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ORDER PAPER

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2025
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Ture Tangata Office
Ihipera-Koria Street
Rātana Pa

Chair: Mr Charlie Mete

Deputy Chair: Mr Jamie Nepia

Membership: Ms Grace Taiaroa
Ms Whetu Hamahona
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
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, 11 February 2025 at 6.30pm.

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1 Whakamoemiti

2 Apologies

3 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 as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 8 October 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 8 October 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 8 October 2024 [**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

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1



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UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Time: 6.30pm

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

Present Ms Grace Tairaoa
Mr Jamie Nepia
Mr Charlie Mete
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa

In attendance Ruth, Public Forum
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti at 6.29pm

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/030

That the apologies be received from His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

3 Public Forum

Ruth was in attendance and spoke of two issues for Council to address.

There is a drain behind her property on Ihipera-Koria street that has become overgrown, and this is attracting rats. Ruth has requested through Council that action be taken, and this has not occurred hence coming to the board.

There is corrosion on the road that has caused a hump coming into Ratana on the side. Ruth and board members noted that have witnessed near misses at the intersection due to this. The board added that due to this sitting close to the state highway that this may sit with NZTA- Waka Kotahi.

Ms Bovey undertook to follow up on the two items and provide a response to Ruth and the board.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Whakamoemiti confirmation of minutes update this spelling.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/031

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 11 June 2024 **as amended** 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 Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

Item 4- Speed limit signage

Ms Bovey updated the board that the roading team had undertaken looking at the speeding in the area and the data does not indicate that there is a problem. However, if there are problems in the future the roading team can relook at this.

Item 1- Consultation hui on rates

Ms Taiaroa agreed this hui would be most beneficial during the annual plan consultation

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/032

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

Ms G Taiaroa/Mr C Mete. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2024

Mr Mete highlighted the progress made in some of the board requests and the signage with the incorrect spelling of Taitokerau Road has now been replaced.

Mr Mete has met with Council staff regarding the cemetery and the new extension with affected landowners. The decision has been made that Council are no longer taking pre-reservations due to only nine plots being available currently. The issue that Ratana has is people from outside the region are being buried in the cemetery and finding other historical burial sites on the land.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/033

That the Chair's Report – October 2024 be received.

Mr J Nepia/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

The board noted that Council is considering that the Marton Op Shop receive funds for the cost of taking items to the waste transfer station. A precedent has been set previously when the board

requested Council support with the cost of taking the mattresses in Ratana to the waste transfer station and this being declined.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/034

That the Mayor's Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

9.2 Road Naming - Next Steps

The board recommended that consultation only be with affected landowners due to consultation with the church committee already occurring.

The board noted that this is a recommendation to Council and not the final decision.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/035

That the report 'Road Naming - Next Steps' be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/036

That the Rātana Community Board recommend to Council that the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street) be renamed as Papa Kōura.

Mr J Nepia/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/037

That the Rātana Community Board recommend the following consultation as appropriate for meeting the requirements in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy:

- *Consultation with directly affected landowners*

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Ms Taiaroa attended her first Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa hui on the 13 August and a workshop on the 25 September that discussed the district plan, economic wellbeing and Local Water Done Well.

Ms Taiaroa spoke of the hui today and highlighted the marae development fund being available.

Ms Taiaroa provided an update on the Local Water Done Well and that there is a regional hui that she will be attending. This hui is to provide updates on recent changes and the future role of iwi and hapu in the regional model.

There is also a hui on Lake Waipu and Ms Taiaroa has spoken to Ms Ritter the project coordinator who is waiting for email responses from people who have been invited to attend. It was noted that there are people invited who are no longer required to receive invitations. The communal board, neighbouring farmers, staff from WSP and Horizons Regional Council will be in attendance at the hui.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/038

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

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

10.2 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards

Ms Bovey spoke to this item and that Council is looking at updating the signage across the district for the Rangitikei District. There are 10-12 different images that can be used, and the billboards will cost approximately \$10,000.

The board suggested an image of the church on the reverse side and Ms Bovey undertook to ask Ms Skerman if this was possible. If Ms Skerman agreed, then the board would approach the church for permission.

The board also recommended using Haere Mai and Nau Mai Haere Mai on the signage.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/039

That the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards' report be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/040

That the new 'Welcome to The Rangitikei' billboards be accepted as a positive step and inclusion to the Destination Management Plan with the intention of showcasing our natural assets and activities from around the district.

Ms G Taiaroa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10.3 Cemetery Update - October 2024

Mr Mete has spoken to council staff regarding the halting of reserving plots as there are only a few plots currently available.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/041

That the report 'Cemetery Update – October 2024' be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

ITEM 6.1

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/042

That the Ratana Community board agree with the halting of the purchase of plots for reservation at the Ratana Cemetery, the exception being the passing of a person, until further notice.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

ATTACHMENT 1

10.4 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update

Ms Taiaroa highlighted the email for the hui that had been circulated.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/043

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

Mr C Mete/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10.5 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/044

