



Murupara Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Murupara

Monday, 24 March 2025
Mane, 24 Poutūterangi 2025

Murupara Service Centre
Pine Drive, Murupara
Commencing at 10:00 am

Chief Executive Steven Perdia | Publication Date: 19 March 2025

A Membership - *Mematanga*

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Board Member Mere Honeycombe - Chairperson

Board Member Irma Prentice - Deputy Chairperson

Board Member Sheena Jones

Board Member Alison Silcock

Board Member Jesse Morgan-Ranui

Councillor Ngapera Rangiaho

B Role of the Community Board

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

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

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1 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

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There were no apologies received at the time of compiling the agenda.

2 Acknowledgements/Tributes - *Ngā Mihimihi*

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

3 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu*

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

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

4 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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4.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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

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

4.2 Deputations - *Ngānanga Whakapuaki Whaitake*


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

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

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

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5.1 Minutes – Murupara Community Board 10 February 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MURUPARA SERVICE CENTRE, 48 PIND DRIVE, MURUPARA, MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM
	Present:	Board Members M K Honeycombe (Chairperson), S Jones, J Morgan-Ranui, I Prentice, A Silcock, and Councillor N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	Councillor Iles, V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships), T Chapman (Senior Māori Land Advisor), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Toi Moana BOPRC (Councillors T Iti, M Campbell and L Lyall Thurstan, and staff representatives from their Transport and Rates departments), S Cave and L Harris (Alzheimers Society EBOP Incorporated), L TeKaawa (Uwhiārae Marae Reservation Trust), and Mr C Holmes
	Apologies:	

Chairperson Honeycombe welcomed all to the meeting and opened with a Karakia at 10:00 am

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Honeycombe declared an interest in the Uwhiārae Marae discretionary fund application within item 6.3 Governance Administration report.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

4.1. Alzheimers Society Eastern Bay of Plenty Incorporated

Alzheimers EBOP covered a large area; from Pikowai through to Lottin Point on the East Cape.

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Ms Cave introduced Ms Harris, the navigator for the Murupara area, and explained they supported clients and their caring helpers, supported whānau and were making advancements into educational services. She expressed the importance of face-to-face contact.

Ms Cave explained they were based in Whakatāne, the four navigators travelled, and there was an educator and a volunteer coordinator. Alzheimers EBOP were seeking funding of \$650 to help with travel costs.

In response to a query Ms Cave said they were able to make referrals to other support agencies if appropriate. It was suggested a scheduled hui would be of benefit to the community so residents could understand the services provided and available.

Attendance – Ms Cave and Ms Harris left the meeting at 10:08 am.

4.2. Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)

Councillor Iti introduced all representatives from BOPRC and he explained the following:

- **Rating**
BOPRC were now collecting their own rates, and this had given the Regional Council more visibility, however he noted it was another entity invoicing, and this had caused confusion for some ratepayers. There were options for time payments.
- **Transport**
Tertiary education bus services in the district had been discontinued due to the reduction in funding from Central Government, Polytech and University of Waikato. It was noted that these services had not been well utilised.
Bus services from Murupara to Ruatāhuna continued three times per week.
Services from Murupara to Manganui occurred once a week.
Services from Waihou Bay to Ōpōtiki occurred once a week.

Councillor Thurstan explained BOPRC were keen to continue the education bus service, but they had been let down by the funders. He encouraged members to canvas the community as to impact on near exact numbers and this information would assist them in proposing potential future options. He said they were committed to Murupara and that was reflected in the number of staff attending the meeting today.

In response to a question members were advised that payment plans were available, and he noted that moving forward due dates would differ from that of Council rates invoices.

BOPRC were available for targeted audiences or meetings by requested appointments in order to respond to community need. It was explained that visual and lay-person approach would be beneficial to aid residents understanding.

Attendance:

Councillor Iti, Councillor Thurstan and two BOPRC staff left the meeting at 10:32 am.
Mr TeKaawa entered the meeting at 10:32 am.

4.3. Colin Holmes

Mr Holmes drew the Board's attention to consenting of the Aniwhenua Dam; noting it expired in 2026. He explained it was built in the early 1980s and that the Resource Management Act was not in existence at that time. He said BOPRC would be running the process and that now was the time

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to effect better conditions for a renewed consent. He encouraged the Board to get advice, investigate the issues and the impacts on the river upstream, and to write to the owners (Trust in Otago). He stressed public participation was required and that he was available to help if required.

