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DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 9 August 2022

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Chair:** Mr Charlie Mete

**Deputy Chair:** Mr Jamie Nepia

**Membership:** Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
Cr Waru Panapa  
HWTM Andy Watson

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**Notice is hereby given that a Rātana Community Board Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Pa on Tuesday, 9 August 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

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### **2 Apologies**

#### **Recommendation**

That the apology for His Worship the Mayor be received.

### **3 Public Forum**

No public forum.

### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the below two Rātana Community Board meetings are attached for confirmation:
- a. 08 February 2022
  - b. 14 June 2022

#### Attachments:

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 8 February 2022** [↓](#)
2. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 14 June 2022** [↓](#)

#### Recommendation 1

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 08 February 2022, [**as amended/without amendment**], be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

#### Recommendation 2

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2022, [**as amended/without amendment**], be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



## **UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 February 2022

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Present** Mr Charlie Mete  
Mr Jamie Nepia  
Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
Cr Waru Panapa  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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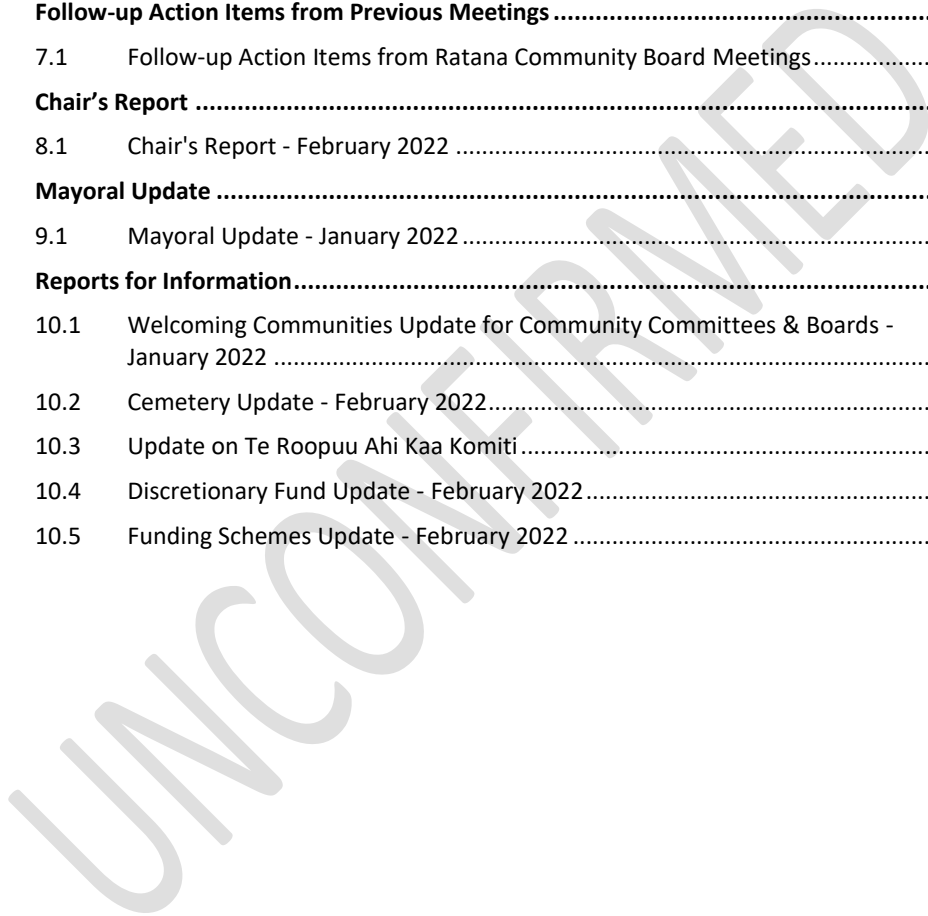
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## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti and the meeting began at 6.31 pm.

HWTM arrived at 6.33 pm.

## 2 Apologies

Mr Meihana is an apology.

## 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the Order of Business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/001**

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 07 December 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr C Rourangi/Cr W Panapa. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

The Board noted that they wanted a water source at the cemetery.



**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/002**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr C Mete. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - February 2022

Mr Mete noted that the civil works at the new playground had begun. The finishing time may be extended due to COVID-19.

