



Tāneatua Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Tāneatua

Monday, 30 September 2024
Rāhina, 30 Mahuru 2024

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

Chief Executive: Steven Perdia
Publication Date: 25 September 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 Opening Karakia - *He Karakia Tīmatanga*

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The meeting will be opened with a karakia.

2 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

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

3 Announcements - *Ngā Pānui*

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, please click this [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.

Board Members may ask questions of the speaker but these should be confined to obtaining further information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

- Senior Sergeant Helen Hay

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 five minutes, or with the permission of the Chairperson, a long time frame 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 - Tāneatua Community Board 5 August 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE STAFF ROOM, TE WHAREKURA O RŪĀTOKI, MISSION ROAD, RŪĀTOKI NORTH, MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
	Present:	Chairperson D S Yalden, Members L Ruiterman, M Stensness, N George, H Thrupp and Councillor A Iles
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation), T Rua (Project Manager Community Experience), J Farrell (Strategic Projects Manager) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	T Bryant

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, and Member Thrupp led the opening Karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Member Thrupp / Seconded Member George

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board **accept** the apology from Member Bryant.

CARRIED

2. Announcements

The recent success of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Olympians was recognised.
The residents who supported the fruit tree event at Amokura Reserve were acknowledged.

3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Public Forum

Nil

6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 5 August 2024(Cont.)

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Refer to pages 7-9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member George

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Tāneatua Community Board meeting for Monday, 27 May 2024 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1. Declaration of Result for the Murupara Community Board By-Election March 2024

Refer to pages 10-12 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Yalden / Seconded Member George

THAT the 'Declaration of Results for the Murupara Community Board By-Election report' be **received**.

CARRIED

6.2. Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment

Refer to page 13 of the agenda and pages 13 a-b of the tabled items.

The Strategic Projects Manager explained how the Council Climate Change Strategy commenced four years ago and initially had a focus on internal results, and then it extended out to the community. He reported that the purpose of the Climate Change Risk Assessment project was to build an understanding of the risks that climate change brought to the Whakatāne District, and that those risks would inform adaptation responses that would grow communities' capabilities to be more resilient to climate-related impacts.

The project was in stage one (of five). Resulting from a workshop held with sector experts, where potential climate change risk locations had been mapped. Feedback from the communities was required to identify, and prioritise, any further risks. Staff would liaise with the Board Chairperson on engagement opportunities.

The importance of continual updates to the communities was expressed, noting also that the programme of work would continue into the next triennium.

It was requested that the map of identified risks include a legend, so the risk type was known.

Attendance: Member Stensness entered the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Attendance: Strategic Projects Manager left the meeting at 6:24 pm.

6.3. Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report

Refers to pages 14-27 of the agenda.

6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 5 August 2024(Cont.)

Project Manager Community Experience updated the members informing them that the Council had today adopted the Long-Term Plan 2024-34. She highlighted that applications to the Creative Community Funding Scheme would be accepted up until closing date of 14 August, and suggested this information be posted on the TCB Facebook social media page. The process, and the type of information to post would be confirmed back to members. Engagement with the community about the Hono Hapori Community Connections and Outreach Project was planned for end of August.

Further information would be provided to the Board about their annual discretionary fund allocation and the process for reviewing this amount.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7. TCB Chairpersons Report August 2024

Refers to pages 26-27 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Yalden / Seconded Member George

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board Chairpersons Report - August 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a Karakia from Member Thrupp at 6:51 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:

CHAIRPERSON

7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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7.1 Activity Report - 30 September 2024

Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report



To: **Tāneatua Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 30 September 2024**

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

Authoriser: **L Woolsey / GM Strategy and Transformation**

Reference: **A2720096**

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 Tāneatua Board ward to the end of September 2024 and covers the following activities:

- Council's New Chief Executive
- Governance Update
- Spatial Plan
- Property Files Update
- Community Experiences Update
- Community Partnerships Update
- Events and Tourism
- Three Waters Update
- Infrastructure Update
- Solid Waste Update
- Transport Update
- News
- Discretionary Funds