Attendance: Mr Holmes left the meeting at 10:45 am.

4.4. Uwhiārae Marae Reservation Trust

After thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak, Mr TeKaawa clarified the budget for the centenary event and explained their application was to help cover the identified shortfall.

Mr TeKaawa spoke of the activities planned for the Centenary Celebration. He noted that the rangitahi were involved in the event planning and that they would have the opportunity to put their vision forward how they wanted the Marae to look like in the future.

Attendance: Mr TeKaawa left the meeting at 10:52 am.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1. Extraordinary Vacancy – Murupara Community Board

Refer to pages 13-17 of the agenda.

Members would fill the position by appointment and potential people would be approached. Next steps would be communicated.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Extraordinary Vacancy– Murupara Community Board report be **received**; and
2. THAT past member Memory Edmonds be **acknowledged** for her tenure on the Board and for her support to the Murupara ward; and
3. THAT the extraordinary vacancy be **filled by appointment** with the criteria being based on the person being a qualified elector, relevant experience, balance of the Board composition and representative of a sector of the community not currently represented.

CARRIED

5.1 Minutes – Murupara Community Board 10 February 2025(Cont.)

6.2. Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 18-24 of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- To date, the only feedback Council had received how the Transfer Station fees were bedding in was that people wanted the ability to do time payments.
- A request was made that all rural communities in the district be considered for inclusion with Council ran events e.g. scheduling a road safety roadshow at Galatea.
- It was requested specific locations of infrastructure repairs on the longer roads be noted within the report.
- Disappointment was expressed at the limited hours the Murupara Pool was open over the Christmas break. New appointments had been made to related positions at the Council, and it would be made known to them, the expectations for the pool moving forward.
- All departments within Council to be mindful to consider inclusion of Community Board members for invitations associated with their rohe.
- On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Honeycombe to write to the new Murupara based lifeguards to encourage and congratulate them.

Moved Member Jones / Seconded Member Silcock

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board Activity – January 2025 report be received.

CARRIED

6.3. Governance Administration – February 2025

Refer to pages 24-57 of the agenda.

Attendance: Remaining BOPRC staff left the meeting at 11:26 am.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

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 Murupara Community Board **allocates** \$650.00 from their discretionary funds to the Alzheimers Society Eastern Bay of Plenty incorporated to cover costs to attend the annual health expo in Murupara, and in support of home visits related to education and health services to families/whānau, community groups and organisations; and

Chairperson Honeycombe vacated the chair at 11:29 am and Deputy Chair Prentice took the chair.

Moved Councillor Silcock / Seconded Chairperson Prentice

RESOLVED

5.1 Minutes – Murupara Community Board 10 February 2025(Cont.)

THAT the Murupara Community Board **allocates** \$1867.60 from their discretionary funds to Uwhiārae Marae to cover costs of the 100-year centenary book which will be distributed at the centenary celebration of the Marae scheduled from 31 May to 1 June 2025, and that a copy of the book to be donated to the Murupara library.

CARRIED

Deputy Chairperson Prentice vacated the chair at 11:38 am and Chairperson Honeycombe took chair.

7. CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCILLOR REPORTING

7.1. Chairperson Report – February 2025

Refer to pages 58-60 of the agenda.

Moved Member Ranui / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB Chairperson's Report – February 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2. Councillors Report – February 2025

Refer to pages 61-66 of the agenda.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the Councillor's Report – February 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Councillor Iles and Councillor Rangiaho left the meeting at 12:02 am.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Councillor Rangiaho re-entered the meeting at 12:06 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM STAFF T CHAPMAN AT 12:10 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

6 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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6.1 Governance Administration – March 2025



To: **Murupara Community Board**
Meeting Date: **Monday, 24 March 2025**
Author: **S Duffy / Senior Governance Support Advisor**
Authoriser: **C Viljoen / Manager Governance Services**
Reference: **A2851704**

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

This report provides the Murupara Community Board with updated information on the extraordinary vacancy created by the resignation of Member Memory Edmonds and recommends the appointment of a new member. It also includes information and decision-making on other activities relevant to the Board's area.

- MCB Membership
- Te Maruata Whānui Hui
- Follow up matters
- Discretionary Fund

2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Governance Administration March 2025 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Murupara Community Board **appoint** Mr Mansahn Weku Kereopa to the Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium; noting he will complete his declaration once his appointment is resolved.