Ms Peke-Mason noted that the playground group had received more funding than anticipated. They have written to funders advising them of this and the group is hoping that they will be able to retain surplus funds for extra work at the playground.

Mr Mete tabled a letter from the Rātana Pā Reserves Trust, confirming that the playground group had the right to construct a playground on the site.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/003**

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2022' be received.

Mr J Nepia/Cr W Panapa. Carried

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - January 2022

The Mayor noted that Waka Kotahi are considering changing the speed limit from Bulls through to Whanganui, from 100 km to 80 km. Council is submitting feedback to say that this is an excessive change. It was noted that funding for road maintenance had been decreased by Waka Kotahi, and that this should not be an excuse to lower speed limits.

The Mayor advised that there is a Council workshop on the 17<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the Annual Plan 2022/23. Council will discuss the difficulties with capital works, specifically the physical ability for contractors to complete the work and the cost implications that are arising out of increasing construction costs.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/004**

That the Mayoral Update – January 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022

The Mayor advised that the funding for this programme is from the Department for Internal Affairs (DIA). It is not only aimed at immigrants to NZ but also to citizens who are moving to the district from other locations, such as the group of people who will be arriving from RNZAF Base Whenuapai when RNZAF Base Ohakea expands.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti had felt that the document was lacking acknowledgement of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ms Thompson accepted this feedback and has passed it onto DIA.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/005**

That the report 'Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022' be received.

Mr C Rourangi/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 10.2 Cemetery Update - February 2022

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/006**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – February 2022' be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 10.3 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Ms Peke-Mason briefly went through the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Order Paper. She noted that Horizons Regional Council have plans in place for any COVID outbreaks, and that they are establishing two Māori wards – Rātana will reside within the northern ward.

The Mayor noted that Council still falls short of our communication with iwi at times. There has been poor communication with local iwi regarding the Mangaweka bridge opening ceremony, and a similar issue has been encountered with the Taihape Memorial Park developments.

Cr Panapa advised the board that he has resigned from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti, as he felt that it would be important for a non-Māori councillor to be the chief liaison with the komiti. The Mayor agreed, noting that joining the komiti was a good immersion process for non-Māori.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/007**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

**10.4 Discretionary Fund Update - February 2022**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/008**

That the 'Discretionary Fund Update – February 2022' report be received.

Mr C Rourangi/Cr W Panapa. Carried

**10.5 Funding Schemes Update - February 2022**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/009**

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2022 be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

**11 Late Items**

**11 Advertising of Board Meeting Dates**

The Board requested that their meeting dates for 2022 be advertised in the two shops at Rātana.

**The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 12 April 2022.**

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Chairperson

# MINUTES



## **UNCONFIRMED:** RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 June 2022  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

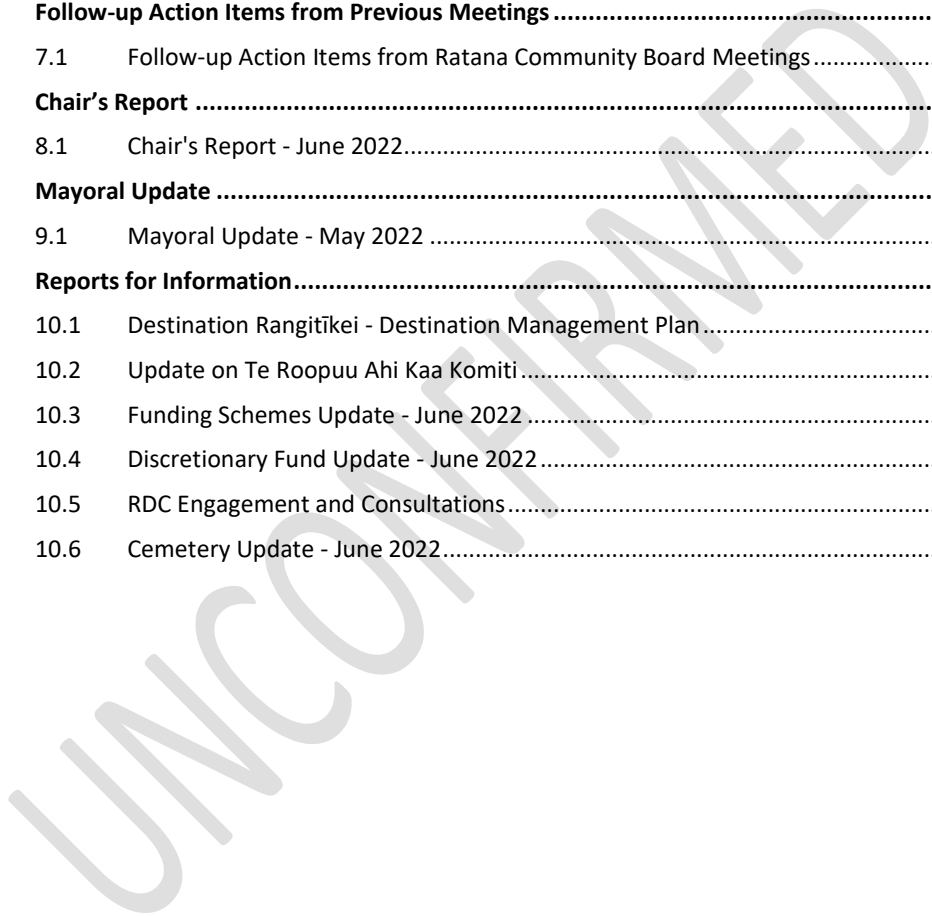
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**Present** Mr Charlie Mete  
Mr Jamie Nepia  
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
Cr Waru Panapa