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.00pm. Mr Nepia closed the meeting with a whakamoemiti.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 10 December 2024.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, 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	8-Oct-24	Corrosion of the road at the intersection entering Ratana	Mel Bovey/Darryn Black	Work being undertaken to confirm location of the corrosion	In progress
2	8-Oct-24	Clearing of the drain on Ihipera-Koria street	Mel Bovey / Dave Flintoff	<p>We have cleared the growth from all the drains that we were given access to. I had a look out there last week and what we have done looks really good. I have asked our contractor to carry out minor shaping to the base of the open drain to ensure there is a steady fall over its entire length, and that water doesn't sit in pockets and stagnate. This work will be carried out as soon as we can get a small excavator out to the site. I will check again after the excavation work is complete. Ruth Lawrence seems very happy with what we have done so far, she has my contact details, and she knows she can contact me if she has any concerns.</p> <p>We do have another issue with this drain where stormwater enters it from Taitokorau St, and I am working with the roading team to fix this. This will take a little more time to resolve.</p>	In progress
3	12-Dec-23	Speed bump on the road coming into Ratana has not been replaced- what has happened?	Roading team	RFS 2403615 - The roading team is trying to find something that will stick without being worn away fast.	In progress
4	12-Dec-23	That the board receives the report from Thrive on council assets when completed	Arno B	This report has not been completed yet.	In progress
5	5-Oct-21	<p>With regards to the Ratana Cemetery Extension: Staff to consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots.</p> <p>Update 08 Feb 22: 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).</p> <p>Update 09 Aug 22: The Board asked that this be reconsidered, as the owner of the adjacent farm has given verbal approval for the existing water line on his property to be used (the water does not need to be drinkable). Ms Bovey undertook to follow-up on this request.</p>	Mel Bovey / Arno Benadie	This request is being investigated by the Parks Team who will look at potential options in conjunction with a similar request from Taihape residents for their cemetery. This is being done across the District as part of the Long Term Plan.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

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 – February 2025 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Rātana Road Renaming - Submission

Author: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide the Rātana Community Board with the submission received for the Rātana Road renaming consultation and seek direction on next steps.

2. Context

- 2.1 The numbering on Rātana Road south of Kiatere Street follows the urban addressing standards, starting from number 6 at Kiatere Street and increasing to 52 at the corner of Rātana and Rangatahi Roads. The numbering on Rātana Road north of Kiatere Street follows the rural distance based addressing standards (RAPID numbering), starting from the intersection of State Highway 3 and increasing towards Kiatere Street. This has resulted in duplicate addresses and potential for more duplicate addresses to be created in the future.
- 2.2 The Rātana Community Board considered a range of options on how to rectify this issue and recommended the renaming of the rural section of Rātana Road to Papa Kōura.
- 2.3 At their 31 October 2024 meeting Council agreed with the proposed renaming and the recommended consultation approach - to consult with directly affected landowners on the proposed change. Letters were sent to all impacted landowners, with consultation open from 29 November 2024 to 21 January 2025.

3. Submission

- 3.1 One submission was received from Ricky Taiaroa (Attachment 1). This submitter is scheduled to speak to their submission at the Council meeting on 26 February 2025.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 Failure to honour the commitments of Te Tiriti o Waitangi:
 - 5.1.1 The naming of roads holds cultural significance. The Rātana Community Board are asked to provide Council with guidance on navigating the topic.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 Council's community outcome 'A trusted partner with iwi' is relevant.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 The Rātana Community Board are asked to guide Council on mana whenua implications.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change impacts.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no statutory implications.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 The Rātana Community Board is asked to provide Council guidance in responding to the submission and the alternative naming proposed.

Attachments:

1. **Submission** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Rātana Road Renaming - Submission be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Rātana Community Board recommend to Council in relation to the renaming of Rātana Road.....

ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 1

From: Ricky Taiaroa
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2025 10:24 am
To: Katrina Gray; Andy Watson; Graeme Pointon
Cc:
Subject: renaming " Ratana Rd " to " Papa Koura "
Follow Up Flag:
Flag Status:

tena koe katrina

i have spoken with the president of the church, major land owners affected by the proposed name change.

It is the intent of this email to enlighten you and RDC Council being New Zealanders as to the national significance that occurred 100 years ago.

“ our people were on the brink of annihilation, the maori indigenous population reduced from 140k to a mere 40k by the epidemic influenza 1918 “ TW Ratana was a faith healer used mightily of God to heal OUR and YOUR people of that time

1. every name of every street and road in ratana bares significance relative to the church, movement, its adherents, ratana family and land owners 2. renaming a road after a willow herb (weed) can only be seen as an abomination to one of only (2) indigenous aboriginal registered churches in Aotearoa 3. none of the 10 new residential homes block 110 would like to be named after a weed 4. the proposed renaming diminishes the name of ratana rd thru tokenism by suggesting its is still there but significantly reduced

may i suggest

1. Ratana Tiriti for residents (residential zoning) in the settlement, to include the 10 new residential homes (block 110) and no 162 2. Ratana Road for rural (rural zoning) after 162 to SH3 that would include the access to the urupa, our home and blocks, the new Water Treatment Plant, additional blocks owned by Ratana Orakeinui and Rana

Naku Noa Na
Ricky Taiaroa

nb your letter was addressed to Myself and Sonny Tamou

9.2 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. Reason for Report

Local Government as an organisation is split up into zones or groups of councils around New Zealand. Rangitīkei is in Zone 3 which includes councils such as Gisborne, Wairoa and Hawkes Bay councils, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and of course all of the councils in the Horizons region. I Co-Chair Zone 3 with Craig Little, Mayor of Wairoa. We meet as a Zone as Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executives to receive reports from Government, to work out how we collectively respond and update each other on what work we are doing on an individual basis. Many Zone 3 councils have been through Cyclone Gabrielle and it is a chance for us to provide support/assistance to our fellow councils. Recently Zone 3 met in Napier to coincide with the 150th celebration of Napier City so the timing was always going to be great and with Gabrielle it also gave us an absolute chance to reflect on the past history of Hawkes Bay and how it has been affected by cyclones and earthquakes in the past.

