



# POARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

9 April 2026

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the  
Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub, Queen Street, Wainuiomata,  
on:

**Thursday 16 April 2026 commencing at 6:30 pm**

## Membership

Lesla Bingley (Chair)	Daniel Chrisp
Anaru Ryall	Lahrairie Sagaga
Vatau Sagaga (Deputy Chair)	Nicky Smith
Deputy Mayor Keri Brown	Cr Te Awa Puketapu

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## **COMMUNITY BOARDS – FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

This document records the delegation of Council functions, responsibilities, duties, and powers to Community Boards.

The Community Boards have been established under section 49 of the Local Government Act 2002 to report and act as advocates for the interests of their communities.

The delegations are expressed in general terms. The delegations shall be exercised with proper regard for the Council's strategic direction, policies, plans, Standing Orders and interpretation of its statutory obligations. The delegations are to be read together with the following propositions.

These delegations are based on the following principles:

- Issues relevant to a specific community should be decided as closely as possible to that community. Where an issue has city-wide implications, ie any effects of the decision cross a ward or community boundary or have consequences for the city as a whole, the matter will be decided by Council after seeking a recommendation from the relevant Community Board or (any ambiguity around the interpretation of "city-wide" will be determined by the Mayor and Chief Executive in consultation with the appropriate Chair);
- Efficient decision-making should be paramount;
- Conflicts of interest should be avoided and risks minimised;
- To ensure processes are free from bias and pre-determination, Community Boards should not adjudicate on issues on which they have advocated or wish to advocate to Council;
- Community Boards should proactively and constructively engage with residents on local matters that affect the community they represent and raise with Council issues raised with them by their community and advocate on behalf of their community.

These delegations:

- (a) do not delegate any function, duty or power which a statute (for example, section 53(3) and clause 32(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002) prohibits from being delegated;
  - (b) are subject to and do not affect any delegation that the Council has already made or subsequently makes to any other committee, Council officer or other member of staff;
  - (c) are subject to any other statutory requirements that may apply to a particular delegation;
  - (d) are subject to any notice issued by Council, from time to time, to a Community Board that particular issue must be referred to Council for decision;
  - (e) reflect that decisions with significant financial implications should be made by Council (or a committee with delegated authority);
  - (f) promote centralisation of those functions where the appropriate expertise must be ensured; and
  - (g) reflect that all statutory and legal requirements must be met.
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## DELEGATIONS

### Decide:

- Naming new roads and alterations to street names (in the Community Board's area) within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga | Naming Policy 2021-2031.
- Official naming of parks, reserves and sports grounds within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga | Naming Policy 2021-2031. Note <sup>1</sup>
- Removal and/or planting of street trees within the provisions of Council's Operational Guide or Urban Forest Plan. Note <sup>2</sup>
- The granting of leases and licences in terms of Council policy to voluntary organisations for Council owned properties in their local area, for example, halls, but not including the granting of leases and licences to community houses and centres.
- The granting of rights-of-way and other easements over local purpose reserves and the granting of leases or licences on local purpose reserves.
- The granting of leases and licences for new activities in terms of Council policy to community and commercial organisations over recreation reserves, subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977, and land managed as a reserve, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, in their local area. (Note: renewal of existing leases and licences will be reported once a year to Council's Te Komiti Oranga Hapori Oranga Taiao | Connected Communities, Climate and Resilience Committee.
- The allocation of funding from the Community Climate Action fund in accordance with Council's adopted guidelines.
- Expenditure of funds allocated by Council to the Board from the Miscellaneous Budget to cover expenditures associated with the activities of the Board. The Chair is to approve the expenditure, in consultation with the Board, and forward the appropriate documentation to the Committee Advisor for authorisation. Boards must not exceed their annual expenditure from the Miscellaneous Budget.
- The allocation of funding for the training and development of Community Board members, including formal training courses, attendance at seminars or attendance at relevant conferences.

### CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON:

- Particular issues notified from time to time by Council to the Community Board.
- Roading issues considered by the Mayor and Chief Executive to be strategic due to their significance on a city-wide basis, including links to the State Highway, or where their effects cross ward or community boundaries.