**In attendance** Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

The meeting opened at 6.32 pm and Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti.

## 2 Apologies

The apology for the Mayor was noted.

## 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item (10.7 – Lake Waipu Update) was discussed.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board noted that the minutes were not attached to the Order Paper. Staff apologised and advised that they will be included for confirmation at the next meeting.

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

It was noted that a list of properties at Ratana that are owned and/or administered by Council has been emailed to Board members (action item 3).

Ms Peke-Mason joined the meeting at 6.40 pm.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/010**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

Mr Mete acknowledged the passing of Mr Harerangi Meihana and Mr Charlie Rourangi.

Mr Mete advised that the road side kerbing has been completed and the water drainage is now improved. The rugby playing field now has less standing water.

The Board congratulated Ms Peke-Mason on becoming a member of parliament.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/011**

That the Chair's Report – June 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

Undertaking:

That Council investigate the proposed 10 year plan for a roundabout on the corner of SH 3 and Ratana Road, that was promoted by Waka Kotahi, and provide a report back to the next Ratana Community Board meeting on this.

Mr Mete acknowledged the presence of the Mayor at Mr Meihana's tangi.

The Board discussed the work of Waka Kotahi on SH 3 between Bulls and Whanganui. Mr Nepia has been forwarded information that indicates that Waka Kotahi are considering installing a round about at the junction, and removing the passing lanes.

It was noted that Waka Kotahi have also been considering a speed reduction along the entire section of state highway between Bulls and Whanganui, although Council has not yet been consulted on this.

The Board noted that it was difficult to have an opinion on these proposals as they have not yet progressed for consultation.

The Board discussed the flooding issues at the Koitiata lagoon. Ms Peke-Mason advised that Tini Waitara Marae and Ngāti Apa are going to write letters to the Mayor, expressing their support in his interactions with Horizons Regional Council.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/012**

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Destination Rangitikei - Destination Management Plan

The Board acknowledged the work done by Ms Britton.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/013**

That the report 'Destination Rangitikei – Destination Management Plan' be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr C Mete. Carried

### 10.2 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Ms Peke-Mason tabled the report from Lowe Environmental on the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project. She advised that Lowe Environmental have indicated that they wish to engage with tangata whenua at the front end of the project. She further advised that the Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti expressed his view that the two most important iwi/hapu parties to be consulted for this project are Parewahawaha Marae and Ngāti Apa.

The Board discussed the Three Waters reform, noting that the Mayor has sent a letter to Local Government NZ expressing some of the concerns that the Council has with the way the reforms are being progressed.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the number of councils that oppose Three Waters is minimal, and that councils across the country are by and large unable to properly fund water infrastructure.

The Board congratulated Council and support their position on the Three Waters reform.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/014**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 10.3 Funding Schemes Update - June 2022

The Board discussed several projects and opportunities within the pā that could be eligible for funding.

