te kaunihera ā-rohe o
matamata-piako
district council

Te kaupapahere o te Wā Hokohoko o Te Aranga 2026 | Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 13 MAY 2026

Department	Policy, Partnerships and Governance
Policy Type	External
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Policy Effective From	1 July 2026
Policy Supersedes	Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2022
Review Frequency	Five-yearly or as required by Council or legislative changes.
Review Date	1 July 2031
Engagement Required	Special Consultative Procedure (Local Government Act 2002)

1. Te Kaupapa I Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy (Policy) is to enable *Shops* to trade on Easter Sunday if they choose to.

1.2 This Policy aims to meet demand for *Goods* and services from visitors and residents in the *Matamata-Piako District* during the Easter Holiday weekend.

2. Te marau me te tīmatanga I Title and Commencement

2.1 This Policy shall be known as the 'Matamata-Piako District Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026'.

2.2 This Policy comes into force on 1 July 2026.

3. Horopaki I Background

3.1 The *Act* provides for restricted trading days, including Easter Sunday. The *Act* allows *Shops* selling certain types of *Goods* to remain open on the restricted trading days.

3.2 Types of *Shops* that can remain open on the restricted trading days include:

a) Dairies;
b) Service stations;
c) Pharmacies;
d) Take away bars;
e) Restaurants;
f) Cafes;
g) Souvenir stores; and
h) Garden centres.

3.3. *Shops* that are already permitted to trade on restricted trading days under Section 4 of the *Act* may continue to do so. This Policy additionally permits all other *Shops* in the *Matamata-Piako District* to open on Easter Sunday.

4. Te whakamana o te whakaturetanga I Enabling Enactments

4.1 This Policy is made under Part 2 (Subpart 1) of the *Act*, which allows councils to adopt a local policy permitting *Shops* to open on Easter Sunday.

5. Raupapa mahi I Scope

5.1 This Policy applies to *Shops* trading across the entire *Matamata-Piako District* (refer to Schedule 1 for a map of the *Matamata-Piako District*).

5.2 This Policy does not:

a) Apply to any day other than Easter Sunday.
b) Control the types of *Shops* that may open, or their opening hours.
c) Limit *Council*'s ability to undertake its duties, powers or functions under any other legislation.
d) Apply to the sale and supply of alcohol, as this is regulated under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
e) Address *Shop* employee rights, which are governed by the requirements of the *Act*. For clarity, all *Shop* employees have the right to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without providing a reason to their employer. Employers must ensure

that this decision does not result in any disadvantage or repercussions for the employee's employment relationship.

5.3 This Policy neither requires *Shops* to open, nor individuals to browse or purchase *Goods* on Easter Sunday.

5.4 Enforcement of Easter Sunday *Shop* trading is undertaken by central government, currently by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under the *Act*. *Council* does not have enforcement powers under this Policy.

