

**Absolutely Positively**  
**Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

# Ordinary Meeting of Tawa Community Board

## Rārangi Take | Agenda

7:00 pm Rāhina, 19 Huitanguru 2024

7:00 pm Monday, 19 February 2024

Tawa Community Centre

5 Cambridge Street

Tawa

Wellington



---

<b>Business</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
<b>3. Reports</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>3.4 Name for New Private Right-of-Way off Raroa Terrace,     Tawa</b>	<b>3</b>

---

### 3. Reports

---

## 1. NAME FOR NEW PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY OFF RAROA TERRACE, TAWA

---

### Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

#### Purpose

1. This report recommends a name for a new private right-of-way in Tawa.

#### Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable, natural eco city  |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People friendly, compact, safe, and accessible capital city |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovative, inclusive, and creative city                    |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dynamic and sustainable economy                             |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure        |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable, resilient, and safe place to live               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe, resilient, and reliable core transport infrastructure network    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition                     |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong partnerships with mana whenua                        |

#### Relevant Previous Decisions

There are no relevant previous decisions.

#### Significance

The decision is **rated medium significance** in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The relevant criteria in the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (June 2018) are:

Importance to Wellington City: Legislative requirements in relation to addressing for wayfinding will be met by the recommendation here. The recommended name will contribute to the visibility of te reo Māori in Wellington. It will also contribute to awareness of the flora found in the Wellington region and te reo Māori names for native and endemic flora of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Community interest: Targeted engagement with pertinent stakeholders was undertaken. These included mana whenua via Mataaho Aronui, the developer, the Tawa Residents' Association, the Tawa Historical Society, and the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves.

Consistency with existing policy: The recommendation is consistent with the provisions of the Council's Naming Policy: Te Māpihi Maurea (the Policy).

Impact on Council's capacity and capability: This has been assessed as minor.

#### Financial considerations

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nil | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Unbudgeted \$X |
|---|--|---|

#### Risk

- |                              |                                 |                               |                                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> High | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|

2. Naming this right-of-way (ROW) reduces risk for people and/or property if an adverse event occurs. Because the recommended name is unique within the Wellington region, the potential for an avoidable delay when emergency services are trying to locate properties in this ROW is low.

Author	Carline Thomas, Land & Customer Information Advisor
Authoriser	James Roberts, Chief Operating Officer

## **Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations**

Officers recommend the following motion:

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receives the information;
2. Agrees to name the new private right-of-way in Tawa off Raroa Terrace, **Te Ara Kōhūhū** (F Plan 3129 refers).

## **Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary**

3. A new private right-of-way (ROW) off Raroa Terrace in Tawa is being developed. It now needs to be named to enable addresses to be allocated to the new properties gaining access from this right-of-way.
4. **Te Ara Kōhūhū** is recommended as the name of this ROW.
5. All stakeholders consulted either supported this name or were neutral.

## **Takenga mai | Background**

6. The provisions of the Council's [Naming Policy: Te Māpihi Maurea](#) are relevant. It stipulates that addresses should ideally be unique within the greater Wellington region. The Australia / New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011 guides the allocation of address numbers.
7. Addresses are allocated in Wellington to enable wayfinding. This is particularly important to reduce delays for emergency service responders.
8. The Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) keeps a register of road names in the region that are either in use or reserved for use. They have confirmed **Te Ara Kōhūhū** is unique in the region. This is important because duplicate names in a region can cause confusion with regards to wayfinding, particularly where territorial authorities are adjacent to each other. Territorial authorities within the region have committed to avoiding the duplication of road/street names where possible.

## **Kōrerorero | Discussion**

9. Consultation with mana whenua was facilitated by the Council's Mataaho Aronui team. The developer, the Tawa Residents' Association, the Tawa Historical Society, and the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves were also consulted.
10. Mataaho Aronui have recommended the road name type, 'Te Ara', be used. This road name type, along with the recommended name, reflects the commitment of Takai Here partners to the re-indigenisation of our spaces and places.
11. Officers are grateful for the initial suggestion from the Tawa Community Board to investigate a request from a local community member to commemorate the late Bruce Murray, a stalwart of the Tawa community, by naming a road after Bruce. The Board advised: "*Bruce made a huge contribution to Tawa over many years and his legacy continues on in many ways. He played cricket for NZ, but locally his huge contribution was as Principal of Tawa College. He continued to be actively involved in the*

*community in his retirement with the Tawa Historical Society and in the church community and in many other ways”.*

