

Tāneatua Community Board Te Poari Hapori o Tāneatua

Monday, 26 May 2025

Mane, 26 Haratua 2025

Tāneatua Hall

Morrison Road, Tāneatua

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Chief Executive: Steven Perdia | Publication Date: 21 May 2025



A Membership - Mematanga

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Board Member Moana Stensness (Chairperson)

Board Member Talei Bryant (Deputy Chairperson)

Board Member Honey Thrupp

Board Member Luke Ruiterman

Board Member Natasha George

Board Member Michael Tuwairua

Councillor Andrew Iles

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

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

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1 Opening Karakia - He Karakia Timatanga

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He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua Honour and glory to God He maungārongo ki te whenua Let there be peace and tranquility on Earth Goodwill to everyone. He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa. E tō mātau matua i te rangi, Our Father who art in Heaven, Manaakitia mai tēnei huihuinga ā mātau Watch over us during our meeting Kia tau mai tō wairua tapu ki a mātau May your spirit be upon us To safely exchange thoughts and ideas Ka noho ki te tuku whakaaro Tētahi ki tētahi In Jesus' name I runga i a Ihu Karaiti Amen Āmine

2 Apologies - Te hunga kāore i tae

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

3 Acknowledgements/Tributes - Ngā Pānui

4 Conflicts of Interest - Ngākau kōnatunatu

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

The Elected Member Register of Interest is available on the Whakatāne District Council website. If you wish to view the information, please click this <u>link</u>.

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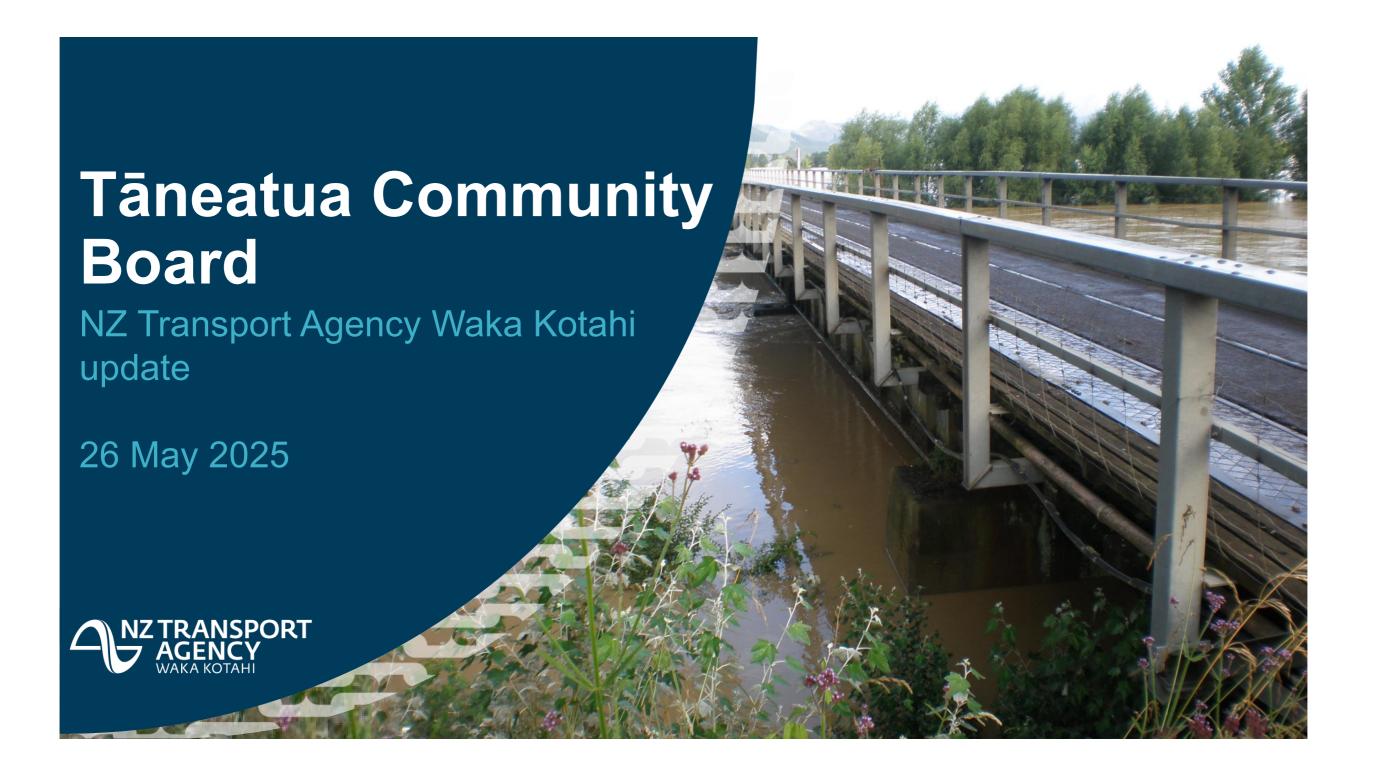
5.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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

Board Members may ask questions of the speaker but these should be confined to obtaining further information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

- New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Sandra King and Andrew Corkill
- Whākatane District Council Vicky Richards and Richard Hamer
- Find Your Fish Movement Talei Bryant