The Board requested that staff provide a building report on the Ratana Community Gym.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/015**

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried



**10.4 Discretionary Fund Update - June 2022**

The Board asked what the best process would be for applying for 'Better Off' funding. Mr Garstang advised that this would best be progressed through a recommendation to Council.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/016**

That the 'Discretionary Fund Update – June 2022' report be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/017**

The Board will allocate \$500 to the Ratana Community Gym Committee.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

**10.5 RDC Engagement and Consultations**

The Board discussed the difficulty with garnering engagement from communities. They noted that it was important for authorities to make use of modern technology in order to increase engagement, and that certain methods of engaging were now obsolete.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/018**

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

**10.6 Cemetery Update - June 2022**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RCB/019**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – June 2022' be received.

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

**10.7 Lake Waipu Update**

Ms Peke-Mason updated the Board on the Lake Waipu Improvements and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project. The Board requested that a standing item be included on future agendas for this (the relevant section of the Project Management Office report that goes to the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti).

**The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.**

ITEM 6.1  
ATTACHMENT 2

Rātana Community Board Meeting Minutes

14 June 2022

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 9 August 2022.

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Chairperson

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## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Ratana Community Board meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

#### 2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

#### Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

#### Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

### Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	14-Jun-22	The Board requested that staff provide a building report on the Ratana Community Gym.	Arno Benadie	Council is carrying out a review of all Council-owned properties and buildings, to be completed in the 2022/23 FY. This building will be included within this.	Closed
2	14-Jun-22	That Council investigate the proposed 10 year plan for a roundabout on the corner of SH 3 and Ratana Road, that was promoted by Waka Kotahi, and provide a report back to the next Ratana Community Board meeting on this.	Arno Benadie	The intersection forms part of the State Highway network and is the responsibility of Waka Kotahi. Council staff do not have any knowledge of Waka Kotahi plans to construct a roundabout at this location and have not included any work in this area in the current Roading activity management plan or 10 year budgets.	Closed
3	5-Oct-21	With regards to the Ratana Cemetery Extension: Staff to consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots.  <b>Update 08 Feb 22:</b> The Board clarified that the request was for water access, for both contractors and visitors. The Board advised that they would like a water source that is aesthetically pleasing (i.e., not just a tap in a post).	Arno Benadie	The request has been noted, although there is no funding included in the current Long Term Plan to action this.	Closed

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - August 2022**

**Author:** Charlie Mete, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – August 2022 be received.

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - July 2022

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon,

I am able, for a change, to bring to the table some really neat things that have happened in our district - it's lovely to be able to celebrate our wins.

The first is not a Council win but rather an acknowledgement to two different groups -

I attended the Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards on 7 July and Rangitīkei cleaned up. There is a new award that was given to the Upper Moawhango Catchment Group (under the umbrella of Rangitīkei Rivers Catchment Collective) presented to Mark Chrystall and Roger Dalrymple who are the architects of not only the Moawhango Catchment but also the Rangitīkei-wide river improvement groups. The major award of the night, the Regional Supreme Award went to Richard and Suze Redmayne for their farm, Tunnel Hill out in the sand country at Turakina. They rightly deserved the award having a very fine understanding of their farm, the plantings for the environment and nutrient studies etc. Richard and Suze's entrepreneurship in Coastal Spring Lamb is widely known and respected.

The Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs has recently been given an increased budget for what is called the Mahi Tahī Employment Programme. This was an initiative started by four rural Councils including the Rangitīkei where over a year ago we were given \$500,000 per annum to find jobs for people. With that funding we were able to employ James Towers and start a collaborative relationship with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, MSD (through Louise McCoard - workplace broker) and Mōkai Pātea. The Government have looked to reduce that annual funding down to \$30,000 and we have argued strongly around the success of the programme. The end result is that we have been granted the right to apply for up to \$450,000 of funding for the next year and 29 rural Councils will be part of the programme – as I said we should celebrate our wins when we get them.

On 13 July I attended a presentation given by Minister Nash in Levin where he announced two pools of funding for our district. The first one was \$2m awarded to Plentyful for the co-funding of a coatings machine in Kensington Road. This is the next stage of our journey to take waste streams from forestry and milk processing to create bio-degradable plastics. Finally we will start to see construction. The second amount of funding went to Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa for the Harakeke Farm at Kaitoke where they received \$1.6m for their new strawberry hydroponic operation. Technically this is not in our district but we will be employing a huge number of our people so congratulations are also due there.