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<sup>1</sup> This excludes sites that are considered high profile, significant on a city-wide basis due to their size and location, or where the site crosses ward or community boundaries.

<sup>2</sup> The Operational Guide for Urban Forest Plan is available from Council's Parks and Gardens Division.

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- Parks, reserves and sports ground naming for sites that have a high profile, city-wide importance due to their size and location and/or cross ward or community boundaries.
- Representatives to any Council committee, subcommittee, subordinate decision-making body, working group, or ad hoc group on which Council requires a Community Board representative.
- The setting, amending or revoking of speed limits in accordance with the *Hutt City Council Bylaw 2005 Speed Limits*, including the hearing of any submissions.

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

### **Provide their local community's input on:**

- Council's Long Term Plan and/or Annual Plan.
- Council's policies, programmes (including the District Rooding Programme) and bylaws.
- Changes or variations to the District Plan.
- Resource management issues that it believes are relevant to its local community, through advocacy.
- The disposal or acquisition of significant assets.
- Road safety, including road safety education within its area.
- Any other issues a Board believes are relevant to its local area.
- Review Local Community Plans as required.

Reports may be prepared by the Board and presented to Council Committees, along with an officer's recommendation, for consideration.

Any submissions lodged by a Board or Committee require formal endorsement by way of resolution.

### **Co-ordinate with Council staff:**

- Local community consultation on city-wide issues on which Council has called for consultation.

### **Maintain:**

- An overview of roadworks, water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, waste management and traffic management for its local area.
- An overview of parks, recreational facilities and community activities within the local area.

### **Develop:**

- Community Emergency Hub Plans, also known as Community Response Plans, are developed in close consultation with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, emergency organisations, the community, residents' associations, other community groups, and local businesses. These plans are reviewed at least every 24 months in accordance with Council's Long Term Plan.

### **Grant:**

- Local community awards.
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**Promote:**

- Recreational facilities and opportunities in its area with a view to ensuring maximum usage.
- Arts and crafts in its area.

**Appoint:**

- A liaison member or, where appropriate, representatives to ad hoc bodies, which are involved in community activities within the Board's area, on which a community representative is sought.

**Endorse:**

- Amendments to the Eastbourne Community Trust Deed (Eastbourne Community Board only).
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## HUTT CITY COUNCIL

### POARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting to be held in the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub, Queen Street,  
Wainuiomata, on Thursday 16 April 2026, commencing at 6:30 pm.

#### ORDER PAPER

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### 1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Tuia te mana akiaki	<i>Sow the seeds of courage</i>
Rarangahia te mana	<i>Weave the power of unity</i>
rangatira	<i>To grow and prosper</i>
Kia tipu, kia puāwai	<i>There are ripples in</i>
E ripo ngā wai	<i>Te Awa Kairangi</i>
O Te Awa Kairangi	<i>There are Kaitiaki on the land</i>
He Kaitiaki ki te whenua	<i>Protected environment</i>
He oranga taiao	<i>Thriving people</i>
He oranga tangata	<i>Connected, united, affirmed!</i>

Haumi e, hui e Taiki e!

##### 2. APOLOGIES

No apologies have been received.

##### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Generally, up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

##### 4. PRESENTATION

###### Local Councillors from Greater Wellington Regional Council

A verbal presentation by Cr Quentin Duthie and Cr Gabriel Tupou

##### 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

##### 6. MINUTES

Meeting minutes Wainuiomata Community Board, 19 February 2026

7. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. WCB2026/2/11 by the Democracy Advisor

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8. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

9. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!

*Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks*

Unuhia!

*To be clear and free*

Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui

*in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey*

Kia wātea, kia māmā

Te ngākau, te tinana, te

wairua i te ara takatū

*Oh Rongo, raise these words up high so that we be cleansed and be free,*

Koia rā e Rongo

*Yes indeed, we are free!*

whakairihia ake ki runga

*Good and peaceful*

Kia wātea, kia wātea!