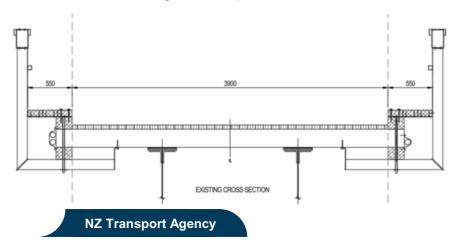
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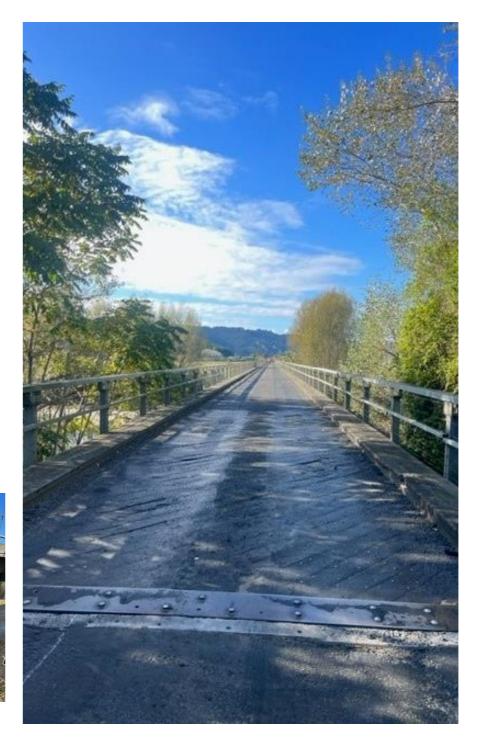
Pekatahi Bridge

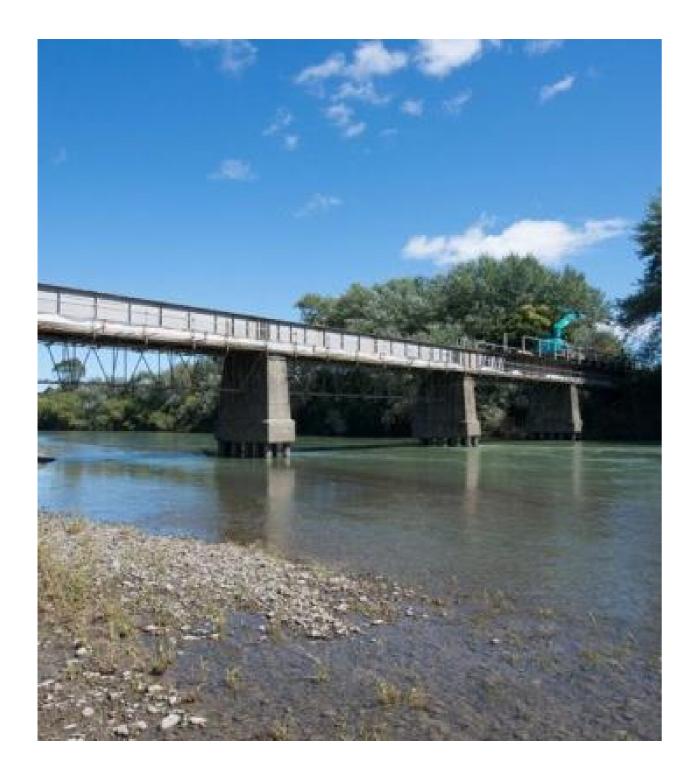
Background

- Built in 1923 for rail, 367m long.
- Deck rebuilt 2017, 16 weeks.
- 2024 Minor safety improvements near Foster Road updated line marking, installed cat's eyes and new signs. Tāneatua side road surface improvements.
- · Consisting of transverse beam overlain by 50mm wide surfacing planks.
- Surface planks screwed into transverse beams, overlain by chipseal surfacing to address friction issues.
- Servicing 2210vpd, 19.4% heavies (2023 data).









Pekatahi Bridge

Maintenance

- SH2 key connection for Bay of Plenty and beyond.
- Any closure is disruptive.
- Scheduled quarterly maintenance under full closure, allowing to safely repair.
- Full closures required due to narrow bridge.
- Timing scheduled when school is closed / lower traffic volumes.
- Funded by National Land Transport Fund.

Pekatahi Bridge

Current maintenance programme

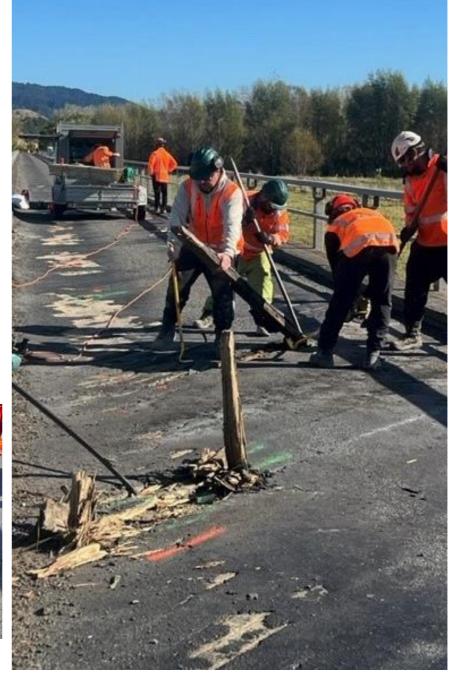
- Surface plank movement additional screws.
- Surface plank repairs due to breakage initially at bridge ends, now spread across bridge length.
- Removing 50mm planks (full width), replacing with 100mm plank.
- Addressing broken and protruding screws.
- Difficult, time consuming operation due to existing screws and overlain seal.

Requires full closure of bridge during repair works.







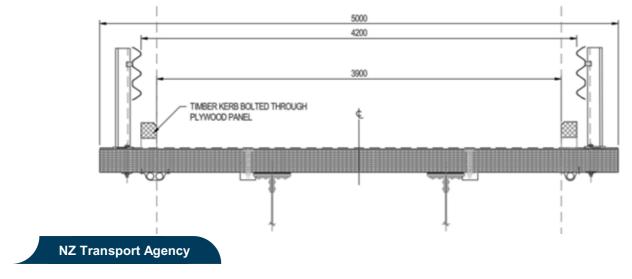


NZ Transport Agency

Pekatahi Bridge

Deck replacement

- Design work underway using plywood panel.
- · Requires stripping existing and rebuilding, under full closure.
- Current budget is 11% of estimated deck replacement costs.
- Reprioritisation being reviewed to assess inclusion within 2024-27 NLTP period.
- · Will remain as a single lane bridge.
- Maintenance will continue until funding confirmed.





Pekatahi Bridge

New bridge

- Context: Bay of Plenty state highways 198 bridges, plus 100 major culverts. Nationally – 3,057 bridges plus 1,700 major culverts.
- Bridge replacement programme reviewed every 3 years, part of National Land Transport Programme process.
- Bridges prioritised based on age, condition, traffic volumes, growth and detour.
- Pekatahi Bridge structurally sound, deck requires replacing.
- Cost to replace significant due to length.
- Not on bridge replacement register.
- · Currently unfunded.

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Pekatahi Bridge

FAQs

- Pekatahi Bridge is a state highway asset.
 Funded by the National Land Transport Fund from national taxes, not ratepayers.
- Detour route approved by Whakatāne District Council via Whakatāne local roads. Ōhope bylaw restricts HPMV.
- Speed metrics data from TomTom showing average speed 47km/h.
- Crash data (50m either side of the bridge), between 2018 and 2024 (7-year period), 9 crashes (1 fatal, 3 minor, 5 non-injury).

Whakatāne **Ohope** Detour via Taneatua Road. Road and bridge closure on SH2 White Pine Bush Road. Tāneatua

NZ Transport Agency

Pekatahi Bridge

Road user concerns

- Protruding screws causing tyre damage.
- Rough broken timber surface feels unsafe.
- Continuous re-occurring maintenance, no change.
- Closures, delays, detours.
- Vehicles running red traffic signals.

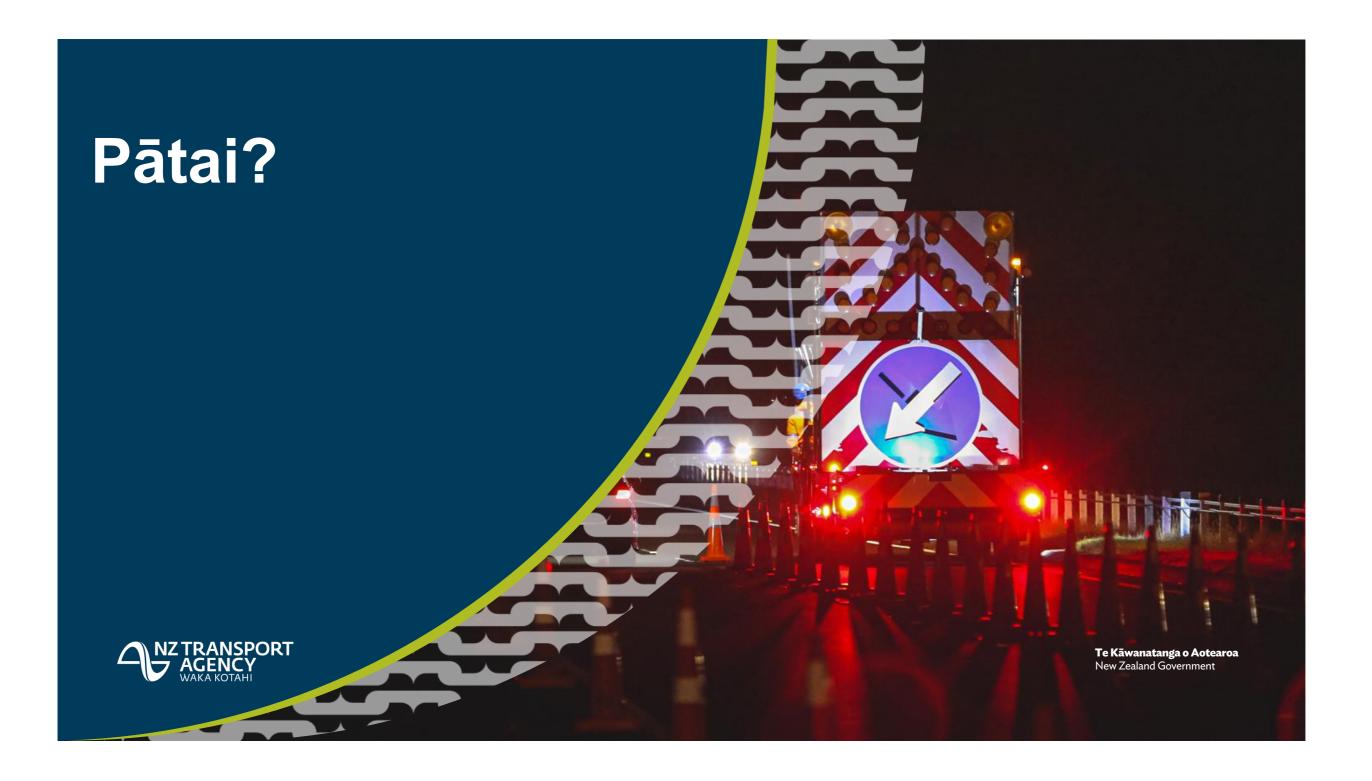


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WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Taneatua Community Board - AGENDA

5.1.1 New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Presentation (Cont.)



5.2 Deputations - Ngā Whakapuaki Whaitake

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

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes - Te whakaaetanga o ngā meneti o te hui

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6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 7 April 2025

	Details of Meeting:	TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT CHEDDAR VALLEY POTTERY, 1034 WAINUI ROAD, OHOPE, MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM	
WHAKATĀNE District Council Kla Whakatāne au i ahau	Present:	Mayor V Luca, Chairperson M Stensness, Members H Thrupp, T Bryant and Councillor A Iles	
	In Attendance:	L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), N Elliott (Acting Manager Community Regulations) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)	
	Visitors:	S and M Slade, T Thrupp, R Merritt and M Wairua	
	Apologies:	Member L Ruiterman and N George	

1. KARAKIA

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia by Reverend Thrupp at 6:00.

2. APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the Taneatua Community Board accept the apologies from Members L Ruiterman and N George.

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of her aunt, Herita Toko.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6.1 Minutes - Taneatua Community Board 7 April 2025(Cont.)

