



Rangitāiki Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Rangitāiki

Wednesday, 21 February 2024
Rāapa, 21 Huitanguru 2024

Lions Reading Room, Edgecumbe Library
College Road, Edgecumbe
Commencing at: 5:30 PM

Chief Executive: Steph O'Sullivan
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A Membership - *Mematanga*

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Board Member L Waaka - Chairperson

Board Member R Gardiner - Deputy Chairperson

Board Member C McIndoe

Board Member H Brown

Board Member P Falwasser

Board Member P Flowerday

Councillor G Dennis

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Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002 details the role of a community board:

- a. represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b. consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- c. maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- d. prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- e. communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f. undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

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1 Opening Karakia - *He Karakia Tīmatanga*

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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 sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>
Tīhei mauri ora!	

2 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

No apologies were recorded at the time of compiling the agenda.

3 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā mihimihi*

An opportunity for members to recognise achievements, to notify of events, or to pay tribute to an occasion of importance.

4 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu*

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

The Elected Member Register of Interest is available on the Whakatāne District Council website. If you wish to view the information relating to Community Boards, please click this [Register link](#).

5 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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5.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

The Board has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each meeting. Each speaker during the forum may speak for five minutes. Permission of the Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak during the public forum. Applicants seeking funding from the Board are encouraged to speak in support of their application at this time.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Board Members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

1. Jason Newton
- CAYAD Coordinator Te Tohu o Te o Ngati Awa
2. Margaret Leaming
- As an adjacent landowner, concerns regarding the potential cycle track along the riverbank from Edgecumbe to Thornton beach.

5.2 Deputations - *Ngā Whakapuaki Whaitake*


A deputation enables a person, group or organisation to make a presentation to Community Board on a matter or matters covered by their terms of reference. Deputations should be approved by the Chairperson, or an official with delegated authority, five working days before the meeting. Deputations may be heard at the commencement of the meeting or at the time that the relevant agenda item is being considered. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation's deputation. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, or with the permission of the Chairperson, a longer timeframe may be allocated.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the deputation.

6 Confirmation of Minutes - *Te whakaaetanga o ngā meneti o te hui*

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6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 29 November 2023

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.32 PM
	Present:	Mayor V Luca, Members L Waaka (Chairperson), R Gardiner, H Brown, P Falwasser and Councillor G Dennis
	In Attendance:	F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	E and J Herangi, and K Raynes (Matata Blue Light)
	Apologies:	Member Flowerday

The meeting was opened at 5:32 pm with a Karakia led by Chairperson Waaka.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Member Gardiner/ Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board accept the apology from Member Flowerday.

CARRIED

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Manager Strategic Projects (Jeff Farrell) and team were acknowledged for the complex planning work undertaken for managed retreat, and that information then being used in setting the scene for the future planning activities.

Later in the meeting, Chairperson Waaka was thanked for her great leadership during the year.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1. Ezra Herangi

Ezra shared her pepeha. She reported the exchange trip would enable her to gain independence and would provide her with several opportunities to share her Māori heritage and culture while experiencing their culture.

In response to a query about fundraising, Mrs Herangi advised Ezra had completed the application herself and via her three paid jobs, she had worked very hard and saved for the trip.

Ezra would be joining a school in Swansea, Wales and if the funding was granted, it would enable her to attend a London Trip camp. Ezra advised she had applied to be a youth ambassador but had not yet been advised of the outcome.

Attendance:

Member Falwasser entered the meeting at 5:43 pm.

E and J Herangi left the meeting at 5:47 pm.

4.2. Matatā Blue Light Ventures Inc.

Mr Raynes reported Matatā Blue Light had been running this event for the past 16 years and the 2023 event would be in a similar format to previous events. He said it was important to run events that brought the community together and he spoke about various activities and programmes that Blue Light ran in the community.

When asked about fundraising, Mr Raynes responded Blue Light preferred to apply for funding so that money remained with whānau.

Attendance: K Raynes left the meeting at 5:58 pm.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 7-10 of the agenda.

The letter of thanks to Mr Berryman would be completed in the coming week.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 11 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1. Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 11-42 of the agenda.

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Feedback was sought on the community board newsletter and members were encouraged contact their communities to subscribe to the online version.