Ae rā, kua wātea!

Hau, pai mārire.

Vanessa Gilmour

**DEMOCRACY ADVISOR**

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA  
WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub,  
Queen Street, Wainuiomata on  
**Thursday 19 February 2026 commencing at 6:30 pm**

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**PRESENT:** L Bingley (Chair) D Chrisp  
A Ryall L Sagaga  
V Sagaga N Smith  
Cr TA Puketapu Deputy Mayor K Brown

**APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Fauono K Laban  
Cr K Yung  
J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement  
P Hewitt, Head of Transport  
V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>sharpened air.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>

**2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

Under Standing Order 15.1, the Chair allowed public comment on items not appearing on the agenda.

**Hayes Stackhouse** expressed concerns about the cycling infrastructure in Wainuiomata. He noted that sections of the cycle lane to Wainuiomata Hill were rough and lacked clear markings, making them less visible to motorists. He recommended using coloured surfacing at intersections for better safety and pointed out issues with parked cars on Parkway near the shops and roundabout during busy traffic times.

In response to questions from members, Hayes Stackhouse said he was raising the matter as an ongoing safety concern. He clarified that he was referring to green-painted surfacing at intersections to improve visibility of cycle lanes.

**David Smith** noted confusion about whether trees were on private or public land, particularly where they had grown beyond their original boundaries. He raised concerns about unclear maintenance responsibilities and safety issues, calling for clearer ownership and accountability.

In response to a member's question, David Smith said that while private landowners were generally responsible for trees on their property, it was unclear who was accountable when roots or growth encroached upon public areas.

**Helen Thomas** thanked Council for their recent communication updates during the weather event. She emphasised the need to share information across multiple channels, especially for residents without social media. She proposed stronger collaboration among the Community Board, Council's Age and Accessibility Subcommittee, and local networks to improve emergency responses. She recommended creating a phone tree or similar system to enhance coordination for vulnerable or isolated residents.

In response to a question from a member, Helen Thomas confirmed that linking community contact points into the Emergency Operations Centre response framework would be helpful.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments regarding the agenda items.

#### 4. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Fauono Laban acknowledged a comment made during public comment. He emphasised the importance of better identifying and supporting vulnerable members of the community during emergencies, including those who live alone or have limited English. He agreed that establishing a phone tree or contact list could be a useful starting point, noting that this discussion was part of a larger effort to improve community preparedness and support.

Mayor Fauono Laban spoke to his Mayoral address, attached as pages 6-7 to the minutes.

#### MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

##### Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cr Tupou provided a verbal update attached as pages 8-10 to the minutes.

##### Update from Hutt City Council Councillor

Cr Yung provided a verbal update on Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the Community Boards Executive Committee (CBEC), highlighting professional development, networking and training opportunities for community board members and encouraged participation in upcoming events.

#### 5. PRESENTATION

##### Council Strategy and Planning Update

The Director Strategy and Engagement delivered an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Strategy and Policy Update](#). He said that improving engagement across underrepresented groups was a recognised challenge for councils nationally. He said Council had recently adopted [Te Whiringa](#), Council's engagement programme to strengthen engagement practices. He pointed out that Council had comparatively high engagement rates across New Zealand, while acknowledging there was still more work to do.

#### 6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declarations.

#### 7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/Cr Puketapu)

**Minute No. WCB 26101**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Thursday, 4 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

8. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CARE FACILITY AT WAINUIOMATA MASONIC VILLAGE**

Report No. WCB2026/1/9 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair noted that Belinda and Billy Weepu attended the Board meeting in December 2025, seeking a letter of support for their proposal to develop a high level dementia care facility at the Wainuiomata Masonic Village.

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/N Smith)

**Minute No. WCB 26102**

*"That the Board formally approves its letter of support for the development of a dementia care facility in Wainuiomata, attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

9. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. WCB2026/1/6 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair proposed that the Wainuiomata Community Spirit Awards be held every two years, with the next awards scheduled for 2027. She noted that the exact date would be confirmed closer to the event.