PUBLIC FORUM

5.1. Extraordinary Vacancy Candidate:

5.1.1. Michael John Tuwairua

Michael John Tuwairua introduced himself as a staunch advocate with a deep connection to the ward. He worked at TPOOM and served as the Hapū delegate for his Marae. He was also a member of the Waimana Sports and Cultural Club. Mr Tuwairua expressed his willingness to undertake governance training, subject to his election to the board. He had previously worked closely with former Mayor Judy and had established strong connections within the community. His role as the secretary at TPOOM was highlighted, and members expressed overall support for his application.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Bryant / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Taneatua Community Board meeting for Monday, 24 February 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

7.1. Governance Administration – April 2025

Refer to pages 13-18 of the agenda.

Members discussed concerns regarding the under-resourcing of police services in Whakatāne. It was noted that there is a need for increased support and resources to effectively address the demands on local law enforcement.

Moved Member Bryant / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT the Governance Administration April 2025 report be received; and
- 2. THAT Members RSVP to the Governance Services team of their attendance or apology for the 6 May 2025 Combined Community Board meeting.
- 3. THAT the Taneatua Community Board appoint Michael John Tuwairua to the Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium; noting that he will complete a declaration once his appointment is resolved.

CARRIED

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm and reconvened at 6:23 pm.

6.1 Minutes - Taneatua Community Board 7 April 2025(Cont.)

7.2. Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report

Refers to pages 19-27 of the agenda.

Acting Manager Community Regulations and the General Manager of Strategy and Growth highlighted the following points from their report:

- A presentation regarding the Pekatahi Bridge by Waka Kotahi was scheduled for the next meeting.
- Members discussed ongoing dog control issues, including 311 complaints received over a two-month period. However, only five complaints were reported from Tāneatua. The topic of Animal Control's roaming routes in the area was raised.
- The importance of community engagement and utilising the Hono Hapori van for educating the public on Animal Control matters was emphasised.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Bryant

RESOLVED:

THAT the Taneatua Community Board – Activity Report April 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8. MEMBERS REPORT

8.1. TCB Chairperson April 2024

Refer to pages 28-29 of the agenda.

- It was noted that the current focus of initiatives was concentrated in Tāneatua, with an emphasis on expanding efforts to cover a broader area. Members were encouraged to contribute to the Chairpersons report.
- The Ahurei event, taking place over Easter, was highlighted.
- There was a discussion on the Climate Change meeting held on 1 April, where local residents attended and were given information about high-risk areas. A follow-up event is scheduled for 14 April 2025 in Waimana, where flyers will be distributed to raise awareness. On 28 April 2025, a similar event will be held at the Taneatua Hall.
- Members discussed safety barrier issues in the Wainui area. Members are reminded that these requested need to follow the RFS process.
- The discussion included the importance of climate change education and the potential involvement of the Youth Council in raising awareness and driving action.

Attendance: R Meritt left the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the Taneatua Community Board Deputy Chairpersons Report – April 2025 be received

CARRIED

6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 7 April 2025(Cont.)

It was noted that the Taneatua Cemetery remains in the work plan.

Ongoing police-related concerns were highlighted during the meeting.

Attendance issues at local schools were raised as a concern.

A youth group initiative for children, organised by Tāneatua Church, was discussed.

Member Bryant required access to the Facebook group for better communication. Additionally, a bio for Member would be displayed along with upcoming events and promotional photos.

The meeting closed with a karakia from Reverend Thrupp at 7:07 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:	
CHAIRPERSON	

7 Reports - Ngā Pūrongo

7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

District Council

7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report May 2025

To: Taneatua Community Board

Meeting Date: Monday, 26 May 2025

Author: N Elliott / Acting Manager Community Regulation

Authoriser: L Woolsey / General Manager Strategy and Growth

Reference: **A2887115**

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

This report provides the Tāneatua Community Board with an update on a number of projects and activities delivered within the Tāneatua Board area to the end of May 2025 and covers the following activities:

- Community Experience Update
- Development, Environment and Infrastructure Update
- People and Engagement Update
- Strategy and Growth Update
- Business and Corporate Services Update
- Strategic Māori Partnerships Update
- News keeping up to date with communication with communities

2. Recommendation - Tohutohu akiaki

THAT the Taneatua Community Board - Activity Report May 2025 be received.

3. Community Experience Update

3.1. Tāneatua Amazing Race

We have set Monday 30 June as the date and also being the first day of school holidays and last day of our financial year!

The event will start/finish on the Jack Knowles Reserve, 11am with registrations open from 10:30am. Participants will need to be back by 1pm.

We will have a free BBQ and prizes for participating teams and spot prizes for best dressed etc.

Teams can be in whānau (any mixed ages) or Youth (12 to 24 years)

Teams will have to

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Complete about 8 Roadblock activities (where teams have to do something)

Collect 6 Mandatory Photos

Answer a selection of questions by visiting different areas of Tāneatua.

3.2. Valley Road tree harvesting project

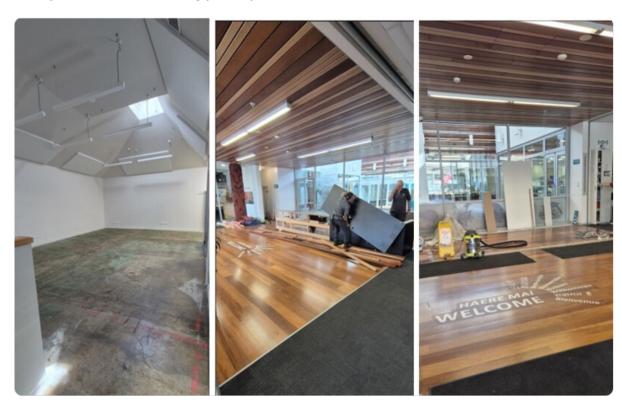
The logging part of the tree harvest has been carried out and site remediation works are nearing completion. The bulk of the slash has been removed from the escarpment and has been transferred to stable ground below. Some bigger logs left on the hillside are classed as 'windthrow', meaning trees that have come down on their own, prior to the harvest operation. Those trees are considered stable, most are attached to root balls, still attached to the ground, and are breaking down.

