



# Rangitāiki Community Board *Te Poari Hapori o Rangitāiki*

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Board Member Leeann Waaka - Chairperson

Board Member Ross Gardiner - Deputy Chairperson

Board Member Clive McIndoe

Board Member Heemi Brown

Board Member Pete Falwasser

Board Member Peter Flowerday

Councillor Gavin Dennis

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

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

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## 1 Opening Karakia - *He Karakia Tīmatanga*

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

### 2 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

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

### 3 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā mihimihi*

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

### 4 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu*

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

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

## **5 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

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#### **5.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

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

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

- Manawahe Eco Trust - Lisa Eve
- Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi - Vanessa Peka and Maisie Natana

#### **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 27 November 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), P Flowerday, P Falwasser, and C McIndoe <i>Via Teams:</i> Deputy Chair R Gardiner
	In Attendance:	K Summerhays (Senior Community Development Advisor), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Representatives from EBOP Women's Softball Team – spokesperson V Peka
	Apologies:	Councillor Dennis and Member H Brown

#### 1. KARAKIA

The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm with a Karakia led by Chairperson Waaka and introductions made.

**Attendance:** Councillor James entered the meeting at 5:36 pm.

#### 2. APOLOGY

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Flowerday

##### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **accept** the apology from Councillor G Dennis and Member Brown.

##### **CARRIED**

An apology was noted from staff representative Mr Begley.

#### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

The Board acknowledged the passing of Diane Yalden and recognised her service to the community as her role as long-standing Tāneatua Community Board Chairperson.



**6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 27 November 2024(Cont.)**

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**5.1. EBOP Diamond Women's Softball Team**

Ms Peka advised that the team had been in existence for seven years and that the majority of players resided within rohe. The team travelled to Tauranga every fortnight to play in the league and this was acknowledged by the Softball Association, who then offered for the club games to be hosted by the EBOP Diamond team. It was felt the Rangitāiki Plains was central and Ms Peka was excited that it would be an opportunity for whānau and the community watch them play.

It was clarified that it was a one-off and that 18 club games would be played on the day; the feature game being Wainui and EBOP Diamonds, which would be livestreamed on the Softball Association social media page.

Ms Peka acknowledged the end of year was a busy time for schools, however the team was still hoping to run a skills and T-ball session for school pupils.

**Attendance:** The EBOP Diamond Softball players left the meeting at 5:54 pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Chairperson Waaka

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 2 October 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

7. REPORTS

**7.1. Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report**

Refer to pages 13-35 of the agenda and pages 35a-b of the tabled items.

Ms Summerhays spoke about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy consultation and she acknowledged Board had developed a draft submission. Engagement from groups and individuals was encouraged, noting it would help ensure the Policy was correct. Various (and novel) methods of engagement had been utilised to reach marginalised and minority groups and Ms Summerhays summarised some feedback received to date. She reported that some information from the community would be 'flagged' for further action.

### 6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 27 November 2024(Cont.)

Member Gardiner summarised the rationale for the Board's submission, including noting the emphasis was for inclusion - reaching communities more difficult to reach or where 'standard models' of communication not provided for.

A discussion ensued about the Council spaces for hire outside of business hours, and if there was any dispensation for community groups. It was noted the fee structure was for cost recovery only and that there were smaller rooms for use free of charge during business hours.

#### Draft Submission Updates:

- Correction to point 6 wording - to reference accessible parking.
- Addition - equity for access to Council venues for communities doing volunteer events.

**Attendance:** Ms Summerhays left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Resulting from the newly adopted Freedom Camping Bylaw, members requested if there was to be any change to the dump station located at the Domain, that the Board be consulted. It was noted an extensive process had been followed in determining the current location and that any submission requesting it be moved did not reflect the opinion of many.

Moved Member Waaka / Seconded Member Flowerday

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report November 2024 be **received**; and
2. THAT the Board **delegate** to Deputy Chair Gardiner authority to finalise, then submit, the Rangitāiki Community Board's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy submission prior to the closing date of 5 December 2024. Subject to agreements at meeting

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.2. Funding Application to RCB – November 2024

Refer to pages 36-53 of the agenda.

Members agreed it was unfortunate the Ms Chrisholm and Ms Gardiner were not in attendance to answer queries on their application. It was noted the event was not until April 2025 and by deferring the application there would be updated information in relation to ongoing fundraising.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Chairperson Waaka

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Funding Application to RCB – November 2024 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the discretionary fund application received for Ms Skye Chrisholm to participate in the Under 16 International Rugby 10s competition in Hawaii in April 2025 be deferred to enable attendance and noting there was time for further fundraising; and
3. THAT \$950.00 be **allocated** from the Rangitāiki Community Board discretionary funds to EBOP Diamond Softball Team towards costs to run a Competition Day at the Edgecumbe Domain on Saturday, 14 December 2024.  
(*Advisors note: The team since withdrew their application for this funding.*)

## 6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 27 November 2024(Cont.)

### CARRIED

## 8. Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

### 8.1. Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 54-68 of the agenda.

Member Gardiner summarised the Spatial Plan submission lodged on behalf of the board, and this would be included within the next meeting agenda.

The following updates were requested for the Draft RCB Strategic Plan:

- Updated photo of the Chairperson
- Correction to Focus Area 4 (Ahurea Ora)
- Focus Area 3 triennium dates to refer to 2022-2025
- Investigation to locate historical information relating to the creation of the RCB.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Falwasser

### RESOLVED:

1. THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – November 2024 be **received**; and
2. THAT the Board **approve**, subject to corrections/suggestions at the meeting, the final draft Rangitāiki Community Board Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025.