I have included the draft minutes of the Zone 3 meeting, minus the attendance register, and I thank Sarayde, the Administrator for Zone 3 for what is a very complete report. I wish to make a few small comments in addition to the reports –

- **The presentation from Hastings District Councillor Michael Fowler on the major weather events and how they have impacted Napier and Hawkes Bay** – incredibly interesting and show these events happen routinely over time and will happen again in the future. But one of the things he didn't really highlight was effectively the wealth that the earthquakes brought to Napier City. A huge amount of land was lifted out of the ocean, and it became council land that they were able to sell to provide business and industry in the area where the airport currently sits. In some ways this was a huge financial win for Napier City.
- **The presentation by Lawrence Yule, Crown Manager dealing with flood mitigation matters in Hawkes Bay** – fascinating, he has been funded and charged with the responsibility of dealing with things such as the Wairoa River Response where the stop-banks failed, partially due to a consequence that the Regional Council hadn't kept the bar clear. I stress that this is my view and will continue to be litigated in enquiries for quite some time to come. Lawrence is very well known to Local Government as previous Mayor of Hastings and Chair of LGNZ.
- **The NZTA presentation on Driver Licensing** – this has been an issue that the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs has campaigned for so long to different ministries including the Ministry of Education. In our view, not having a drivers licence is the greatest handbrake on employment for a huge number of people. Often not having a licence leads to the first interaction with courts. It would be magnificent if we could actually get progress on this nationally.
- **James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco** presented at my specific request. Essentially our district has a huge number of wind farm and solar farms going through consenting and the view of Powerco was this absolutely needed to happen for NZ Inc and that power companies are bending over backwards to facilitate this. James announced during the meeting that he will leave Powerco early next year to be Chief Executive of Transpower NZ. He suggested to

me privately that I should have discussions with him around where the Rangitikei is prior to December and his changing role.

- **Day 2 featured very heavily on “Around the Regions”** – where every council gets a few minutes to talk about what they are doing and what their future direction is. I am not going to comment on individual councils as it has been very well recorded in the minutes and I invite you to have a read of them as it’s fascinating.
- **The Zone topic - “Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand” by NZ First MP Andy Foster.** You will of course remember his three years as Mayor of Wellington. We had reached out to Minister Shane Jones to attend the Zone meeting however in fairness to him his diary is incredibly complex and he put up Andy as an alternative. Andy produced a lot of financial figures around where New Zealand sits in terms of GDP and where we are placed now compared to where we were placed 10-15 years ago. The reality is that per head of capita, New Zealand is slipping, and slipping quite quickly. This becomes absolutely one of the drivers of the NZ First/National Party coalition to focus on GDP growth and in their view the need to make some very harsh decisions. It builds on the story of Minister Jones saying that we have to fast track for at least the short terms and accepts there will be some environmental damage as part of that process. This is purely a reflection on where we are as a country at the moment.
- **Hamish Saxton from Hawkes Bay Tourism talked on the great wine capitals of the world** and when we were putting the Zone agenda together I questioned whether this was an appropriate use of time for councils within the Zone. However his presentation was enlightening in terms of the economic advantages that have been gained for the Hawkes Bay councils as being regarded as one of the great wine capitals. There are a limited number of these capitals throughout the world, countries can apply and a number have applied that have been either turned down or told they don’t quite make the grade at the moment. The wine produced from these regions then becomes highly regarded worldwide and hence marketable. So I have to concede and apologise to some extent – this was a very worthwhile presentation.
- **The last real topic of the day was from Caroline Dumas – Zone 3 Department of Internal Affairs Representative.** Unfortunately for Caroline she was unable to make some of the announcements that the Minister was wanting to make a few days later at the Rural & Provincial meeting. What I would refer to you there is to look at my last council report detailing those changes. It illustrates the fact that Government’s position is changing on an almost daily basis. As part of that we are still waiting on the 3rd tranche of legislation that is due out before Christmas. It has been hinted that the regional CCOs that are currently being formed by councils will come nowhere close to gaining efficiencies that in Government’s view are deemed to be 200,000 connections for water or wastewater services. My next Mayor’s Report should have the last tranche of legislation that I can comment on.