Ms Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning) was acknowledged for her input assisting with the development of the Matatā Community Plan.

Mayor Luca spoke to several items in the report.

Regarding tourism marketing, it was raised that entrance signs to the smaller towns in the district should also include reference to the township itself.

A discussion ensued on the importance of communication, use of technology, notification, and engagement with communities, so all were aware of activities and developments in the rohe.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report November 2023 be received.

CARRIED

6.2. Funding Applications to RCB – November 2023

Refer to pages 43-65 of the agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding the discretionary fund criteria. Members noted they were impressed by Ezra's kōrero and her committed focus raising money for her trip. It was requested Ezra present back to the Board on her return as to her experience and development.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Gardiner

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Funding Application to RCB – November 2023 report be received; and
2. **THAT** \$500.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board discretionary funds to Ezra Herangi to assist with costs towards her student exchange to the United Kingdom December 2023 to January 2024; on the provision that Erza presents back to the Board on her return how the trip developed her as a person and as a future leader.

CARRIED

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT \$2,800.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board discretionary funds to Matatā Blue Light Ventures Inc. to assist with costs to run the Christmas in the Park event in December 2023.

CARRIED

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 29 November 2023(Cont.)

7. Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

7.1. Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 66-68 of the agenda.

The Chair reiterated her thanks to the Councillors and Council support staff associated with the Board.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – November 2023 be received.

CARRIED

7.2. Councillor Report

Refer to pages 69-70 of the agenda.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor – November 2023 report be accepted.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY ALL MEMBERS AT 7:26 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 21 February 2024**

Author: **F Begley / Manager Community Partnerships**

Authoriser: **B Gray / General Manager Infrastructure**

Reference: **A2611948**

1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

This report provides the Community Board with an update on several projects and activities delivered within the Rangitāiki Board to the end of January 2024 and covers the following activities:

- Long Term Plan 2024/34
- Government Reforms Programme
- New Discretionary Fund Application Form
- Pecuniary Interest Form
- Live streaming of Council meetings
- Solid Waste Update
- Wastewater Update
- Transport Update
- Community Update
- News
- Discretionary Funds

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report February 2024 report be received.

3. Long Term Plan 2024/34

The district's Long Term Plan (LTP) covers 10 years ahead, but we renew it every three years. The 2024-34 Long Term Plan will replace our current Long Term Plan 2021-31. This work will not only set Council's priorities and direction, but it will carry the thoughts and aspirations of our communities and turn them into action. It provides the basis for Council decision-making and guides the planning and implementation of programmes, activities, and services.

As part of the pre-engagement stage last year, we checked with our communities about what matters most to them. The Mayor and Councillors then met and used the feedback received to develop and refine a set of five broad priorities for the district:

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- Enhancing the safety, wellbeing, and vibrancy of communities
- Strengthening relationships with Iwi, hapū and whānau
- Building climate change and natural hazard resilience, including our infrastructure
- Facilitating economic regeneration and responding to development pressures
- Shaping a green district.

There's no denying we are living in a time of extraordinary inflationary and affordability pressures. Council will need to make some hard decisions, balancing investment with affordability, while ensuring we keep up our momentum and focus on what is most important to the people of the Whakatāne District.

3.1. Consultation

Public consultation for the LTP will run from Tuesday, 12 March to Friday, 12 April 2024.

This year we are aiming to attend one community event per ward. Experience has shown that community engagement feedback is richer and more effectively gathered when we attend an existing event, as opposed to a separate Council-initiated event.

We have identified key events in the Rangitāiki ward and Whakatāne-Ōhope ward, and we're working on options for the Murupara and Tāneatua wards.

3.2. Events

- Rangitāiki ward – Rangitāiki River Festival, March 16, Thornton Domain
- Whakatāne-Ōhope ward – Heart to Heart Expo, March 23, Rex Morpeth Park
- Tāneatua ward – TBC
- Murupara ward – TBC

Please pencil the confirmed dates in your diary. We'll update you with more details on consultation at the Combined Community Board meeting on Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

4. Government Reforms Programme

4.1. Water services reform to be repealed

With the 2023 general election resulting in a change in Government, the Waters Services Reform Programme will undergo a significant change in direction. The Government intends to repeal the water reform legislation within its first 100 days in office with the intention that these services remain with councils. The legislation to make this change happen is expected in late February 2024. This is a big change that Council will need to adjust to, noting that we have been implementing a substantial project to transition Council's three waters services to a new delivery framework, and that we have been progressing our long-term infrastructure, service, and financial planning on the assumption of the new service model going ahead.

