



Tāneatua Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Tāneatua

Monday, 8 April 2024

Rāhina, 8 Paengawhāwhā 2024

Tāneatua Hall
Morrison Road, Tāneatua
commencing at 6:00 pm

Chief Executive: Steph O'Sullivan

Publication Date: 3 April 2024

A Membership - *Mematanga*

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Board Member D S Yalden (Chairperson)

Board Member M Stensness (Deputy Chairperson)

Board Member H Thrupp

Board Member L Ruiterman

Board Member T Bryant

Board Member N George

Councillor A Iles

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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 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

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

2 Announcements - *Ngā Pānui*

3 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, please click this [link](#)

4 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

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

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5.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 12 February 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TĀNEATUA HALL, MORRISON ROAD, TĀNEATUA ON MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
	Present:	Chairperson D S Yalden, Members L Ruiterman, H Thrupp, T Bryant, N George, Councillor A Iles and Councillor N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	C Viljoen (Manager of Governance Services), T Rua (Project Manager community experience) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	D McCarthy (Beacon), C House (Frazzled Kiwi)
	Apologies:	M Stensness

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting at 6:01 pm and started it with a karakia from H Thrupp.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board accept the apologies from Member Stensness.

CARRIED

2. Conflict of Interest

Nil

3. Announcements

- There was workshop conducted on the 6 February 2024 to develop the strategic plan and addressed concerns raised by community members.
- There had been a memorial established for Bail Simpson in the form of the seat at the Salt Marsh.
- Long-Term Plan item for discussion would be tabbled for further review at this meeting.

5.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 12 February 2024(Cont.)

4. Public Forum

4.1. **C House - Frazzled Kiwi**

The Flazzed Kiwi "Soaked in Adventure" event was organised as a beginner-friendly adventure race, designed for teams of 2-5 participants per group. The focus of the event was to provide children with opportunities to learn and develop skills while experiencing a sense of accomplishment. The Board could be advertised as a sponsor on event posts and mentioned in shoutouts throughout the event.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Refer to pages 7-10 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

Moved Member Ruiterman/ Seconded Member Bryant

THAT the minutes of the Tāneatua Community Board meeting for 16 November 2023 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1. **Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report**

Refers to pages 10-21 of the agenda.

Chairperson Yalden invited the manager of Governance Services to present activity report and highlighted the following:

- T Rua (Project Manager community experience) was introduced as the new staff rep.
- LTP tabled item.
- The pre-engagement phase for the long-term plan would have a narrow window for consultation.
- Council has introduced Live Steaming for its meeting.
- Pecuniary Interest form was now due for the 2024 year.
- The Discretionary Funding application form would be updated.

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

5.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 12 February 2024(Cont.)

6.2. Funding Applications to TCB - February 2024

Refers to pages 22-40 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Member Ruiterman

RESOLVED:

THAT the TCB Funding Application – February 2024 report be received.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Member Ruiterman

RESOLVED:

THAT be \$1,000 allocated from the Tāneatua Community Board Discretionary Fund to Soaked in Adventure to assist in the costs associated with the Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race Whakatāne 2024.

During the debate, several points were raised regarding the application. The meeting concluded that the application did not meet the criteria for funding. With the agreement of the mover, seconder and the members present, it was unanimously decided that the **motion be withdrawn**.

WITHDRAWN

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Member Ruiterman

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board decline funding to Soaked in Adventure to assist in the costs associated with the Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race Whakatāne 2024; and

CARRIED

Member Thrupp declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion of this motion.

Moved Member Bryant/ Seconded Member George

RESOLVED:

THAT \$1000 be allocated from the Tāneatua Community Board Discretionary Fund to Reese Teepa to support her attending the Aotearoa Maori Tag & R.P.S tour of Sydney

CARRIED

7. TCB Chairpersons Report August 2023

Refers to pages 31 of the agenda.

Chairperson Yalden provided a verbal update and raised the following operational issues. It had also been highlighted to call Customer Services on 07 306 0500 for any similar issues or report them to info@whakatane.govt.nz.

5.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 12 February 2024(Cont.)

- Relocation of the Engine Brake sign on McKenzie Street.
- Need for repairs on footpaths around Tāneatua.
- Gutters around Tāneatua need clearing.
- Availability of cages for stray dogs in Tāneatua.
- The board would further develop their Strategic Plan and enlist assistance from the Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning.

