

## **Māori Committee Workshop**

**Date:** 21 August 2024  
**Time:** 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
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## **Agenda**

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**Hawke's Bay Regional Council****Māori Committee Workshop****21 August 2024****Subject: Mātauranga Māori Framework****Reason for report**

1. This item introduces the Mātauranga Framework workshop.

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**HBRC – Mātauranga Framework / Taiao  
Partnership Framework  
Wānanga – Māori Committee  
21 August 2024**

## RĀRANGI TAKE

Kaupapa	Wā	Kaikawe
<b>Whakatuwheratanga / whakawhanaungatanga</b> Opening and introductions	30 miniti	Te Kaha / Te Katoa
<b>Whakatakinga</b> Introduction of Mātauranga Māori Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of a case study</li> </ul>	15 miniti	Te Kaha / Te Wairama
<b>Te Whāinga</b> Purpose / goals What are the benefits to iwi, hapū, marae, HBRC, and the rohe?	15 miniti	Piripi / Jeremy
<b>He aha te mātauranga Māori</b> What is mātauranga Māori (in the context of working in partnership with Council) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does this consider mātauranga ā-iwi, ā-hapū, ā-marae, tmtm?</li> <li>How do we ensure this framework is focussed on mātauranga that is relevant to HBRC's role?</li> </ul>	30 miniti	Te katoa
<b>Ngā pou matua</b> What are the key guiders / enablers of a mātauranga Māori framework? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does the framework recognise that mātauranga is a taonga of Māori.</li> <li>How we protect any mātauranga that is shared (how it is shared, stored, and used in future)?</li> </ul>	30 miniti	Te katoa
<b>Te ngako</b> How could a mātauranga Māori framework operate in practice? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do we pilot it initially and how does it become part of BAU?</li> <li>How does it work on a case-by-case basis?</li> <li>How does it support growth of mātauranga in general?</li> </ul>	30 miniti	Te katoa
<b>Whakakapinga</b> Closing and next steps	15 miniti	Piripi / Jeremy

## Introduction

1. Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mema whakahirahira o te Komiti Māori o te Kaunihera,
2. We are reaching out with excitement and anticipation to introduce a new initiative that holds the potential to enrich our approach to resource management while fostering deeper engagement with mana whenua.
3. We are thrilled to share with you the development of a Mātauranga Māori Framework, a collaborative endeavour aimed at empowering mana whenua to actively engage in shaping our region's environmental practices. At its core, this initiative is about enabling, rather than appropriating, Mātauranga Māori. It seeks to deepen our relationships where mana whenua are actively involved in decision-making processes that directly impact their whenua.
4. Our journey towards this framework has been guided by a desire to build stronger relationships with mana whenua, recognising the wealth of traditional knowledge held by mana whenua and the importance of ensuring this is acknowledged within our policies, but more importantly in our practices. By developing a framework that builds greater cultural capability and clear engagement processes within HBRC, we aim to support the HBRC whānau in understanding and integrating cultural practices into our work.
5. The focus of this kaupapa is not on the council's use of Mātauranga Māori, but rather on how we can support HBRC whānau in cultural capability and develop specific engagement processes for each of the teams. The outcome is that this better enables and supports mana whenua, actively involved in decision-making processes, ensuring Mātauranga Māori is a part of the mahi we deliver, and better supporting and enabling engagement.
6. We look forward to introducing this kaupapa to the committee, getting your initial thoughts, and locking in a time to wānanga with the committee in the near future.

## Rationale for the Development of a Mātauranga Māori Framework

7. The development of a Mātauranga Māori Framework is essential for enhancing the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) ability to effectively manage natural resources alongside mana whenua while respecting and integrating cultural knowledge. Mātauranga Māori, held by mana whenua, is increasingly recognised for its significance in environmental stewardship and sustainable resource management. By developing this framework, HBRC aims to build its capability to better understand and engage with mana whenua, ensuring that policies and practices reflect the cultural identity and principles of the region.
8. This initiative demonstrates HBRC's commitment to upholding mana whenua rights and interests as outlined in the Treaty of Waitangi, fostering stronger relationships with

mana whenua, and promoting cultural diversity within the council's operations. Importantly, the framework is designed to support HBRC in understanding and engaging, not to appropriate, possess, or control what Mātauranga Māori.

9. Both the Regional Planning Committee and Māori Komiti have noted the need for the council to better reflect mana whenua in its operations, ensuring that cultural customs and practices are visible and respected within the council. The 2017 memo also highlighted this necessity, emphasising the importance of building a robust working relationship within a Treaty Partnership framework.
10. Implementing the Mātauranga Māori Framework offers numerous benefits and positive outcomes. For example, it will guide HBRC staff in integrating indigenous knowledge into environmental management practices, policies, and plans. This approach not only aligns with sustainable practices but also strengthens public confidence in HBRC's decisions, reflecting a commitment to the region's unique cultural heritage.
11. A real-life example of the framework's benefit can be seen in the management of the region's waterways. By working closely with mana whenua, HBRC can develop and implement practices that support and enable mana whenua to support the improvement of water quality and ecosystem health, something that purely Western approaches may overlook.
12. Examples of projects that have historically worked well in this space include:
  - Ātea a Rangi development
  - Waikahu wetlands project
  - Poutiri Ao ō Tāne
  - Te Karamū Enhancement

These examples provide great templates for how working in partnership can support and improve biodiversity, enhance water quality, and include mana whenua by integrating mātauranga Māori. Although these examples are project-specific, the aim is to weave these types of relationships into the BAU (business as usual) within the wider operations of HBRC. By working closely with mana whenua, HBRC can develop and implement practices that enable mana whenua to support the improvement of water quality and ecosystem health, addressing areas that purely Western approaches may overlook.