With a number of significant challenges and funding hurdles facing the future of these services, solutions are still needed for our district and across all of Aotearoa. With the reforms being repealed it is currently unclear as to what the alternative long-term solutions might look like. We await further direction from central government regarding longer term solutions. In the meantime, we are urgently working to reinstate three waters within Council's planning, funding, rating, and service responsibilities.

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4.2. New resource management legislation repealed

In December 2023, the new Coalition Government passed the Resource Management (Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning Repeal and Interim Fast-track Consenting) Bill. This legislation effectively repeals the Natural and Built Environment Act and the Spatial Planning Act introduced under the previous government. While the new Bill largely means an interim reversion to the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991, there are second and third phases of reform that have been signalled by Central Government. Because the transition to the new resource management framework was over a longer period (up to ten years), the repeal does not have as significant an impact on the services of Council as three waters.

4.3. WDC post-reform planning for organisational design is on hold

Prior to the October 2023 general election, WDC had established a project to consider post-reform design of the Council organisation. This acknowledged that the reforms would have substantial impacts on the functions and capacity of WDC and on the longer-term future of the local government sector. With the new Government taking a significantly different direction with the reforms, the urgency for change is not immediate and the WDC Post Reform Organisation Design project has been put on hold.

4.4. Future For Local Government review is now completed

The Future For Local Government ‘review’ has now concluded, with the final recommendations report “He piki tūranga, he piki kotuku” released on 20 June 2023. Notwithstanding the above reforms, this comprehensive review sought to make sense of the substantial challenges and opportunities facing the future of the local government sector, and to make recommendations to both central and local government. As a next step, Central Government will need to decide if and when to pick up any of the recommendations and translate these through to reform.

5. New Discretionary Fund Application Form

Last year, the Governance Services team reached out to Community Board chairs to gather their insights for improving our discretionary fund application form. The new application form attached is designed to ensure consistency across all boards while enabling better accessibility to the form via our website. Recognising the need to update outdated information, the Governance team utilised the opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review. Through this process, we've streamlined the application procedure to enhance user experience and incorporate valuable feedback from applicants.

Pending any major adjustments, we anticipate launching the new form before the next round of scheduled Community Board meetings.

6. Pecuniary Interest Form

We are at the time of the year where we are required to update the Elected Member Register of Interest for year two of the current triennium. This register, in compliance with section 54A of the Local Government Act 2022, is a crucial component of our governance process. Please complete the form before **29 February 2024** and return it to the Governance Team via Governance@whakatane.govt.nz

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7. Live Streaming of Council Meetings

We are excited to announce that Whakatāne District Council will be live streaming Council and Standing Committee meetings. The official 'go live' date is Thursday, 15 February 2024 to align with the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting.

Why are we live streaming our Council/Committee meetings?

There has been increasing demand for real-time live streaming and subsequent recordings of Council and Committee meetings, particularly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and limited in-person access. After the main Council building refurbishment, which was completed in July 2023, there is now adequate technology to enable live streaming from the Council Chambers (Room Tōtara).

Live streaming is designed to ensure greater transparency and access to local government and democracy. It will improve accessibility and community participation in relation to Council's formal decision-making processes and reflect Council's commitment to transparent and accessible decision-making processes. It is envisaged that live streaming via Council's website and YouTube will provide more flexible and convenient access to a wider audience, by allowing the public to watch meetings in 'real time' via the internet without the need to attend in person.

8. Solid Waste Update

8.1. Waste Minimisation and Management Bylaw

The new Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw came into force on 1 February 2024. The bylaw was approved in November 2023 and was changed to comply with kerbside recycling standardisation, future foodwaste collections and other minor amendments.

8.2. Kerbside Recycling Standardisation

On 1 February 2024, Council made changes to what can go into the yellow-lid kerbside recycling bin to comply with national standardisation. This means we will now also accept Grade 5 plastics and empty pizza boxes, but we will no longer accept aerosols.