### CARRIED

### 8.2. Councillor Report

Refer to page 69-70 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Gardiner

### RESOLVED:

**THAT** the RCB Ward Councillor Report – November 2024 be **received**.

### CARRIED

### 8.3. Member Reporting

- It was reported that the vegetation on railway land will now be sprayed on a 4-weekly cycle. Chairperson Waaka would contact E.D.I.T. to investigate if this area could be included on their beautification programme.
- The E.D.I.T. Community Plan would be presented to the Board's endorsement in the New Year.
- The attendance of Community Board members was disappointing at the recent spatial plan consultation meeting.
- **THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY CHAIRPERSON WAAKA AT 7:27 PM.**

**6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 27 November 2024(Cont.)**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:

CHAIRPERSON

## 7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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#### 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report



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To:	<b>Rangitāiki Community Board</b>
Date:	<b>Wednesday, 26 February 2025</b>
Author:	<b>F Begley / Manager Community Partnerships</b>
Authoriser:	<b>B Gray / General Manager Finance and Commercial Services</b>
Reference:	<b>A2837461</b>

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

This report provides the Community Board with an update on projects and activities delivered within the Rangitāiki Board to mid-February 2025 and covers the following activities:

- Community Partnerships Update
- Strategy and Transformation Update
- Events and Tourism Update
- Transport Update
- Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure Update
- Three Waters Update
- Development and Engineering Update
- News

#### 2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report for February 2025 be **received**.

#### 3. Community Partnerships Update

##### 3.1. **New Year's Day Fatigue Stop – Matatā and Opōtiki - Eastern Bay Road Safety Group**

The two fatigue stops were a great success and very well received by the mainly young people making use of them on their travels home from the Rhythm & Vines event. Police provided a very visible presence in the gorge and the fatigue stops themselves couldn't be missed in the two communities. Facebook posts about the events received a huge positive response rate with one video being shared 64 times and being viewed 26,840 times.

Over 1000 sausages and drinks were given away at each event and One News sent a reporter to the event so that it featured on the New Year's Day – One News at 6. We understand that there were no fatalities or serious crashes reported in our area on the day.

### 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

A huge pat on the back is deserved by everyone involved in this event, especially the many community volunteers from the Matatā and Ōpōtiki Fire Brigades, Matatā Blue Light, Ōpōtiki Lions and the Rangitaiki Community Board. A special mention to Councillor Dennis for his energy and determination in setting up the Ōpōtiki Fatigue Stop this year.



### 3.2. Community Funding

The first funding rounds for 2025 are currently open and will close on 2 March 2025. Three funds are being made available:

- Te Puaha Fund (has a general round and scholarship opportunities) - This fund supports projects or events directly related to the waterways and marine environment of the Whakatāne District.
- Reorua ki Whakatāne - This fund champions the use of Te Reo Māori o Ngāti Awa in the Whakatāne District.
- Community Matching Fund – This fund supports not-for-profit organisations within the Whakatāne District that are working for the benefit of our communities.

Organisations can apply for the dollar value of donations and contributions they have received from the community, and if successful Whakatāne District Council will “match” these contributions with a grant.

### 3.3. Whakatāne District Youth Council

Last year was an incredible year for our Youth Council members. They gained valuable insights into local government, shared their perspectives with councillors, collaborated on community projects like events and murals, and even attended the Festival for the Future in Wellington. The group also forged closer ties with Murupara Youth Space.

### 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

In 2025, the Youth Council’s goal is to build on this success by creating even more opportunities for our rangatahi to gain leadership opportunities, learn about local government and have their voices heard. The Youth Council has got off to a flying start this year with the first meeting taking place on 13 February.

If you would like to find out more about what the Youth Council are up to this year contact Community Development Advisor, Jemma Rudkin: [jemma.rudkin@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:jemma.rudkin@whakatane.govt.nz).

### 3.4. Summer Road Safety Roadshow



Council’s Community Partnerships team donned orange vests and headed out across the mōtū to seven of our smaller Eastern Bay communities to run the Summer Road Safety Roadshow. Kicking off in Matatā, the team engaged with locals and visitors using games and prizes to connect on the region’s three main road safety issues: drink / drug driving; seat belt use; and speed.

There were many highlights for the team, one of which was connecting with what seemed like the entire hapū in Ruatāhuna. The roadshow will become a regular feature of the Eastern Bay Road Safety programme. It also proved to be an excellent opportunity for the new Ki Uta - Honoa Hapori van to be used as intended – connecting Council with our communities!

## 4. Strategy and Transformation Update

### 4.1. Cabinet refresh

On 19 January 2025, the PM Christopher Luxon announced a cabinet 'refresh'. The following are the new, and not so new, faces in the portfolios that interface with Council most often:

## 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

- Simeon Brown – Health
- Simon Watts – Energy and Local Government
- Nicola Willis – Minister for Economic Growth (formerly the Economic Development portfolio)
- Chris Bishop – Transport
- Louise Upston – Tourism & Hospitality
- Judith Collins – Minister for Public Service
- Mark Mitchell – Ethnic Communities, Sport & Recreation
- James Meager – Youth.

## 4.2. Annual Plan and Budget

Whakatāne District Council has identified potential budget savings for the 2025 Annual Plan, thanks to cost-saving measures and a slight easing of interest rates and inflation pressures. At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 18 December 2024, Elected Members provided guidance on how these savings could shape the draft 2025/26 budget.

Council Chief Executive Steven Perdia emphasised the financial challenges the Council is facing.

“Like many other councils and in fact central government, we are operating in a deficit just to pay the bills, and ongoing borrowing is unsustainable in the long term.”

“This highlights the financial pressure our Council is navigating as we look for ways to return to a balanced budget while ensuring services continue without reductions to levels of service.”

The Annual Plan 2025/26 draft budget report presented five options for allocating the savings identified, including:

1. Recover from the operating deficit as soon as possible, requiring significant rates increase in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan.
2. Maintain the planned 12.7 percent rates increase for Year 2 of the Long Term Plan and apply savings to reduce the deficit.
3. Slightly reduce the planned Year 2 rates increase and apply some savings to the operating deficit (reduce rates increase up to one percent).
4. Use savings to further reduce the Year 2 rates increase (reduce rates increase up to two-three percent).
5. Allocate savings to fund community-requested Long Term Plan items that remain unfunded.

After robust debate Councillors indicated to staff to prepare a draft 2025/26 Annual Plan budget based on Option 3, a ‘mixed model’ approach.

Councils are required to adopt an annual plan prior to the start of each financial year, which outlines the Council’s work programme, budgets, and any necessary adjustments for the second year of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. Year two of the Long Term Plan had a rate increase of 12.7 percent to maintain current activities and service levels.