I close with wishing everybody a very Merry Christmas - please travel safely. I am conscious of the number of people that we lose from our regions from road and water related fatalities every year at this time. I look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

Mayor's Engagements

December 2024

2	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Local Government Funding Authority</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum Meeting</p> <p>Attended Erehon Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Meeting for Rural Water Schemes</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
4	<p>Attended Executive Leadership Team Q&A session with Governors</p> <p>Attended Follow-up Hui re Napier-Taihape Road</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Northern Iwi Meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayers Taihape</p>
5	<p>Attended Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project</p> <p>Attended Nga Tawa End of Year Prizegiving</p> <p>Attended CE Recruitment Interviews</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting</p>
6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls School Charity Concert</p> <p>Attended Mayor's Christmas Function</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Market Day</p>
8	<p>Attended Marton Christmas Parade</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society Christmas Party</p>
9	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with previous Youth Councillor</p> <p>Attended Junior Neighbourhood Awards at James Cook School</p>
10	<p>Attended Merry Night in Marton Christmas Tree winners celebration</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Ratana Community Board meeting</p>
11	<p>Attended Springvale Toilet acknowledgement lunch</p> <p>Attended Hautapu Bridges Blessing/Opening</p>

ITEM 9.2

	Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
12	Attended Council Workshop for Annual Plan Attended Council Meeting
13	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff To attend Accelerate35 Meeting To attend Marton School Prizegiving To attend RDC Staff Christmas Function
14	To attend Bulls Christmas Parade
15	To attend Otiwhiti School of Agriculture Cadet Graduation & Prizegiving To attend Bulls Festival Day
16	To attend monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Meet & Greet with MTFJ placements in Taihape To attend MTFJ Governance Group online meeting
17	To attend Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly online meeting To attend relationship meeting with Powerco To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	To attend 40 th anniversary morning tea celebration with staff member
19	To attend Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project To attend Council Meeting
20	To attend meeting with Chief Executive
22	To attend St Stephens Church Christmas Service
25	To attend community Christmas Lunch in Taihape

Attachments:

1. **Zone 3 Draft Minutes 14 November 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.



Zone Three Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2024

1.	<p>Mihi Whakatau The meeting opened at 12.10pm with a mihi whakatau from tangata whenua – Ngati Pārau, Kāhui Kaumatua and the Napier City Council Kapa Haka Group. Iwi representative/Māori Relationships Manager from Napier City Council performed a karakia, followed by a waiata himene and waiata-a-ringa.</p> <p>Mayor Little responded to the welcome by thanking tangata whenua and the welcoming group for the warm welcome.</p>
2.	<p>Mayoral Welcome – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Wise welcomed Zone 3 Councils to Ahuriri Napier and McLean Park, acknowledging this year as the 150th Anniversary for Napier. She highlighted Napier establishing a borough Council in November 1874 and the various natural disasters throughout Napier’s 150-year history and the profound impact these events have had on the city, including a devastating fire in 1886, significant flooding sometime later and the catastrophic 1931 earthquake.</p>
3.	<p>Zone Welcome and Admin - Zone Three Chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little Mayor Little welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged all special guests and speakers in attendance.</p> <p>Confirmation of the Minutes from the Zone 3 Meeting held Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2024. <i>THAT the minutes from the Zone Three Meeting held 21 and 22 March 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.</i> RESOLVED: Alex Walker / Tracey Collis CARRIED</p> <p>Apologies from member authorities. <i>THAT the apologies be received from member authorities.</i> RESOLVED: Craig Little / Sandra Hazlehurst CARRIED</p> <p>Securing the location for the next meeting. There was uncertainty around where the next Zone 3 meeting will be held. The decision for the next meeting location was deferred to Friday 15 November. It was decided on Friday 15 November: <i>THAT the next Zone 3 meeting location will be South Taranaki District Council in April 2025.</i></p> <p>Zone 3 Financial Report Mayor Watson stated he felt there was no need to call on further funds and on behalf of Zone 3 he wanted to acknowledge Sarayde Tapine (Zone 3 Administrator) work as the person who makes all the magic happen for the meeting. Mayor Watson was happy to report that all Councils were up to date with payments.</p>