External communications on these changes include:

- Media release
- Community Board Members direct email
- Beacon Advertising
- Radio Advertising
- Council website, including FAQs
- Email signature banner
- Community newsletters (print and digital)
- WDC Facebook Posts
- Direct Mailout to all households including flyer on the changes and new sticker for their bin.

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8.3. Tyrewise Product Stewardship

The Tyrewise product stewardship scheme for end-of-life tyres comes into force on 1 March 2024. From this date people will be charged a fee on top of the normal price for tyres when they purchase them. This fee (\$6.65 plus GST for a normal road tyre) will cover the collection and processing of the tyre at the end of its life. However, Council will need to continue charging for taking tyres at the refuse transfer station until 1 September 2024 as tyres collected during this period are considered as older tyres purchased before 1 March 2024.

We have registered both our transfer stations as collection points and are awaiting acceptance from the scheme organisers. If accepted as collection points, from 1 September 2024 Council will no longer charge customers for taking end-of-life tyres. Customers will only be allowed to deposit a maximum of five tyres and we will not accept commercial loads.

For more information see: [What's Changing](#)

9. Wastewater Update

9.1. Helping hand — preventing wastewater overflows



Have you noticed blue circles on some of our wastewater manholes around the district? They might not look like much from the outside, but in fact these little blue circles are the tops of antennas (head units) which play a part in the resilience of our wastewater system and protecting our taiao/environment.

The antennas send data from within the manhole shaft (the passageway which leads to the wastewater pipes) and via Bluetooth they're communicating with a beacon which is connected to a sensor hanging from the manhole lid. Data is then sent back to Council via a cloud-based system giving our Three Waters Team important intel about what is happening underground with our pipe network.

The information is vital because if one of the sensors becomes fully submerged in liquid it generally means the wastewater system is filling up more than it should, and it sends an alert back to staff warning them of a potential overflow. It also means our awesome team can jump into action and sort it out pretty quick smart. The technology itself was created by New Zealand company Heed and was born out of the need of finding a cost effective, network-wide solution that could protect the environment from wastewater and stormwater overflows. We're currently one of 12 councils using the technology and rolling it out in certain spots across the district.

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9.2. Unearthing the history of Matatā

A watermain renewal project underway in Matatā has unearthed tangible reminders of what life was like for the small coastal community. The project team have been working closely under the guidance Heritage New Zealand's appointed archaeologist, Lynda Walters of In-situ Heritage, and cultural monitors Erin Tioke and Mereana Hona, who were nominated by local Iwi. As with any project which may disturb the ground, the team has been operating under an archaeological authority process which is enforced by Heritage New Zealand, Pouhere Taonga. In some cases, samples have been handed over for safe keeping at Te Whare Taonga ō Taketake, Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre.

Here are some of the items the team has found so far.



1. Half pumice bowl found at Wilson Street.
2. Māori trench on high area of Heale Street - recorded by the archaeologist and will be submitted to HNZ for recording in their map.
3. Small black smooth shiny chert or flint found lower area of Heale Street - possibly used as a cutting tool.
4. Cooking stones Nesbitt Street.
Cooking stones shown in 4a also found at Nesbitt Street.

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5. Gun barrel with bullet found at Heale Street – submitted to NZ Police with no information yet as to the age and whether it is newer or from the colonial period.
6. Original timber water main with steel reinforcing – Marae Lane.

10. Transport Update

10.1. Thornton Safety Improvements – Smith Road to Walker Road

- The trees have been cut down and mulched in the location of the noise wall. The adjacent landowner is happy with the fenced area for his stock.
- Stage 2 is well underway with the old road surface being milled, shoulders shaped and the install of the lower basecourse. Upper basecourse work is underway and is currently being shaped and compacted.
- Traffic running red lights was an issue after the New Years break but this has stopped now. The temporary lights have been moved at the Matata end of Stage 2 to make it safer for residents turning into Walker Road.
- The noise wall construction is due to start in early Feb.