Despite this increase, Council is still forecasting an operating deficit for 2026, meaning it must continue borrowing annually to cover operational costs — a situation that is not financially sustainable in the long run.



## **7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**

The deficit recovery process outlined in the Long Term Plan was structured rates increases over six years designed to return the Council to a balanced budget. The operating deficit occurred as rates were deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic to ease financial hardship for households. The challenge was compounded by the cumulative effect of insufficient funding, inflation, and rising interest rates which has left the Council in a 'catch-up' position.

Community feedback during the Long Term Plan process indicated a preference for a gradual six-year deficit recovery plan to ease the immediate burden on ratepayers. This six-year plan aligns with the timing of loans taken to cover annual deficits, which are structured over 25 years.

The meeting also discussed how deferred rate increases must eventually be recovered to balance the budget unless service levels are reduced. The Council has worked to avoid cutting services, as the deferred increases were not introduced with an expectation of reducing service levels in the future.

The decision now provides a clear direction for staff to develop a version one 2025/26 Annual Plan budget, which will be presented to Mayor and Councillors early 2025.

### **4.3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy Update**

A Council briefing was held this month to update elected members on the outcome of community engagement on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy that was undertaken prior to Christmas.

A total of 27 submissions were received. The majority of these were made through the Korero Mai portal, with three oral submissions heard. Of the total 27 submissions received, 58 percent were in support, 23 percent were not in support, and 19 percent were unsure. The briefing was an opportunity for Councillors to discuss the submissions, provide feedback, ask questions, seek clarification and make comments ahead of deliberations and final decision making. This will take place at the Living Together Committee Meeting on Thursday, 6 March. You can also find the recordings of the meetings on our You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/whakatanedc>

## **5. Events and Tourism Update**

### **5.1. Summer Tourism**

Our summer marketing campaign, in collaboration with Radio 1XX, was hugely successful, with each social media post and reel being viewed between 1300 and 2500 times. Utilising the radio promotions team was an excellent way to showcase the range of things to do across the district to locals and visitors over the holiday period.

Media coverage over the summer period included a showcase of best places to eat and drink in UNO magazine, as well as an article about the upcoming Local Wild Food Festival. An article written about Ollie Dobbin and his tourism business, Takutai Adventures, was picked up by multiple news outlets including, NZ Herald, Bay of Plenty Times, Rotorua Daily Post and The Beacon.

The Sunshine Season visitor magazine has been widely distributed to tourism hotspots and accommodation providers, with thousands picked up by visitors.

## **7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**

### **5.2. Events**

The events team has supported the start of a busy 2025 summer event programme. During early January, the 37th Annual Whakatāne Touch Tournament delivered another high-quality weekend competition with thousands of people attending. More than 80 percent of attendees were from outside the district with participants from across New Zealand, Australia, Italy and France, an outstanding result from a volunteer committee. Over the past few years, the digital engagement and live streams have showcased and increased the reach and influence of the event resulting in growth in all aspects of the event.

Over the summer, events have included Summer Motor Cross, Arts in the Park - a children's arts event, ladies fishing tournaments and junior surf lifesaving club events. Finally, the Te Urewera Heartland Ride held on anniversary weekend saw 50 cyclists riding Natures Road. This event was hosted by Tūhoe and the Te Urewera community in celebration of becoming a Ngā Haerenga Great Rides of New Zealand cycle trail.

### **5.3. 'Local Government back to basics' - update from Central Government on Local Government sector reform**

On 16 December central government released an update on their refocus of local government to "get back to basics". Staff will continue to follow this reform and keep Council updated on progress and opportunities to influence. Some key points from the update were:

- Reference to the four wellbeings are intended to be removed from LGA.
- Central Government are directing our sector to refocus on the basics before (or to the exclusion of) what are considered 'nice-to-haves'.
- A benchmarking report will be released in mid-2025 (by DIA ahead of the next local election) covering council financial metrics, and road condition measures.
- New legislation is signalled to be introduced mid-2025 with the aim to pass by the end of 2025.

## **6. Transport Update**

### **6.1. Rangitaiki Stopbank Off-Road Shared Use Path**

All work on Section 1 of the Rangitāiki Stopbank Off-Road Shared Use Path is now complete. Pre-implementation work on Section 3 continues, while the works at the Thornton Beach Road end of Section 4 are also finished.

### **6.2. West Bank Road North and South Pavement Rehabilitation**

All works on West Bank Road North have been completed, and the road has been open to traffic since December 2024. Progress on West Bank Road South is going well, with all aggregate layers now on site and being processed for testing and final works. The completion of West Bank Road South is scheduled for the end of February 2025.

## 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

### 6.3. Mimiha Stream Bridge Replacement



Work continues and nears completion for the Mimiha Bridge replacement. The bridge beams have been set, bridge abutments and earth stabilised. Retaining walls continue to be constructed and the bulk fill for the approaches has started. In the coming weeks the bridge beams will be post tensioned, settlement slabs will be poured and the earth retaining walls completed. The project is planned to be completed in April 2025.

## 7. Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure Update

### 7.1. Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Update

Spatial plans are about the places we live in and how we want them to be for our future generations. When completed, the plan will provide a roadmap for our future spaces and places and an evidence base and direction to align other strategies and planning processes towards common outcomes. In late 2022, Local Authorities and Iwi Authorities in the Eastern Bay of Plenty began to work collaboratively with Government agencies to scope and develop a spatial plan for the sub-region. The intention is for a plan that reflects the partners aspirations for our rohe, informs Council Long Term Plan processes, and Government infrastructure investment decisions.

To date, the project has completed the following work: Population and Land Needs Assessment; Three Waters Preliminary Assessment; Friends Of Our Places (stakeholders) group established and first event held; Project website created; Transport Assessment; Draft scenarios and development options report; First round of engagement undertaken including engagement summary report, analysis of submissions and presentations to the Project Governance Group.

A number of further workstreams are currently underway and the key next steps for the project are:

- Developing the Spatial Plan and Implementation Plan (expected April 2025)
- Consultation on the draft plan (expected May 2025)
- Final approvals of the plan (expected August 2025).

More information on the Spatial Plan can be found on Council's website.