Finally we have been able to gain some wins around my concerns regarding road maintenance budgets which are set by Waka Kotahi. As earlier reported we have had \$10m over 3 years stripped from our road maintenance budgets and I, together with other Councils, have long argued that the withdrawal or lowering of maintenance budgets will inevitably see significant reductions in our road performance. Recently there's been a ministerial announcement that they will review the funding for roading maintenance and we need to be in there, boots and all, in progressing these conversations.

I have a further couple of acknowledgements to make. I recently attended the Vocational Expo held at Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa on Hendersons Line. This was a chance for secondary students at our

combined schools to look at what vocational careers are available to them. I was particularly taken by the construction and building programme with a near completed building and the chance to be shown around it by young people who were incredibly proud of what they had achieved. There were a huge number of other trades and occupations also being highlighted, ranging from cooking through to hairdressing/beauty.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that Francie Elgar has done at Mt View Cemetery. I was able to spend time recently with Francie where she showed me how she has undertaken the cleaning of graves and the installation of little poppies on headstones for all of those who have served in our armed forces. This is a classic case of someone seeing a need and just getting on and doing it. We are indebted to Francie for the work she has undertaken over a number of years.

Three Waters – I would ask people to please refer to the Council website which gives our Council’s response to the Three Waters legislation.

## Mayors Engagement

July 2022

1	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs fortnightly Zoom meeting
2	Attended Planting Day B&C Dams
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
6	Attended Q&A at monthly ELT meeting Worked from Taihape for day Attended Taihape Network Meeting
7	Attended Reforms Zoom Update for Mayors, Chairs & CEs Attended Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards
8	Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Workforce Plan Launch
11	Met with Francie Elgar at Mt View Cemetery re veterans’ graves Attended pre-workshop Co-Chairs Briefing – DIA Planning Technical Working Group
12	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Workshop
13	Attended event in Levin where Minister announced co-funding for Plentyful Kensington Rd Attended opening of Harakeke Strawberry Farm (Ngati Apa venture) in Whanganui Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
14	Attended Council Workshop Attended MTFJ Rural Community Resilience Programme Contract Zoom for Mayors Attended Special Reforms update for Mayors, Chairs & CE’s Attended Property Brokers Function in Marton
15	Attended Fortnightly discussion on Economic Development with CE & Staff Attended Fortnightly discussion on Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond with CE & Staff

**ITEM 9.1**

17	Attended Auntie Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae
18	Attended Auntie Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Exploring FFLG Zoom
19	Attended Auntie Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended Fuso NZ Seminar
20	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North Attended Joint Forestry Meeting
21	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
22	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
25	Attended Update on Housing Progress Meeting with CE & Staff Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
26	Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting – Draft Spatial Plan Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
27	Attended BA5 in Bulls Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting
28	Attended LGNZ 2022 Zoom AGM Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Honours Night

**Recommendation**

That the Mayoral Update – July 2022 be received.



## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Lowering of the Speed Limit on Ratana Road and within the Ratana Township

**Author:** Reuben Pokiha, Roading Advisor

**Authoriser:** John Jones, Roading Manager

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A speed assessment report has been commissioned and completed to address the concerns that have arisen with speeds along Ratana Road and within the Township.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 Ratana Road from the intersection with SH3 to the existing threshold location on the urban boundary currently have a 100kph speed limit.
- 2.2 A Safe and Appropriate Speed Assessment (SaAS) report has been carried out which has identified areas of concern.
- 2.3 The current 100kph speed limit on Ratana Road is deemed not a safe operating speed due to the road environment and its curvi-linear nature. The road is relatively narrow and does not have any safe passing opportunities.
- 2.4 The SaAS report propose a speed limit reduction on Ratana Road from the SH3 intersection to the urban boundary from 100kph to 80kph
- 2.5 The (SaAS) report also identifies the need to lower the speed limit within the township in the urban area.
- 2.6 With the establishment of the Ratana Ahu Whenua Trust Papakainga Development bordering Ratana Road this aspect has implications on the speed past the development. Sections 1 – 5 of the papakainga will access directly onto Ratana Road.
- 2.7 The speed cushion at the current threshold location opposite the Papakainga Development has been removed and the intention is that it will be relocated to a new position north of the papakainga development with appropriate landscaping to enhance the entrance way to the Ratana township.
- 2.8 It is prosed to reduce the speed limit in the urban area from the current 50kmh to 40kmh
- 2.9 This proposed new threshold location will be where the recommended speed limit will drop from 80kph to 40kph.