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/V Sagaga)

**Minute No. WCB 26103**

*"That the Board:*

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) agrees to hold the Wainuiomata Community Spirit Awards on a biennial basis, with the next awards to be held in 2027; and*
- (3) approves up to \$200 from the Board's operational budget for a wreath and up to \$300 for catering for the Wainuiomata ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2026."*

10. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**11. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme</i>
Unuhia!	<i>sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>in heart, body and soul in our</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te	<i>continuing journey</i>
wairua i te ara takatū	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
ake ki runga	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

\_There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

L Bingley  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 16th day of April 2026**

**Mayor's Address - Wainuiomata Community Board****19 February 2026**

Tēnā koutou katoa, talofa lava, namaste, ni hāo, mālō e lelei and warm greetings to you all.

It's good to be here with you today. I couldn't attend your first meeting of the year, so I appreciate the opportunity to join you now.

Before I begin, I want to acknowledge the passing of two respected leaders.

Firstly, former Mayor John Terris, who served Lower Hutt from 1995 to 2004, after many years as a Councillor and Member of Parliament. I had the honour of speaking at his funeral. He cared deeply about this city and its future, and he brought a strong sense of public service to every role he held.

I also want to acknowledge the passing of mana whenua kuia Nanny Hina Luke, a matriarch of the Luke whānau and a woman of great aroha for her whānau, hapū and the wider community. Her leadership and presence will be greatly missed.

Before turning to today's agenda, I also want to acknowledge the significant weather event that affected the city earlier this week.

My thoughts are with everyone who has been impacted, particularly those dealing with damage, disruption and the stress that comes with it.

I want to sincerely acknowledge the leadership and support shown by you all during this time. Your connection to the community, your visibility on the ground, and your role in supporting residents through both the immediate response and the ongoing clean-up has been invaluable. In moments like this, trusted local leadership really matters, and I want to thank you for the calm, practical and community-focused way you have stepped up.

You represent a significant part of our city, and your role in bringing forward the views, concerns and aspirations of the Wainuiomata community is essential. As we move into some challenging conversations, your connection to the community will be more important than ever.

Community Boards hold a unique place in local government. I understand that personally, as I began my own journey on a Community Board. You sit between the community and Council — advocating locally while helping people understand the wider city context. It's a role built on trust, relationships and local insight, and I want us to work closely together.

The Board also plays an important role in acknowledging and celebrating local people the volunteers, leaders and quiet contributors who make Wainuiomata such a strong community. The Civic Awards has a long history of recognising our local

volunteers who do a huge amount of work often unseen, and definitely unpaid. I encourage you to nominate those individuals in the community who deserve to be recognised for their mahi.

Looking ahead, I'd also like to see us explore ways to further activate Queen Street, with more homegrown events and activities that reflect the energy, culture and identity of Wainuiomata.

In terms of Council's work, we are now moving into our Annual Plan and the next Long-Term Plan, where we will be restating our priorities for the city and making decisions about what we focus on, what we can afford, and how we deliver services into the future.

These discussions are happening in the context of some very significant challenges for local government.

The Government has signalled a desire to amalgamate councils across the Wellington region, and to introduce rates capping. While affordability is important, the proposed cap would limit rates to a level that may not be sustainable, particularly given the growing cost of maintaining and renewing infrastructure.

At the same time, we are preparing for the separation of water services into the new entity, Tiaki Wai. This is a major structural change that will affect how water infrastructure is funded, delivered and governed into the future.

Alongside this, our financial work, including *Adjusting Our Sails*, reinforces the need to ensure our services and assets remain affordable and sustainable over the long term.

There are no predetermined decisions. Over the coming year, there will be important opportunities for community engagement, and the Board will play a key role in helping us understand local priorities and ensuring the voice of Wainuiomata is clearly heard.

Thank you again for your leadership and your commitment to your community. I value the role you play, and I look forward to working closely together as we navigate the challenges ahead and deliver the best outcomes for Wainuiomata.