10.2. Seal Extensions - Matata Causeway

- We have received our resource consent and can now start moving again on this project.
- We met earlier on site with BoPRC and have permission to install the environmental control measures and do the survey as from week beginning 12th of February 2024.
- We hope to have final signoff towards middle of next week for the works to commence.
- Duration will be 8 weeks from start, so expecting completion towards 12th April 2024.

11. Community Update

11.1. Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme



11.2. Summer Road Safety Programme

Our summer road safety campaign has been a great success with engagement on key road safety themes happening throughout the Eastern Bay. In addition to radio messaging through 1XX and SunFM, the Roadwise Summer Prize Patrol vehicle was out each day, sharing key road safety messages

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and promoting positive driver behaviour to key target groups, including young people. The vehicle was at most of the region's summer events and visited campsites and places where larger crowds had gathered.

11.3. Fatigue Stop



The annual New Year's Day Fatigue Stop in Matatā, was a fun and important event. The main aim was to encourage young drivers returning from Rhythm and Vines to pull over, get some refreshments, have a break and drive home safely. We received positive feedback on this event from participants and our event partners.

11.4. Wheels Thrills and Spills Workshops

Wheels Thrills and Spills Workshops, funded by the Regional Council and supported by the Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme, were delivered in Murupara, Te Tekō, Kawerau, Whakatane, Ōpōtiki, Tāneatua, Edgecumbe and Matatā. The main goal of the workshops was to engage whānau in our smaller communities and promote helmet use, especially by our tamariki. Turnout was strong, especially in Tāneatua. The programme directly engaged with 279 whānau members.

11.5. New e-van in town!



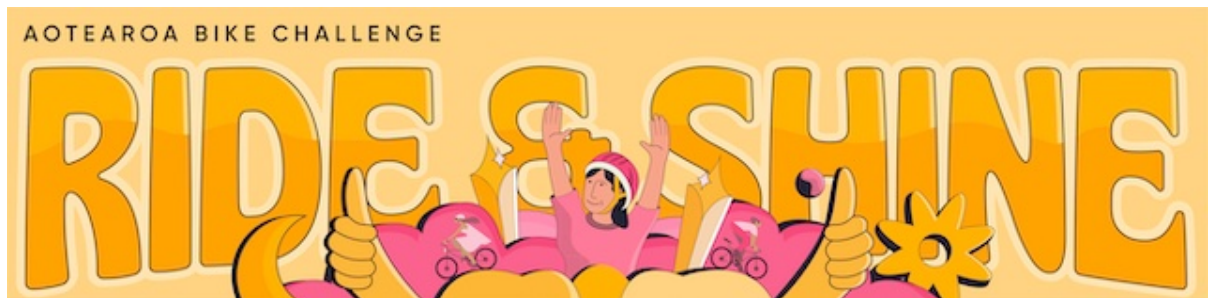
If you see this baby on our streets, give it a nice wave!

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This beautiful e-van, recently purchased by Cycling Without Age EBOP, will be hitting the streets and ensuring our rural communities have increased access to a variety of cycling and road safety services and activities. The Road Safety Programme has partnered up with Cycling Without Age to increase the reach of the E-bike Library and our road safety events – and it makes a pretty cool mobile billboard too.

11.6. Road Safety meets Water Sports

On Saturday 27 January, we partnered with Te Ika Whenua Hauora and held a “Mocktails Stall” at their annual Water Sports Day at Lake Aniwanui. Community members were challenged to answer a road code-themed question correctly and as a prize they received a free non-alcoholic drink. We used this opportunity to focus on the safe use of restraints for children, speed, and drink driving. These were some of the issues raised with us by the community prior to the event.

11.7. Aotearoa Bike Challenge

The Aotearoa Bike Challenge is up-and-running throughout February and the Regional Council has kindly funded this to be accessible regionally. The challenge aims to encourage more people to cycle more often and provides an easy-to-use app, which automatically logs rides. At a local level, we are promoting the challenge and providing a number of events and activities to encourage participation. This includes Wheels Days at schools in Ōpōtiki, Kawerau and Whakatāne, Go by Bike Day and the Big Bike Film Night. For more information go to: <https://www.lovetoride.net/nz>

11.8. Whakatāne District Youth Council Applications Open for 2024**Empower your Voice!**

Council is excited to announce the opening of applications for the Whakatane District Youth Council, inviting rangatahi aged 14-24 to step up, engage, and make a positive impact on their community.