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

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

3. Council's New Chief Executive

Steven Perdia started his role as the Whakatāne District Council Chief Executive on Monday, 9 September 2024. Mr Perdia's former role was General Manager Strategy and Transformation, having joined the organisation in July 2021. In announcing the appointment Mayor Luca said "Steve has a grounding in economics, with an honour's degree in Economics and Strategic Management that he's

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put to use in a variety of business and central and local government roles. Before taking up his current GM role here with us, Steven was a GM at Porirua City Council and spent six years in post-quake Christchurch leading the economic recovery strategy.”

Chair of the Chief Executive Performance and Support Committee (CEPSC) Councillor Nándor Tánczos says Mr Perdia was the successful candidate following a robust recruitment process that attracted 65 applicants.

The Chief Executive role was recently vacated by Steph O’Sullivan who led the Executive Team since November 2018 and has since started as Chief Executive of Waipa District Council.

4. Governance Update

4.1. Whakatāne District Council adopts Long Term Plan 2024-34

Whakatāne District Council adopted its Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and associated supporting documents at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 5 August 2024.

Council began the development of its Long-Term Plan in March 2023. The plan has been described as one of the most challenging in decades as Councils throughout New Zealand have grappled with how to manage the impact of deferred rates increases, followed quickly by record-high inflation and interest rates meaning the cost to continue delivering the same services is significantly higher.

Council received almost 1000 submissions from individuals and groups and heard from approximately 80 submitters during public hearings that occurred in April and May 2024.

Key decisions made through Long Term Plan include:

- The prioritisation of health and safety improvements up to \$7.8 million in value over the next four years for the War Memorial Hall and Rugby Park, and development of a master plan an external funding plan for redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub.
- Retaining the status quo for kerbside collection, rather than introducing a new kerbside food waste collection service.
- Closing the funding deficit (caused by significant inflationary increases) over a six-year period.
- Lowering the fixed portion of rates (Uniform Annual General Charge) to 20 percent to address cost of living increases and better reflect the ability of lower-value property owners to pay.

4.2. Changes ahead for Whakatāne District Council meeting processes

Whakatāne District Council has implemented changes to its meeting processes to align with recommendations from the Chief Ombudsman's recent report on best practice for council workshops.

From Wednesday, 28 August, the Council adopted several new measures to ensure compliance with legislation and improve transparency. The changes came in response to the Chief Ombudsman’s investigation into council meeting practices across eight councils, although Whakatāne District Council was not part of this initial investigation.

Acting Chief Executive at the time these changes were announced, David Bewley, emphasised the Council’s commitment to an ‘open by default’ approach.

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“These changes will further enhance our current practices, making our operations more transparent and accessible to the public,” Mr Bewley explains. “Meetings and briefings are only held in public excluded sessions when there is a justifiable reason for doing so.”

Changes include publishing briefing agendas and details on the Council website, opening briefings to the public and briefings being recorded. If the decision is made to exclude the public from a briefing, as determined under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the briefing and the reasons for excluding the public will be published on the Council website.

“Council briefings are designed to provide Elected Members with information they need to be able to make informed, effective decisions during Council meetings,” he says. “While no decisions are made at briefings, there is complex information to discuss and digest that can often provide a great deal of context for when the decisions are made,” Mr Bewley said.

4.3. Council votes to retain Māori Wards

Whakatāne District Council was unanimous in its decision on Thursday, 15 August 2024 at an Ordinary Council meeting to retain Māori Wards for the 2025 triennial elections.

The decision followed the Coalition Government’s introduction of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill 2024 on Friday, 30 July 2024.

The new legislation requires Councils to hold a binding poll at the 2025 local elections if they had established Māori Wards without holding a poll following an earlier amendment to the Act in 2021, or alternatively decide to disestablish Māori Wards for the next local elections in 2025.

Councils were required to make a decision by Friday, 6 September 2024 on the retention or disestablishment of Māori Wards.