RESOLVED:

Moved Chairperson Yalden / Seconded Member Thrupp

THAT the TCB Chairperson Report – February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:15 PM with a karakia from member Thrupp.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:

CHAIRPERSON

6 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024

Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report



To: **Tāneatua Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 8 April 2024**

Author: **T Rua / Project Manager Community Experience**

Authoriser: **S Perdia / GM Strategy and Transformation**

Reference: **A2641416**

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

This report provides the Community Board with an update on a number of projects and activities delivered within the Tāneatua Board to the end of March 2024 and covers the following activities:

- Long Term Plan 2024/34
- Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy
- He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections Outreach Initiative
- Community Experiences
- Community Partnerships
- Infrastructure
- Development
- News
- Discretionary Funds

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board - Activity Report March 2024 be received.

3. Long Term Plan 2024/34

Consultation on our [Long Term Plan for 2024-34](#) *Te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34* is now open. The LTP advises our communities what we expect to deliver for the District over the coming 10 years, and the budget required to deliver it. The Local Government Act 2002 requires us to consult the community in the preparation of the LTP - a 10-year plan renewed every three years to account for the changing opportunities and challenges facing the District.

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)

In February 2024, Central Government's Water Services Acts Repeal Bill was enacted, returning the responsibility for water services and ownership of water assets back to councils. Given the timing of this bill and the impact on the development of the LTP, additional options for LTP adoption were made available to Council. Staff have worked hard to respond to this shift enabling Council to continue to target an end of June adoption date - and Council is on track to achieve this.

Councillors and staff have been attending a range of events and hui across the District as part of the LTP 2024-34 consultation process. Submissions are being received, both digitally and in hard copy.

Staff will start the analysis of submissions shortly. Community members wishing to have their submissions heard by Councillors and the Mayor will have the opportunity to do so on 18 and 19 April 2024, followed by deliberations on 8, 9 and 10 May 2024.

The final plan and budget will be adopted in June 2024.

4. Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy

The Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy was recently adopted at a Council meeting dated 14 March 2024. A copy of the policy is available on Council's website. The previous policy was adopted in 2016 with a validity period of 3 years (2019).

The policy outlines the expenses, allowances, and reimbursements payable to Elected Members (Councillors and Community Boards) of Whakatāne District Council as set out in the Local Government Members (2023/24) Determination 2023. The policy does not include salary figures as per the schedule remuneration section within the Members Determination.

The policy will be reviewed and updated to ensure that it is in line with the current legislation through the provisions of the Local Government Members Determination. To meet requirements, a copy of the policy has been provided to the Remuneration Authority for their records.

The Remuneration Authority are currently doing preparatory work on the Local Government Members (2024/25) Determination 2024 (the principal determination).

LGNZ was heavily involved in the initial stages of developing the Rem Authority's model for setting remuneration. The Rem Authority meets with the National Council of LGNZ annually and NC members consistently argue that remuneration should be increased to make the job of being an elected member more attractive and to recognise that the task of being an elected member has become more complex and demanding. The Authority also meets regularly with LGNZ's CEO and similar points are made.

The call for submissions closes on Friday 12 April 2024 and the Members Determination for 2024/25 should be released ahead of the next financial Year (July 2024).

5. He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections Outreach Initiative

Whakatāne District Council is launching two new vans to bring council services and information closer to rural and isolated communities.

If your community is interested in the Honoa Hapori Community Connections service coming to your town, please email:

Communityconnections@whakatane.govt.nz or Hewakahonohapori@whakatane.govt.nz

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)

You can read about more information and keep up to date [here](#).

The vans, funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding package, will be ready by the end of 2024. They will be equipped with laptops, free Wi-Fi, printers, and other adaptable technology as well as access to library borrowing services and some council services.

One van will serve the northern areas of the district, including Rangitāiki, Tāneatua, Waimana, Ōhope and Whakatāne Community Boards. The other van will serve the southern areas of the district, from the Matahina Dam inland, including the Murupara Community Board areas and Te Urewera, Murupara, Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivisions.

The vans are expected to arrive by June 2024 and will undergo a special fit out before being available within the community.

6. Community Experiences

6.1. News from the Art Galleries – Learning from one of the best!



With the MMCA well underway, Te Kōputu Exhibition Centre staff took the opportunity for some professional development with none other than Nigel Borrell, Curator Taonga Māori at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. We'll soon have the privilege of hosting Nigel's own works at Te Kōputu (opening 13 April).

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)

6.2. Making play accessible for all



As host to the Whakatāne Toy Library, Te Kōputu staff are getting the many toys and games back in order after a heavy summer borrowing period. Repairs, replacements and (delightfully) new items have been added ready for the Easter holiday time.

7. Community Partnerships

7.1. Whakatāne District Youth Council for 2024 gets cracking.

Our Youth Council is well underway, with 16 young people attending our recent meeting on 25 March. Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink and Councillor Toni Boynton gave a comprehensive 'Council 101' presentation, providing valuable insights for our youth into the way Council works. Additionally, Harvey Keravel, Council's Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, joined the meeting to discuss the significance of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and why it is essential for rangatahi to get involved, get informed and make submissions. We made significant strides in structuring the Youth Council so it runs efficiently, with key roles established for self-leadership. Presently, we have a chairperson, two deputy chairpersons, two members dedicated to communications, and one administrator. Notably, we've formed an LTP project team tasked with driving youth-centred submissions to the LTP to ensure youth voices are heard. One of the Youth Council's next assignments is to better understand how Community Boards work.