Applications are open now and close on Friday, 1 March. This unique opportunity allows youth in the district to become active participants in shaping their community's future. By joining the Youth Council, applicants will not only gain valuable insights into the workings of the Whakatane District Council but also have the chance to advocate on issues that matter to them.

Why join the Whakatane District Youth Council?

- **Connect with Like-Minded Peers:** Being part of the Youth Council allows you to connect with young people who share similar interests and aspirations, creating relationships that can last a lifetime.
- **Fun and Learning:** Beyond the important business of getting hands-on experience of how councils and youth councils work, it's also about having fun while engaging with activities that broaden

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your perspectives. There will be opportunities for involvement in events and activities throughout the year.

- Professional Development Opportunities: As a member of the Youth Council, you will have the chance to contribute to various projects and events across the district. These experiences will not only enhance your leadership skills but also contribute to your professional development.

The Whakatane District Youth Council is a platform for young voices to be heard. This is an incredible opportunity for the next generation of leaders to make an impact on their local environment.

To apply, please visit Council's website and submit your application by 1 March.

11.9. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Open Now

Are you part of a sports group with young people aged 5-18 years? Do they need to travel to compete in regular local sporting competitions outside of school hours? If so, we might be able to help. \$12,000 is available for this funding round, which applies to sports played in terms 1 and 2. Any rural sports club or rural school team within the Whakatāne District area with members between the ages of 5 and 18 years where the team travels out of or within the district for regular competition outside of school hours can apply. Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 28 February 2024. Visit Council's website for more information and the application form: whakatane.govt.nz/sport-nz-fund



12. News

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/news>

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/public-notice>

12.1. Social media: Social media is also a useful way for members to keep up to date with Council activities in your hapori.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil>

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneAquaticCentre/>

The Council Facebook page is a critical communications channel for our emergency management team and posts will always be put up during times the Incident Management Team is monitoring weather or other emergency events.

12.2. Events: For up-to-date listings on community events, information can be found here

<https://www.whakatane.com/events/community-events-and-markets>

7.1.1 Appendix A - Draft, Updated Discretionary Fund Application Form

13. Discretionary Funds and Reserve Balances

13.1. Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at January 2024

The current unallocated grants and subsidies year to date, as at 31 January 2024 is \$14,325.84. Allocations are summarised below.

Rangitāiki Community Board		
Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 31 January 2024 is \$14,325.84		
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years		4,768.28
2023/24 Annual Plan		20,471.00
2023/24 Revised Balance of Grants and Subsidies to allocate		25,239.28
2024 Allocations		
MAYORAL YOUTH AWARDS EVENT	400.00	Approved & Paid
TAMANUI HALE	1,500.00	Approved & Paid
NEW SHADE SAIL, CENTRAL KIDS KINDERGARTENS	1,600.00	Approved & Paid
HAMIORA HALE	500.00	Approved & Paid
TUHURA WILDERNESS	1,000.00	Approved & Paid
TUIKA BOSWELL GRANT TO ATTEND JAMBOREE DECEMBER 2023	200.00	Approved & Paid
HAREPAORA & REVE NGAHEU-REFUND	-1,000.00	Approved & Paid
EDGE CUMBE CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2023, EDGE CUMBE BLUE LIGHT VENTURES INC	3,413.44	Approved & Paid
EZRA HERANGI, FUND TO HELP WITH SCHOOL EXCHANGE TRIP IN DEC 23-JAN 24	500	Approved & Paid
MATATA CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2023, MATATA BLUE LIGHT VENTURES INC	2,800.00	Approved & Paid
Year to Date allocations	\$	10,913.44
Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*	\$	14,325.84

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All sections must be completed and supporting material is attached to the back of the form.

Please send completed application to: Governance@whakatane.govt.nz
Chief Executive, Whakatāne District Council
Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158

Application is for the following Board:

Rangitāiki Whakatāne/Ōhope Tāneatua Murupara

Information to NOTE:

- Whakatāne District Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and complies with its obligations under the Privacy Act 2020.
- Retrospective funding applications will **NOT** be considered.
- When applying for event/project funding, it must be held in the area in which you are applying.
- Application must be received at least two weeks before the Board meeting.
(Meetings dates are shown on the Council website <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/meetings>)
- Groups should apply to the board corresponding to the area where most of their members reside.
- A declaration of expenditure and results report is required once funding has been spent.
- Funds not uplifted within six months from allocation will lapse.
- We acknowledge and approve receiving further communications from the Community Board.