The decision means voters in the 2025 Local Elections will be asked to vote on the Mayor, Councillors and three Māori Ward Councillors, while at the same time voting on the retention or disestablishment of Māori Wards for the 2028-31 triennium through a binding poll.

Council elected members included a resolution to seek legal advice on what the implications would be if Whakatāne District Council chose not to proceed with the binding poll.

4.4. Auditor-General Report

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) shared with Councils its report Insights into Local Government: 2023. This report sets out the findings from OAG audits and other local government-related work from 2021-22 and 2022-23. The report can be accessed at Insights into local government: 2023 — Office of the Auditor-General New Zealand oag.parliament.nz .

The report acknowledges that Councils have faced a complex range of challenges over recent years – and offers the following bouquet: “Councils are responding to these challenges through their 2024-34 Long Term Plans. Despite these challenges the sector has continued to deliver core services to their communities. They are to be commended for this.”

The report on Councils covers:

- The operating environment for Councils
- Councils’ performance in 2021-22 and 2022-23

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- Auditing Councils' greenhouse gas emissions
- Councils' investment in infrastructure; and
- The audit reports issued.

5. Spatial Plan

5.1. What will the Whakatāne District look like in 2055?

We are in the early stages of developing Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan, which will be a blueprint for the district for the next 30+ years. Our district is growing, and we need to plan now for things like extra housing and businesses.

From 14 October to 15 November 2024, we will be asking our communities to help decide where new growth could happen.

There will be an online engagement platform for the community to provide feedback and a visual interactive proposal document to review and engage with. We will also be holding several Open House/Drop session-style events across the district to engage with our communities and gather their input. This is a chance to talk with members of the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback. Dates will likely be during the last week of October and first week of November.

Keep an eye on our social channels to keep up to date or head to [The Spatial Plan – Our Places](#) .



6. Property Files Update

6.1. Property files now available online

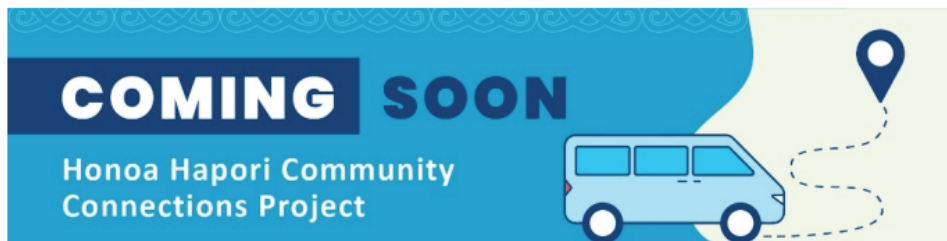
A new online system to access digital property files was made available on the Council website from Thursday, 12 September 2024. This free service enables people to search address and valuation information online, and view and download non-confidential property file documents.

Council's Customer Services team currently fields approximately 6000 requests for property files each year, and it has been a relatively manual process to fulfil these enquiries. This effective new online system will create efficiencies for everyone involved. It is strongly recommended that people still order Land Information Memoranda (LIM) as required to ensure the most up-to-date information is included. There is an application process to request confidential files, which may or may not be released, depending on the content of the file.

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7. Community Experiences Update

7.1. He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections and Outreach Project



Whakatāne District Council took delivery of two VW Vans in June as part of He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections and Outreach Initiative, funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding. The vans will be used to bring Council services and information to our rural and isolated communities, particularly to those who cannot make the trip to a physical Council building.

Face-to-face and online engagement with local communities will begin early October and run for two weeks to help inform which services and information to make available in the vans. The special fit-out of the vans is likely to begin late October and November, and a soft launch date into the community is expected to be before December 2024.

7.2. News from the Museum, Archives and Research

7.3. Bay of Plenty Family History Month – Te Marama Hitori



Te Whare Taonga o Taketake took part in this August event. Photocopied photographs of unknown people and events were on display in Taketake. We invited people to lend us their memories and browse through the unknown images. Happily, many whānau were identified during this time, which prompted much kōrero and we were then able to add this information to our collection files.

We also invited Sonia Edwards QSM to share her work to remember the hundreds of fallen soldiers from WW1 and WW2 who hailed from the Eastern Bay of Plenty. The names of these men are found on local memorials from Matatā to Whangaparaoa and inland from Motu to Rūātoki. More than 20 people attended her presentation, with Sonia sharing her research journey and her publications that brought together the stories of these brave men.

7.4. News from the Art Galleries

It's change-out week in the exhibition spaces with the three current exhibitions to be de-installed by the end of next week (15 September 2024). Attendance at Zena Elliott's hands-on painting workshop 10am- 1pm next Thursday (12 September 24) is by registration only. If you know of anyone who may like to attend, please invite them to contact Te Kōputu for more information.

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Next up on the busy Te Kōputu exhibition calendar are:

- Lee-Anne Sheather: Handle With Care (Opening 13 September 5.30pm)
- Debbie Barber: In the Calm Glowing Warmth I Remembered (opening 14 September 1pm)
- Quilting Collective & Ceramics (Opening 21 September)

7.5. News from the Libraries

7.6. Rollaway' upcycling complete

Te Kōputu library collections got a fresh new look recently with all remaining shelving units being upcycled to a 'rollaway' system, giving maximum flexibility for arranging collection in logical groupings, changing the layout from time to time, and creating the ability to transform spaces quickly and easily for performance and gatherings (classic examples being the Molly Morpeth Canada Award ceremony and the Footnote Dance activation earlier this year). Best of all, the collections are more accessible, inviting and logical. It's the first major change-out for a good few years so library users are variously surprised, delighted and discombobulated to find their habits disrupted! Staff are providing plenty of guidance, bespoke tours and good cheer to help people through any initial confusion.

7.7. Places and Open Spaces

7.8. Tree Strategy

Throughout August and September 2024, we sought public feedback on the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy - Ngā Taonga a Tāne. The Whakatāne District Tree Strategy aims to enhance and protect Council's amenity trees, which provide environmental, recreational, and aesthetic value to our streets and parks. The strategy outlines a comprehensive framework for managing, protecting, and growing the district's tree population over the next 20 years, recognising the vital role urban trees play in improving the wellbeing of our communities. Public consultation has now closed, and staff are currently undertaking evaluation and review of all submissions.

Following this, a report will be taken to the Living Together Standing Committee on Thursday, 3 October 2024, for potential adoption, after which further public communication will occur.

7.9. Ngā Tapuwae o Toi Walkway

Following further Geotech assessment of the two slip sites it was determined that the initial design solution identified for slip 1 could also be applied to slip 2, however there is a degree of uncertainty about the stability of the escarpment between the slips where it has not failed, and there is still a risk to users of the track. As a result of these recent failures of the escarpment and the predicted increased frequency of rain/storm events in the future, we engaged Walkway Solutions who are professional track builders to undertake a site investigation into a possible safer alternative route to the top of the escarpment from West End, and along the western side of the ridge to link up with the existing track at the northern end of the escarpment. A feasibility assessment of this proposed track was completed during August and Council is now awaiting a report from the contractor following which we will meet to discuss the feasibility of this option and decide on a way forward.

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7.10. Ngā Wairaka Centennial Park



On Friday, 13 September 2024 Deputy Mayor Immink, Councillor James and key project staff attended a blessing at Wairaka Centennial Park to officially mark the re-opening of Whakatāne River Access. Ngāti Hokopū led a karakia to recognise the completion of safety improvement works on this legacy project. Since opening in 2017, the playground and surrounding green spaces have been enjoyed by many, however, the access steps to the Whakatāne River had raised concerns.

The design improvements were informed by a positive consultation process with tangata whenua, Wairaka Marae Whānau, local boating representatives and the wider community. The new design has seen the removal of all intermediate steps and handrails from the existing concrete terraces on the southern side of the river access area, the perimeter wall lowered to below sand level, wider concrete terraces with a lower gradient have been installed, intermediate steps have been added between the terraces along with handrails, and a new ramp has been erected from the existing boardwalk through to the river access area at the base of the new steps, with handrails placed on either side.

The new design aims to improve safety and access to the awa, cultural outcomes, environmental outcomes and usability.

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7.11. Local creatives sought for Cabinet Art project



Photo caption: Artwork completed in July 2024 by Lori Pittard – located on Pakeha Street in Matatā.

Whakatāne District Council has teamed up once again with Chorus to bring works of art to a neighbourhood near you.

The Chorus Cabinet Art initiative provides an opportunity for local artists to paint their communities beautiful by transforming plain Chorus cabinetry into beautiful, bright designs. Applications are now open and Council Reserves Planner, Kayla Warren, says it's a great opportunity for artists to showcase their talents and put their mark on the district.

“We’re really excited to once again be teaming up with Chorus to deliver this positive initiative Kayla adds, “It’s a win-win for our communities. We get fantastic art works in our streetscape which often tell the stories about the communities the cabinets are in, the initiative provides work for, and promotion of, our local artists, and they help to discourage tagging.”

This year another two cabinets have been selected for beautification, one in Coastlands and one in Ōhope. The winning design for each cabinet will be chosen from entries received.

Chorus Community Relations Manager Jo Seddon says it makes sense to partner with local councils, as they know their communities best “We are really pleased to work with Whakatāne District Council again and we’re looking forward to seeing what local artists come up with.

Jo adds, “We had some outstanding cabinet murals completed in the district in previous years, several of which have made it into our annual Chorus Cabinet Art Calendar.” To undertake the work, the winning artists are entitled to remuneration of between \$1200 - \$1700 depending on the cabinet size.

Applications closed on 1 October 2024. All finished art will be included on the Chorus website and will be considered for the 2025 Chorus Cabinet Art calendar, copies of which are sent around the world. For more information and to apply head to <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/cabinetart> .

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8. Community Partnerships Update

8.1. Revved Up Event

Building on the success of last year's motorcycle awareness month event, Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme and Underwood and Wilkins Motorcycles joined forces again to deliver the Revved Up 2024 event. The free, action-packed event was held on Saturday, 14 September 2024 at Underwood and Wilkins, in McAlister Street, Whakatāne.

With motorcycle riders accounting for one-third of road fatalities, and being over 20 times more likely to be killed or injured on our roads than other road users, Revved Up aims to help reduce these appalling statistics.

Revved Up is an action-packed event designed to provide motorcyclists with an opportunity to brush up on their skills and knowledge, while also enjoying a free sausage sizzle and coffee. There were a range of fantastic prizes up for grabs from Underwood and Wilkins and heaps of spot prizes from ACC.

Community Safety Advisor, Richard Hamer, says it was a very valuable event and encourages anyone who rides a motorcycle to constantly update their riding skills and knowledge.

"Ultimately, we hope that all participants have a great time, brush up on some important motorcycle safety skills and take the opportunity to register for a free 'Ride Forever' programme," Mr Hamer says.

"Safety on the road is everyone's responsibility, and by taking part in events like this, riders can ensure they're better prepared for whatever comes their way."

8.2. Whakatāne District Youth Council



On Monday, 16 September 2024, a "Youth Council Meets the Councillors" event was held in Whakatāne, where the Murupara representatives also attended. This event aimed to foster a connection between youth and local councillors, offering a platform for councillors to better understand the aspirations of our youth and for youth to engage with the role and responsibilities of local governance.

7.1 Activity Report - 30 September 2024(Cont.)

8.3. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy - Community Board Conversations

Council is currently developing a draft Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy, which is due to go out for public consultation later this year.

The policy would provide guidance to Council on how we could enhance social cohesion through supporting diversity, inclusion and equity in our work and everyday behaviour. This policy is for all people and makes extra accommodations for the cohorts of our society that face greater barriers to participation and are more likely to experience discrimination and bias.

At a Combined Community Board meeting on 10 September, a request was made for the draft policy to be discussed at each of the Community Boards. The following are the proposed dates for each of these discussions.

- 18 November: Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board
- 19 November: Murupara Community Board
- 25 November: Tāneatua Community Board
- 27 November: Rangitāiki Community Board

The public consultation period is set to run from 4 November – 5 December 2024. Verbal submissions will be heard at the Living Together Committee on 5 December, with adoption of the policy expected in early 2025. For more information please contact: Karen.Summerhays@whakatane.govt.nz .

8.4. Social Sector Networking Meetings

The Social Sector Network held an online hui on Thursday, 26 September 2024. This is part of regular networking that the sector undertakes and is facilitated by Whakatāne District Council. Some meetings are online and some face-to-face. This month's guest speaker was MSD Regional Commissioner, Jacob Davies. If you'd like to attend future meetings, please contact Karen Summerhays: Karen.Summerhays@whakatane.govt.nz .

9. Events and Tourism Updates

9.1. Isite in new site



7.1 Activity Report - 30 September 2024(Cont.)



The Whakatāne isite has moved to 144 The Strand and opened on Thursday, 5 September 2024 with karakia and morning tea for staff, the project team and representatives from Te Awa Tapoi. Members of the public, and of course visitors, are encouraged to pop into the isite and see the team – you'll be most welcome.

7.1 Activity Report - 30 September 2024(Cont.)

10. Three Waters Update

10.1. Whakatāne River Bridge-watermain repairs



Council received advice from a kayaker that there was a leak in the water pipe under the bridge. Investigation showed the leak was on an elbow of an air valve fitting. An air valve is necessary in this location as it is the highest elevation of the pipe. Air release is necessary to prevent flow restriction. The concrete lined galvanised spiral welded steel pipe has an internal diameter of 210 mm and is the sole supply to all consumers on the western side of the bridge.

The replacement of the air valve was carried out successfully between 9-10pm to minimise disruption from the water shutdown and the Operations team then worked into the early hours of the morning to bleed out air, flush and bring the reticulation up to full pressure.

11. Infrastructure Update

11.1. Solid Waste – Resource Recovery Centres

11.1.1. Tyrewise

The Tyrewise Product Stewardship Scheme is now in full swing. This means that when people buy tyres, they pay an extra amount to cover the handling and recycling/reprocessing of the tyre when it reaches its 'end-of-life'. It also means that people no longer pay to dispose of used tyres at registered collection points. Both Whakatāne and Murupara Resource Recovery Centres are registered collection points. There are some restrictions in that we cannot accept large or commercial loads, we cannot accept tyres on rims or full of soil and it is limited to five tyres per customer drop-off.

11.1.2. Love Food Hate Waste – 'Leftover Legends' campaign

Following participation in the "Eat Me First" campaign, the Solid Waste and Comms teams are using Council's Facebook page to help promote "Leftover Legends" run by Love Food Hate Waste to encourage people to reuse leftovers instead of throwing them straight in the bin. As a nation, we waste more than 12,901 tonnes of leftovers every year. That's a hard hit in the pocket, and it also means a lot of unnecessary food waste going to landfills.

The team at [Love Food Hate Waste - New Zealand](#) has come up with a range of tips and tricks to help people transform leftovers into other delicious meals. Inspiration can be found [here](#).

7.1 Activity Report - 30 September 2024(Cont.)

11.1.3. *Keep New Zealand Beautiful – Clean Up Week 20-27 September 2024*

Council helped once again this year by providing free dumping for those registered to volunteer for “Clean Up Week”, run by Keep New Zealand Beautiful.

“Clean Up Week” is a great opportunity for friends, family, schools, business or local community groups to participate in Aotearoa/New Zealand’s largest clean up event and to make a positive and tangible impact in their local community.

In 2023 a total of 67,200 volunteers registered to take part in 627 clean up events across the country collecting a total of 652 tonnes of waste over an area equivalent to 5728 rugby fields.