Ngā mihi nui

## **GW Update to the Wainuiomata Community Board Meeting**

Thursday 19 February 2026

Tēnā koutou e te Poari Hāpori o Wainuiomata,  
Please find below a summary update on key regional matters.

### **1. Resilience and Emergency Response**

In January, WREMO personnel were deployed to support response efforts in Mount Maunganui and the Far North during significant weather events in those regions. This national deployment highlights the capability and professionalism of our regional emergency management teams, and the role Greater Wellington plays in supporting response efforts beyond our own boundaries when required.

On Monday, severe weather across the Wellington region caused widespread disruption including flooding, major road closures (SH2, SH58, Cape Palliser Road and Punatahi Bridge), extensive power outages in Lower Hutt and Wairarapa, and the temporary suspension of ferries, trains and flights. The Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) was activated to support regional situational awareness and public communications, with Emergency Operations Centres stood up across affected areas.

Flooding concerns in particular — including pressure points around the Waiwhetū Awa and Black Creek — reinforce the need for continued investment in resilience, flood protection and climate adaptation initiatives. I acknowledge that this is challenging in the current economic and political environment. However, strengthening resilience remains a top priority for our region. I also acknowledge the collective effort of staff, emergency services, contractors, volunteers, our Community Hubs, marae, local Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the wider community who worked together to keep people safe during these events.

### **2. Local Government Reform**

Shortly after being sworn in, the Government announced wide-ranging reform proposals affecting regional councils, including Simplifying Local Government, rates capping, and RMA reform.

Greater Wellington has recommended bypassing the proposed Combined Territories Board model and instead progressing directly to Regional Reorganisation Plans. Council has agreed to establish a joint working group with other councils to examine future governance options, including amalgamation.

Our position is that reform must be democratically led, Te Tiriti consistent, and developed in partnership with mana whenua and communities.

### **3. Resource Management Reform**

Council has approved its submission on the proposed Natural Environment and Planning Bills. We support reform in principle, but only if it:

- Upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Maintains strong environmental safeguards
- Embeds climate resilience

- Is properly funded and implementable

Councillors worked constructively through the proposals clause by clause, alongside engagement with iwi and territorial authorities. We have requested the opportunity to speak to our submission before Select Committee.

#### **4. Moa Point Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Greater Wellington is the environmental regulator for the Moa Point consents under the Resource Management Act.

We are formally investigating the unauthorised discharge and have established a dedicated team. Because we must maintain an impartial, evidence-based process, there are limits on what can be publicly stated while the investigation is ongoing.

Our priority is stopping and mitigating environmental harm and protecting public health. We undertake independent monitoring and have enforcement powers where non-compliance is identified. Public advice remains clear: avoid affected coastal areas and follow updates from Wellington Water.

#### **5. Transmission Gully Speed Limit Increase**

From 16 February 2026, the speed limit on the 27km Transmission Gully section of SH1 between Paekākāriki and Linden increased from 100km/h to 110km/h following consultation, with 92% support from submitters. The motorway's modern safety design supports the higher limit. Heavy vehicles remain restricted to 90km/h. Raumati Straights remains at 100km/h pending further review.

#### **6. Rates and Fares**

Hot off the press from today's Council Meeting:

Greater Wellington is under significant cost pressure amid reform uncertainty and constrained Government funding.

Changes include:

- Approximately 3.1% inflationary fare adjustment
- Reduction in off-peak discount
- Average regional rates rise under 10% (2–3% for Lower Hutt due to revaluations)

These are difficult times for councils nationwide. However, we continue to optimise services. The Hutt bus review is underway this year, with Wainuiomata services identified as a priority under the Regional Public Transport Plan.

#### **7. Cook Strait Rescue Capability**

Greater Wellington has raised concerns about the loss of the dedicated open-ocean rescue tug in Cook Strait. Given the volume of passengers, freight and commercial traffic moving through the Strait annually, the absence of a dedicated rescue vessel presents safety, economic and environmental risks. Council leadership has written to the Minister of Transport seeking an interim solution.