	<p><i>THAT the Zone 3 Financial Report be received.</i> RESOLVED: Andy Watson / Bernie Wanden CARRIED</p> <p>Health and Safety Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Watson provided a health and safety briefing to the group followed by the itinerary for dinner that night at Mission Estate.
4.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Speaking on major weather events which have impacted Napier and the Hawke’s Bay region over the past 150 years and what we have learnt from these events historically’ – Hastings District Councillor, Michael Fowler</p> <p>Michael Fowler provided an informative presentation on the history of flooding from Reverend William Colenso’s experiences to the local Maori. The following points from his presentation were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Colenso’s statement in the 1840’s ‘why would you live in a damp hollow’. William and wife experienced floods and had silt deposits through his house. Memorial built to flood victims. Briefly touched on the flood mitigation across Napier, Hastings and Clive. 1895 was the only year there was no flooding.
5.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Role of the Crown Manager in dealing with the flood mitigation matters in the Hawke’s Bay region’ – Crown Manager, Lawrence Yule</p> <p>Lawrence Yule presented on his role as the Crown Manager for dealing with flood protection in the Hawke’s Bay region. The following notes were highlighted from his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wairoa is a remote part of Hawke’s Bay, a really difficult road to get to on a coastal part of New Zealand and is highly prone to flooding. The Wairoa river is the largest catchment in Hawke’s Bay. Wairoa river mouth to Frasertown has no elevation. The Wairoa community has a small rating base with over 50% of Māori and simply cannot afford flood protection. Cyclone Bola which hit New Zealand in 1988 was a severe weather event that caused extensive damage, particularly in the North Island. Wairoa was one of the areas hardest hit by the cyclone’s powerful winds and flooding. Flood protection is not the end solution as you cannot beat the immense forces of nature, however, we can try and manage it. Lawrence Yule formally appointed as Crown Manager on 15 August 2024.
6.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘NZTA Driver Licensing – the current system, improvements underway and the future’ – NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, ‘Jodi Mitchell’</p> <p>The NZTA Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart introduced the NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, Jodi Mitchell presenting on community based driver licensing. The following points were highlighted from her presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers prevent equitable access and progress through our Graduated Driver Licensing System. In New Zealand, 3 in 10 novice drivers either become stuck on a learner or restricted licence or are slow to progress to their full. Not having a licence impacts individuals, families and communities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She advised some funding sources have slowed down while others have picked up and noted Mayors to get in touch with the regional providers.
7.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ Issues Paper – Electoral Reform Working Group’ – Hutt City Council Mayor, Campbell Barry</p> <p>Campbell Barry spoke to the LGNZ Issues paper in regard to the Electoral Reform Working Group with the below points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections coming up next year with induction planning well underway for this noting that the induction is designed to complement what Councils already do on their own. • The release of the free toolkit before the end of the year with some collateral and materials on voting and elections 2025.
8.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Energy and Infrastructure Transition’ – Powerco, James Kilty and Don Elers</p> <p>James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco company briefly introduced themselves with the following notes highlighted from their presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerco’s footprint spreads across a lot of Zone 3 regions and serves just under a million Kiwis delivering electricity and gas. Currently expanding by building fibre in the Coromandel area at the moment. • Seeking Board approval next week for Smart and Gas meter rollout. • Powerco is a group of 500 plus highly committed Kiwis from all around the world and is committed to helping find a way to make our services and our industry effective to help New Zealand grow to net zero. • The great and “lucky” position New Zealand is in however there is a need to start leveraging what we have which in turn means having those difficult conversations about how things have to change in New Zealand across the board including local and central government and communities and the willingness from both sides to trade off things.
9.	<p>Brief/Close of meeting – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise</p> <p>Mayor Wise offered the closing remarks for day one of the meeting noting the site visit to the Faraday Museum of Technology and dinner at Mission Estate. Mayor Little closed the meeting with a closing karakia at 4:17pm.</p>

Friday 15 November 2024

1.	<p>Opening/Welcome – Zone Three Co-chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little</p> <p>The meeting started at 8:30am with a welcoming introduction and opening karakia by Mayor Little. Mayor Watson announced that South Taranaki will host the next Zone 3 meeting in April 2025.</p>
2.	<p>Around the Regions – ‘Nurturing Partnerships. How does your community benefit from your relationships? Maybe it’s a partnership with another council, central government, mana whenua or the community itself. Show off ONE project, plan or programme that makes the most of your strategic relationships’.</p>