12. Transport Update

12.1. Mimiha Stream Bridge Replacement



Piling has been completed on the western abutment. This was a high-risk activity in relation to the programme and so was a major milestone to achieve. Riprap levels have now been confirmed and excavation will start once ground water levels are reduced. In the coming weeks we will see riprap installed on the Eastern end, sheet piles installed around the central pier and concrete works to get the bridge out of the ground at both locations.

12.2. Upcoming Road Closures

The Transport Team advises that they don’t anticipate any major road closures within the Whakatāne and Ōhope townships over the summer period.

There are road closures scheduled from early to mid-October through until mid-December on West Bank and Thornton Road. A heavy vehicle detour will be in place on SH2, and local roads will be used for light traffic and locals.

Closures on West Bank will continue in 2025 but will be shorter in length.

A communications plan is being developed and will be greater detail on the programme and closure details once contractors are in place.

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12.3. Capital Works Programme

Staff will be taking a paper to the Infrastructure and Planning Committee to get direction on how to proceed with our capital works programme because of Central Government not providing co-funding for transportation projects, which has left us with a significant funding shortfall. This will help determine which projects move forward over the remainder of the LTP period.

13. News

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

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

13.1. Social media

Social media is a useful way for members to keep up to date with Council activities in your community 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/>

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

13.3. The Council Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@whakatanegovtnzcouncil/streams>

13.4. 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>

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14. Discretionary Funds and Reserve Balances

Taneatua Community Board		
Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 31 May 2024 is \$8,411.49		
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 NTERNATIONAL NETBALL FESTIVAL IN FIJI	500.00	Approved & paid
11-Sep MAYORAL YOUTH AWARDS EVENT	400.00	Approved & paid
8-May REESE TEEPA TO ATTEND AOTEATOA MAORI TAG AND RPS TOUR OF SYDNEY	1,000.00	Approved & paid
21-Feb TCB CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF MEMORIAL SEAT to HONOUR THE LATE BASIL SIMPSON	1,000.00	Internal Transfer
Year to Date allocations	\$	4,896.00
Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*	\$	8,411.49

8 Chairperson Report

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8.1 TCB Chairperson Report – September 2024



To: **Tāneatua Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 30 September 2024**

Author: **D Yalden / TCB Chairperson**

File Reference: **A2751923**

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*

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board Chairpersons Report – September 2024 be received.

3. Meetings/Updates

3.1. Welcoming Spring with New Planting

The Heritage Garden has had more trees planted, along with grape vines placed along the front fence wires. Most of the fruit trees are now in bud, signalling that spring has arrived.

I note that five trees have been planted on the eastern side of Tuhoe Street as you enter Taneatua. Was there consultation with the property owners.

3.2. Enhancing Community Safety and Cleanliness in Our Neighbourhood

The footpath area alongside the Rugby Field, heading south towards the bridge, needs some work. The roots are a hazard for anyone trying to walk on the side of the road. The empty section at 27 Morrison Street is being used as a dumping ground. Items such as a vacuum cleaner, pushchair, child's plastic climbing frame, child's bike, and various piles of rubbish, plus a rusty spring bed frame tied to the fence posts, have been left there. Additionally, there are 2 cars outside 4 Morrison Street that have not moved for many months, and a car appears to have been abandoned on the verge outside 22 Howell Road.

3.3. Safety and Wellbeing

Very small children are riding around the township on small motorbikes, mainly around Howell Road and Amokura Street. Some are wearing helmets.

8.1 TCB Chairperson Report – September 2024(Cont.)

Dogs are still an issue. One gentleman was bitten on the leg by a dog while on his morning walk in Hughes Place. I also had to ring the Council about a dog that rushed out at me when I was walking my dog on Morrison Street last week. This has been dealt with by Dog Control. There are many properties with dogs but no fences or gates to contain them.

The Board is looking forward to the final draft of the LTP and thanks both Vicki and Tangimeriana for their efforts on our behalf.

D. Yalden

8.2 Members Report - SuperLocal Conference

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Member George will deliver a verbal report to the board on their experience at the SuperLocal Conference in August 2024.

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The meeting will be closed with a karakia.