## 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

### 8. Three Waters Update

#### 8.1. Weather-related issues



*Surface flooding and debris at Pioneer Place*

Heavy rain fell in a short period of time within a localised area in Matatā overnight on Tuesday, 4 February, causing some issues. A culvert east of the SH2/Manawahe intersection was overwhelmed, leading to debris overtopping and damaging part of the railway track. Fortunately, the culvert, a state highway asset, remained undamaged, and the railway has since been repaired and reopened.

Additionally, Moore Bridge on SH2 near Pioneer Place was also overwhelmed by surface flooding and slash, resulting in flooding and debris. This has since been cleared, and while nearby properties experienced minor surface flooding, no damage was reported. Waiotahi Contractors supported the clean-up providing a bobcat at the Pioneer Place site. SH2 between Matatā and Paengaroa was closed for a few hours while crews worked to clear the affected area.

#### 8.2. Whakatane District Council explores the future of water services

As councils across New Zealand deliberate on the future delivery of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, the Whakatāne District Council has taken the next step towards ensuring sustainable and efficient water services for the community.

At the 12 December Council meeting, elected members considered options to protect and provide the community's water services under the Government's new 'Local Water Done Well' (LWDW) legislative requirements.

LWDW is the Coalition Government's plan to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges, replacing the previous Three Waters Reform. It emphasises local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils in determining future water service delivery.

As part of this programme, all councils must develop and submit Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDPs) by early September 2025. This process allows councils to design the structure, delivery method, and funding arrangements for their water services. Elected Members received a comprehensive analysis of the current state of water services planning and investment along with options for future delivery. The report aligns with LWDW's legislative aims and guides the development of the Council's WSDP, crucial for meeting the new legislative requirements and ensuring financial sustainability.

### 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

Whakatāne District has limited options that would satisfy a strict interpretation of the financial sustainability requirements. Two options were shortlisted for further investigation - continuing to deliver water services on a standalone basis (status quo) or collaborating with councils in a sub-regional or regional water service organisation. While shortlisting the options for water delivery is a crucial step, no final decision has been made.

Elected members will receive further information on the two options early this year, including further clarity on the legislative requirements, the necessary work programme moving forward, and the financial costs of each model. It is expected that these refined options, including a preferred option, will be presented to communities for consultation in April, with the final plan to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs by 3 September 2025.

### 8.3. Ōtūmahi Reservoir pipeline construction provides high-quality water services to Whakatāne District.



The Ōtūmahi Reservoir Pipeline project involves the construction of a 3.8 kilometre rising and falling main. This pipeline will connect the new Ōtūmahi concrete reservoir to the Ōtūmahi Water Treatment Plant and pump station, enhancing water supply resilience in the area. The project was awarded to GT Civil Ltd prior to Christmas following a Request for Tender (RFT) process.

A karakia was recently held with neighbouring residents and three kaumātua from Ngāti Awa, before the contractor started work on Monday, 3 February 2025. The project is on track for completion by 30 May 2025, aligning with the commissioning of the new Ōtūmahi concrete reservoir.

## 9. Development and Engineering Update

### 9.1. Making room to grow: Hearings mark another step for Plan Change 8

Significant progress has been made to date on the proposal, which seeks to amend the Whakatāne District Plan to address the district's housing demand by rezoning land from Deferred Residential to Residential to allow for housing to be developed. The change to the Council's 'rule book' encourages the development of a diverse range of housing. Additionally, the proposal includes a coordinated approach to the development of infrastructure, ensuring that necessary facilities and services accompany the growth in residential areas.

The initiative relates to about 15 hectares of land in and around Huna Road and SH30. The rezoned land is expected to provide capacity for 150 to 175 house sites, including medium-density residential areas and papakāinga housing that will connect to council infrastructure such as water supply, wastewater, and roading. A Hearings Panel of independent commissioners has heard from submitters, ranging from landowners, government agencies and hapū to residents.

## 7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

Key points raised included the urgency to unlock a large area for housing in the short and medium term until new development areas are identified within the Spatial Plan currently underway. The Spatial Plan is a large and complex project with many organisations involved and is not due to be completed until August 2025. In addition, the panel heard concerns about infrastructure capacity, environmental impact, cultural significance, traffic and safety, and the need for housing affordability. For more information on this process visit Council's website: [Plan Change 8: Huna Road | Kōrero Mai - Let's Talk](#)



## 9.2. News

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

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

### 9.2.1. **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.

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

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

## 7.2 Governance Administration – February 2025

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To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 26 February 2024**  
Author: **A Dass / Governance Support Advisor**  
Authoriser: **C Viljoen / Manager Governance Services**  
Reference: **A2835675**

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

This report is to inform the Rangitāiki Community Board on activities relevant to the Boards area. It serves an administrative purpose and covers the following Governance Services related topics:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Discretionary Fund application

#### 2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Governance Administration report be **received**; and
2. THAT Members **note** the pecuniary forms for year 3 are due to the Governance team no later than 28 February 2025; and
3. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **considers** allocating discretionary funds to the Manawahe Eco Trust to cover ongoing pest control operations, ensuring long-term biodiversity protection.

#### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

##### 3.1. Funding Criteria

The criteria for the Community Board Discretionary Fund are:

- 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.

## 7.2 Governance Administration – February 2025(Cont.)

- 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.

### 3.2. Project Fund

The following table indicates the unallocated grants and subsidies (discretionary) fund:

Rangitāiki Community Board		
<b>Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 31 January 2025 is \$26,027.61</b>		
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years unallocated grants*		9,601.77
2024/25 Annual Plan		20,059.14
<b>2024/25 revised Budget of Grants and Subsidies to allocate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,660.91</b>
<b>2025 Allocations</b>		
FUND TO COVER COSTS FOR THE OCTOBER WANANGA VENUE HIRE , PROJECT COSTS AND TRAVEL COSTS TO ATTEND		
4-Oct-24 NGATI AWA TE TOKI FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2024, NGAI TAMAWERA KAPA HAKA ROOPU	3,500	Approved & Paid
4-Oct-24 NICS AUTOS DONATION (VIA REIMBURSEMENT L WAAKA)	133	Committed not yet paid
<b>Year to Date allocations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,633.30</b>
<b>Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,027.61</b>

The current balance of the Rangitāiki discretionary fund as of 31 January 2025 is approximately \$26,027.61.00

## 4. Subjects – *Kaupapa*

This section provides information from the Governance Services function to members.

### 4.1. Pecuniary Interest Forms

Members are obligated to provide annual returns, which are to be included on the interest register, and to subsequently advise of any errors or omissions in those returns.

Members are reminded that the Pecuniary Interest forms are required to be completed for Year 3 of the triennium and are required to be returned to the Governance team **no later than** the last day of February 2025. The 12-month period covered in this return is from October 2024 through to October 2025.



### **7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust**

A reminder that it is an offence where members fail to comply with their obligations.

#### **4.2. Funding Applications**

##### **4.2.1. *Manawahe Eco Trust***

The Manawahe Eco Trust (MET) is dedicated to protecting the Manawahe Ecological Corridor and its native wildlife. Their efforts focus on predator control to support the kōkako population, recently expanding to include wallaby management due to their impact on native bush. MET has implemented an innovative wallaby control programme using feeding stations with game cameras to monitor activity and reduce numbers.

Additionally, MET is addressing the threat of feral cats, which prey on native species, by enhancing live cage trapping methods. The Trust is applying to the Rangitāiki Community Board for \$2,000 to support ongoing pest control operations, ensuring long-term biodiversity protection.

MET has received \$2,000.00 from the Board in 2022 for Wallaby Control.

#### **Attached to this report:**

- Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust

### **7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust**

Rangitaiki Community Board - AGENDA

7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)



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

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

Application is for the following Board:

Rangitāiki  Whakatāne/Ōhope  Tāneatua  Murupara

**Information to NOTE:**

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

**SECTION 1 - General**

**A. Name of Individual or Organisation applying for funding:**

Manawahe Eco Trust

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

The Manawahe Eco Trust (MET) was established to harness and support the community’s passion for improving biodiversity within the Manawahe Ecological Corridor - the only forested corridor connecting the Rotorua lakes to the sea. This unique area is home to threatened species, including the iconic kōkako, making its conservation vital. With the support of over 40 dedicated volunteers, MET is steadfast in its mission to protect and enhance the corridor’s biodiversity. Our efforts include:

- Supporting local ecological restoration initiatives.
- Managing an extensive predator control programme comprising over 2,700 bait stations and 500 traps.
- Running an impactful school’s education programme that has engaged more than 10,000 students, parents, and teachers since 2015.
- Advocating for biodiversity conservation within the wider community.

In addition, MET manages the Manawahe Ecological Community Centre, which serves as the hub for our education programme and a valued meeting space for the community.

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

Community-led wallaby control protecting native biodiversity and kōkako habitat.

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

### 7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)



#### SECTION 2 – Event/Project/Activity

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

Since 2010, the Manawahe Eco Trust (MET) has been working to protect the Manawahe Ecological Corridor, a regionally significant native forest stretching from the Rotorua Lakes to the sea at Matatā. The Trust has partnered with the local community to safeguard the remnant kōkako population through a volunteer-run predator control operation. Recently, MET expanded its management goals to include wallaby control, addressing the increasing impact of wallabies on native bush. Their browsing significantly reduces food availability for kōkako, impacting breeding success.

This year, we have developed an innovative wallaby control programme using a controlled experiment in the Kōkako Block. Nine feeding stations equipped with game cameras have been established to attract wallaby family groups. The stations use non-toxic prefeed to condition wallabies before introducing Feratox cyanide pellets. The new umbrella-style feeders have been highly effective, with wallabies readily adapting to them. While these feeders may not suit areas with weka populations, they have drawn interest from other organisations for use in similar projects.

Our efforts have already resulted in the successful eradication of one small group of wallabies, and we are actively clearing the next section. Live-feed cellular cameras monitor progress, showing a steady decline in wallaby activity as we work toward zero presence.

Monitoring has also revealed challenges with feral cats scavenging on prefeed and carcasses. To date, 16 cats have been removed from the core area, but they remain a significant threat to native birds, lizards, and invertebrates. We are exploring enhanced live cage trapping methods to mitigate this issue.

We are applying to the Rangitāiki Community Board for \$2,000 to support the operational costs of our ongoing pest control efforts. This funding will help sustain the programme, ensuring pest numbers remain low, their reinvasion is managed, and our native biodiversity is protected as part of MET's wider predator control programme.

**B. Funding Description – Tick all that apply**

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

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

Vehicle emissions from Biodiversity Coordinator and volunteers to conduct the predator control programme.

**7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)****D. How will the community benefit from this event/project?**

This project directly benefits the Manawahe community by protecting the ecological corridor and the biodiversity within it, ensuring that native species like kōkako have a thriving habitat. With over 40 dedicated volunteers contributing nearly 2,000 hours annually, the programme fosters a strong sense of community involvement and environmental stewardship. Volunteers gain hands-on conservation experience, strengthening their connection to the land while developing valuable skills in pest management and ecological monitoring.

By effectively reducing pest numbers, we are preventing further damage to native forests, securing food sources for native species, and maintaining the long-term ecological health of the region. Through this initiative, the community benefits from a healthier environment, enhanced biodiversity, and an opportunity to take meaningful action in conservation efforts that will have lasting impacts for future generations. Additionally, the project's innovative techniques, such as the umbrella-style feeding stations and live-feed cameras, offer learning opportunities for local conservation groups and landowners, further strengthening community-led conservation efforts.

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

A. Please provide a breakdown of the budget for the project, service, or proposal for which you are seeking assistance:			
Costs		Income	
Labour	\$13,000	Applicant/Organisation’s Contribution	\$1,000
Advertising/Promotion	\$	Fundraising	\$3,900
Travel Costs	\$5,000	Donations/Sponsorship	\$3,500
Project Materials	\$700	Value of Donated Material	\$
Venue/Equipment Hire	\$	Other Grants (Lion Foundation)	\$8,000
Other Costs	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,700</b>		<b>\$16,400</b>

**TOTAL FUNDING SHORTFALL/  
AMOUNT SOUGHT**      \$2000 excl. GST  
(\$2,300 incl. GST)

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

Rangitāiki Community Board, \$2000, received July 2022.