	<p>The below points were highlighted from each Council’s around the regions presentation.</p> <p>Tararua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on strategic partnerships in the taiao / environmental space with two iwi partners – Ngati Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and Rangitāne o Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. • Both iwi have been put under considerable resourcing constraints that were exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle to support the workloads of both Councils and government agencies. • Both iwi have signed the agreement for funding with scheduled monthly hui to discuss the project which focuses on establishing a strong relationship with the Council, overseeing cultural activities related to consenting and engaging with the council on environmental matters requiring iwi input. <p>Gisborne District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on Te Tiriti partnerships, the ‘Te Tiriti Compass’ was developed by the GDC Māori Partnerships Team and is a path to develop effective and meaningful, genuine collaboration with mana whenua to ensure iwi and hapū have a long-term role in future planning and decision making for the region. • The compass consists of four pou – <i>Kāwanatanga</i> (Governance and shared decision-making), <i>Tino Rangatiratanga</i> (Self Determination), <i>Ōritetanga</i> (Equity between Māori and Tangata Tiriti) and <i>Whakapono</i> (Protection of customs and faith). <p>South Taranaki District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the great partnership between the Council and the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust. The Rotokare Scenic Reserve consists of 230 hectares of predator free fenced wetland and lake habitat. Largest predator free fenced lake and reserve area in New Zealand. • In 2008 the predator free fence was built, and the Council has supported the project with over \$2.2m covering the fence and ongoing maintenance costs, as well as an annual grant of \$70k. • Home to over 54 species of birds, 36 being native of which a handful are threatened species. A lot of these species have been re-introduced to the area. <p>Manawatu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on empowering localism in small rural communities and marae. 16 community committees that work in partnership with the Council to be the voice for residents to ensure their views are being heard by the Council when making decisions that could potentially affect them. • Council is working with communities in their district to take charge of their own future and engaged environmental consultants (Boffa Miskell) to develop their community plans. • One of the smaller rural communities initially indicated that they didn’t want a community plan, however, as they have seen the benefits from other communities having plans, they now want to be a part of the community planning process. <p>Hawke’s Bay Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spent collectively between ratepayers and taxpayers around \$200m in clearing up the hill country that has come down to the plains as a result of erosion during Cyclone Gabrielle.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land for life is a partnership between the Nature Conservancy, one of the largest global impact funders for environmental work in the world, MPI, the regional Council, local landowners and a series of financial institutions. This enables the Council to put in place a public / private partnership to help manage erosion in the hill country. <p>Whanganui District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with one of the local iwi on an initiative ‘Toitū Te Whānau’ which is a relationship agreement between iwi, hapū, Council and central government agencies. The approach consists of 5 elements – System, design, whānau engagement, resourcing and community operating model. The intent of this is telling central government what to do and not the other way around. <p>Napier City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to the Tiaka project being a space in the inner city which was made earthquake prone in 2017 and closed. As a result, the city lost the local library, civic building, governance space and staff accommodation space. The Council have since embarked in partnership with mana whenua to design Tiaka and replace what was lost. Looking to keep and strengthen the library while demolishing the civic building. Currently at the detailed design and resource consent granting phase and going out for expressions of interest for head contractors. A core part of the project has been the development of a cultural narrative – a story telling foundation that expresses the spirit, identity and uniqueness of Tiaka. Through the partnership with mana whenua, they have shared their stories, insights and created a narrative that has been woven into every element of the process. <p>Ruapehu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video played to demonstrate that the Council is resilient and in partnership with other agencies to ensure a sustainable economy moving forward. The video also covered working together with other councils that cross boundaries. Focussed on the Ngā Ara Tūhono – Mountains and Sea Cycle Trail a project in partnership with Ngāti Rangi and local iwi totalling to about \$7m which Kānoa were involved in. The project presents an opportunity to link up with Whanganui, with a strong focus from the Council in working hard to getting the economy back on track. <p>Horizons Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented on a project the Council is doing in Ernie’s patch for Lake Horowhenua for water quality improvements, namely the Arawhata Wetland Project. A part of the project is weed harvesting to take out some of the fast growing weed to break the nutrient cycle that feeds the toxic algae blooms. The lake is privately owned, and Council has been working closely with trustees from the inception of the project including consenting, building the boat ramp and then getting out on the lake with the harvesting. Collaborative project overseen by a governance group consisting of 9 members, of which 4 are iwi. <p>New Plymouth District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played a video as part of their presentation.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP Partners encompasses the power of a shared vision by community leaders for a particular area and committing to investing in the growth and expansion of the city and creating greater community value and impact through a partner-led, Council managed programme. • Proposal by the Mayor to enhance and increase private sector investment in the community. <p>Central Hawke’s Bay District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Tamatea Housing Taskforce first beginning in 2019 with a team approach between the Council, the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust and the Local Taiwhenua Trust. • Taskforce created to provide leadership and guidance to address housing challenges in Tamatea and to oversee the “Our Homes” strategy for Tamatea. • To date the taskforce has worked to move the dial and as such has resulted in zero people living in emergency housing, the Salvation Army delivering 7 transitional housing spaces and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga delivering 18 transitional spaces. • The community now has 2 active commercial rental property developers and are now facing the challenge which is the national average rental price which has been outstripped so the market has to adjust and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has confirmed investment into affordable rentals. <p>Rangitikei District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to how quickly relationships need to change. • A new relationship having to be created very quickly with the closure of the mill and 1000 tonnes of logs heading over a road not designed for heavy transport. Looking to assemble KiwiRail, the two Councils, forest