3.3. Te Koputu a te Whanga a Toi - Whakatane Library and Exhibition Centre

3.3.1. Celebrating Artistic Excellence: 39th MMCA Finale

The final weeks of the 39th Molly Morpeth Canaday Award (MMCA) concluded with exceptional artist-led workshops that brought the exhibition experience to life. Hannah Irakau Pehi captivated participants with traditional muka extraction techniques, while Fa'amele Etuale guided an enthusiastic group of locals through the creative process of sculpture-making last Saturday. These interactive sessions provided valuable hands-on experiences and personal connections with talented artists, enriching the exhibition experience for curious participants of all ages.

3.3.2. Library renovations: Enhancing your experience



The library was closed between 31 March and 5 April to enable building improvements to be undertaken. This temporary library closure allowed for several important improvements:

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- Floor levelling in staff offices
- Toilet health and safety improvements
- Wayfinding signage
- Removal of the large front reception

This last change represents an exciting shift in our service model, freeing our knowledgeable staff from desk duties to provide more personalised, 'roaming' assistance with reading recommendations and addressing the diverse needs of our community. The closure also provided an opportunity for a comprehensive shelf check (collection stocktake), reorganisation of materials for improved workflow, and giving special attention to our community libraries. Te Kōputu reopened 7 April to a positive community response.

3.3.3. Behind the scenes: Transition Period

While the gallery space underwent its transformation, our team worked diligently behind the scenes to:

- De-install, carefully pack, and return MMCA artworks to finalists from across the motu
- Restore and repaint gallery walls in preparation for upcoming exhibitions
- Collect works for the Ukaipo exhibition from Hamilton
- Receive the travelling Toka Tu exhibition from Whangārei

3.3.4. Exhibition opening celebrates cultural artistry







The recent gallery opening brought together artists, whānau and supporters to celebrate the new exhibitions. Arona Smith provided a meaningful mihi and karakia to introduce the exhibitions on display until mid-June: Toka Tū, Kawe Mate, and E Hoki Mai Nei ki te Ūkaipō | Return to Your Place of Nourishment.

The Ngāti Awa Social Health kaumatua will return to Te Kōputu later this week for a craft and kapu tī session with gallery staff, continuing this celebration of creativity and connection.

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3.3.5. Tamariki light up libraries with Easter magic at Te Kōputu a Te Whanga a Toi





More than 250 tamariki visited Edgecumbe, Murupara, and Whakatāne libraries during the Easter break, creating a wonderful celebration of creativity and community connection. These activities have been very well received by participants, caregivers, and regular library patrons. Children transformed the main library spaces into hubs of imagination and discovery through various engaging activities.

The Monster Mash Lego session was particularly popular, showcasing the library's role as a community creative centre. The tote bag workshop introduced many first-time visitors to the library's makerspace technology, with children eager to return for more activities.

A highlight was the Dr. Seuss escape room, which engaged children and adults in solving puzzles together. This success has inspired plans for future immersive experiences, with thanks to Thames Library for their support with props and ideas.

These programmes fulfil the Library's mission of fostering literacy and competency through engaging activities that encourage social connections and creative thinking. Te Kōputu continues to develop new ways to engage the community through reimagined library spaces.

3.4. Te Whare Taonga o Taketake – Whakatāne Museum Collections and Research

3.4.1. Connecting communities with their heritage

The dedicated team at Taketake continues to serve as vital custodians of the district's historical and cultural treasures. Recently, the team has been responding to diverse enquiries from:

- Academic researchers seeking historical documents
- Individuals and whānau groups viewing taonga (treasured artefacts) in storage
- Visitors eager to experience museum displays

This important work ensures our community's rich heritage remains accessible and relevant for current and future generations.

3.5. Whakatāne Aquatic Centre

3.5.1. Aquatic and Fitness Centre annual shutdown

The Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be closing from 15 May to 5 June 2025 to enable maintenance and improvement works to be carried out.

Works during this period include:

- Installation of epoxy flooring for the interior of the facility
- Pool covers installed for the 33m outdoor pool
- Air handling unit replacement
- Pressurisation of plant room to prevent corrosion of electrical equipment
- Reconditioning of all pool pumps
- Replacement of the facility chlorine tank and lines
- Cleaning of the hydroslide exterior
- General painting and touch ups

The biggest project will be the installation of epoxy flooring throughout the centre. The closure dates have been determined by the contractor's availability to carry out this work. This period falls within the school term which means our learn to swim programme will be shorter than normal for term two. Prices have been adjusted to reflect this. Those who have been registering for term two have been made aware of the closure period and reception to date has been largely neutral and accepting of the circumstances.

While the indoor pools will be closed to the public, we will be keeping the 33m outdoor pool open for the Swim Club. We will also be keeping the gym open for our members. Since the change rooms will be inaccessible during this period, we will be organising portable toilets for the 33m outdoor pool and gym users.

3.5.2. Poolsafe Certification: Excellence recognised



We're proud to announce that both our Murupara and Whakatāne facilities have successfully received their Poolsafe certifications following our annual audit. This achievement represents the collective effort and dedication of our entire team across both locations.

The certification confirms our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety, supervision, and water quality. We'll continue building on this foundation as we strive for excellence in all aspects of our aquatic services.

4. Development, Environment and Infrastructure Update

4.1. Feedback sought on the future of local water services

Whakatāne District Council is inviting residents to have their say on a proposal that will shape how essential water services, including drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater, are delivered in the future.



The Government's new Local Water Done Well legislation replaces the previous Three Waters reform programme. While the end goals remain the same; safe, sustainable, and efficient water services, the new legislation gives councils more flexibility in how to achieve them. All councils are now required to submit a Water Services Delivery Plan by 3 September 2025, either individually or in partnership with others.

Over recent months, Whakatāne District Council staff and expert advisors have reviewed the state of the water infrastructure, assessed future upgrade and maintenance needs, and explored funding options. This detailed work has helped Councillors to shape a shortlist of delivery approaches now open for public feedback.

The two options are:

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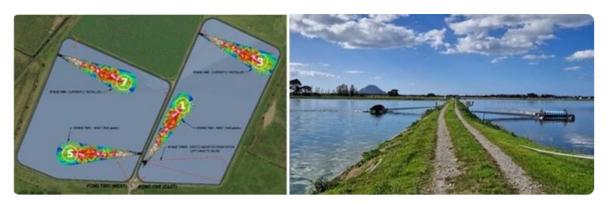
- A Multi-Council-Controlled Organisation (Multi-CCO) Council's preferred option. This model involves forming a new, council-owned entity with other local councils. It offers shared resources, expert capability, and greater efficiency, while retaining ownership and governance at the local level.
- A standalone business unit within Council An alternative where the Whakatāne District Council continues to manage water services internally, but with a stand-alone team and structure.

Financial modelling suggests that joining forces with other councils has marginal benefits in the first 10 years but stronger long-term benefits, noting that financial modelling relies on assumptions and therefore has uncertainties associated with it.

Under the Multi-CCO model, the Whakatāne District Council would jointly own a limited liability company responsible for delivering water services. All water-related assets, revenue, and debt would transfer to the new entity, which would provide services directly to customers under regulatory oversight. The Council would still play a vital role by setting expectations for how local priorities are reflected in decision-making.

Public consultation opened on Thursday 17 April and runs until 5pm, Sunday 18 May. Community pop-in sessions are also planned during this time. To read the proposal, share your views, or for more information, visit https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/wai-it-matters.

4.2. Whakatāne wastewater treatment plant – new aerators



In June 2024, two surface-style aerators, featuring advanced technology, were installed, delivering improved energy efficiency, reduced maintenance needs, and enhanced oxygen transfer rates. Their strategic placement, guided by a comprehensive layout plan and phasing programme, also helps mitigate short-circuiting within the treatment process. Since installation, the Stage 1 aerators have collectively operated for approximately 11,000 hours without requiring any reactive maintenance from the Three Waters Operations team—marking a significant improvement over the previous models. Stage 2 was completed in early April with the successful installation of Aerators 1 and 5, in line with the pond layout plan. Installation of the remaining three aerators is still to be completed as part of the final phase.

4.3. Desludging of Ohope pond



Desludging of Pond 1 in Ōhope recommenced at the end of March, with Kiwi Waste leading the operation. An initial 420 tonnes were removed at the end of last year. A post-removal survey identified an additional 500 tonnes that still need to be cleared. Kiwi Waste anticipates completing the desludging project by the end of June.

4.4. Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan update

The Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan (Spatial Plan) has reached a significant milestone and is now moving into its next phase — implementation.

Following extensive engagement in 2024 and strong alignment between community feedback and the emerging preferred growth scenario, the project team is now shifting focus to implementation and local delivery. Rather than progressing to further consultation on a draft version of the Spatial Plan, the plan will be finalised and presented to councils for adoption in June 2025.

The next phase of work will be led at the local level, with each council developing its own growth planning and delivery tailored to the needs and priorities of their communities.

In Whakatāne, work will begin on a new Local Growth Strategy, focusing on greenfield growth areas and infrastructure planning to support future housing and business development. Ōpōtiki District Council will advance its growth strategy with a focus on the Hukutaia Growth Area and maximising opportunities created by the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development. Kawerau District Council's housing and economic growth strategy will continue its focus on Stoneham Park and enabling economic development.

This local approach will provide more meaningful opportunities for engagement, ensuring that future development — including housing, infrastructure, and business land — is delivered in a way that supports balanced growth and reflects the unique character of each district.

For more information visit https://ourplacesebop.org.nz/.

Community Board Members will be invited to consultation events on the Local Growth Strategy in due course.

4.5. Withdrawal of Proposed Plan Change 2: Keepa Road



Proposed Plan Change 2, which was notified in 2018, is a private plan change that seeks to change the zoning of two parcels of land located on the corner of Keepa Road and State Highway 30, Whakatāne. The plan change proposed to change the current Light Industrial zoning to Residential to enable the future residential development of the land. Following notification, Council received 34 submissions and 12 further submissions. The plan change was placed on hold in late 2018, due to the need to undertake further technical assessments in response to the submissions. Council staff have recently received confirmation from the landowner's representative that the plan change proposal is being withdrawn. Public notices will be published shortly, and submitters will also be notified.

4.6. Kāinga Ora – King Street site

Kāinga Ora purchased the site on the corner of King and Stewart Streets and Washer Avenue (the old Countdown site) to provide a range of social housing options in Whakatāne. Given the change to the Kāinga Ora mandate they have now formally withdrawn a resource consent for what was proposed as 17 housing units and a commercial development. No information is available as to what will be done with the eight vacant lots.

4.7. IANZ Audit

Our Building Consent Authority (BCA) audit is scheduled for the 23 to 27 June 2025. The audit is run by IANZ, and it has been undertaken annually for the last two years. It tests our technical and system processes against our policy.

5. People and Partnerships Update

5.1. Council 101



The Whakatāne Youth Council received the first of many civics-related learning opportunities at its meeting when visited by Mayor Victor Luca, Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink and Youth Council rep, Cr Toni Boynton. The visit was an opportunity to discuss a number of Council-related issues and included a 'Council 101' presentation and a tour of the Council offices. The 101 presentation is made each year to the new Youth Council group as a way of outlining what local democracy is, how councils work, and how to get involved. The civics introduction provides a great overview for the Youth Council members and is particularly important in an election year.

5.2. Community Plans

Check out Council's website for everything you need to know about Community Planning happening in our rohe. Community Plans are a way to capture and prioritise the aspirations of area-based communities and create a path to achieve those goals. They're a way for local people to take positive action in their communities, and are supported by the Council.

5.3. Updated Standing Orders

Our Standing Orders have now been updated and adopted. You can find the new version on Council's public website.