SECTION 1 - General

A. Name of Individual or Organisation applying for funding:

B. Are you GST registered? No Yes **GST Number:**

C. If you represent a Club or Organisations please specify the number of members associated with your group:

D. What is your organisation's purpose/background? (Who are you? What do you do?)

E. Your Event/Project (Please use up-to ten words)

More information can be found on the Whakatāne District Council website www.whakatane.govt.nz or by contacting Governance Support Advisors at Governance@whakatane.govt.nz or (07) 306 0500.

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SECTION 2 – Event/Project/Activity

A. What is your event/project, including date and location? *(Please describe in full the project details)*

B. Funding Description – Tick all that apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting – National/International level | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pride and beautification projects within the community | |

C. Potential impacts to Climate Change that the project/event may have.

D. How will the community benefit from this event/project?

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Section 3 - Financial Details – Note: All figures to include GST (if any)

A. Please provide a breakdown of the budget for the project, service, or proposal for which you are seeking assistance:

Costs		Income	
Labour	\$	Applicant/Organisation’s Contribution	\$
Advertising/Promotion	\$	Fundraising	\$
Travel Costs	\$	Donations/Sponsorship	\$
Project Materials	\$	Value of Donated Material	\$
Venue/Equipment Hire	\$	Other Grants	\$
Other Costs	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
TOTAL	\$		\$

**TOTAL FUNDING SHORTFALL/
 AMOUNT SOUGHT** \$

B. Please provide information on any funding assistance you/your organisation has received from the Whakatāne District Council (monetary or 'in-kind') in the past 3 years.

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SECTION 4 – Declaration - Note: This section will not be published with your application.

We, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct.
We have the authority to represent our group, and the information is subject to public disclosure.
The **personal details below will be withheld**.
The Whakatāne District Council handles the information in compliance with privacy laws.
Within 30 days of the activity, we will provide a short summary of the project’s success, benefits, and its promotion.

If applying as an **Organisation**:

Name 1:	Name 2:
Position:	Position:
Contact number:	Contact number:
Email:	Email:
Authorised Signatory:	Authorised Signatory:
Dated:	Dated:

If applying as an **Individual**:

Name:
Contact number:
Email:
Authorised Signatory:
Dated:

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IMPORTANT:

Please make sure all sections of this form have been completed:

- Provided a bank-generated deposit slip verifying your bank account.
- Provided quotes for the expenses of your project, service, or event proposal where these have been obtained.
- Provided a copy of your audited accounts or balance sheets. If you are a new group, a statement of estimated income and expenditure for your first year must be included.
- Confirm that a representative will be able to attend the next meeting to provide a brief overview of the application and be available to answer any questions from the board.

For audit purposes, you are required to:

Return the completed project report within 6 months of funding received.

8 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

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8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – February 2024



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 21 February 2024**

Submitted by: **L Waaka / RCB Chairperson**

Reference: **A2610466**

1. From the Chair

Tēnā koutou ngā hapori ō Rangitaiki

What an extraordinary summer we have had in our region!

It is truly heartening to see our natural taonga (treasures) being enjoyed and, for the most part; respected by locals and visitors alike.

As the year begins, our Rangitāiki Community Board members prepare to continue to strengthen our relationships as we work collaboratively to progress and complete projects started in 2023, alongside advocating for future community aspirations.

This is a short report being the first of the year, however, there are some main points I would like to raise (*all relevant information can be found on the Whakatāne District Council website*).

Kerbside Recycling

[Changes to kerbside recycling](#) which came into effect 1 February and requires all councils to collect the same items in kerbside recycling! Wohooo the household recycling disagreements can now be a thing of the past!

Long Term Plan

Keep an eye out for the [WDC Long term plan \(LTP\)](#) – it is currently being drafted and will be sent out early 2024 for community consultation – it is imperative for our council that they hear your thoughts and feedback to this draft, sign up to ‘Stay in the loop’ to keep up to date and receive updates.