#### 3. Statutory Implications

- 3.1 The recommended speed limit changes will require Council approval and gazetting.

#### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 As a result of the speed assessment report, which was carried out by WSP, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit on Ratana Road from 100kmh to 80kmh and to reduce the speed limit in the urban area from 50kmh to 40kmh.
- 4.2 Funding for the upgrading of signage etc is available in current road to zero budgets.

**5. Decision Making Process**

- 5.1 Council's approval is required for the changes to the speed limit values on Ratana Road and within the township.

**Attachments:**

1. **New Speed Limits Rule 2022** [↓](#)

**Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Lowering of the Speed Limit on Ratana Road and within the Ratana Township' be received.

**Recommendation 2**

The Ratana Community Board recommends that Council approves the lowering of the speed on Ratana Road to 80kph and within the Ratana township to 40kph.

### Introduction

Prior to the introduction of the new Speed Limits Rule 2022 (which came into force 19 May 2022) speed limits were set by local authorities (acting as road controlling authorities or RCAs) through a bylaw. Rangitikei District Council used this old process when it reviewed the Speed Limits in 2021-22. This review resulted in proposed changes to speed limits on a selection of roads, including Ratana.

The Government's Road to Zero Action Plan (2020-2022) sets out a vision where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. One of the obstacles identified by Waka Kotahi to achieving safer speeds was the piecemeal approach taking to reviewing speed limits, with most RCAs reviewing speed limits 'corridor by corridor'. The Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi has since developed a new Speed Limits Rule which creates an entirely new system for setting speed limits.

### Summary of the key changes introduced by the new Speed Limits Rule

Speed Limits are no longer set by a Bylaw adopted by the Council. Instead, the Council is required to develop a Speed Management Plan which sets out the objectives, policies and measures for managing speed over a 10-year period. These objectives and policies will guide the review of speed limits for any given road or area.

In addition to objectives, policies and measures, the Speed Management Plan must also include details of works programmes intended to support speed management. This information is expected to be provided in detail for the first three years of the 10-year speed management plan.

A consistent approach to setting speed limits is expected across the region. To achieve this the Regional Council is required to produce a 'Regional Speed Management Plan' that collates the information from across each RCA. The Regional Transport Committee for Horizons is responsible for producing the 'Regional Speed Management Plan', and identifying any inconsistencies across the region.

The adoption of the 'Regional Speed Management Plan' is aligned to the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) for the 2024-27 period commencing in June 2024

### Implications

The new approach for setting speed limits has a number of implications for the Rangitikei District Council and in this instance the Ratana Community Committee.

The work done to date by Council on changing speed limits will be an input to a 'Speed Management Plan' scheduled to be released for consultation in mid-2023.

The 'Speed Management Plan' will be based on principles and policy objectives to ensure strategic alignment with the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport, and Manawatu District Council's strategic direction. This will require an area wide approach to speed limits, rather than a 'corridor-by-corridor' approach. This is essential to ensure that the whole regional network is considered.

Significant engagement will be necessary throughout the whole process. An engagement plan will be developed to identify opportunities and methods for engaging key stakeholders and the wider

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community. This will begin with the identification of principles and policies that will shape the assessment of speed limits. Therefore, more engagement is planned for consideration of specific proposals around the district.

Engagement with elected members and opportunities for decision-making are also being planned. This will occur in parallel with discussions at the Regional Transport Committee, where regional-level principles and objectives are expected to provide guidance for consistency across the region.

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update



**Author:** Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager

**Authoriser:** Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer




#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This update has been extracted from the Project Management Office report that went to Council 28 July 2022.
- 1.2 It is provided here for the Board's information.

