


## Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 26 February 2025

 <b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	<b>RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), P Flowerday, C McIndoe, H Brown and Councillor G Dennis <i>Via Teams:</i> Deputy Chair R Gardiner
	In Attendance:	Councillor T O'Brien, F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	L Eve (Manawahe Eco Trust), V Peka and M Natana (Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi)
	Apologies:	

### 1 KARAKIA

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

### 2 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received for this meeting.

### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

### 4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### 5.1 Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi

Around 150 children were scheduled to participate in their annual Mokotini event in April. The event aimed to promote social cohesion and the practice of Te Reo through performances. Edgcumbe War Memorial Hall had been booked as the venue, as it was determined to be the most central location. Catering would be provided for all attendees and staff. An invitation was extended to Members to attend Mokotini, starting at 9 am on 11 April 2025.

### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 27 November 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**7 REPORTS**

**7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report**

Refer to pages 13-22 of the agenda.

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

- The New Years Day fatigue event was discussed, and the need for more support on the day was highlighted.
- The Board's Eastern Bay of Plenty spatial plan and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policy submission was discussed, and Member Gardiner was acknowledged for his efforts in drafting the final submissions.
- The importance of youth involvement in the Rangitāiki Board was emphasised. Increased engagement from Rangitāiki College was suggested, and staff were encouraged to contact the school in person.
- Members were reminded to contact the Council and log a request for service (RFS) to ensure issues are actioned promptly.
- The need for ongoing maintenance and improved wheelchair access on Rangitāiki stop banks.

**Attendance:** L Eve entered the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

**8 Public Forum (Continued)**

**8.1 Manawahe Eco Trust**

Since 2010, the Manawahe Eco Trust (MET) has worked to protect the Manawahe Ecological Corridor, partnering with the local community to safeguard the kōkako population through volunteer-led predator control. Recently, MET expanded its efforts to include wallaby control due to their impact on native bush and kōkako breeding success. An innovative wallaby control programme was introduced, using nine feeding stations with game cameras to condition wallabies before administering targeted Feratox pellets. MET has applied to the Board for ongoing support in pest control efforts, ensuring sustained protection of native biodiversity.

**9 Reports (Continued)**

**9.1 Governance Administration**

Refer to pages 23-37 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Councillor Dennis

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Governance Administration report be **received**; and
2. THAT Members **note** the pecuniary forms for year 3 are due to the Governance team no later than 28 February 2025; and
3. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$2,000.00 from the discretionary funds to the Manawahe Eco Trust to cover ongoing pest control operations, ensuring long-term biodiversity protection.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance:** Member McIndoe left the meeting at 6:46 pm and entered the meeting at 6:47 pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm and reconvened at 7:07 pm.

## **5 Chairperson and Councillor Reports**

### **5.1 Chairperson Report**

Refer to pages 38-42 of the agenda.

Members discussed allocating a total of \$750, with \$542.50 for venue hire and \$207.50 for the Mokotini event organised by Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – 26 February 2025 be **received**.
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$750 from the discretionary funds to Te Kohanga Reo o Patutaatahi to cover the costs associated with the annual Mokotini event taking place at the Edgecumbe War Memorial in April 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **5.2 Councillor Report**

Refer to page 43-44 of the agenda.

Members discussed the installation of the bus shelter in Te Teko and noted the recent completion of upgrades and maintenance of infrastructure around Matatā. Additionally, the Board addressed the proposed liquor licence extension for Te Teko Superette, expressing support for the Te Teko Residents Association's (TTRA) opposition to the extension. TTRA had been advised to submit their request in writing for the Board to review and support.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member Brown

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – February 2025 be **received**.
2. THAT the RCB make a submission on the Te Teko Superette's liquor licence renewal opposing the extension of their liquor sale hours and the submission include that the Superette continues to sell only the items permitted under its current licence conditions.
3. THAT the RCB delegate Authority to Chairperson Waaka and Deputy Chair Gardiner to make the submission on behalf of the Board.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Member Reporting

- Member Brown emphasised the importance of improved communication and engagement with all constituents for projects in the Rangitāiki ward. He would be following up with the Team Leader Transport Strategy and Assets, Joe Metcalf in regard to the bus shelter now located in front of a residence. Furthermore, it was suggested that Members present updates on their projects at Community Board meetings to ensure effective collaboration with Council staff and prevent any oversight.
- Member Flowerday reported attending the Ngāti Rangitihī Spatial Plan meeting, which involved 40 participants, and emphasised the importance of establishing achievable outcomes for the plan. Additionally, it was proposed to engage with the Lions Club and Blue Light Whakatāne to explore opportunities for their involvement in supporting the Rangitāiki River Festival.
- Member McIndoe committed to following up with the Manager Ports and Airport Chief Executive, Mark Reid regarding sound depth measurements.
- Member Gardiner provided an overview of central government updates affecting the Rangitāiki area and suggested sharing the Manawahe newsletter to keep the community informed.
- Chairperson Waaka highlighted the installation of a pedestrian refuge outside Te Teko Post office which had been a project logged with Waka Kotahi for a couple of years and advised that Waka Kotahi was unable to clean the Edgecumbe bridge due to concerns about debris entering the water. The Chairperson noted they would not be seeking re-election for the Chair role in the next triennium and the Board should start considering succession planning. She had followed up with Councillor O'Brien in regards to the Whakatāne 'resting Room' World war I and II Memorial plaque and Councillor O'Brien was scheduled to meet with the Whakatāne RSA president.

#### Attendance:

Councillor Dennis and Chairperson Waaka left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Chairperson Waaka entered the meeting at 7:43 pm.

The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Chairperson Waaka at 7:56 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON