



Rangitāiki Community Board Te Poari Hapori o Rangitāiki

Wednesday, 2 October 2024 *Rāapa, 2 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2024*

Lions Reading Room, Edgecumbe Library
Commerce Street, Whakatāne
Commencing at: 5:30 PM

Chief Executive: Steven Perdia
Publication Date: 26 September 2024

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;
- 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 Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Kia mākinakina ki uta Kia mātaratara ki tai E hī ake ana te atakura He tio, he huka, he hau hū Tīhei mauri ora! Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day

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 <u>Register link</u>.

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.

Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu

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 31 July 2024

WHAKATĀNE District Council Kia Whakatāne au i ahau	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGECUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGECUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), P Falwasser, P Flowerday, R Gardiner, C McIndoe, H Brown and Councillor G Dennis
	In Attendance:	S Allerby (Policy Planner), L Edwards (Governance Support Coordinator), F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	

The meeting was opened at 5:31 pm with a Karakia, led by Chairperson Waaka.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Gardiner

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 31 July 2024(Cont.)

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 29 May 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

REPORTS

6.1. Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment

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

The discussion included mitigation and adaptation streams for climate change. An open day would be held for Community Boards to identify additional risks to those identified on the presented map. A suitable day and time for this event would be confirmed once feedback was received.

The first stage of the project involved reporting back to the Council in February 2025. Later in 2025, plans would be developed in collaboration with the Community Boards. Rangitāiki Community Board members would send the Policy Planner key dates and meetings they could attend.

Alternative feedback options for communities would be explored by Council staff.

6.2. Declaration of Results for the Murupara Community Board By-Election March 2024

Refer to pages 14-16 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

6.3. Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report

Refer to pages 17-26 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- The Creative Communities Scheme was open until 14 August 2024.
- The Light Up Whakatāne initiative ran each night until 4 August 2024.
- The Long-Term Plan (LTP) had been sent to the auditors and a decision for approval from the Council was scheduled for 5 August 2024.
- Appreciation was expressed for I Molony (Manager Open Spaces) and his team for all their efforts.

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 31 July 2024(Cont.)

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member Falwasser

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report July 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Brown entered the meeting at 6:25 pm.

7. Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

7.1. Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 27-29 of the agenda.

Moved Member McIndoe / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – July 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2. Councillor Report

Refer to page 29 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis provided the board with a verbal report and spoke to the following points:

- The Manawahe Residents association AGM would be held on 1 August 2024.
- The defibrillator had now been relocated to outside the Eco Centre.
- The Roading Team had completed their current footpath projects and work would progress towards Tūi Street and Huna Place, with concrete fixtures being made more resilient.
- The CPR training sessions at the Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall were attended at full capacity.
- The Roading Naming Policy had been updated to ensure greater community inclusion.
- Several fractures in Bridge Street footpaths needed to be addressed. There were also some repairs required on Pākehā Street.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Chairperson Waaka

RESOLVED:

THAT the verbal report given by RCB Ward Councillor Dennis be **received**.

CARRIED

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 31 July 2024(Cont.)

7.3. Member Reporting

Member Brown confirmed attendance at the November 2024 meeting for the Awakaponga Hall Community Group.

Member Falwasser would engage further regarding quotes for new toilets and showers in Te Teko.

Member McIndoe suggested the street sweepers start operating at earlier times in commercial areas.

Member Flowerday informed that Matatā was currently offered free scrap metal collection.

Member Gardiner reported back from his attendance at a LGNZ event (National Community Board's review of representatives, standing orders and more). He requested to include the Spatial Plan and Matatā wastewater in the end-of-year agenda.

Member Brown and Member Gardiner will report back to the Community Board regarding their Super Local Conference trip in August 2024.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY MEMBER BROWN AT 7:39 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

7 Reports - Ngā Pūrongo

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7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

WHAKATĀNE District Council To: Rangitāiki Community Board

Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024

Author: F Begley / Manager Community Partnerships

Authoriser: B Gray / General Manager Infrastructure

Reference: A2750576

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 mid-September 2024 and covers the following activities:

- Council's New Chief Executive
- Governance Update
- Spatial Plan
- Edgecumbe to Thornton Trail Update
- Property Files Update
- Community Partnerships Update
- Transport Update
- Three Waters Update
- Solid Waste Update
- Open Spaces Update
- Libraries and Galleries Update
- Tourism and Events
- News
- Discretionary Funds

2. Recommendation - Tohutohu akiaki

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report October 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 honours degree in Economics and Strategic Management that he's

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 foodwaste 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.

"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

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

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. Edgecumbe to Thornton Trail Update

Work has begun on upgrading the Rangitāiki River Walkway, marking the first phase in this project that will eventually connect Edgecumbe with Thornton. Work on the track upgrade started at the Edgecumbe Domain and will end at the Edgecumbe Squash and Tennis Club. The current grass track is being turned into a crushed metal trail approximately three metres wide, making it more accessible for walkers, runners, bikes and prams. Work is expected to be completed by mid-November.

We are still working with property owners along sections two and three of the trail, and no date has been set for when work will begin on this next phase.

This project is externally funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding.

7. Property Files Update

7.1. 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.

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.

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.

Rangitaiki Community Board - AGENDA

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report(Cont.)

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.

Transport Update

9.1. 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.

9.2. 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.

9.3. 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 as a result 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.

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. Solid Waste Update

11.1. 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.

11.2. 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 <u>Love Food Hate Waste - New Zealand</u> has come up with a range of tips and tricks to help people transform leftovers into other delicious meals. Inspiration can be found <u>here.</u>

11.3. 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. Open Spaces Update

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

12.3. 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.

12.4. 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 Öhope. 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.

13. Libraries and Galleries Update

13.1. 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 korero 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.

13.2. 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.

13.3. '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 Canaday 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.

Rangitaiki Community Board - AGENDA

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

14. Tourism and Events

14.1. Isite in new site





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.

15. News

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

https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/public-notices

15.1. 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.

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

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

16. Discretionary Funds and Reserve Balances

16.1. Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as March 2024

The current unallocated grants and subsidies year to date, as at 17 September 2024 is \$29,660.91. Allocations are summarised below.

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District Council

7.2 Funding Application to RCB - October 2024

7.2 Funding Application to RCB – October 2024

To: Rangitāiki Community Board

Date: Thursday, 29 May 2024

Author: S Duffy / Senior Governance Support Advisor

Authoriser: C Viljoen / Manager Governance Services

Reference: A2752618

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

One application has been received seeking funding from the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund. The application is attached to this report and the applicant has been invited to attend the public forum at the commencement of the meeting.

2. Recommendations - Tohutohu akiaki

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2. THAT \$______ be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board discretionary funds to the Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu to assist with ______ costs for the series of wānanga planned in September and October 2024.

3. Criteria

The criteria for the Community Board Discretionary Fund are:

- No retrospective funding applications will be considered.
- Supporting documentation on costs is required to justify the amount sought.
- The project must be held within the community board area from which you are seeking funding.
- The Community Board has the option to collaborate with other Boards in the joint funding of major projects.
- Grants of up to \$1,000 may be considered to support groups attending international or national events.
- Boards generally lean towards funding an annual or biannual event once but reserves the right to consider each one on a case-by-case basis.
- A 'guarantee against loss' may be offered to support an event that may require either seeding
 or back up finance this is to give you confidence that funds up to the value offered will be
 available following the event if it runs at a loss.
- If successful, applicants will be required to use the Community Board logo on advertising material and other items associated with the event or project to acknowledge the grant made.
- A declaration of expenditure and project report is required once the project has been completed.
- Funds not uplifted within six months from allocation date will lapse.

7.2 Funding Application to RCB – October 2024(Cont.)

4. Funding Application

4.1. Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu

The primary objective of the Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu is to reconnect rangatahi, pakeke and kaumatua with their whakapapa, their identity and cultural heritage through the medium of Māori Performing Arts.

Uiraroa Marae is the meeting house for the hapu of Ngāi Tamawera.

The Roopu will be running a series of wananga to teach whanau about the rich history of Ngāti Awa.

There are six scheduled wananga/noho:

14- 15 SeptemberNote: This has already been completed22 SeptemberNote: This has already been completed28-29 September2 day

6 October 1 day 20 October 1 day 25-27 October 2 day

The roopu have applied for \$4039.12 for travel costs, Marae venue hire and 'other costs' covering the six wanganga/noho listed above.

5. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko

5.1. Assessment of Significance

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

5.2. Engagement and community views

There is no requirement to consult or engage on allocation of the Board's discretionary funds.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This states that the Council will not consult when the matter is not of a nature or significance that requires public engagement.

6. Considerations - Whai Whakaaro

6.1. Financial/budget considerations

The new allocation has been applied and therefore, as of September 2024, the current balance of the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund is approximately \$29,660.

6.2. Strategic alignment

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

6.3. Climate change assessment

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to have low climate change implications and considerations, in accordance with the Council's Climate Change Principles.

6.4. Risks

The Te Pae Kahurangi project associated with the application would be downsized.

7. CONCLUSION

Members now need to consider whether to support the application and if so, the amount of that support.

Attached to this report:

• Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu

7.2.1 Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu



Discretionary Funds Application Form

Application Form - Organisation

All sections must be completed and supporting material attached to the back of the form (see section 8 Checklist). More information can be found on our website www.whakatane.govt.nz or by contacting our Governance Support Advisors on (07) 306 0500.

Completed applications must be sent to: Chief Executive

Whakatane District Council

Private Bag 1002 Whakatane 3158

WHICH COMMUNITY BOARD ARE YOU APPLYING TO?					
For each	For each project or service, you may apply to ONE of the following discretionary funds only:				
~	Rangitāiki Community Board		Tāneatua Community Board		
	Murupara Community Board	Note	Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has a different form – see website for a copy		

HELPFUL INFORMATION BEFORE FILLING OUT THE FORM

- No retrospective funding applications will be considered
- Supporting documentation on how you calculated your costs is required to justify the amount sought
- Applications will be considered at the next appropriate Community Board meeting
- The project must be held within the community board area you are seeking funding for
- The Community Board has the option to collaborate with other Boards in the joint funding of major projects
- Grants of up to \$1,000 may be considered to support groups attending international or national events
- Boards generally lean towards funding an annual or biannual event once, but reserve the right to consider each
 one on a case by case basis
- A 'guarantee against loss' may be offered to support an event that may require either seeding or back up finance
 – this is to give you confidence that funds up to the value offered will be available following the event if it runs at
 a loss
- Applicants will be invited to attend the Public Forum at the commencement of the Board meeting the application
 will be considered at to provide a brief overview of the application. You will be notified of the time and date prior
 to the meeting.
- If successful, applicants will be required to use the relevant Community Board logo on advertising material and other items associated with the event or project to acknowledge the grant made
- A declaration of expenditure and project report is required once the project has been completed
- Funds not uplifted within six months from the allocation date will lapse
- · Applications are accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability

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7.2.1 Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu(Cont.)

CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of your organisation: Ngāi Tamawer	a Kapa Haka Roopu
Phone: 02041386422	Fax:
Email:	Website:
Postal address for correspondence:	
Name of principal contact: Reweti Elliot	
Position held in group: Kaiako (Tutor)	
Phone (day):	Fax:
Mobile:	Email:
Name of secondary contact: Kataraina Mo	nika
Position held in group: Member	
Phone (day):	Fax:
Mobile:	Email: kataraina.monika@ngatiawa.iwi.nz
ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATIO	N
How long has your organisation been oper	ating? 10 years
What are your group's main objectives and	l activities?
The primary objective of our group is to redentity and cultural heritage through the i	econnect our rangatahi, pakeke and kaumatua with their whakapapa, their medium of Māori Performing Arts.
	d culture. It facilitates strong connections with peers, growing skills, Il-being, success and achievement in life. It provides learning and skills tha fe.
It creates a culture of excellence and high	expectations, thus developing a deeper understanding of Te Ao Māori.

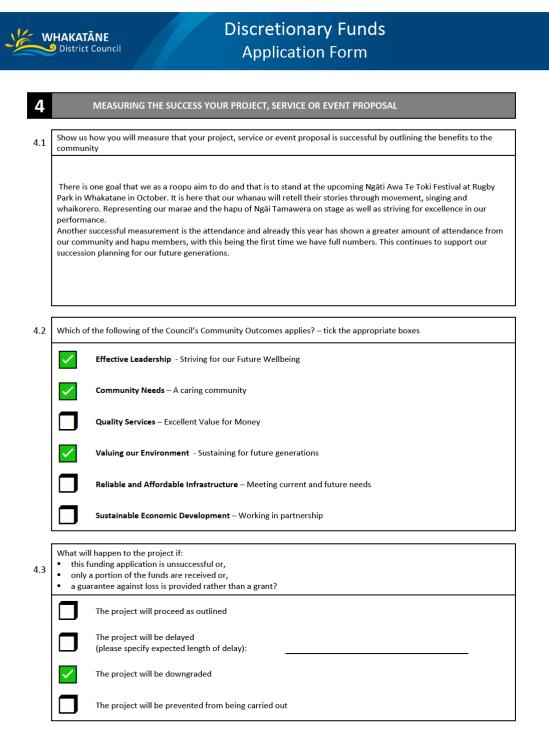
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Discretionary Funds

June 2021

	Application Form
3	ABOUT YOUR FUNDING REQUEST
3.1	Please provide a title for the project, service, event proposal for which you are seeking funding (approx 8 words):
	Te Pae Kahurangi
3.2	Give a brief description of the project, service, event proposal for which you are seeking funding (if you have a separate project plan or require more space, please list the key points here and attach a full description of your proposal):
	Te Pae Kahurangi is a series of wānanga which will teach our whanau about the rich history of Ngāti Awa. Māori Performing arts is perceived as a gateway into the culture for Māori who are disengaged from their marae, hapu, iwi, as well as safe, inclusive activity through which all New Zealander's can engage with. Using waiata and haka as a vehicle to reconnect to our marae/hapu is one way we can foster and grow our future leaders which in turn will have long positive outcomes for our marae along the Rangitaiki river.
3.3	How long does the project, service or proposal run? Starts: 13/06/2024
	Ongoing: Finishes: 27/10/2024
3.4	Funding Description – tick the appropriate boxes
	Provision of seeding funding for a community event
	Support for a Community Project
	Purchase of works of art for public reserves
	Project associated with youth or the elderly
	Facility development or upgrade - including property owned by community organisations
	Pride and beautification project within the community
	Board generated project, event or initiative
	Promotion and advertising
	Attendance at National or International Competition
3.5	The Whakatāne District Council has adopted a set of Climate Change Principles to ensure that climate change be considered in all decisions. Please consider potential impacts to Climate Change that the project/event may have.
	Te Ao Māori has always had a connection with Atua Māori, Papatuanuku, Tangaroa, Ranginui and so forth. Due to this connection we as Māori view our taiao as part of who we are, as a living entity, as our tuakana and we know that our Atua provide us with an abundance of taonga. As kaitiaki it is our duty to keep balance between Te Ao Kiokio and Te Ao Wairua, meaning the physical world and the spiritual world.

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Please provide a breakdown of the budg	get for the project, se	rvice or proposal for which you are seeking assi	stance:	
PROJECT COSTS		PROJECT INCOME	,	
Description of cost*	Amount	Income source	Amount	
Salaries / wages	\$	Applicant organisation's contribution	\$20,000 (towards kapa hak uniforms including bodices, piupiu an more)	
Postage/telephone/administration	\$	Fundraising	\$5,000 (towards first 3x wānanga catering, travel and resources)	
Advertising / promotion	\$	Donations / sponsorship	\$	
Professional fees	\$	Entry fees	\$	
Travel costs	\$539.12	Value of donated material	\$1,000 (Food)	
Project materials	\$	Other Grants applied for (please specify):	\$	
Labour cost	\$		\$	
Venue / equipment hire	\$1,500		\$	
Other costs (please specify):	\$2,000	Other income (please specify)	Food sponsored by supermarkets	
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	(a) \$4,039.12	TOTAL INCOME	(b) \$26,000	

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WHAKATĀNE District Council	Discretionary Funds Application Form	
6 OTHER COUNCIL FUNDING		

Note: All figures to include GST (if any).

What funding assistance has your group/organisation applied for and/or received from the Council over the past 3 years – either by way of a grant or "in kind" support:			
Year	Amount received	Purpose	
	n/a		

DECLARATION

We the undersigned do solemnly and sincerely declare and acknowledge that:

- The details we have given in all sections of this application are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.
- We have the authority to commit our group to this application.
- All information contained in this application is subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and will be included in a publicly available agenda.

(If you do not wish for any personal details to be made public, please indicate this in your application. The information is held and administered by Whakatāne District Council in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Whakatāne District Councils Privacy Policy.)

- The Council may collect from third parties any information it deems necessary about the applicant or the application.
- A declaration of expenditure and results report is required once the event has taken place.

Name:	Reweti Elliot
Position held in group:	Kaiako (Tutor)
Signature:	R Elliot
Date:	13/09/2024
Any personal details to withhold:	no
Name:	Kataraina Monika
Name: Position held in group:	Kataraina Monika Member
Position held in group:	Member

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Please complete the following checklist to ensure you have completed the application process and attached all necessary information:

All sections of this form have been completed

Read the funding description and ticked the appropriate category

You have attached a bank generated deposit slip verifying your bank account details

You have attached a separate copy of your project plan where one has been developed

You have attached quotes for expenses for your project, service or event proposal where these have been obtained

You have attached a copy of your latest audited accounts or balance sheet or, if you are a new group, a statement of estimated income and expenditure for your first year

The declaration form has been signed by two members of your organisation that have the authority to do so

You have made a copy of this application for your future reference

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Rangitaiki Community Board - AGENDA

7.2.1 Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu(Cont.)



Uzabus 11 Te Tahi Street P.O Box 50 Whakatane 3158

Tel: 07 3086169 Fax: 07 3086168

Mr S Elliot Ngai Tamawera Kapahaka

Bay of Plenty 3192

Date: 18/06/2024

Dear Elliott



Charter Quotation

Thank you for your inquiry, please find attached the requested quotation for your approval.

This Quote is an Estimate Only based on the information provided. This Quote is based on 1 x 40 Seater School Bus.

UZABUS Require 100% Pre Payment to secure the Charter.

Quote number #36318 Quote amount \$468.80

GST \$70.32 Total \$539.12

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require any changes to be made and we will send you an amended quote.

If you are happy with the quotation provided notify us of your acceptance and we will secure your booking.

A copy of our Terms of Trade has also been attached for your reference.

We look forward to you hopping on board with Uzabus! Sincerely,

The Uzabus Team

P.S. We would also love to hear your feedback which you can provide online by clicking the link below.

https://uzabus.co.nz/uzabus-survey/

password: uzabussurvey

7.2.1 Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu(Cont.)

Quotation



Mr S Elliot Ngai Tamawera Kapahaka

Bay of Plenty 3192 GST No: 10-131-944

57 Bennett Street, P.O.Box 1279, Palmerston North P: 06 3564896 E: pnth@uzabus.co.nz

11 Te Tahi Street, P.O.Box 50, Whakatane P: 07 3086169 E: ebop@uzabus.co.nz

120 Whakakake Street, Tauriko, P.O.Box 3073, Tauranga P: 07 578 3113 E: tga@uzabus.co.nz

11 Birmingham Street, P.O.Box 218, Paraparaumu P: 04 8341115 E: kapiti@uzabus.co.nz

Thank you for your enquiry received today. We are pleased to be able to quote for your requirements as detailed below.

Quotation ID 36318/57630 Date 18/06/2024

First Pick-up Instructions

Client Ref 1 Sidney Elliott Client Ref 2 100% Pre Pa

100% Pre Payment Req

First Pick-up
Pick-up Date
Single Journey
Vehicle To Stay

Destination Arrival Date Leave Date Back Date

Rugby Park, Whakatane Sun 27/10/2024 Time 10:30 Sun 27/10/2024 Time 17:00 Sun 27/10/2024 Time 17:30

Passengers 40

Destination Instructions

Pick up Passengers from: Ngai Tamawera Kapahaka, 612 Te Teko/Edgecumbe Road, Te Teko

Travel to: Whakatane Rugby Park, Domain Road, Whakatane

** Driver to return to the Depot until PM pickup **

Quantity	Seats	Vehicle Description	Unit Price	Price	GST %	GST	Total
1	40	School Bus	\$468.80	\$468.80	15	\$70.32	\$539.12
Moveme	nt Totals			\$468.80	-	\$70.32	\$539.12

This quotation has been given to you based on the times and destination given to us. Should you wish to vary any of the details then the price will alter accordingly. Please note this quotation is valid for 30 days.

Kind Regards,

The Uzabus Team





Coach Manager Printed: 18/06/2024 1:41:54 p.m.

7.2.1 Funding application – Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu(Cont.)

Uiraroa Marae

QUOTE

237 Powell Road RD3, Whakatane

Quote # 01 Date: June 10 2024

To: Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu Reweti Elliot Te Teko

Expiration Date: n/a

Qty	Description	Unit price	Line total
3	Marae Hireage for Kapa Haka Noho 14.09.2024 - 15.09.2024 28.09.2025 - 29.09.2024 25.10.2024 - 27.10.2024	\$350	\$1050
3	1-day wānanga 22.09.2024 6.10.2024 20.10.2024	\$150	\$450
		Subtotal	\$1,500.00
		Sales Tax	0.00
		Total	\$1,500.00

7.2.1 Funding application - Ngāi Tamawera Kapa Haka Roopu(Cont.)



Westpac New Zealand Ltd
PO Box 934
Shortland Street
Auckland 1140
Phone: 0800 400 600





Non - Profit Organisation

Account name: Uiraroa Marae Project Account

Account number:
Statement Opening date:
Statement Closing date:
Statement number:

1 June 2024 30 June 2024 317

At a glance

your current balance

\$73,592.01

Current credit interest rates

These are the current per annum interest rates. They are subject to change without notice.

BALANCE	INTEREST RATE		
Under \$5,000	0.00%		
\$5,000 and over	2.00%		

The interest you earned for this period was calculated on your daily credit balance and paid to you monthly.