#### 8. Advisory Group Vacancies

There are currently vacancies open for community members on two advisory groups:

- Farming Reference Group – providing input into freshwater and rural environmental policy.
- Public Transport Advisory Group – offering community perspectives on Metlink services and improvements.

I encourage interested members of our Wainuiomata community to consider applying. These groups provide a practical opportunity to influence regional policy and service delivery.

#### 9. Extra Metlink Services – Hurricanes & Phoenix

Metlink is providing additional train capacity and larger buses for upcoming Hurricanes and Phoenix fixtures to ease congestion. Residents are encouraged to use Snapper and plan travel in advance.

#### 10. Wood Street Bus Stop relocation to Parenga Street

Bus Stop #9915 (Wood Street at Parenga Street) has received all necessary approvals from Hutt City Council for its new shelter and location. Due to safety and space constraints, the stop was moved approximately 30 metres south, slightly around the corner onto Parenga Street. The shelter and bus stop sign have been installed. Council officers are awaiting completion of the new road markings and removal of the old ones. During this transition, the operator has been asked to watch for passengers at both locations.

#### 11. Coast Road Cleanfill

In late November, Cr Quentin Duthie and I met with Mr Ken Jackson of Jackson Farm to hear concerns about the proposed cleanfill at 1044 Coast Road. As the matter was before an Independent Commissioner, it was not appropriate for us to intervene. On 2 February 2026, Commissioner Jason Jones granted land use consent to Kakariki Estate Limited, subject to conditions. Residents with compliance concerns should lodge formal complaints through the appropriate regulatory channels and document any evidence to support investigation.

#### 12. Swimming dangers at Wainuiomata Coast

I have written to Water Safety New Zealand seeking guidance on improved safety measures at Wainuiomata Coast Beach following renewed concern about swimmer safety. Notable incidents include a swimmer swept out to sea in December 2025 and a rescue involving an adult and 11-year-old boy in 2020. Previous officer attempts to engage had not received a response. I have sought expert advice on the beach's risk profile, appropriate warning signage, and the potential for a coordinated inter-agency response. Board Chair Lesa Bingley and Deputy Mayor Keri Brown have been copied in for visibility.

Ngā mihi nui,



Cr Gabriel Tupou – Greater Wellington Regional Council

30 March 2026

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Report no: WCB2026/2/11

## Democracy Advisor's Report

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### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of key items of interest.

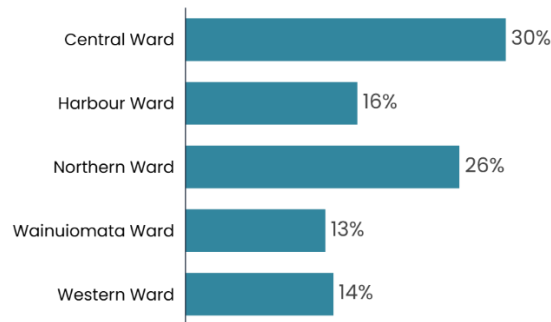
### Recommendations

That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the report; and
- (2) retrospectively approves the expenditure of \$491.05 GST inclusive, from its operating budget for the purchase of high-visibility vests.

### Resident Satisfaction Survey

2. The 2026 Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) ran from 31 January to 6 March 2026 and invited residents to provide feedback on their experience of living in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt. The survey gathered residents' views on a range of Council services and facilities, including roads, parks, pools, libraries and kerbside services. Feedback gathered through the survey helps Council understand how residents feel about the services and facilities provided and helps inform ongoing work and future planning.
3. Preliminary analysis of the 2026 RSS indicates some variation in participation by ward. In Wainuiomata, participation has decreased to 13% of total respondents (227 of 1,745), compared with 15% in 2025 and 17% in 2024. These figures are based on respondents' self-reported location within Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt and may change as data validation is completed.



- The breakdown this year reflects the new ward boundaries established during the Representation Review. This shift means that Pencarrow has moved to the Harbour Ward, so a number of respondents previously counted under Pencarrow (Wainuiomata) are now included in the Harbour Ward figures. As a result, the distribution of participants looks a bit different compared to previous years.