3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

3.1. MCB Membership

Murupara Community Board member Memory Edmonds resigned from the Board, leaving an extraordinary vacancy in the Murupara subdivision. A by-election is not required because the vacancy is within 12 months of the next Local Body Elections.

At the Murupara Community Board meeting on 10 February 2025, the Board decided to fill the vacancy by appointment. The criteria for the directly appointed member was to include the following attributes and qualities:

- Being a qualified elector.
- Possessing relevant experience.

6.1 Governance Administration – March 2025(Cont.)

- Contributing to a balanced Board composition.
- Representing a sector of the community that is not currently represented.

At the Board's direction identified potential candidates were approached and resulting from this Mr Mansahn Weku Kereopa was to be appointed.

Chairperson Honeycombe and the Governance Team have been in contact with Mr Kereopa. He will be provided with resources to help his journey on the Board, and an existing Board Member is to be assigned as a mentor to further assist him.

4. Subjects – *Kaupapa*

This section contains information that the Governance Services wish to update the Members.

4.1. Te Maruata Whānui Hui

Te Maruata is LGNZ's Māori advisory group, providing guidance and support on Māori issues in local government.

Te Maruata whānui is for all Māori elected and appointed members. Its role is to promote increased representation of Māori as elected members of local government, enhance Māori participation in local government processes, provide support for councils in building strong relationships with iwi, hapu and Māori groups, and provide Māori input on the development of future policies or legislation relating to local government.

Te Maruata Whānui Hui will be held on 3 and 4 April 2025 at Wairakei in Taupō. Māori Elected Members of the Board were advised of this opportunity to attend and Chairperson Honeycombe has expressed interest.

4.2. Follow up Matters

Chairperson Honeycombe sent a letter of acknowledgement to the Murupara Swimming Pool lifeguards, and this was very well received.

Within the MCB Activity Report published in the agenda, section 6.2 identifies the locations of works carried out on Galatea Road.

4.3. Funding Applications

No discretionary fund applications have been received for consideration at the March 2025 Board meeting.

The current balance of the Murupara discretionary fund as at the end of February 2025 is approximately \$6,380.00.

Murupara Community Board - AGENDA

6.1 Governance Administration – March 2025(Cont.)

Murupara Community Board		
Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 28 February 2025 is \$6,380.83		
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years unallocated grants*		5,755.39
Funding operating surplus (deficit) for 2024 FY		(2,023)
2024/25 Annual Plan		15,836.16
2024/25 revised Budget of Grants and Subsidies to allocate	\$	19,568.27
2025 Allocations		
JULY 2024 \$1000 VAN HIRE COSTS/\$1600 PROJECT MATERIALS/\$100 TRAVEL COSTS SUPPORTING RONGOA 2 WANANGA AT RANGITAHU MARAE 9 - 11 AUGUST, KOPURIKI RD RONGOA HUB	2,600 Approved & paid	
MAORI WOMENS WELFARE LEAGUE	2,052 Approved & paid	
FUND FUEL COSS TO ASSIST COSTS WITH RELOCATION SOUTH, ALL PAWS COUNT MURUPARA TRUST	300 Approved & paid	
TO ASSIST WITH COSTS FOR THE ANNUAL SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024, UENUKU MAREIKURA	1,165 Approved & paid	
Members Silcock and Jones	491.97 Committed not yet paid	
FUND TO PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP FOR FACE PAINTING, PONY RIDES, SANTA SUIT AND LOOLY SCRAMBLE AT THE MURUPARA CHRISTMAS MARKET	500 Approved & paid	
FUNDS FOR COSTS IN SUPPORT OF KAUMATUA SUMMER GARDEN BBQ PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 2024, TE IKA WHENUA HAUORA INC SOC	2,000 Approved & paid	
FUND TO PURCHASE A TELEVISION TO ENHANCE TEACHING METHODS AND IMPROVE AKONGA ENGAGEMENT WITHIN CLASSROOM, GALATEA SCHOOL	1,561 Approved & paid	
FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH COSTS TO ATTEND HEALTH EXPO IN MURUPARA AND TRAVEL COSTS TO DELIVER SERVICES TO THE MURUPARA REGION, ALZHEIMERS EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY	650.00 Approved & paid	
FUND TO COVER COSTS OF 100 YEAR CENTENARY BOOK AT CELEBRATION OF THE MARAE 31 MAY TO 1 JUNE 2025	1,867.60 Approved & paid	
Year to Date allocations	\$	13,187.44
Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*	\$	6,380.83