For more information read [here](#)

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)



7.2. New mural for Kopeopeo

A huge shout-out to the students and teachers of Whakatāne High School – Te Kura ō Te Mānuka Tūtahi for a project that's brightening up Kopeopeo.

The WHS Mural Club, under the guidance of kaiko Ms Murphy, recently completed their latest project 'Puāwaitanga - the seed that blossomed' and the finished product is outstanding. The mural is on a wall of the Chorus building on King Street.

The project is a collaboration between Whakatāne High School, Keep Whakatāne Beautiful, Chorus and [Whakatāne District Council](#) .

Social Studies Teacher, Becs MacKay, says the junior students were challenged to undertake a social action project in 2023. The first stage involved interviewing their fellow students about living in Whakatāne and feeding information back to the community's decision-makers - our Mayor and Councillors - as part of Council's Long Term Plan pre-engagement process.

The feedback included rangatahi views on what's good and not-so-good about neighbourhoods like Kopeopeo and things could be done to make them more appealing, safe and interesting for our young people. The mural project is one of the first to be completed following this connection – and the students hope it won't be the last.

Two of the drivers of the project, Year 10 students Nate Parsons and Esther Ferguson, say the project has helped the rangatahi of Kopeopeo feel more valued, connected and inspired. The social action project is also inspiring young people to become more interested in political and civic engagement to the extent that both Nate and Esther have joined the Whakatāne District Youth Council.

Keep Whakatāne Beautiful chairman Andrew Iles says supporting this initiative was an easy decision for his group as it ticked so many boxes in terms of beautifying our district and being youth-led. He looks forward to seeing what the Mural Club get up to next.

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)



Esther, Nate and other mural artists at work.

7.3. New Reorua Contestable Fund Opens

Applications are now open for the first 2024 funding round. Applications need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday, 17 April 2024.

The aronga purpose of this fund is to support bilingual events and activities that help Whakatāne and Ngāti Awa meet the [Reorua ki Whakatāne](#) goals.

There is a total pool of \$25,000 per financial year. There are two rounds of funding with \$12,500 available each round, these align with Matariki and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Strategic Priorities for Reorua ki Whakatāne are:

- Enhance the mana/status of te reo Māori. Stocktake and strengthen our existing te reo Māori and reorua resources.
- Increase the breadth and depth of reo Māori acquisition and learning opportunities for our communities. Increase the use of te reo Māori amongst our communities. Community-led initiatives.
- Grow Whakatāne Reorua and Reoruatanga generally as a kaupapa. Share learnings with others. Corpus/ Papa kupu development and sharing.

For more information on the [Reorua ki Whakatāne Contestable Fund](#) , contact our Community Funding Advisor on 07 306 0500 or email grants@whakatane.govt.nz .



6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)

8. Infrastructure

8.1. Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) Transport – out for consultation

The Draft GPS Transport was released for public consultation 6 March 2024. Our Transport team has been giving it a thorough review and are preparing a briefing document covering the potential impacts and preparing a formal submission. This will be shared once finalised.

Overall, the GPS is well aligned with the Transport Programme our team has prepared as part of the Long Term Plan, with a focus on maintenance (in particular pavement renewals and resurfacing) and resilience. There are a couple of new points signalled in the GPS that don't have a lot of detailed information that we are seeking further clarification on, in particular a comment that the Funding Assistance Rate for walking and cycling activities (including maintenance) may be reviewed. The Transport Team will continue to keep Elected Members up to date as new information comes to light. In the meantime, for those wanting to dive into the GPS – here are the links:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024/>

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/GPS-on-land-transport-2024-Consultation-4-March-2023-.pdf>

8.2. Road Repairs

Stanley Road, Wainui storm damage repair - Work on the retaining wall is ongoing and scheduled through to the second week of April.



6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)



Seal extensions – Opurana Road, Rūātoki North

- Survey and setting out has been completed and inspected.
- Works commenced Monday, 18 March.

Seal Extensions – Rangī Road, Rūātoki North

- Kerb and channel preparation has been completed
- Imported base course is 95% completed.
- Sealing was scheduled to take place today.

9. Development

9.1. Tiny Houses

Work has started on the preparation of a proposed Plan Change to better facilitate the use of tiny houses under the District Plan. The proposals will be subject to pre-consultation with interested community groups and agencies prior to being brought to Council for consideration as a Plan Change.