Governance Administration - Declaration on application = **completed**

## 7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)



# Statement of Service Performance

## Manawahe Eco Trust For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Description of Entity's Outcomes

The Trust manages the community's interest in caring for the biodiversity of the Manawahe area. Our mission statement is 'Protection, Education, Recreation'. By protecting the local flora and fauna through encouraging pest control and supervising local landowners. Providing environmental education to local students and encourage their involvement in conservation. To create opportunities for recreational enjoyment in the Manawahe area.

### Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs

Twice yearly rodent monitors remain below 5% as is required to protect the kokako population  
The number of volunteers is sufficient to undertake the predator trapping and baiting days  
The total annual number of volunteer hours remains stable or grows  
Landowners involved in the predator control area continue to support and be actively involved the project  
Number of visitors to Manawahe Ecological Community Centre continues to grow  
Number of different schools and learning institutions visiting MECC continues to grow  
MECC continues to be used by the community for events and workshops

### Additional Output Measures

Ongoing employment of a Development Coordinator who builds and maintains positive relationships with local landowners in Manawahe, manages the volunteer team undertaking the predator control, ensures the predator control methods meet best practice standards and communicates with other key stakeholders including council and DOC as well as helping to deliver the education programme.  
Ongoing employment of a qualified and experienced Environmental Educator who works with visiting school groups to deliver a tailored, hands-on learning experience for students of all ages (pre-school through to tertiary level). The educator maintains strong relationships with schools to ensure they return each year as well as increasing the number of new schools that visit the centre from across the Bay of Plenty.  
Ongoing support from a strong volunteer Board of Trustees, to ensure that MET is achieving its goals, building strong relationships with local iwi and meeting its health and safety requirements.

**7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)**



## Statement of Financial Performance

### Manawahe Eco Trust For the year ended 31 March 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	115,985	60,333
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	9,009	14,698
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	805	352
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>125,799</b>	<b>75,383</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	61,904	51,206
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	19,503	18,830
Other expenses	2	12,055	11,811
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>93,462</b>	<b>81,847</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>32,337</b>	<b>(6,465)</b>

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## Statement of Financial Position

### Manawahe Eco Trust As at 31 March 2024

	NOTES	31 MAR 2024	31 MAR 2023
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>			
<b>Bank and cash/(bank overdraft)</b>			
ASB Cheque Account		47,194	14,504
Online Saver		18,161	12,717
Savings Plus Account		7,591	7,230
<b>Total Bank and cash/(bank overdraft)</b>		<b>72,946</b>	<b>34,450</b>
<b>Total Bank accounts and cash</b>		<b>72,946</b>	<b>34,450</b>
Debtors and prepayments	3		10,313
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Investments (current)			
Resident withholding tax paid		23	23
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>72,968</b>	<b>44,787</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	66,852	63,818
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>66,852</b>	<b>63,818</b>
Goods and services tax		554	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>140,374</b>	<b>108,604</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>			
PAYE		576	579
Goods and services tax			564
<b>Total Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		<b>576</b>	<b>1,143</b>
Employee costs payable	4		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>576</b>	<b>1,143</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>576</b>	<b>1,143</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>139,798</b>	<b>107,462</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	139,798	107,462
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>139,798</b>	<b>107,462</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows

### Manawahe Eco Trust For the year ended 31 March 2024

'How the entity has received and used cash'

	2024	2023
<b>Cash In flows from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts</b>		
Bay Trust Grant	25,000	20,000
Donations	3,016	1,299
Grants	11,858	11,772
Lion Foundation Grant	8,000	8,000
Lottery Grants Board	46,000	
Southern Trust Funding	20,000	15,000
BOP Regional Council EEF Grant	15,077	
<b>Total Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts</b>	<b>128,951</b>	<b>56,071</b>
<b>Receipts from providing goods or services</b>		
Sales	1,420	
Inter school race entry	510	1,350
Replant tree project	2,300	
Education Visit Revenue	10,503	10,735
<b>Total Receipts from providing goods or services</b>	<b>14,733</b>	<b>12,085</b>
<b>Interest, dividends and other investment receipts</b>		
Interest Income	805	352
<b>Cash receipts from other operating activities</b>		
Other Revenue	114	254
Net GST	(5,801)	2,437
<b>Total Cash In flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>138,802</b>	<b>71,200</b>
<b>Cash Out flows from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Payments to suppliers and employees</b>		
ACC Levies	(390)	(518)
Advertising	(169)	
Consulting & Accounting	(805)	(1,035)
Contract Wages	(9,960)	(6,537)
Environmental Education Costs	(408)	(1,460)
General Expenses	(325)	
Insurance	(3,789)	(3,364)
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	(791)	(808)
Light, Power, Heating	(2,636)	(2,371)
Mileage Reimbursement	(1,788)	(540)
Office Expenses	(300)	(90)
Printing & Stationery	(1,025)	
Professional Development		(207)

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Statement of Cash Flows



	2024	2023
Repairs and Maintenance	(3,864)	(2,974)
Salaries	(41,452)	(37,092)
Subscriptions	(671)	(720)
Trapping	(5,224)	(3,180)
Website Costs	(201)	(201)
Catering Ed Visits	(197)	(721)
Interschool Race		(552)
Salary Admin	(360)	
Replanting project	(2,831)	(5,474)
Co ordinator Mileage Reimbursement	(5,143)	(3,836)
Eduator Mileage Reimbursement	(2,594)	(3,066)
Community Donations	(300)	
<b>Total Cash Out flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(85,223)</b>	<b>(74,744)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>53,879</b>	<b>(3,545)</b>
<b>Cash In Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Cash Flows from Other Investing and Financing Activities	(695)	(179)
<b>Total Cash In Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(695)</b>	<b>(179)</b>
<b>Cash Out flows from Investing and Financing activities</b>		
<b>Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment</b>		
Plant & Equipment Purchases	(10,520)	(8,093)
Property Improvement	(3,869)	
Capital repaid to owners or members		16
<b>Total Cash Out flows from Investing and Financing activities</b>	<b>(14,389)</b>	<b>(8,077)</b>
<b>Net cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(85,918)</b>	<b>(74,923)</b>
<b>Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>38,495</b>	<b>(11,801)</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	34,660	46,461
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	73,155	34,660
Net change in cash for period	38,495	(11,801)