### Water Update

- All partner Councils are continuing to work on the establishment of Tiaki Wai Limited (Tiaki Wai), including the transfer of all assets and responsibilities. Tiaki Wai will become our Water Services Provider when it replaces Wellington Water Limited on 1 July 2026, taking over the delivery of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services across the metropolitan Wellington area.
- It is jointly owned by five councils - Hutt City, Porirua City, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Council. The mana whenua partners are Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika. It will be accountable to a Partners' Committee of representatives from each council and mana whenua.
- Tiaki Wai's draft Water Services Strategy went out for public feedback on 25 March 2026. This is the investment programme for Tiaki Wai and the budget for its first year of operation and is based on Council's Long-Term Plan and it also contains details on pricing. A further plan will be developed in 2027 for future years.
- The Board can submit their feedback on the draft Water Services Strategy as part of the public consultation process here: [haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz](https://haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz)
- The public can find information, read and engage on the draft strategy and other documents at [haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz](https://haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz) An 'At a glance' summary will be available on the website alongside the full documents.
- A leak from the main outfall pipe from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant was identified in February 2026. The repair to the seal failure on the main outfall pipe at Windy Point was completed on Friday, 13 March 2026. Discharge of treated wastewater into the Waiwhetū Stream, because of the fault, ceased on 17 March 2026, and the pipe is now fully operational.

## **Animal Services**

11. Council's Animal Services team is undertaking a trial of proactive, after-hours patrols to improve community safety and respond more effectively to issues associated with roaming dogs.
12. The trial combines Animal Control Officer intelligence with artificial intelligence (AI) analysis of complaint data to identify locations where roaming dogs are more likely to pose a risk to residents and public spaces.
13. By targeting patrols in and around these hotspot areas, officers are better positioned to intervene early, locate roaming dogs and reduce the likelihood of harm or ongoing nuisance.
14. The additional patrols operate during weekday evenings and daytime hours on weekends, strengthening Council's ability to respond at times when roaming incidents are more likely to occur, alongside existing proactive patrols in areas with historically high complaint levels.
15. Public reporting of roaming dog incidents remains critical to the success of the trial, as timely and accurate information helps ensure patrols are directed to areas of greatest need and maximises the effectiveness of Council's response.
16. To report roaming dogs, call Council's Animal Services on 04 570 6666, which operates 24/7. Issues relating to other animals (eg a cat, a rabbit or even a bird) should be directed to the SPCA on 04 389 8044, while situations posing immediate danger to the public should be reported to the Police. Phoning will provide the fastest response. Providing clear details such as the animal's location, description, and behaviour helps officers respond quickly and effectively.

## **Public Places and Trading in Public Places Bylaw**

17. At its meeting on 24 March 2026, Council approved the draft Statement of Proposal (SoP) for the review of the Public Places Bylaw and Trading in Public Places Bylaw and agreed to undertake formal public consultation.
18. The proposal includes amalgamating the two bylaws into a single bylaw to improve accessibility for customers and reduce regulatory overlap. The review also proposes minor updates to improve clarity, update regulatory references and remove provisions relating to temporary living that are no longer enforceable under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
19. Public consultation on the proposal opened on 25 March 2026. You can submit your feedback here: <https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/>

## Annual Plan Engagement

20. Engagement on the Annual Plan will be undertaken between 30 March and 1 May 2026. No formal consultation is required; this will be a light-touch engagement process focused on understanding community views and maintaining transparency around Council's financial direction.
21. The objectives of this engagement are to test community sentiment on Council's current direction, strengthen relationships with the community ahead of the next Long-Term Plan (LTP) consultation, and gather early insights into community expectations to help inform future decision-making and engagement.
22. Engagement will be led by Elected Members, supported by existing community networks and channels. This will include informal conversations at community events and meetings, social media engagement (including polls), and attendance at local gatherings or drop-in sessions.
23. Community Boards will play a supporting role by sharing key messages through their meetings and networks and encouraging community feedback and discussion.
24. A toolkit will be provided to support engagement activities, including key messages and supporting materials. Feedback gathered through engagement will be captured and analysed to understand community sentiment, inform Council decision-making, and help shape engagement for the next LTP 2027–2037.