owners, road transport operators, NZTA and Ports of Napier into a room to discuss next steps moving forward as what is currently happening is unsustainable. The potential relationships this could establish was noted. • Marton Swimming Pool – one beam in the centre has collapsed and is not included in the LTP to repair with estimated costs of \$3m. In this case a private individual stepped up and has decided to fund the pool roof repair with a previous playground investment for the community of \$650k. • Rangitikei Council continues to lead as the highest performing Council for Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in New Zealand. <p>Palmerston North City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed on an economic partnership Te Utanganui the central NZ distribution hub consisting of rail, road, air and sea connections and stands as one of the Council’s largest joint venture projects. • The project encompasses several infrastructure projects which when combined will create the primary distribution and transport hub for central New Zealand, supporting the transport and logistics centres of South Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury. • The project is expected to take development in Manawatu to the next level, building on initiatives already planned for the area like KiwiRail’s Regional Freight Hub and/or roading projects including the Manawatu/Tararua highway and Otaki to North of Levin expressway. <p>Hastings District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroha celebrates the strong relationship between the Council and Heretaunga mana whenua that reflects the dedication of partnership fostered by Councils and Rangatira.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroha communicates the importance of caring for the water and is aimed at not only providing safe drinking water but also emphasising the critical importance of water taonga and how to protect and conserve it for future generations. • Through engagement with primary schools the feedback given was that the education centre would be a great way to tell the water story and the partnership with Ngati Kahungunu has been integral to the success of the project. <p>Stratford District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Stratford Park project that arose around 5 years ago when the Council were approached by 3 different groups with vastly different interests and needs. The one thing in common they had was a lack of space around their current facilities already owned. • Through the collaboration that followed from this approach a partnership arose namely, the Stratford Park project. • The Council decided to lend \$7m to buy neighbouring land to expand on each of their ideas. <p>Wairoa District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on the Cultural Trail project is a partnership between Wairoa Young Achievers Trust, Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Initiative, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust and the local Council. • The project encompasses a vision as a partnership driven cultural experience that enhances Te Wairoa as a must visit destination and to share the unique stories and places of Te Wairoa for generations to come. • Initial focus on two cultural sites of significance within Wairoa township with the vision for growth to expand to other sites and communities across the Wairoa rohe. <p>Horowhenua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to concentrating on the basics and delivering on wellbeing as that it extremely crucial to the Council to understand and inform their decision-making. Strong focus on the Community Wellbeing Committee Structure set up within their Council. • The Community Wellbeing Committee has been in place for well over 10 years with the Council deciding to strengthen it by having a number of forums that feed into the committee including iwi partners, access and inclusion, youth services, older persons, education and part of the refugee community. • The purpose of the Committee is to provide collective leadership, advocacy and holistic outcomes that enable the population of Horowhenua to be well together. <p>Taranaki Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke of the dramatic direction change in the last year for regional councils. The Council is in a position where they have held 29 meetings with the community around the district to get real opinions of what people thought. The direction change to the farming community was also noted.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand’ – NZ First MP, Andy Foster</p> <p>The following points were highlighted from NZ First MP Andy Foster’s presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous background of working 27 years in Council and three years as Mayor in Wellington.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the tough job of Mayors and Elected members throughout the country. You can never please anyone while juggling all sorts of aspirations. • Jobs for nature and how NZ First are building up a business case for it to return. • Focus on how we manage our economy is crucial to performing well economically with a need for more high-skilled jobs.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ General Update’ – LGNZ Chief Executive, Susan Freeman-Greene Susan Freeman-Greene introduced herself and thanked the co-chairs for the invitation to the meeting. The below points were highlighted from her presentation timeslot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNZ is launching a toolbox on Thursday 21 November which will contain 25 tools that will make a difference for local government and will indicate to central government what councils need assistance with. • Earlier this month LGNZ released their four monthly reports containing a lot of information and attendees were encouraged to read it. LGNZ pushing for Councils to table the report, quarterly at their council meetings. • Akona now has 22 varied modules which have come from Council suggestions and 10 ako hours which are discussions with subject matter experts on more specialist topics. • Planning on election inductions is well in advance with LGNZ doing things differently this time around. The induction is designed to complement what Councils do already within their own Councils. Offering in-person courses between the 22 October and 07 November. Straight after the election is Elected member inductions and the Regional council Chairs induction in November. • Releasing a free toolkit before the end of the year on voting 2025 materials.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Talking on Great Wine Capitals, a global network of the finest wine regions in the world of which Hawke’s Bay is the NZ representative. His talk will focus on the economic benefits we have seen from becoming a Great Wine Capital and how other regions could capitalise on their unique – Hawke’s Bay Tourism, Hamish Saxton</p> <p>Hamish Saxton of Hawke’s Bay Tourism introduced himself before expanding on Great Wine Capitals to the zone 3 group. The following notes were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawke’s Bay are the largest premium red wine and chardonnay producer in the country with 38 varietals of wine that are produced in the region. • Hawke’s Bay have New Zealand’s oldest surviving wineries founded in 1851 (Mission Estate). • 80% of New Zealand’s sector features rums from Hawke’s Bay. • Hawke’s Bay has more than 45 food and beverage experiences including cooking schools, food and wine operators, food experiences and tasting rooms. • May 2022, the twin city region (Hastings and Napier) jointly applied for the Great Wine Capital. Application put together in December 2022 and Hawke’s Bay is officially the newest Great Wine Capital of the world. Recognised as an exceptional wine destination Hawke’s Bay joins many of the world’s most prestigious wine locations including Bordeaux Mendoza, Verona, Adelaide, Napa Valley and more and is now connected to a global network of wine and tourism expertise.