#### 2. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Project Status			
<p>This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction is expected to complete in December 2023.</p> <p>An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing use rights with the current consent conditions to discharge treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.</p> <p>The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>Further information is contained in Section 9 of this report.</p>			
<b>Project Budget</b>	\$2,425,000	<b>Spend to Date</b>	\$225,100
<b>Estimated Costs to Complete</b>	\$2,199,900	<b>Forecast Cost at Completion</b>	\$2,425,000
<b>% Spent of Forecast Cost</b>	9.3%	<b>Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget</b>	0%
<b>Project Start Date (MM-YY)</b>	07-18	<b>Project Completion Date (MM-YY)</b>	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		The irrigation methodology and programme are being planned now. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2023	

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<p>Cost</p>		<p>The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget.</p> <p>Actual construction costs can only be finalised once all detail has been specified or designed. The costs are expected to be more than the current estimates when looking at the development of the construction market in the last couple of years.</p>
<p>Quality</p>		<p>No concerns to date.</p>
<p>Risk</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands</li> <li>• Tight timeframe to get work completed by December 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme.</li> <li>• Land constraints to be worked through as part of design.</li> <li>• Proximity to Whangaehu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) work as could have implications for degree of nutrient removal from effluent that may be required</li> <li>• Ongoing discharge to waterway and ultimately Lake Waipu raised by Regional Council may be grounds for public notification of the consent application</li> <li>• Best location for the storage reservoir, understanding implications of site selection and avoiding additional consent requirements</li> <li>• Horizons Regional Council have indicated that they consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application.</li> <li>• The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost of the upgrade.</li> </ul>
<p>Tasks Completed Last Month</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organised drillers to install the monitoring bores July to help get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with ongoing monitoring</li> <li>• Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage.</li> <li>• Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates</li> <li>• Drilling on monitoring bores commenced 18<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>
<p>Tasks Forecast This Month</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design.</li> <li>• Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE</li> <li>• Onsite drilling of monitoring bores and groundwater sample collection to be completed</li> </ul>

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project – Update' be received.

**11.2 Cemetery Update - June 2022**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

**1. Context**

1.1 This is a standing report that will update the Board on new burials within the Rātana Cemetery. This particular update covers the period 30 Mar – 02 Aug 22.

**2. New Burials**

2.1 There were two new burials from 30 March to 02 August 2022:

- Plot 28: Harerangi Meihana (15 May)
- Plot 35: Kathie Tahau (27 May)

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – August 2022' be received.



### 11.3 Funding Schemes Update - August 2022

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:
  - a. Community Initiatives Fund
  - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
  - c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
  - d. Creative Communities Scheme
  - e. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

#### 2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is OPEN for applications and closes 28 August 2022.

#### 3. Events Sponsorship Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is OPEN for applications and closes 28 August 2022.

#### 4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

- 4.1 This is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community for small-scale, community-led, capital projects.
- 4.2 Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next available Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

#### 5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
  - Demonstrate growth over time
  - Develop and support local artistic communities
  - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
  - Support diversity and inclusion

- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

- 5.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 5.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is OPEN for applications and closes 13 October 2022.

#### 6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.
- 6.3 The funding round opened for applications 17 May 2022 and will close 13 April 2023. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 27 April 2023.

#### 7. Further Information

- 7.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:  
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

#### Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2022 be received.

**11.4 RDC Engagement and Consultations****Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Attached is the most recently updated schedule for RDC Engagement and Consultations. This schedule is updated on a monthly basis, prior to going to full Council for receipt.

**2. RDC Website**

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

**Attachments:**


1. RDC Engagement and Consultations Schedule - Updated July 2022 [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

# Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23

## RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOPIC	Staff (Lead)	Elected Member (Lead)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Marton Buildings</b>	Adina	Cr Wilson				Public Consultation									
<b>Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan</b>	Katrina	Cr Gordon				Public Consultation									
<b>Future of Local Government</b>	Peter		Stakeholder Engagement								Public Consultation				
<b>Three Waters</b>	Arno														
<b>RMA Reforms</b>															
<b>Bylaws/Policies</b>															
• Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
• TAB Policy	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
• Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
• Control of Advertising Signage Bylaw	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
• Public Places Bylaw	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
• Trading in Public Places Bylaw	Georgia		CONSULTATION PERIOD TO BE CONFIRMED												
<b>Local Body Elections</b>	Carol	N/A	Local, Regional and National Campaign												
<b>Business Baseline Survey</b>	Jo		Public Engagement												
<b>Primary Producers' Needs Assessment</b>	Jo			Public Engagement											
<b>Welcoming Communities Rangitikei</b>	Rhianna		Public Engagement												

**Key**

- Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)
- Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)
- Public Consultation
- Public Engagement
- Anticipated public Engagement will be required
- Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting



Election Day

### **11.5 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti**

**Author:** Soraya Peke-Mason, TRAK representative

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

## **12 Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 04 October 2022.

## **13 Whakamoemiti / Meeting Closed**