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TAURANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: TANGATA WHENUA/TAURANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE **REPORT NO:** DC 33

FROM: KAITAKAWAENGA MAORI

DATE: 16 JANUARY 2004

SUBJECT: TAKAWAENGA MAORI REPORT:
JANUARY 2004

FILE: 5011- 2

PURPOSE

This report covers the period of January 2004 and provides an outline of the activities of the Takawaenga Maori.

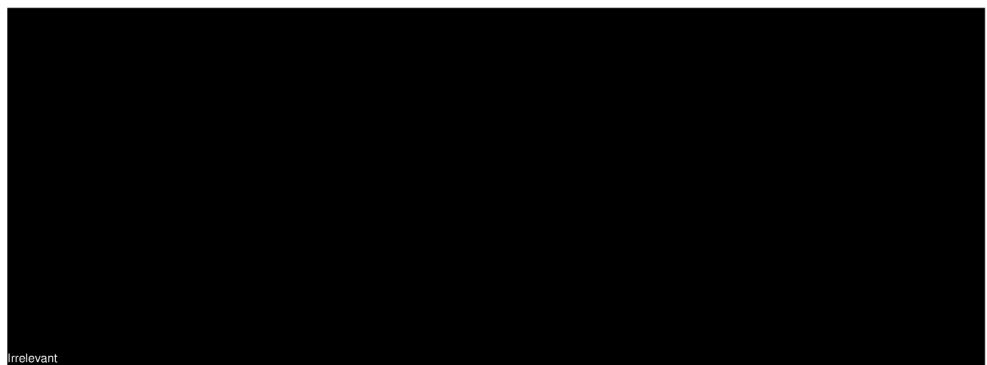
RECOMMENDATION

That it be Resolved

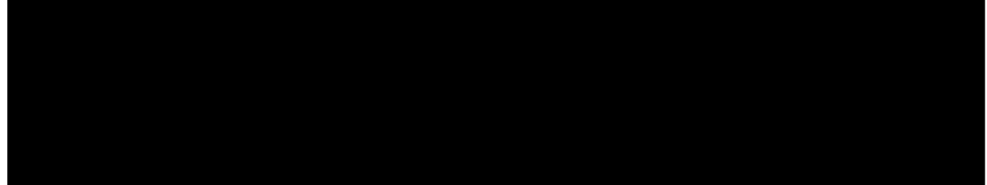
- a) That the Kaitakawaenga Maori Report (DC 33) be received.**
- b) That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga District Council Committee does not consider this matter to be significant in accordance with the Significance Policy.**