Westpac New Zealand Limited

westpac.co.nz

8 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

RANGITĀIKI

8 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – October 2024

To: Rangitāiki Community Board

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Submitted by: L Waaka / RCB Chairperson

Reference: A2752392

1. From the Chair

Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori Ake Ake Ake!

I write my report this month in the week which we are celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo.

In World War II, the 28th Māori Battalion marched into Europe singing "Ake! Ake! Kia Kaha e!". 'Ake ake ake' symbolises hope and resilience.

The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

Learning is a journey. It starts with a conscious effort to seek knowledge. Upon seeking, you will surely discover a brand new thing or see a familiar object in a totally new light. Eventually, the things you know will lead you to become wise beyond your years. Seek. Discover. Know. Be enlightened.

Mā te kimi ka kite,Seek and discover,Mā te kite ka mōhio,Discover and know,

Mā te mōhio ka mārama Know and become enlightened.

As a community member of Rangitāiki, it's truly heartening to see the Whakatāne District Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa coming together to champion the Whakatāne Reorua initiative. This partnership represents a meaningful step in weaving te reo Māori into the everyday fabric of our community, fostering a deeper sense of cultural identity and pride.

I look forward to seeing more bilingual initiatives that celebrate and uplift our shared heritage. Should you wish to know more check out the Whakatāne District Council website and keep an eye out for when the next the Reorua ki Whakatāne fund opens for any initiatives you may have planned.

2. Recommendation - Tohutohu akiaki

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – October 2024 be **received**.

8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – October 2024(Cont.)

3. Activity/Engagement

1 August	Manawahe District Hall Committee Assigned RCB rep – Ross Gardiner
7 August 4 September	Awakaponga Hall Assigned RCB rep – Heemi Brown
20 August	Edgecumbe Collective Assigned RCB rep - Clive McIndoe
6 September	Te Teko Residents Association Assigned RCB rep - Pete Falwasser
10 September	Matatā Residents Association Meeting Assigned RCB rep – Peter Flowerday
10 September	Combined Community Board hui RCB reps attended Leeann Waaka, Peter Flowerday, Clive McIndoe, Ross Gardiner, Heemi Brown
11 September	Edgecumbe Development & Improvement Team (E.D.I.T.) Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report - October 2024

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – October 2024



To: Rangitāiki Community Board

Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Author: Councillor G Dennis

Reference: A2752964

1. Reason for the report - Te Take mo tenei ripoata

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 – October 2022 be **received**.

3. Meetings

Manawahe District Society Incorporated Meeting
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Thursday, 1 August 2024

- Discussions about the Draft Tree Strategy and Creative Arts Strategy.
- Informed meeting that we had begun the process of finding a new Chief Executive.
- Awakaponga Hall 70th Anniversary event was very successful.
- A query was raised about the large-sized metal used on Rendal Road; as had caused one resident to incur two punctured tyres.
- Regarding the road which had flooded last year, several people enquired when it would be resealed.

Te Teko Residents Association (TTRA)

Tuesday,

3 September

- Advised meeting of the newly appointed WDC Chief Executive.
- Discussions about the Draft Tree Strategy and Creative Arts Strategy.
- Not all the tennis net post holes had the 'plugs' installed.
- Netball posts still sit at different heights; holes need cleaning or drilling out.
- Discussion held on the need for TTRA to apply to become a Charitable Trust
- Further discussion on the plans for TTRA to fundraise to modernise the toilets and showers in the changing rooms on the ground floor of the Pavilion

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

Matatā Residents Association

Tuesday, 10 September

- CCTV cameras now connected straight to the patrol cars.
- Discussions about the Draft Tree Strategy and Creative Arts Strategy.
- Advised meeting of the newly appointed WDC Chief Executive.
- Advised that the latest rates invoices had been sent out and that there was
 just two months before the next invoice, and this was due to the holdup with
 the Audit NZ.
- Informed meeting of the pending upgrade for Caverhill Road/ Manawahe Road intersection; to improve the safety of turning right from Caverhill Road.
- Success story warning signs notifying '50km area in 300 metres' have been installed on the approach from Whakatāne.

Community Board

8.3 RCB Super Local Conference 2024 Report

To: Rangitāiki Community Board

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Submitted by: Member H Brown and Member R Gardiner

Reference: A2752341

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

Last month (21-23 August) Members Brown and Gardiner represented the Rangitāiki Community Board at the LGNZ Conference in Wellington and they have reported back from their experiences at this conference.

2. Recommendation - Tohutohu akiaki

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **receive** the RCB Super Local Conference 2024 Report.