<p>6.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘DIA General Update’ – Zone 3 DIA Representative, Caroline Dumas The DIA Zone 3 Representative Caroline Dumas provided a brief update to zone 3 members with the following points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Governments change in approach to a locally led reform of water services letting Councils make their own decisions. • Local Government Act requires Councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans by 03 September 2025. These plans are expected to cover information across three key areas financial and asset information, investment required and service delivery arrangements. • Guidance to be released in December on council commitment and shareholder agreements surrounding the set-up of CCO’s. Guidance will be inclusive of – set-up rights and obligations of each shareholder in Council, how shares are allocated, what specifies the whole business of the CCO, how directors are appointed, how assets are issued and organised and how shareholders get reporting for example. • Regional deals will be based on a 30 year vision which is critical to thinking strategically long-term. • The priority objective for regional deals will be building economic growth, delivering connected and resilient infrastructure and improving the supply of affordable quality housing.
<p>7.</p>	<p>Closing Comments - Zone Three Chair, Craig Little and Host Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Little and Mayor Wise gave closing remarks to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance across the 2 days. Mayor Wise wished everyone well on their travels home and closed the meeting at 12:10pm.</p>

ITEM 9.2 ATTACHMENT 2

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
2	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
214	7-Oct-24	HRWS Meeting	PR			PR			PR						
215	7-Oct-24	HCC Meeting	AP			PR			PR						
216	8-Oct-24	TRAK Hui	PR				PR	PR					PR		
217	8-Oct-24	Ratana CB	CB					PR							
218	9-Oct-24	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
219	9-Oct-24	Marton CC	PR	AP							PR				
220	10-Oct-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		AP	
221	17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
222	29-Oct-24	ORWS	PR				PR								
223	31-Oct-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	AP	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
224	31-Oct-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
225	13-Nov-24	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
226	13-Nov-24	Bulls CC	PR		PR							AT	PR		
227	20-Nov-24	PPL Meeting	AP	PR			PR	AP	PR		PR			PR	
228	20-Nov-24	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
229	28-Nov-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
230	28-Nov-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
231	3-Dec-24	ERWS Meeting													Minutes not received
232	5-Dec-24	Risk and Assurance	CB	PR		PR		PR		PR					
233	5-Dec-24	Turakina CC													Minutes not received
234															
235									Present (and is a member of the committee)					PR	
236									Apology					AP	
237									Absent - no apology received					AB	
238															
239									Not a member of the committee						
240									Not a member of the committee (but still attended)					AT	
241									Not present as on Council business					CB	
242									Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]					ZM	
243															

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Cemetery Update - February 2025

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a standing report that will update the Board on new burials within the Rātana Cemetery since the 04 December 24 to the 04 February 25.

2. There was one burial during this time

2.1 Plot 314/Row 15

Recommendation

That the report 'Cemetery Update –February 2025' be received.

ITEM 10.2

10.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti

Author: Grace Taiaroa, TRAK Member

1. Reason for Report

1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

Recommendation

That the report 'Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti' be received.

10.3 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update**Author:** Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer**Authoriser:** Kevin Ross, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This update has been extracted from the Project Management Office report that was provided to Council.

1.2 It is provided here for the Board's information.

2. Below is what was reported to Council for the December meeting:**3. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Blair King)**

3.1 WSP have completed updating the design drawings to use a smaller diameter wastewater transfer pipe between Ratana and the irrigation site. This is being passed to our pipe supplier to finalise our order and enable the specialist couplings to be built. Before these pipeline materials can be delivered to site, an earthworks contractor will have to be engaged to construct the access road and hard stand area. Preliminary work is underway on the large dam design.

3.2 One of the submitters to Councils publicly notified consent application has advised they strongly wish to see a wetland built and used at the irrigation site. However, this wetland is considered generally incompatible with the black-sand site and would require a costly process to recover the water after it has been through the wetland, noting the joint Ministry for Environment/Horizons/Council/ stakeholder agreement we would be irrigating the site to achieve the required environmental outcomes within the annual discharge volumes.

Recommendation

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

10.4 Consultation Tracker - December**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is included for the committee's information. The attached schedule will be update regularly and has been taken from the December CE Report.
- 1.2 This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

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. **Consultation Tracker December** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - December' be received.

2025 Consultation Tracker
Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Gambling Policy / TAB Venues	Janna		Dec 12: Adoption of draft policy/preferred option	Consultation Jan 27th - 21 Feb											
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Engagement	Preferred arrangement decided 12 Dec	Adoption of CD	Consultation 24 Feb - 21 Mar										
District Plan Review						Engagement 1 Mar - 1 Apr					Notification				
Annual Plan	Janna				Adoption of CD & draft annual plan 13 Mar	Consultation 21 Mar - 22 Apr									
Fees & Charges	Janna														
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Derek							Consultation as part of Annual Plan							
Waste Minimisation Plan	Arno				Adoption of draft W MMP 13 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan									
Marston Streetscape Upgrade Plan	Jarrold	Engagement													
Marston-Bulls Wastewater Strategy	Arno							Adoption	Consultation						
Local Body Elections	Carol							National, regional, local campaign				Pre-election period - no campaign comms	Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Carol							National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Rātana Road Naming (landowners only)	Katrina	Consultation		Consultation											
Economic Strategy & Action Plan	Jarrold														
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Clare				Engagement										

Christmas closedown period: 20th December-6th January

10.5 Funding Schemes Update - February 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
 - a. Community Initiatives Fund
 - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
 - c. Creative Communities Scheme
 - d. 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 allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
 - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
 - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
 - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

3. Events Support 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 has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting totalling \$15,460.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 3.4.1 Turakina Caledonian Society

- 3.4.2 Hunterville Huntaway festival
- 3.4.3 BCDT, Christmas Parade
- 3.4.4 Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc
- 3.4.5 Taihape Area Dressage Group
- 3.4.6 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville
- 3.4.7 Marton Country Music Festival
- 3.4.8 BCDT, Bulls 147th Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull
- 3.4.9 St Joseph's School PTA

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

4.1 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

4.2 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.

4.3 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 10 December 24 and will close on the 10 April 25. Decision will be made on the 28 May 25.

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 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.

5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

5.3 Applications are now open for this fund and close 31 March 25. The decision will be made on the 17 April 25.

6. Further Information

6.1 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 – February 2025 be received.

11 Meeting Closed.