6. Strategy and Growth Update

6.1. Events give the local economy a boost

Early April was one of the busiest event periods the district has seen in years with 30 events over a two-week period. This saw sporting events, family-friendly festivals, fishing tournaments, food experiences and workshops, theatre shows, markets, surfing festivals, Kiwi night walks, triathlons, pony rides, comedy gigs and more happening across the Whakatāne District.

The impact of these events goes beyond just great experiences. They provide a huge boost to the local economy, benefiting accommodation providers, retailers and hospitality businesses. Some of the larger events attracting visitors have been analysed, showing an estimated economic impact of \$910,000. These events showcase the richness of our region and highlight the passion and hard work of local organisers who make them happen for both our community and visitors.

6.2. Tourism and Promotion - Autumn promotion is live

The Autumn seasonal promotion is live on socials and the website. So far each of the five films have had an average of 7,000 views. The school holiday activity ads have just launched, encouraging people to head over to our rohe for the break or weekend visit. We also supported the Flavours of Plenty events, including the Tamariki Foodie Fair and the West End Wiggle.

6.3. Climate Change Fund

We're proud to be launching the Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Funds – a new partnership between Whakatāne District Council and Trust Horizon, designed to empower our community to take real action on climate change. The funds' purpose is to increase community action in the Whakatane District.

It is aimed at local groups (but businesses can also apply, they just need to fund 50%) with a project to cut carbon emissions or build climate resilience. Eligibility and project possibility is kept wide as we wish to spark innovation, support equity, and grow climate leadership across our rohe.

There is \$95,000 available in 2025/26 with dedicated rounds each quarter. The maximum any application can apply for in a year is \$20,000.

There's also a special Youth Development Fund with \$5,000 set aside for young people (under 24 years old) who are based in or grew up in the Whakatane District to support them into climate-related education or training.

Applications for Round 1 open 1 July and close 15 August 2025.

The administrator of the fund is willing to meet with anyone to discuss potential projects or help with applications. If helpful, they are willing to attend one of your meetings to go over the fund in more detail.

7. Business and Corporate Services Update

7.1. Solid Waste

7.1.1. Waste and Litter Act Consultation

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and Litter Act 1979 make up the key legislation that regulates waste and litter in New Zealand and central government is currently seeking feedback on proposed changes.

The proposed changes include:

- creating a framework for extended producer responsibility
- changes to how the waste levy is allocated to territorial authorities, and what they can spend the money on

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- clarifying roles and responsibilities for central government, local government and the waste sector
- improving tools for compliance, monitoring, and enforcement
- enabling efficient and effective controls for littering and other types of mismanaged waste.

Further details can be found at : <u>Have your say on proposed amendments to waste legislation</u> - Ministry for the Environment - Citizen Space

These Acts impose responsibilities across several teams in council including, Solid Waste, Regulatory and Open Spaces. The deadline for submissions is 1 June 2025.

We have formed a team to prepare a submission on these changes and will present a draft to the Infrastructure and Planning Committee on 29 May 2025. However, if you have any feedback in the meantime please email our Solid Waste Manager, Nigel Clarke; nigel.clarke@whakatane.govt.nz It would be helpful if you could please refer to specific submission questions in the document Amendments-to-waste-legislation-proposals-and-questions-INFO1305.pdf when providing feedback.

7.2. Battery recycling





The Solid Waste team is 'charged up' to be able to finally start promoting a safe and free way to recycle batteries at our Resource Recovery Centres. We have installed a new battery recycling unit at Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre to recycle all small household batteries like AA, AAA, small cell batteries and even vape batteries. It has a heat sensor in it which is monitored 24/7 so is a safe way to store batteries ready to recycle. The unit was provided to us by Phoenix Recycling Group, a large battery recycling company that has supplied multiple councils with these units at a highly discounted price and is funded by our Waste Levy Fund keeping the costs away from our ratepayers but allowing us to still do the right thing.

We accept nearly all types of batteries and ensure they are recycled safely (full list of accepted batteries here).

With the increase in truck, recycling facility, and landfill fires caused by batteries, we're pleased to offer this service to our community to help keep our contractors and sites safe.

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We've started a month-long educational campaign to help our community learn how to safely store and recycle batteries. A newly designed brochure will be available at Customer Services, Te Kōputu (Whakatāne Library), and the Waste Zero Whakatāne stall at the Sunday Market. We'll also be sharing information through social media posts, radio spots, newspaper articles — and even videos (in both English and te reo Māori) featuring our very own Tasha Thompson and our friend Tamati Waaka from Papaka Ltd.

All information can be found <u>here</u> on our website. We require the public to tape over the battery terminals before they deposit them, so they don't 'short out' and ignite.

Nearest collection points:

- Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre two dedicated battery recycling units (pictured above).
- Murupara Resource Recovery Centre batteries are collected and transferred to Whakatāne for safe recycling.
- Other locations Waste Zero Whakatāne stall at the first Sunday Market each month, Bunnings, and Supercheap Auto (for car batteries only).



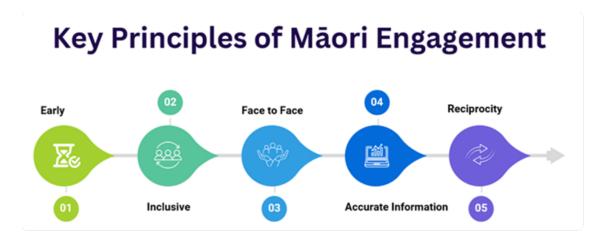


We continue to work with Waste Zero Whakatāne and are pleased that they provide support back to Council supporting this campaign.

8. Strategic Māori Partnerships Update

8.1. Best Practice

The Toi Kōtuia team and extended staff members recently took part in a wānanga with Carlo Ellis on Best Practice Iwi Engagement. Carlo is the principal advisor of Te Aro Pū, a Strategic Advice and Critical Analysis consultancy firm. This wānanga enabled the team to reflect on past work programmes, what's working well, and how we can improve these practises in the future.