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## Notes to the Performance Report

### Manawahe Eco Trust For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
<b>1. Analysis of Revenue</b>		
<b>Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</b>		
Bay Trust Grant	25,000	20,000
BOP Regional Council EEF Grant	8,111	5,000
Donations	3,016	1,299
Grants	11,858	11,034
Lion Foundation Grant	8,000	8,000
Lottery Grants Board	40,000	
Southern Trust Funding	20,000	15,000
<b>Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</b>	<b>115,985</b>	<b>60,333</b>
<b>Revenue from providing goods or services</b>		
Education Visit Revenue	5,330	13,204
Inter school race entry	443	1,174
Other Revenue		320
Replant tree project	2,000	
Sales	1,235	
<b>Total Revenue from providing goods or services</b>	<b>9,009</b>	<b>14,698</b>
<b>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>		
Interest Income	805	352
<b>Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>352</b>
	2024	2023
<b>2. Analysis of Expenses</b>		
<b>Volunteer and employee related costs</b>		
Contract Wages	9,085	5,684
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	791	808
Salaries	42,144	37,092
Salary Admin	360	
Mileage Reimbursement	1,788	540
Eduator Mileage Reimbursement	2,594	3,066
Co ordinator Mileage Reimbursement	5,143	3,836
Professional Development		180
<b>Total Volunteer and employee related costs</b>	<b>61,904</b>	<b>51,206</b>
<b>Costs related to providing goods or services</b>		
ACC Levies	339	450
Advertising	147	
Catering Ed Visits	171	613
Community Donations	300	
Environmental Education Costs	355	1,269
General Expenses	283	

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Notes to the Performance Report



	2024	2023
<b>Insurance</b>	3,295	2,925
Interschool Race		480
Light, Power, Heating	2,293	2,061
Office Expenses	300	78
Printing & Stationery	891	
Repairs and Maintenance	3,360	2,586
Replanting project	2,462	4,800
Subscriptions	590	626
Trapping	4,543	2,765
Website Costs	175	175
<b>Total Costs related to providing goods or services</b>	<b>19,503</b>	<b>18,830</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Consulting & Accounting	700	900
Depreciation	11,355	10,911
<b>Total Other expenses</b>	<b>12,055</b>	<b>11,811</b>
	2024	2023

**3. Analysis of Assets**

<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Savings Plus Account	7,591	7,230
ASB Cheque Account	47,194	14,504
Online Saver	18,161	12,717
<b>Total Bank accounts and cash</b>	<b>72,946</b>	<b>34,450</b>
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Accounts Receivable		10,313
<b>Total Debtors and prepayments</b>	-	<b>10,313</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Investments		
<b>Total Investments</b>	-	-
	2024	2023

**4. Analysis of Liabilities**

<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		
GST	(554)	564
PAYE Payable	576	579
<b>Total Creditors and accrued expenses</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,143</b>
<b>Employee costs payable</b>		
Wages Payable Payroll		
<b>Total Employee costs payable</b>	-	-
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		

**7.2.1 Appendix A – Application for Funding Manawahe Eco Trust(Cont.)**

Notes to the Performance Report



RWT on Interest	(23)	(23)
<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>(23)</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>5. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>		
Furniture and fittings owned	14,399	14,399
Accumulated depreciation furniture and fittings owned	(12,272)	(11,816)
<b>Total Furniture and Fittings</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>2,583</b>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant and machinery owned	64,528	54,008
Accumulated depreciation plant and machinery owned	(39,152)	(33,092)
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>25,376</b>	<b>20,916</b>
<b>Other Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Owned fixed assets</b>		
Property Improvement	7,614	3,745
Energy Upgrade & Improvements	59,585	59,585
<b>Total Owned fixed assets</b>	<b>67,199</b>	<b>63,330</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned</b>		
Property Improvement Accumulated Depreciation	(1,563)	(1,320)
Accumulated Depreciation Energy Upgrade	(26,289)	(21,691)
<b>Total Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned</b>	<b>(27,851)</b>	<b>(23,011)</b>
<b>Total Other Fixed Assets</b>	<b>39,347</b>	<b>40,319</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>66,852</b>	<b>63,818</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>

**6. Accumulated Funds**

<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Opening Balance	107,462	113,911
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	32,337	(6,449)
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>139,798</b>	<b>107,462</b>
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**7. Commitments**

There are no commitments as at 31 March 2023 (Last year - nil).

**8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees (Alternative)**

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 31 March 2023 (Last year - nil).

**9. Related Parties**

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year.

## 8 Chairperson and Councillor Reports

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#### 8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – 26 February 2025



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To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 26 February 2025**

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

Reference: **A2837452**

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#### 1. Chairperson Introduction

As we step into 2025, I extend a warm welcome to all of our Rangitāiki community. This year marks another chapter in our shared journey, one where we continue to build, strengthen, and uplift our communities together.

Our aspirations are the dreams and hopes we hold for each other, for our future, our children, and for generations to come. This year, we renew our commitment to a flourishing, connected, and resilient Rangitāiki. Over the next few months, we will be working alongside you to review and complete our Community Plans, ensuring they reflect our collective vision. Our Emergency Response Plans will also be reviewed and updated, safeguarding our people and places so that in times of need, we can stand strong together.

But more than just plans, this is about people. It's about listening, understanding, and creating meaningful pathways for engagement. It's about ensuring that every voice is heard, every contribution valued, and that our communities are places where all can flourish.

The heart of Rangitāiki is the whenua (land), our awa (river) Tarawera and Rangitāiki. And our tangata (people). Let's make this year one of progress, connection, and hope where we continue to support one another, celebrate our successes, and continue shaping a future that honours who we are and where we come from.

#### 2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – 26 February 2025 be **received**.
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **consider** allocating discretionary funds to Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi to cover the costs associated with the venue hire for the annual mokotini event taking place at the Edgecumbe War Memorial in April 2025.