Attached to this report:

- Appendix A – Declaration Mr Mansahn Weku Kereopa

6.1.1 Appendix A - Declaration Mr Mansahn Weku Kereopa

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MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD
DECLARATION BY MEMBER

I, **Mansahn Weku Kereopa**

declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Murupara community, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as a Member of the Murupara Community Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

DATED AT MURUPARA THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

SIGNATURE: _____

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF: (Signature) _____

(Title/Position) _____



6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report



To: **Murupara Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 24 March 2025**

Author: **T Chapman / Kaitohutohu Whenua Māori and
V Richards / Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning**

Authoriser: **D Bewley / GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure**

Reference: **A2848646**

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

This report is to provide the Community Board with an update on Council activities to the end of March 2025, and covers the following activities:

- Community Funding
- Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme
- Youth Council
- Transportation – Roading Updates
- Murupara Pool
- Open Spaces
- Better off Funding Update
- Solid Waste

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Murupara Community Board Activity Report: March 2025 be **received**.

3. Community Funding

Creative Communities Scheme and Rural Travel Fund will be open for applications from the 9 April to the 30 April.

- The Creative Communities Scheme helps fund local art projects that benefit community.
- The Rural Travel Fund provides funding towards transport costs to allow young people to participate in their regular sports competitions.

Information on these funding rounds, including fund guidelines and application forms, will be available on Council's website.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)**4. Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme**

The Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme and partners will be delivering a Rangatahi Road Safety Roadshow event at Murupara Area School on Tuesday, 6 May 2025. The event is aimed at senior school students. The road shows will include several activities which have a road safety message or learning in the activity. Activities that have been confirmed so far are the climbing wall, basketball activities, police booze bus, motorcycle expert, with other providers and activities yet to be confirmed.

In addition to Murupara, the roadshow will also be visiting Kura in Rūātoki and Edgecumbe, aiming to reach out and engage Rangatahi from our rural communities this year.

5. Youth Council

The Whakatāne Youth Council has made a strong start to the year, having held three meetings to date. Key roles have been appointed, and we have begun planning our first event, along with a collaborative mural project with the Whakatāne High School Mural Club. We're also making progress in connecting with the Murupara youth group, exploring ways to collaborate and support each other.

To further our understanding of local government, we have arranged a meeting with Councillor Toni Boynton and Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink, who will be delivering their Council 101 presentation.

6. Transportation – Roading Updates**6.1. Mimiha Stream Bridge Replacement - Ruatāhuna Road**

The MSE walls have now been completed and backfill is within 200mm of the bridge deck. Earthworks are well under way and the approaches are being constructed using cut and old slip material

A staged approach will be used for the bridge opening which will see the traffic lane opened first. This will allow for the temporary bridge to be demolished and the fill from the approaches used for the permanent road.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)



6.2. Galatea Bridges Maintenance and Gravel Extraction Update

Gravel extraction is programmed at three bridges in the Galatea area: Jolly Road – Mangamate Stream, Galatea Road - Waikokopu Stream, and Galatea Road - Horomanga Stream (see maps below).

Resource consent application with BOPRC for ongoing gravel extraction for maintenance purposes is currently underway.

Initial extraction at Waikokopu Stream has been undertaken as part of emergency maintenance works but no further extraction is expected until consent is received.

Horomanga River (Bridge no. 73) Galatea Road and Mangamate Stream Jolly Road (Bridge 68):

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)



Waikokopu Stream, Galatea Road (Bridge No. 50) – Waiōhau



6.3. Te Whāiti Rd retaining wall replacement and extension

The new gabion wall has been completed along with the backfill behind the wall.

The rock revetment has also been completed and is working well with the river flow.

Construction is on target to be finished by the end of March with curbing and sealing booked in for the coming weeks.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)



6.4. Ruatāhuna and Waikaremoana Road Maintenance

Grading and mowing have been undertaken along Ruatāhuna and Waikaremoana roads this month.

The final installation of Tall Oil Pitch as part of the Stage 2 Natures Road project has been completed.

The Natures Road project is now in a monitoring and maintenance stage.

WDC is working with Te Uru Taumatua for maintenance repairs to be undertaken on sections of Natures Road that require initial repairs.

7. Swimming Sports and Water Safety



It has been go, go, go at Murupara pool with school bookings taking place almost every day! Recently Murupara Area School hosted a water safety training session where students learned valuable safety skills. The Galatea school, Te Wharekura o Huiarau, and the Tūhoe swimming sport competitions were also held at the pool.

On a different note, with autumn arriving we have been experiencing some cooler temperatures here at the pool. Don't let that stop you from visiting however as we still intend to being open to around Easter.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report(Cont.)

8. Open Spaces

A spate of vandalism has recently occurred where the tops and seats on 3 picnic table adjacent to the main playground and skatepark were destroyed. Ongoing issues with unauthorised motorcycles on reserves continues however there is little Council can do to prevent this as perpetrators continue to vandalise fencing to gain access.

A new low timber rail fence will soon be installed around the reserve adjacent to the skatepark to prevent vehicles from accessing this space.

9. Better Off Funding – Southern Towns Regeneration

Foundational iwi and community engagement for the Masterplans has been recently completed by the Council engaged consultants, Iarau. Iarau together with Ōrua (their architectural partners) are currently developing the visual elements of the Masterplans based on insights gathered from the engagement reports for Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Whare and additional community engagement. These reports include themes from engagements, kōrero tuku iho, mapping of significant sites, and recommendations. The draft master plans will be shared with Minginui and Murupara communities during the next few months.

10. Solid Waste

10.1. Murupara Resource Recovery Centre Update

The Murupara Resource Recovery Centre has now been operating under its new user-pays system for waste processing for just over a month. So far, the transition has gone smoothly, with the community generally understanding and accepting the changes. This positive response reflects the success of our education campaign, which highlighted the high costs associated with waste disposal.

There has been no reported increase in illegal dumping in the area. While there have been some negative comments on social media, many residents have shown support for the changes.

Overall, the new system is working well, and day-to-day operations at the site are running efficiently. We appreciate the efforts of all those involved in implementing these changes.

7 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

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7.1 Chairperson's Report – March 2025



To: **Murupara Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 24 March 2025**

Author: **M Honeycombe / Board Chairperson**

Reference: **A2853777**

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

Karakia: Traditional Māori Chant (Opening)

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!	<i>The breath of life!</i>

Tēnā koutou katoa.

E mihi ana ki a koutou, nau mai ki te hui tuarua mo te tau.

Welcome to our second meeting of the year.

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the MCB Chairperson's Report – March 2025 is **received**.

3. Discussion – *Kōrerorero*

3.1. New Member

We started our meeting today with a recommendation to appoint a new member to the Board. Mansahn Kereopa was put forward to fill the position left vacant by Memory Edmonds. For the next three meetings, I have asked Member Prentice to help mentor and support our new member. I would like to acknowledge Mayor Luca for attending today, as well as our councillors.

7.1 Chairperson's Report – March 2025(Cont.)

3.2. Issues

Several youths have been climbing up on the sails that provide sun protection for those using the playground in Murupara near the shops. Staff at the Murupara Library and Service Centre along with team members of the Murupara aquatics have been vocal in telling those on the sails to get down but we cannot monitor this 24 hours a day.

On Monday 17 March 2025 the Whakatāne Council heard our plea and had installed pole protectors to deter those climbing on the sails. I have been told that this has worked in Tāneatua.



We have had several dog attacks in Murupara with in the last few weeks along with roaming dogs we are urging all dog owners to take responsibility of their pets.

I would like to remind all membership if someone approaches you to express their concerns within our communities. Encourage them to report the issue whether it is a pothole, fallen tree or water leak; provide the details and a service request will be logged.

You can either refer them to the website link

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/contact-us/fix-it-and-report-problem>

Murupara Service Centre (Civic Square, Murupara)

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4. Events ahead – *Te titiro whakamua*

Te Maruata Whānui Hui is to be held on - 3rd & 4th April at Wairakei in Taupo – it is for Māori elected members including Community Board members. It is also open to our Pacifica whānau. You were urged to put in your application to attend this meeting to our Governance Advisor by Wednesday, 19 March.

5. Karakia: Closing

Karakia: Traditional Māori Chant (Closing)

**Ka whakairia te tapu
Kia wātea ai te ara
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!**

***Restrictions are moved aside.
So the pathway is clear.
To return to everyday activities
To return to everyday activities
Enriched, unified, and blessed.***

7.2 MCB Councillor Report

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Councillor Rangiaho will table her report at the meeting.