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# Panui

Te Kaunihera Māori o Aotearoa

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# The Māori Committee's



## Nau mai! Haere mai! Hoki mai!

Thank you for providing the documents notifying the election of your Māori Committee. Congratulations and welcome (back) to the Council. This update has been prepared to respond to your requests about what happens next and sets out the next steps for your Committee and the NZMC triennial election process as set out in the Māori Community Development Act 1962 (MCDA). Copies of the Māori Community Development Act 1962 and the Māori Community Development Regulations 1962 will be provided to all Māori Committees and can be found at <https://www.maoricouncil.org/downloads> along with the members manual. This update also includes information about the current workload of the Council.

Step 1: Your Māori Committee will meet later this month to appoint two of your Committee to your District Maori Council (MCDA s21(1) \*With the exceptions of Tamaki Makaurau and Wellington – they will appoint three members to their Māori Executive (MCDA s21(1) Then in April 2021 the Tamaki Makaurau Māori Executive and the Wellington Māori Executives will meet to appoint two members to their District Māori Councils. (MCDA s21(2)

Step 2: In May 2021 all District Māori Councils meet to elect officers and appoint three members to be members of the New Zealand Māori Council (MCDA s21(3)

Step 3: Notice of all appointments (to Māori Committees, Māori Executives, District Māori Councils and New Zealand Māori Council) must be given to the secretary of the New Zealand Māori Council (MCDA s21(4) [raewyn@maoricouncil.maori.nz](mailto:raewyn@maoricouncil.maori.nz); or PO Box 5451, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142

Step 4: In June 2021 the New Zealand Māori Council will meet in Tauranga to elect a Chair and appoint an Executive to manage the work of Council for the next three years. The full New Zealand Māori Council will meet twice a year during these three years.

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### Current Executive

Henare Mason (Chair)  
Harvey Ruru (Deputy Chair)  
Matthew Tukaki  
Raewyn Harrison  
Ngaio Te Ua  
Roimata Minhinnick  
Tane Cook  
Wiremu Puriri

## Purpose and Function of your Māori Committee

In relation to Māori residing in your Māori Committee area, your Maori Committee has the same functions as the New Zealand Maori Council (MCDAs18(1)). A copy of Section 18(1) is included in this update. You can find information about matters such as Committee meetings, resignations and finances in the Maori Community Development Act, eg Vacancies in membership (MCDAs22) and Meetings (MCDAs23) Māori Committees are encouraged to meet regularly (say monthly or bi-monthly) to discuss matters of concern within your community. This ensures not only that you can inform your District Māori Councils of issues of concern but also receive information from your District Māori Council representatives on the activities of your District Māori Council and the New Zealand Maori Council.

While, the Maori Community Development Act also covers Financial Provisions (MCDAs24, s25, s26, s27, s28 and s29) some of this information is out-of-date. We will prepare up-to-date information on managing finances as a priority.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions about your Committee's finances please contact [raewyn@maoricouncil.maori.nz](mailto:raewyn@maoricouncil.maori.nz)

## Communications

Council has a website [www.maoricouncil.org.nz](http://www.maoricouncil.org.nz) and Facebook. We are working on our website and social media presence to become more current and relevant. Communications is a two-way street. Please let us know if there are issues you'd like Council to address at local, district and national level. We can also post information (and photographs) relevant to the Council and our mahi. And of course if you have any questions please get in touch.

## Maori Community Development Act 1962 Extract: s18 General functions of the New Zealand Maori Council

(1) The general functions of the New Zealand Maori Council, in respect of all Maoris, shall be—

- (a) to consider and discuss such matters as appear relevant to the social and economic advancement of the Maori race;
- (b) to consider and, as far as possible, give effect to any measures that will conserve and promote harmonious and friendly relations between members of the Maori race and other members of the community;
- (c) to promote, encourage, and assist Maoris—
  - (i) to conserve, improve, advance and maintain their physical, economic, industrial, educational, social, moral, and spiritual well-being;
  - (ii) to assume and maintain self-reliance, thrift, pride of race, and such conduct as will be conducive to their general health and economic well-being;
  - (iii) to accept, enjoy, and maintain the full rights, privileges, and responsibilities of New Zealand citizenship;
  - (iv) to apply and maintain the maximum possible efficiency and responsibility in their local self-government and undertakings; and
  - (v) to preserve, revive and maintain the teaching of Maori arts, crafts, language, genealogy, and history in order to perpetuate Maori culture:

## 2021 New Zealand Māori Council

In June 2021 the New Zealand Māori Council will meet in Tauranga to elect a Chair and appoint an Executive to manage the work of Council for the next three years. The full New Zealand Māori Council will meet twice a year during these three years. In the Meantime ... While the 2021 triennial Council cannot meet until June, the Council continues to fulfil its functions to represent and protect Māori interests (MCDAs18).

Currently this includes the following covering 49 kaupapa

- Advocacy on behalf of Maori, for example media
- statements on local, regional and national issues, submissions to various Select Commissions and other enquiries
- Legal representation on a number of generic claims before the Waitangi Tribunal as well as other litigation
- Negotiations with the Crown
- Representation on organisations such as Crown Forestry
- Rental Trust, the Taumata of the Royal Commission into abuse in care, Māori Spectrum Trust and many more

((d) to collaborate with and assist State departments and other organisations and agencies in—

- (i) the placement of Maoris in industry and other forms of employment;
- (ii) the education, vocational guidance, and training of Maoris;
- (iii) the provision of housing and the improvement of the living conditions of Maoris;
- (iv) the promotion of health and sanitation amongst the Maori people;
- (v) the fostering of respect for the law and law-observance amongst the Maori people;
- (vi) the prevention of excessive drinking and other undesirable forms of conduct amongst the Maori people; and
- (vii) the assistance of Maoris in the solution of difficulties or personal problems.

(2) The New Zealand Maori Council shall advise and consult with District Maori Councils, Maori Executive Committees, and Maori Committees on such matters as may be referred to it by any of those bodies or as may seem necessary or desirable for the social and economic advancement of the Maori race.

(3) In the exercise of its functions the Council may make such representations to the Minister or other person or authority as seem to it advantageous to the Maori race.