I will close with a very fitting whakatauki:

“Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.”

Walking backwards into the future, with our eyes fixed on the past.

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – February 2024 be received.

8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – February 2024(Cont.)**3. Activity/Engagement****3.1. Upcoming meetings 2024**

TBC	Edgecumbe Collective Assigned RCB rep - Clive McIndoe
7 February CANCELLED	Awakaponga Hall Committee meeting Assigned RCB rep – Heemi Brown
12 February	Edgecumbe C.E.R.T meeting Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka
13 February	Matatā Residents Association Meeting Assigned RCB rep – Peter Flowerday
21 February	Rangitāiki Community Board Meeting <i>5.30pm Edgecumbe Library</i>
27 February	Edgecumbe Development & Improvement Team (E.D.I.T) Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka
5 March	Te Teko Residents Association Assigned RCB rep - Pete Falwasser
TBC	Manawahe District Hall Committee Assigned RCB rep – Ross Gardiner

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2024

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To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 21 February 2024**

Author: **Councillor Dennis**

Reference: **A2613289**

1. Reason for the report - Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata

The report is to provide an overview of the activities undertaken and meetings attended since the last meeting, ensuring members are informed.

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2024 be received.

3. Meetings

Due to the proximity of Christmas, a number of meetings usually attended were cancelled or rescheduled, or clashed with other events.

However, the last two months seem to have been dominated with Council workshops or meetings discussing the Long Term Plan and what that means for the future work programme of Council but also the rates level required to pay for it.

Te Teko Residents Association (TTRA)	
Tuesday, 5 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the December meeting due to a clash.• There is more angst in the TeTeko community about the boat hulk on the old petrol Station site.
Tuesday 6 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The February meeting was postponed one week due to Waitangi Day. I will give a verbal, summary update at the RCB meeting of the main points raised.

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2024(Cont.)

Manawahe District Society Incorporated Meeting	
Thursday 7 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting started 30 minutes early with a report from the council Transport Team. • Bevan Grey, Anne-Elise Reynolds, and Jeff Farrel presented on the long-term options for managing the Lake that formed over Christmas 2022 and the preferred option when flooding returns. Data was presented on the historical frequency of the flooding. • WDC's priority is to prevent the road from flooding in future and keep it open. • There was also discussion on the general state of the roads and the continual spraying and scrapping of the road edges by WDC. Meeting proper then followed. • I raised the subject of the LTP and the issues around keeping the rates down. • Gave a summary of the CCTV Camera project. Those present expressed concern that Manawahe had missed out on a camera, with crime also occurring in their area.
Thursday 1 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February meeting was short, but updated attendees on the Long Term Plan (LTP) progress, and the resulting effect that the cancelling of 3 waters by the new Government has had, with the need to find another 400 million for WDC to meet the requirements of the district.
Matatā Residents Association	
Tuesday, 12 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from Tarawera Awa Restoration group were present (Leith Comer, Tipene Marr and Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink). Leith Comer, chairman of Te Mana O Ngāti Rangitahi spoke of the Iwi's desire through their Treaty Settlement, to return the Tarawera River to its original course in front of the village. • I spoke about the CCTV camera project progress and the location of the cameras installed in Matatā • A general update on the progress of the LTP. • There was talk at the meeting about progress with the new carpark for the walking track. behind Matatā and the discussions with DOC. • The meeting was update on progress of the Community plan. • Christmas in the Park had to be cancelled due to the rain, but a Whānau day was to be held on the 7 January 2024.

8.3 Rangitaiki Community Board Strategic Plan

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The Rangitāiki Community Board's Strategic Plan is a living document and it helps set the Board's direction to:

- Create a vision for the Rangitāiki community.
- Set Pou (Focus Areas) and Objectives that will drive the Board's projects.
- Provide the basis for the Board's submissions.
- Acknowledge, uphold and implement Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori.

Member's have this opportunity to review aspects of the plan and monitor progress made.

8.4 Member Reporting

Opportunity for Board members to report back relevant information resulting from their association meetings attended.

9 Closing Karakia - *He Karakia Whakakapi*

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**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te wairua tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Amine**

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
Forever and ever
Amen*