricted pedestrian and vehicle access, and the formation of a steep erosion face. Specialist coastal advice has identified a potential burial risk, particularly for children, should the erosion face collapse.

9. Temporary sand placement was identified as the most appropriate immediate response to restore access and reduce the effects of continuing erosion. This approach was previously implemented in December 2025 and proved effective in restoring access and reducing immediate risks.

10. The current works use naturally accumulated sand from the northern side of the North Mole. This retains the material within the local coastal system and represents the most cost-effective immediate response available.

11. Given the continuing erosion, restricted access and identified public safety risk, the Council progressed the temporary sand placement works under emergency conditions.

Ngā Mahi o Nāianei / Current Actions

12. The Council has engaged contractors to relocate suitable sand from within the coastal system to reinstate access and reduce the immediate erosion hazard.

13. The Council has liaised with the Taranaki Regional Council regarding the emergency works and has kept it informed of the site conditions, identified risks and the Council's response. The Council's Iwi Liaison has also informed relevant iwi of the temporary works and the associated public safety concerns.

Whakawhiti Kōrero/Aromātai / Discussion/Evaluation

Urupare Ohotata / Emergency Response

14. The decision to undertake temporary sand placement was based on specialist coastal advice, observed erosion and the need to address the immediate public safety and access risks.

15. Sand placement provides a practical short-term response that can be implemented quickly. However, it does not address the underlying long-term erosion risk and may require further intervention if the placed material is lost.

Whai Wāhitanga ā-Ture / Regulatory Engagement

16. The Council will continue to engage with the Taranaki Regional Council, relevant iwi and other affected parties as the permanent erosion mitigation solution is developed and consented.

Ngā Whakaaro ā mua / Future Considerations

17. The Council intends to progress a permanent rock protection solution connecting the existing Manu Bay revetment with the landward end of the North Mole. Before the permanent works can proceed, further investigation, design, environmental assessment, consultation, resource consenting and approval will be required.

18. As the scope, cost and timing of the permanent solution are developed, the project will be incorporated into the Long-Term Plan process to provide for its future delivery. It is intended that the Pātea Harbour Endowment Fund will fund the temporary works and the development and delivery of the permanent solution, subject to any further approvals required.

19. This approach enables the immediate erosion risk to be addressed while establishing a clear pathway for the investigation, funding and delivery of a permanent solution.

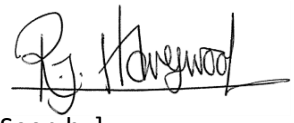
Whakakapia / Conclusion

20. Ongoing erosion at Mana Bay has created immediate public safety and access risks requiring a temporary response. The sand placement works address these immediate concerns but do not provide a permanent solution.

21. The Council will therefore progress the investigation, design and consenting required for a permanent rock protection solution, with the project to be considered through the Long-Term Plan process. This will ensure any permanent investment is supported by appropriate technical, environmental, financial and governance consideration.



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Appendices

Appendix I – Aerial shot of Mana Bay



Appendix II – Erosion gap between the end of the Mana Bay rock revetment and the landward end of the North Mole (arrowed) with mole and North Beach access extremely difficult. Photo sourced from Photo CSL.



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Karakia

5. Karakia

Ruruku Whakakapi – Closing Prayer

Unuhia, unuhia	*Draw on, draw on,*
Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	*Draw on the supreme sacredness*
Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te	*To clear, to free the heart, the body and the*
tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū	*spirit of mankind*
Kia wātea, ka wātea, āe rā, kua wātea	*To be clear, will be clear, yes is cleared.*
Rire rire hau pai marire!	*Deeply in peace!*