# TE KAUNIHĒRA Ā-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MĀUI MATAURANGA FRAMEWORK



  
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## Mātauranga Māori: an ongoing journey

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- The development of a Mātauranga Māori framework is just one step in HBRC's ongoing journey to appropriately recognise, acknowledge and engage with mana whenua and their mātauranga
- 2021-2031 LTP commitment to integrating mātauranga Māori
  - Funding for a role primarily dedicated to integrating mātauranga Māori
    - Kaihautu Pūtaiao
    - Continued funding for Māori Partnerships work programme, inc mātauranga Māori integration

**The Mātauranga framework will be a uniquely designed resource for the Hawkes Bay Regional Council to serve as a specialised guiding tool**

Challenges	Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding or familiarity with the concept of mātauranga.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited acknowledgement of the significance of mātauranga, possible misinterpretations, and its marginalisation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The capability to engage with mana whenua about mātauranga with fear of being offensive, making a mistake, or getting it wrong.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of strained relationships, potential exclusion, cultural insensitivity, and breakdown in trust.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate integration and implementation of mātauranga, knowledge and ability on when, where, and how to incorporate mātauranga.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of cultural relevance, potential exclusion, or inappropriate application.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perception of not taking action to foster mātauranga and not supporting mana whenua in their role as kaitiaki.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion of trust, deterioration in partnerships, and a potential disconnect from local knowledge and values.</li> </ul>





## Vision of solution

To seamlessly integrate mātauranga Māori, addressing the current gap within HBRC, we will implement the Mātauranga Framework. Through this framework, we aim to cultivate a deeper understanding, build capability, and actively support, protect, and incorporate mātauranga Māori where appropriate. This effort is expected to strengthen partnerships, support policy and planning processes, elevate our decision-making, and foster a holistic approach to monitoring and undertaking activities within our taiao.

Outcomes	Examples
Deepen understanding of mātauranga	We have increased knowledge and awareness of mātauranga with cultural capability training with staff and resources.
Improved environmental management practices that align with traditional Māori principles and sustainable practices.	Bridge the gap between traditional Māori knowledge and Western science. Developing a framework for how these two knowledge systems can complement each other can enhance decision-making processes and resource management. Support mana whenua in undertaking mātauranga monitoring.
Processes and procedures to undertake when engaging in mahi related to mātauranga	Development of formalised guidelines and protocols for incorporating mātauranga. Important that this is done in partnership with mana whenua.



# Mātauranga Māori Framework Project Plan

- Dr. Jeremy Tātere Macleod (Kauwaka Consultancy) and Piripi Winitana (Kawea Law and Consultancy) have been engaged to guide HBRC through this process.
- The project objectives are to develop a Mātauranga Māori Framework which achieves, or sets out the pathway to achieving, the following:

Objective 1	Defines what mātauranga Māori is in the context of HBRC's role
Objective 2	Identifies HBRC's commitment to supporting the growth and promotion of mātauranga Māori in the region
Objective 3	Grows the understanding and familiarity of HBRC's people with mātauranga Māori
Objective 4	Builds capability of HBRC's people to effectively engage with mana whenua on mātauranga Māori
Objective 5	Sets out HBRC's policies and processes for integrating and implementing mātauranga Māori in their work alongside mana whenua

Mātauranga Māori is deeply rooted in the culture and traditions of whānau, hapū and Iwi. It is important to approach the development of a mātauranga framework with respect and sensitivity to avoid misinterpretation or appropriation. It is crucial to preserve its authenticity and not dilute or distort it in the process of developing this framework. The development of this programme must be undertaken alongside specialists, mana whenua leaders and alongside HBRC leadership groups.

Project Group	Wānanga rūpū	Steering Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Te Kaha Hawaikirangi (Kaihautu Pūtaiao, Hawke's Bay Regional Council)</li> <li>Dr. Jeremy Tātere Mcleod (Kauwaka Ltd.)</li> <li>Piripi Winitana (Kawea Consultancy)</li> <li>Nichola Nicholson (Acting Policy Manager, HBRC)</li> <li>TBC (Science Manager, HBRC)</li> <li>Rikki Ellison (Advisor to the Tangata Whenua reps of the Regional Planning Committee)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Māori Committee</li> <li>Regional Planning Committee</li> </ul>	HBRC Executive Leadership Team and Leaders Forum Sponsor: Te Wairama Munro