3. Super Local Conference 2024

3.1. Member Brown Report

Firstly, I want to thank the Whakatāne District Council for providing me with the funds to attend this conference for the benefit of our community. Secondly, thank you to those who selected me to attend such an important event

3.1.1. Reflection

12.45

Leaving Rotorua by flight was one of those experiences that you feel some like a real local community board superhero member. You might be hailed as an important guest having considerable insight and value as you fly into a windy Wellington airport, having even the mental capacity to stop the wind. My two colleagues from Murupara Community Board were sitting on the opposite side of the plane whilst I was sitting alone looking out of my window view and my thoughts upon my first Super Local were met with curiosity, excitement and a little apprehension. After settling in our hotel, we three superheroes were off to our Super Local conference.

1.55pm

Just a 5-minute walk to the Super Local venue called 'Takina' Events Center began with registration and a green card for Local Community Board. The red cards were for councillors and mayors.

3pm

First up is the Prime Minister and there is applause. However, I felt parts of his speech was not met with appreciation and the idea of saving money on everything. The Prime Minister expressed his opinion on the misuse of public spending on the Takina project.

Co-incidentally, I felt Minister Simeon Brown was not received any better, and there seemed to be a disconnect between local government and central government as you could hear the audience murmur on subjects related to spending and cost savings. The same argument regarding infrastructure, repeals, growth and cost savings were the highlight.

3.1.2. Local Government and Community Boards

My overall impression of local government speeches tended to neglect anything related to community boards. Neither the Prime Minister nor other senior delegates mentioned them. After meeting other local community board members, I learnt many were under review through the representation review process, and this was a major discussion between local community board members.

3.1.3. The Good Governance Guide

Before leaving for Wellington, I reviewed some of the LGTP guidelines to bring myself up to speed, therefore, to connect with the messaging that would be delivered. However, there was very little information supplied that resembled the guidelines. I felt there were several important conversations not discussed and I have listed several ideas in the table as a reference to more philosophical discussion in future.

Mental health and care for members	Māori voices iwi
Member voices (Personal sharing)	Education of Te Tiriti & Treaty Iwi and iwi
CB members roles	CB research
Empowering CB members	Mana Whakahono a Rohē 2017 RMA

3.1.4. Limitations

More of the important questions for a conference of this magnitude require some deep thinking about how we approach conversations around Māori wards and there was little discussion on why there is resistance by some councils and what that means for councils who want a review of the Māori ward. There are some other thoughts that I have noted which include Māori wards but more so, what do we know about Māori wards. Also, what do we know about Te Tiriti and the Treaty? The list is as follows:

- Little understanding of Māori wards Electoral Act 2001
- Te tiriti, Treaty, Iwi and iwi and what those differences are
- Little community board member voices no public platform

Recommendations

i. Improve education of what iwi and hapu means to council

- ii. Bridge gap between local, community board and Māori ward awareness
- iii. Bridge the disconnect between local government and community boards
- iv. Mana Whakahono a rohe RMA not mentioned and requires education
- v. Transparency of community board roles and future including the exercise of powers
- vi. LGNZ awards how to apply for an award for 2025 more awareness

3.2. Member Gardiner Report

SuperLocal gathered over 700 attendees; elected members, staff, CEs and more including international expertise in the wide range of topics Local Government is involved in. There was obviously a heavy focus on localism, and LGNZ followed up the conference with a document titled "LOCALISM: A PRACTICAL GUIDE". This provides tangible and practical tools to empower and expand localism in our communities.

3.2.1. Day One

The event was opened with a beautiful mihi whakatau, with welcoming from Wellington CC Mayor Tory Whanau, and Greater Wellington RC's Chair Daran Ponter.

We heard from the Prime Minister and other Ministers on some of the reforms they are seeking to put through affecting local government. We heard and celebrated achievements of Councils across the country with how they have navigated matters in new, unique, or outstanding ways that the rest of us can leverage and learn from. And finally, it was a great opportunity to network and connect with others in local government, seeking to achieve good outcomes for the community – as that's why we are elected. For me, it was amazing to connect with other young, elected members (under 40 at time of election), and see their drive for our future.

If you were under 40 at the time of election, please join LGNZ's Young Elected Members (YEM). It's reassuring to hear you aren't alone – so it might be a good thing for us to explore locally in the Eastern Bay too. In 2019, there were more councillors named John than there are councillors born after 1980.