9.2. Galatea Solar Farm

A proposal is currently in process for a resource consent for a solar farm in Galatea. The proposal is on a block of land currently farmed at 228 Grant Road and will occupy a 95ha area. As with other recent applications, the proposal is to allow continued grazing of the area with the solar panels being elevated to allow cattle grazing beneath at night.

6.1 Activity Report - 8 April 2024(Cont.)

10. News

10.1. 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/>

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

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

<https://www.instagram.com/whakatanemuseum/>

10.2. The Council Facebook page

This 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.

10.3. Events

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

<https://www.whakatane.com/events>

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

11. Discretionary Funds and Reserve Balances

Taneatua Community Board

Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 29 February 2024 is \$9,411.49

Opening Balance carried forward from prior years		7,920.49
2023/24 Annual Plan		5,387.00
2023/24 Revised Budget of Grants and Subsidies to Allocate		13,307.49
2024 Allocations		
4-Sep	TANEATUA SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH COSTS ATTENDING 2023 AIMS GAMES	1,000.00 Approved & paid
4-Sep	KINGSLEY SCOUT GROUP TO ATTEND JAMBOREE AT MYSTERY CREEK	306.00 Approved & paid
4-Sep	JANIE KAAFI NETBALL UNIFORMS	690.00 Approved & paid
4-Sep	TAUWHIRI TEEPA TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NETBALL FESTIVAL IN FIJI	500.00 Approved & paid
11-Sep	MAYORAL YOUTH AWARDS EVENT	400.00 Approved & paid
20-Feb	REESE TEEPA TO ATTEND AOTEATOA MAORI TAG AND RPS TOUR OF SYDNEY	1,000.00 Approved & paid
	Year to Date allocations	3,896.00
	Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*	9,411.49

7 Chairperson Report

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7.1 TCB Chairperson Report – April 2024



To: **Tāneatua Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 8 April 2024**

Author: **D Yalden / TCB Chairperson**

File Reference: **A2642165**

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

This report is to provide an overview of the activities undertaken and events attended since the last meeting.

2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Tāneatua Community Board Chairpersons Report - April 2024 be received; and
2. THAT the Tāneatua Community Board approve a contribution from its discretionary fund of \$1,000.00 towards the cost of memorial seat honouring the late Basil Simpson

3. Meetings/Updates

3.1. Basil Simpson Memorial Seat

The Tāneatua Community Board support the Simpson whanau to commemorate their late father, Basil Simpson towards the Wainui Community over a period that spanned over 60 years.

Following the report presented to the Tāneatua Community Board during the meeting held on 23 May 2023, the Simpson family has chosen a bench to be installed at a specific spot overlooking the Ohiwa Harbour. This spot falls within the Road Reserve known as the "Nukuhou Saltmarsh," situated at the intersection of Burke and Wainui Roads.

The recycled plastic 1800mm bench seat costs \$1,909.60 excluding GST. Additionally, there is no charge for the hardwood post and plaque. The concrete and labour required to install the seat will also be provided at no cost, courtesy of the Tāneatua Lions.

The contribution from the Simson whanau is \$909.60.

The contribution from the Tāneatua Community Board discretionary fund would be \$1,000.00.

7.1 TCB Chairperson Report – April 2024(Cont.)



7.1 TCB Chairperson Report – April 2024(Cont.)

3.2. CCB and LTP

The TCB were well represented at the March Combined Community Board held recently having 5 of their members in attendance. There were many interesting subjects covered plus a discussion on the Long Term Plan

The first meetings regarding the LTP were held in Wainui 25 March 2024 with our Mayor, CEO and 4 Councillors, 2 members of the Community Board and 2 other residences of the ward attending. There were many suggestions put forward and discussed such as the Recreation Hub, locations for a retirement village, new bridge, plenty of nice to have, need to have, ideas were mooted.

A comment made that stayed with me was “We live in a small town, there will need to be compromises made “

Our thanks to Margaret and Stuart Slade for hosting the meeting.

The second meeting on 1 April 2024 for the LTP was held in Waimana where Councillor's Andrew Iles and Toni Boynton spoke to 22 local residents. There were some feisty comments made over smaller areas missing out on some services. Andrew and Toni answered the questions from the floor and explained these in detail regarding the LTP.

Thank you, Andrew Iles, for chairing the meeting.

The third meeting is scheduled for 4:00pm 8 April 2024 at the Tāneatua War Memorial Hall.

3.3. Opportunities for Improvement

I have been contacted by the Council in relation to two requests for services I entered. I have been advised the over-grown trees alongside the Tāneatua Rugby Club on Reids Road are on their list to be inspected for pruning.

The Tāneatua Cemetery will have more plots available with the Road being shortened to enable this work to be carried out.

Diane Yalden

Chairperson