12. The contribution made by Bruce to the Tawa community was clearly considerable, however there is already a Bruce Avenue in Brooklyn and a Murray Street in Island Bay. The points noted under paragraph 8 with reference to duplication of road names are therefore pertinent.
13. In supporting the recommended name, the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves commented: *“Kōhūhū (aka Pittosporum tenuifolium) is [a] common tree in most of the Tawa reserves and also a species that we grow on at the nursery and plant in the local area. This naming also fits in with the two predominant general street naming schemes in use for the surrounding area of Linden, being either after people involved in the early development of the area or after local native tree names with mahoe, kowhai, hinau, matai, and a little further away tawa, in use.”* The New Zealand Plant Conservation Network notes the Kōhūhū to be endemic to New Zealand.
14. The developer also supports the recommendation, while the Tawa Residents’ Association and the Tawa Historical Society are neutral towards it.
15. The Greater Wellington Regional Council initially advised the name ‘Kōhūhū’ had been reserved for use in Porirua. Porirua City Council was contacted and kindly agreed to release the name for use in Tawa.

### **Kōwhiringa | Options**

16. Options available to the Tawa Community Board include resolving to name this new private ROW, **Te Ara Kōhūhū**, as per the recommendation. This name meets the provisions of relevant legislation, policies, and standards. The latter include Council’s Tūpiki Ora: Māori Strategy and Te Tauihu: Te Reo Māori Policy, in respect of the principles represented through each of these documents. The proposed name will promote the taonga that is te reo Māori, as well as Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, particularly S10(1)(b), in respect of the promotion of the “cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.
17. An alternative option open to the Board is to name this ROW, **Ara Kōhūhū**. This name would also meet the provisions of relevant legislation, policies, and standards. However, Mataaho Aronui have recommended using ‘Te Ara’ as the road name type.
18. Alternatively, the Board could reject the recommended name and the alternative identified above. Consultation on another name would recommence as appropriate.

### **Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making**

#### **Alignment with Council’s strategies and policies**

19. Paragraphs 6, 8, and 16 outline the alignment of the recommended name with relevant Council strategies and policies, as do relevant paragraphs below.

#### **Engagement and Consultation**

20. This matter sits in the middle of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum as shown in Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy. The Significance and Engagement Policy guides that stakeholders should be involved “throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered” (p. 171). The engagement undertaken here has sought to

ensure there has been due “regard to the views of the community and those affected by the decision” (p. 171).

21. Stakeholders consulted in this matter were mana whenua through Mataaho Aronui, the developer, the Tawa Residents’ Association, the Tawa Historical Society, and the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves. The ‘Principles of Consultation’, 6(a) to (e), outlined on page 172 of Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy, were followed during the consultation. Principle 6(f) will be followed post-decision. Attachment 1, F Plan 3129, refers.

### **Implications for Māori**

22. Mana whenua were consulted with regards to naming this ROW, as guided by Mataaho Aronui.
23. The recommended name meets the provisions of Council’s Tūpiki Ora: Māori Strategy and Te Tauihu: Te Reo Māori Policy in respect of the principles outlined in these documents. It will promote the taonga that is te reo Māori in Wellington. The visibility and accuracy of te reo Māori names of flora will be advanced by this name.

### **Financial implications**

24. No financial implications have been identified that are pertinent to this matter.

### **Legal considerations**

25. Allocation of road names is a statutory function of Council under Section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974. Naming roads and right-of-ways permits the allocation of addresses according to the Local Government Act 1974 (S319(b)) and the Addressing Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011.
26. Addresses facilitate wayfinding for visitors to an area. To the extent that this enables community well-being by reducing the risk presented by the possibility of a fatal delay in attending an emergency event, the naming of roads and right-of-ways meets the provisions of Section 10(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Risks and mitigations**

27. This proposal is rated as low risk on Council’s risk framework. There is a low possibility that a high-risk event could occur if naming departs from the guidelines in the Naming Policy: Te Māpihi Maurea.

### **Disability and accessibility impact**

28. No impacts in respect of disability or accessibility have been identified, other than that naming this ROW will facilitate wayfinding for visitors to the area. This will assist caregivers and emergency services to readily locate the home of anybody with a disability living in this ROW.

### **Climate Change impact and considerations**

29. No impacts or considerations in respect of climate change have been identified.

## Communications Plan

30. An extensive notification list includes Land Information New Zealand, Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), New Zealand Post, and courier services.
31. Stakeholders will be advised of the Board's decision and given a link to the minutes of the meeting.

## Health and Safety Impact considered

32. Health and safety for residents and the general public will be facilitated by naming this ROW, particularly since the proposed name will be unique within the Wellington region.

## Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

33. Should the Board endorse the recommendation of this report, the addresses of properties in this ROW will be allocated according to the principles of the Addressing Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011. Signage showing the name will be displayed as appropriate. Relevant parties to whom the name and addresses of properties in the ROW will be notified include the developer, Land Information New Zealand, FENZ, and New Zealand Post.
34. Consultation will recommence as appropriate if the recommendation is rejected.

## Attachments

Attachment 1. F Plan 3129 [↓](#) 

Page 8

---