The opened by describing the venue as being wasteful spending, before announcing that government shall be repealing the pillars of the Local Government Act to remove any references to "wellbeing", reaffirming existing "core services" provisions, and other associated matters. An example was given that we need to go *line by line* when doing our LTPs — which is what must happen currently. The Local Government Minister announced a new "regional deals" framework as a funding tool for Local Government. It was made clear that there's a large amount of reform coming the way of Local Government that we will need to across.

It was amazing to feel the tone of the room during these speeches. They were thanked for spending all the time they wanted to spend there – as they weren't present by the time they were thanked following the speech.

The LGNZ CB representative Sarah Lucas reaffirmed that wellbeings are the basics for CBs. It's what we are here to do.

One of the keynote speakers – John Allen from WellingtonNZ (local tourism) – discussed the intangible value that wellbeing adds to the vibrancy of our communities. Zelandia was used an example in Wellington of a community group project becoming one of their most precious taonga. John's speech was very encouraging to hear and is in strong support of localism.

The strain of Māori Wards legislation was felt across Councils, and this was articulated beautifully by Cr Toni Boynton and Cr Iaean Cranwell from Environment Canterbury. The unification of opinions was felt in the room.

Through the conference, we heard from other CBs that their Council was seeking to disestablish via their representation reviews.

It was reaffirmed that infrastructure is not just limited to roads and pipes but extends to our natural environment.

Other councils had a system where CB reps were present for Council meetings, as a way to bridge the divide that may be present. Some councils ensured that the CE had performance metrics in their KPIs relating to the value of their CBs.

Surveys of the public has found that there's little understanding of what CBs do, and it may be useful to update our CB pages to give that information.

Ease of access to information for our communities was important to support contemporary resilience in the community.

From my discussions with other CBs and governance staff, it seemed as if WDC was an outlier by not providing our CB elected members with individual email addresses, and the difficulty that may have for LGOIMA.

Talks we had included utilising effective communications strategies for topics via appropriate framing of the topics. The technique effectively defines topics and steers conversations to be relevant to your community. While framing may be quite relevant for WDC's communications team, we as CB elected members are there to communicate with our communities.

I managed to connect with a Councillor that sat with a CB that neighboured Manawahe – from discussions they are keen to hear some of the concerns from our side of the boundary in the local area, and how our Council's CBs may be able to target matters together. So don't be afraid to invite Elected Members from neighbouring Councils to your meetings – They're also there for the community.

The non-CB members that attended got to hear from the Minister for Regional Development (Shane Jones). They also heard from the Minister for Infrastructure, Housing, and RMA Reform (Chris Bishop) for the future of the Resource Management Act, including a raft of changes that we'll experience later in the year and next year before the large-scale reform.

I really enjoyed Kim Hill as MC – as I grew up listening to her on the radio.

It was encouraging to hear examples from around the country where different areas had taken a grassroots approach to how their areas are affected by natural hazards – planning for their future that the community wants, and having Council enable those outcomes for future generations.

Throughout the conference I was able to see our elected members in a different light – as people. Our wellbeing is something that we often ignore, so look out for each other. This isn't just limited to our mental health, but other areas of our lives in the communities we serve.

For CBs a large area of focus was in relation to our wellbeing. This included hearing from other elected members about some of the challenges they had faced via direct public harassment of themselves or family and learnings there. We heard from Te Whatu Ora staff regarding mental health resilience approaches we can take. We heard a deep dive of how the climate crisis is affecting people's mental health on a population scale.

3.2.2. Day 2

On the last day, we heard from Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board member Mark Inman and Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink, in a fireside chat style about moving forward together and the community's response to the Whakaari tragedy.

We heard from Drowning Prevention Aotearoa about the ways we can improve on safety measures and what we can to do help our communities.

Speakers included groups trying to improve community resilience via various methods, such as information access, helping expand our food sovereignty, eradicating pests in the urban environments and what that has meant in Wellington, and making our streets places for people – not just cars.

We heard about ways we can build a closer relationship between our elected councillors and our CBs, and Carolyn Hamil will be able to touch on this more – as she was part of the discussion.

LGNZ President, Sam Broughton (Selwyn DC Mayor) gave several speeches which provided LGNZ's position on several topics, and was refreshing to hear the push for localism, and the importance that our voices for the communities we represent have.

The closing poroporoaki passed the kete to the next hosts for the future conference.

3.2.3. Conclusion

I encourage you to attend future LGNZ events and particularly the Conference if you can. For me, I feel that this reaffirmed the drive we have for the communities we represent, and that we are an important pillar of that. We give voice to those that may not be heard.

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An opportunity for Board Members to share relevant activities they have undertaken within their communities.

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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