#### 3. Late Funding Application for Consideration

We have received a late funding request from Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi. Given the time constraints that prevented a formal submission, it have decided to include this funding request into the chairpersons report for the board to consider.

**8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – 26 February 2025(Cont.)**

Ngati Awa ki Rangitaiki Purapura is made up of six Kohanga Reo in the area, as follows:

- Te Kiriwera Hana Kohanga Reo – Te Mapou
- Te Teko Kohanga Reo, Taahuna Kohanga Reo, and Kokohinau Kohanga Reo – Te Teko
- Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi – Edgecumbe
- Rangitihi Kohanga Reo – Matatā

The group hosts an Annual Mokotini Event where each Kohanga Reo performs Kapahaka, similar to the National Matatini. This year, Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi and Taahuna Kohanga Reo are hosting the event at the Edgecumbe War Memorial.

The cost for the venue is \$542.50 for the afternoon of 10 April 2025 and a full day on 11 April 2025. A quote from Whakatāne District Council for the venue hire has been appended to this report. Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi indicated that any support from the Rangitaiki Community Board would be appreciated.

The board now has the opportunity to review and discuss this funding request, and to decide whether to approve the allocation of funds.

**4. Activity/Engagement**

<b>TBC</b>	<b>Awakaponga Hall</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep – Heemi Brown</i>
4 February 2025	<b>Te Teko Residents Association</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep - Pete Falwasser</i>
11 February 2025	<b>Matatā Residents Association Meeting</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep – Peter Flowerday</i>
13 February 2025	<b>Manawahe District Hall Committee</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep – Ross Gardiner, attended by Heemi Brown</i>
16 February 2025	<b>CERT Edgecumbe</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep – Leeann Waaka</i>
17 February 2025	<b>Edgecumbe Collective</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep - Clive McIndoe, attended by Leeann Waaka</i>
19 February 2025	<b>Edgecumbe Development &amp; Improvement Team (E.D.I.T)</b> <i>Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka</i>
20 February 2025	<b>Te Teko Residents Association – Community Meeting re: Toxic waste dump site</b>

**Attached to this report:**

**8.1.1 Appendix A Venue hire invoice - Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi.**

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**8.1.1 Appendix A Venue hire invoice - Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi.(Cont.)**



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**Booking Quote REF250236331**

19-Feb-2025

Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi



Dear Vanessa Peka

Thank you for choosing to hire a community venue with us.

Your booking is currently **Tentative and requires approval** from us.

Quotes do not represent confirmed bookings and only indicate pricing based on your booking request.  
A Council Officer will be in contact with you to advise the supporting documents required in order to approve your booking. When your booking is approved, you will be sent an invoice for your hire.

In order to secure your booking, you will need to provide all required documentation and pay the invoice in full.

Details of your booking are shown below:

<b>Booking Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
10-Apr-2025	Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall	Sports Court - Community / Non-Profit, Private Booking (16:00 - 19:30)	192.50
11-Apr-2025	Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall	Sports Court - Community / Non-Profit, Private Full Day Booking (07:00 - 16:00)	350.00

All items are GST inclusive unless specifically marked otherwise.

**8.1.1 Appendix A Venue hire invoice - Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi.(Cont.)**

<b>Total hire fees</b>	\$542.50
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## 8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2025

### 8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2025



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**  
Date: **Wednesday, 26 February 2025**  
Author: **Councillor G Dennis**  
Reference: **A2837454**

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

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

#### 2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2025 be **received**.

#### 3. Meetings attended by Ward Councillor

<b>Manawahe District Society Incorporated Meeting</b>	
Thursday, 06 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A full set of Manawahe Newsletters going back decades, have been catalogued at the Whakatane Museum and kept digitally as an historical record.</li><li>• The Manawahe Rd reseal by the lake Manawahe looks good.</li><li>• It was discussed that the intersection at the bottom of Manawahe Rd/ Caverhill Rd at Awakaponga that was meant to be realigned and moved slightly to the Nth and the centre line to be realigned doesn't actually look much different now that the road marking has been repainted. Neither is there a giveaway sign either at the end of Caverhill Rd or on the downward approach of Manawahe Rd to the intersection. All a bit disappointing.</li><li>• The group was really pleased with the alterations been done by WDC through Paul Edhouse. These include steps up to the stage with a new handrail, Aconcrete footpath to the back entry door 9 instead of the dirt/metal one, and replacement of the Kitchen cupboards and sink unit etc. Also, a repaint of the hall.</li><li>• Next year (2026) is the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the hall.</li></ul>

<b>Te Teko Residents Association (TTRA)</b>	
Tuesday, 04 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Started with a discussion on the proposed dumping of the material to be dug up from the Boat Harbour in Whakatāne. There were an extra 15/20 members of the Te Teko community there. It was decided to hold a community meeting</li></ul>

**8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2025(Cont.)**

<p>2025</p>	<p>on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> and invite the Project Manager for the Boat Harbour to come and talk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was also a discussion on the re-application for a full liquor licence from the supermarket owner. This was after the original one was withdrawn by the same person last year when the whole community was against that one with over 300 submissions. The people were prepared to start up another protest</li> <li>• the footpath between Te Teko and Te Māpou is not being kept free of Blackberry by WDC, so Omataroa trust is looking at doing a big cleanout of all that area.</li> <li>• One of the Māori Land Trusts was looking at gifting 5 acres to the Te Teko residents Assn to allow for a carpark to the west of Eivers Park for the purpose of a carpark</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Matatā Residents Association</b></p>	
<p>Tuesday, 12 November 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AED that was inside the Rugby club is now on the outside wall in a special alarmed box with up-to-date pads and battery. A great job done by the residents Assn and all the people who donated.</li> <li>• The Debris flood at matata on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb was discussed noting that the bunding and other prevention measures put in place after the 2005 Debris flow worked very well.</li> <li>• People were very happy with the Fatigue stop on New Years Day and enjoyed being involved.</li> <li>• The community book exchange has been started up again with fresh books donated and will be open for 3 hours on a Monday and Thursday.</li> </ul>

**3.1. Additional meetings attended:**

1. Awakaponga Hall committee meeting on 05 February 2025
2. Edgecumbe Collective meeting on 18 February 2025

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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*