6. Kaupapahere I Policy

6.1 Any *Shop* is permitted to open on Easter Sunday throughout the *Matamata-Piako District.*

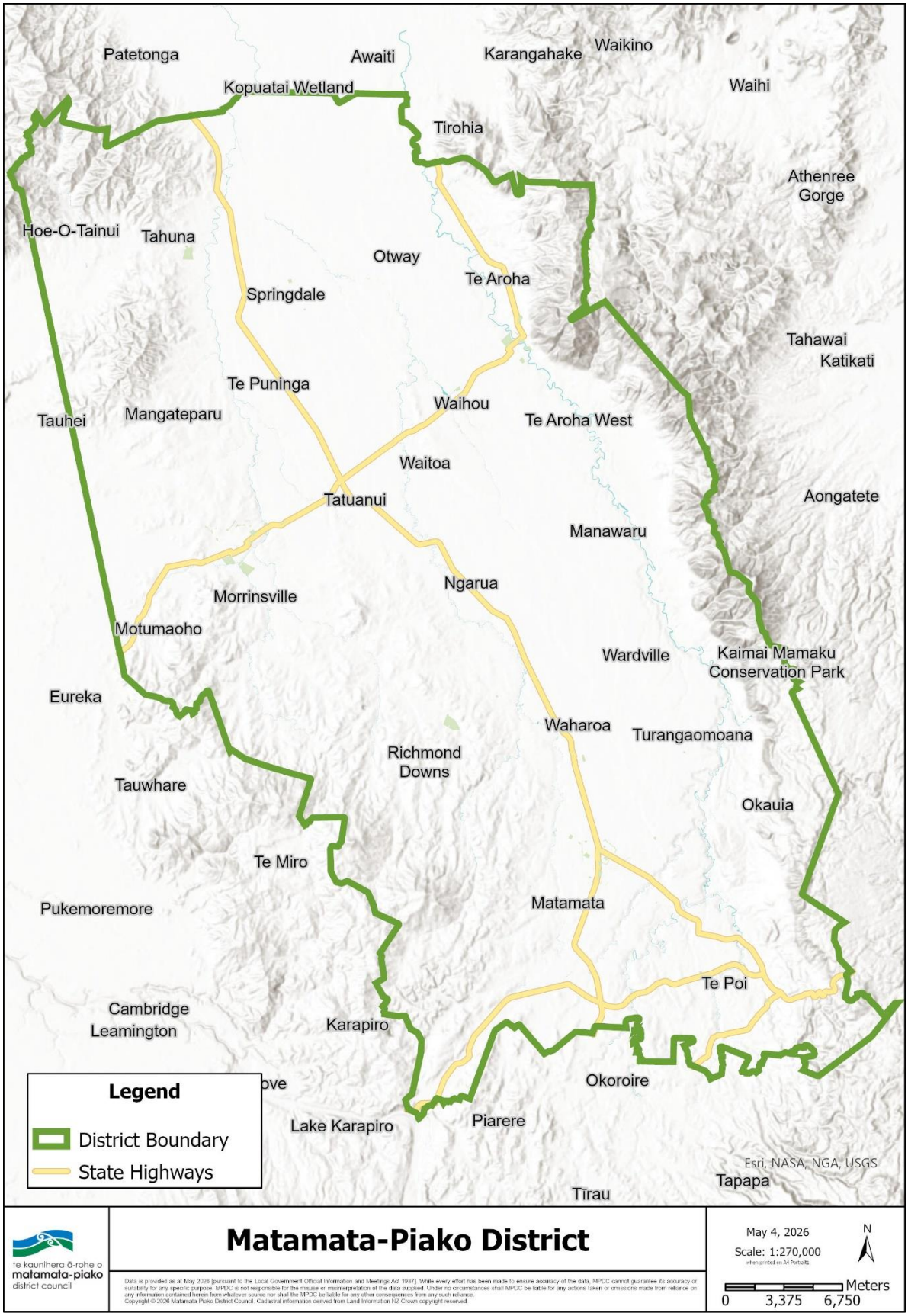
7. Te Arotakenga I Review

7.1 This Policy is a statutory review of the Local Easter Sunday Trading Policy 2022.

7.2 The *Act* requires that the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy must be reviewed no later than five years after the date on which it is adopted. Section 5C(4) of the *Act* requires the use of the Special Consultative Procedure when undertaking a review and determining whether to amend, revoke, replace or continue the policy. *Council* cannot delegate the power to make the final decision on whether to adopt, amend or revoke the policy.

8. Ngā Tautuhinga I Definitions

8.1 For the purposes of this Policy the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
Act	means the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.
Council	means the governing body of the Matamata-Piako District Council or any person delegated to act on its behalf.
Goods	includes all personal chattels other than alcohol (within the meaning of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012), money, and things in action.
Matamata-Piako District	means the area of jurisdiction of the Matamata-Piako District Council.
Shop	means a building, place, or part of a building or place, where *Goods* are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail; and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall, or other subdivision of a market; but does not include – a) a private home where the owner or occupier's effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise) b) a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them c) a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling *Goods* to people who are dealers, and buy the *Goods* to sell them again.

Whakaritenga 1 I Schedule 1 – Description and Map of Matamata-Piako District where Shop Trading on Easter Sunday is permitted.