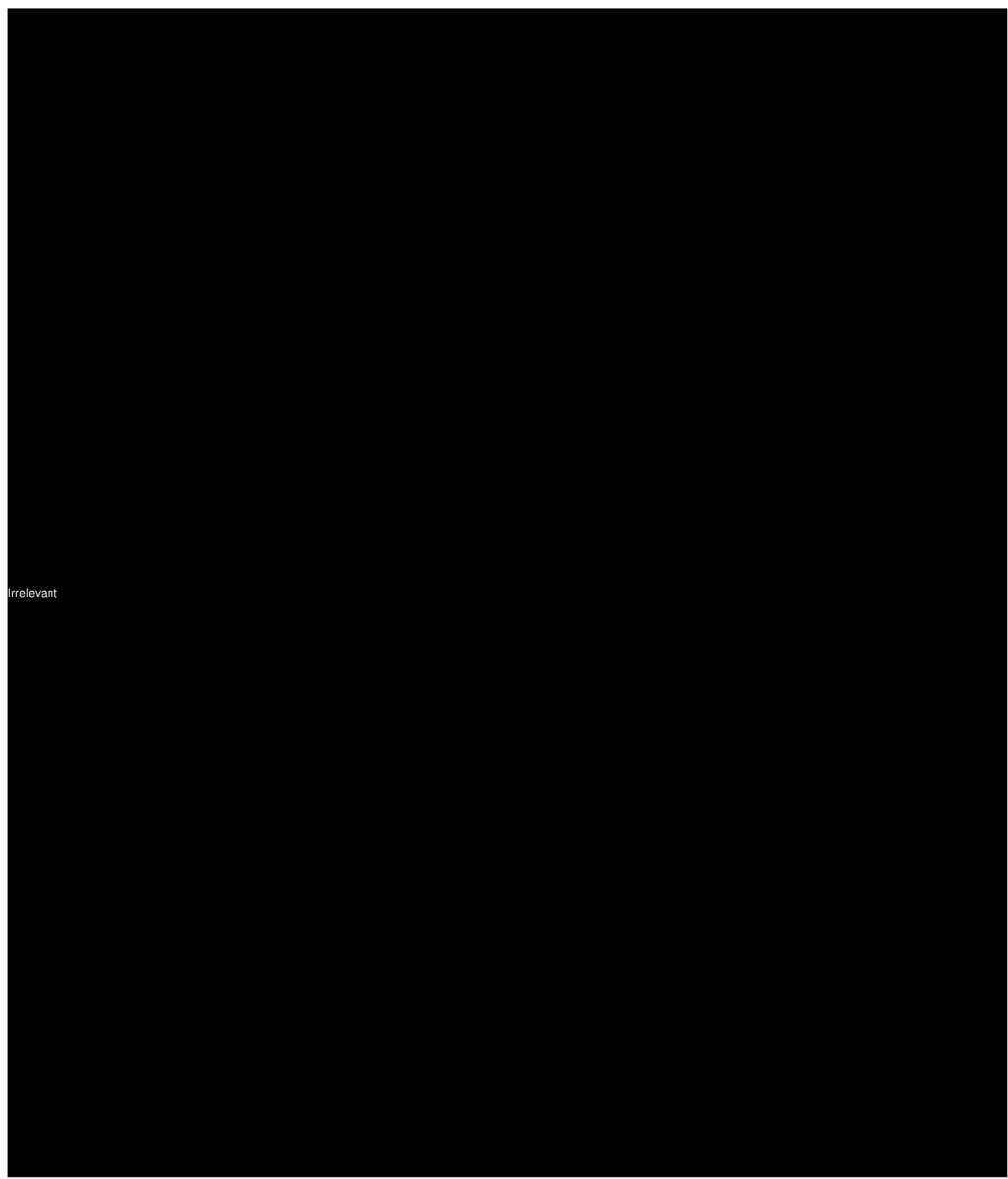
1. ACTIVITIES

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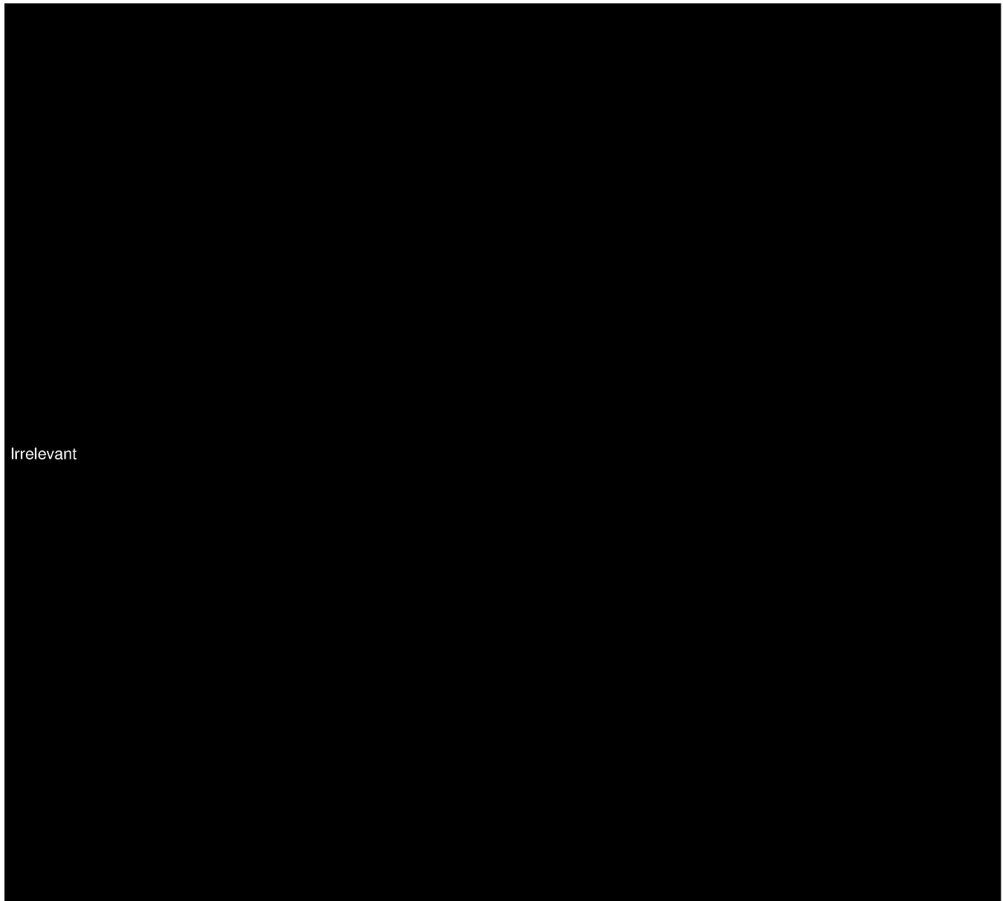
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1.4 WAITANGI DAY DAWN CEREMONY ON MAUAO

A special dawn service commemorating the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, 164 years ago, was one of the key events planned for the region's celebration of Waitangi Day on Friday, 6 February 2004.

Each year local kaumatua and kuia, with support from many younger people and church leaders, have joined together for a powhiri (welcome) at the top of the ancestral mountain Mauao.

This event was initiated by Maori elders and members of the Tauranga Moana District Maori Council in the late 1970s and continues to play a significant part in the region's historical heritage. (See Attachment A)

1.5**1.6 MAUAO UP DATE**

Ongoing monitoring following the fire in January 2003 found that a large group of rocks had moved significantly. Expert advice determined the only safe way to remove these rocks due to their size, topography below the rocks and proximity of the Hot Pools and Camp was to remove by using explosives. The Tangata Whenua members of the Mauao Advisory Group were advised of this. Mauao was closed to the public for 1 week while the removal operation was successfully carried out.

After the project was completed, a debrief was held with the Tangata Whenua representatives of the Advisory Group as some concern had been expressed that they were not sufficiently part of the decision process.

The debrief concluded that the Advisory Group is the most appropriate forum to discuss Mauao issues with Tangata Whenua. Some procedural changes have been implemented to ensure Tangata Whenua have a full role in decision making processes and

to ensure that the representatives have sufficient time to advise others.

Ngai Tamarawaho have expressed a desire to be part of the Advisory Group, and this has been agreed to by the other Tangata Whenua representatives. Once Council receive written confirmation of this from Ngati Ranginui and are notified of Ngai Tamarawaho's representative, this will be reported to Council for confirmation.

Ongoing monitoring of rock is continuing on Mauao, and will be reported to the Advisory Group. In the event of further dangerous rocks being found, as was the case in January 2004, the Advisory Group will be involved in the decision process.

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Irrelevant

2. SIGNIFICANCE POLICY

The matters in this report have been assessed against the Significance Policy. In accordance with the general approach, criteria and thresholds of the policy, the author of this report considers that the updates provided in this report are **not** significant as it is presented to the Committee for information purposes only.

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