## Events

25. **Wainuiomata ANZAC Day Services – 25 April 2026:**
  - **Dawn Service** from 6.00am at Wainuiomata Town Centre, Queen Street followed by the Flag Raising at the Wainuiomata Memorial Gardens
  - **Parade and Civic Service** from 11.30am at the Wainuiomata Town Centre, Queen Street
26. **Lower Hutt ANZAC Day Services – 25 April 2026:**
  - **Dawn Service Parade assembles** from 5.45am at Civic Centre, Laings Road, Lower Hutt
  - **Dawn Service** from 6.00am at the Cenotaph, ANZAC Memorial Lawn, adjacent to the Lower Hutt War Memorial Library, Queens Drive
  - **Civic Service** from 9.45am at the Cenotaph, ANZAC Memorial Lawn, adjacent to the Lower Hutt War Memorial Library, Queens Drive
27. **9 May 2026 from 8.00am – 1.00pm: [Tough Guy and Gal Challenge](#) at Wainui Camp, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.** This event is the ultimate obstacle course race designed for thrill-seekers and adventure lovers. This action-packed event tests participants' endurance, strength, and determination while offering a fun and exhilarating experience.

28. **21 May 2026 from 6.30pm – 10.00pm: [NZCIS Hutt Valley Sports Awards](#) at Walter Nash Centre, Taitā, Taine Street, Taitā.** Celebrating Hutt Valley's achievers in sport.

### Work Programme

29. Attached as Appendix 1 to the report is a summary of expected reports and presentations scheduled to be considered by the Board during the 2026 meeting year. The work programme is subject to change.

### High - Visibility Vests

30. The Board purchased branded high-visibility vests to support members when attending community events. The vests improve visibility and recognition of Board members during engagement activities, helping the public more easily identify and approach them. This supports a stronger community presence and more effective engagement.
31. The vests were funded through the Board's operating budget and are intended to remain available for use by future Boards, providing ongoing value beyond the current term.

### 2025/26 Operating and Training Budgets

32. The board is allocated \$8,000.00 GST exclusive per annum, comprised of:

Operating costs	\$5,000
Training	\$3,000

33. The following is the Board's expenditure as of January 2026.

	Operating Costs	Training
Budget	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Expenditure	\$1,557.87	\$18.70
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$3,442.13</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,981.30</u></b>

34. The detailed expenditure is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

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Wainuiomata Community Board work programme

Description	Team	18 June 2026	20 Aug 2026	5 Nov 2026
Democracy Advisor's report	Democratic Services	✓	✓	✓
Chair's report	WCB Chair	✓	✓	✓
Greater Wellington Regional Councillor/s update	GWRC councillor	✓	✓	✓
Love Wainuiomata Update	Chasity Card		✓	
Code of Conduct	Democratic Services	✓		
Standing Orders	Democratic Services	✓		
Schedule of meetings 2027	Democratic Services			✓

*\*This work programme is subject to change.*

Wainuiomata Community Board Expenditure 2025/2026 - Operating Budget															
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance	
Opening Balance														\$ 5,000.00	
Advertising		\$ 234.00			\$ 234.00		\$ 234.00		\$ 234.00				\$ 936.00		
2024 Spirit Awards	\$ 325.10												\$ 325.10		
Venue hire													\$ -		
Catering		\$ 81.14				\$ 114.33		\$ 101.30					\$ 296.77		
Hi-vis vests									\$ 491.05				\$ 491.05		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>														\$ 1,557.87	
<b>Closing Balance</b>														\$ 3,442.13	

Wainuiomata Community Board Expenditure 2025/2026 - Training Budget															
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance	
Opening Balance														\$ 3,000.00	
2024 Community Board conference	\$ 18.70												\$ 18.70		
<b>Closing Balance</b>														\$ 2,981.30	