8.2. First Noho Marae for 2025 in Te Teko



A group of approximately 30 staff have had the privilege to stay at Ruaihona Marae 1 and 2 May at the first organisational Noho Marae for 2025. These noho marae are a great opportunity for our staff to increase their awareness and understanding of te ao Māori me ōna tikanga/the Māori world view and practises, become more comfortable and knowledgeable about and in these spaces and places, and build a deeper connection to their own self-awareness and our wider hapori/communities.

9. News

To keep up to date with current news members are encouraged to review the "Latest News" and "Public Notices":

https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/news; https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/public-notices

Social media: Social media is also a useful way for members to keep up to date with Council activities in your hapori.

https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil

https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneAquaticCentre/

https://www.facebook.com/taketakemuseum

https://www.facebook.com/whakatanelibrary

The Council Facebook page is a critical communications channel for our emergency management team and posts will always be put up during times the Incident Management Team is monitoring weather or other emergency events.

Events: For up to date listings on community events, information can be found here https://www.whakatane.com/events

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

District Council

7.2 Governance Administration – May 2025

7.2 Governance Administration – May 2025

To: Taneatua Community Board

Meeting Date: Monday, 26 May 2025

Author: A Dass / Governance Support Advisor

Authoriser C Viljoen / Manager Governance Services

Reference: A2892027

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

This report provides the Tāneatua Community Board with updates from the Governance Services team and includes one discretionary fund application for the Board's consideration.

2. Recommendations - Tohutohu akiaki

- 1. THAT the Governance Administration May 2025 report be received; and
- 2. THAT the Tāneatua Community Board **considers** allocating discretionary funds to Find Your Fish Movement to assist with costs associated with delivering activities for the Waimana Holiday Program on 30 September to 3 October 2025.

3. Background - He tirohanga whakamuri

3.1. Funding Criteria

The criteria for the Community Board Discretionary Fund are:

- No retrospective funding applications will be considered.
- Supporting documentation on how you calculated your costs is required to justify the amount sought.
- Applications will be considered at the next appropriate Community Board meeting.
- The project must be held within the community board area you are seeking funding for
- The Community Board has the option to collaborate with other Boards in the joint funding of major projects.
- Grants of up to \$1,000 may be considered to support groups attending international or national events.
- Boards generally lean towards funding an annual or biannual event once but reserve the right to consider each one on a case-by-case basis.
- A "guarantee against loss" may be offered to support an event that may require either seeding or back up finance this is to give you confidence that funds up to the value offered will be available following the event if it runs at a loss.
- Applicants will be invited to speak during the Public Forum at the commencement of the Board meeting, where they will be called upon to provide a brief overview of their application.

7.2 Governance Administration – May 2025(Cont.)

- If successful, applicants will be required to use the relevant Community Board logo on advertising material and other items associated with the event or project to acknowledge the grant made.
- A declaration of expenditure and project report is required once the project has been completed.
- Funds not uplifted within six months from the allocation date will lapse.
- Applications are accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability.

3.2. Project Fund

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

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^{*} C/F for Taneatua it was driven by allocating previously unallocated grant funding from 2023

The current balance of the Taneatua discretionary fund as at 30 April 2025 is approximately \$10,3108.27.

4. Subjects – Kaupapa

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

4.1. Meetings

Combined Community Board meeting

The final Combined Community Board meeting for the 2022-2025 triennium was held on 6 May 2025 and a good representation from all Boards were in attendance. Subjects covered were as follows:

- 1. Introduction to the most recent members of Council's Executive Leadership Team
- 2. Local Waters Done Well presentation
- 3. Report from the Governance Services team
- 4. Local Elections 2025 presentation from Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofsoske
- 5. Activity updates from each Community Board

7.2.1 Funding Application - Find Your Fish Movement.

4.2. Funding Applications

4.2.1. Find Your Fish Movement

Find Your Fish Movement will be running their holiday programme in Waimana and Tāneatua during the September–October school holidays. The programme is expected to engage approximately 40–50 rangatahi. They are seeking funding support to assist with the delivery of various activities, including gardening, cooking, arts and crafts. The application was submitted late and did not include any quotes.

In 2023, the group received \$500.00 from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board to support student participation in the 'Festival for the Future'.

Attached to this report:

• Funding Application – Find Your Fish Movement

7.2.1 Funding Application - Find Your Fish Movement.

W. W.	Discretionary Funds Application Form
1	CONTACT DETAILS
1.1	Name of your organisation: Find Your Fish Movement
	Phone: /ebsite:
	(
1.2	Name of principal contact: Talei Bryart Position held in group: Founder
	Phone (day): Mobile: Email:
1.3	Name of secondary contact: Petro Gray Position held in group: Marayy
	Phone (day):
2	ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION
2.1	How long has your organisation been operating? 7 years
2.2	What are your group's main objectives and activities? To condo acontrolities for range table in rural communities
	To crede opportunities for rangatahi in rural comunities to run programs for rangatahi focusing on leadership,
	well being & passion.

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	ABOUT YOUR FUNDING REQUEST vide a title for the project, service, event proposal for which you are seeking funding (approx 8 words):
	laimana Holiday Program
ive a brie	ef description of the project, service, event proposal for which you are seeking funding (if you have a separate on or require more space, please list the key points here and attach a full description of your proposal):
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to 1	help with resources to go towards activities like
VV()	dening, cooking, arts & crofts & adisco for the kids.
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low long	does the project, service or proposal run? Starts: Sept 30th 2025
Ongoing:	Finishes: Oct 3 th 2025
unding [Description – tick the appropriate boxes
	Provision of seeding funding for a community event
abla	Support for a Community Project
	Purchase of works of art for public reserves
\Box	Project associated with youth or the elderly
	Facility development or upgrade - including property owned by community organisations
	Pride and beautification project within the community
	Board generated project, event or initiative
	Promotion and advertising
	Attendance at National or International Competition
The Wha	katâne District Council has adopted a set of Climate Change Principles to ensure that climate change be consider
n all dec	isions. Please consider potential impacts to Climate Change that the project/event may have.
We	try and incorporate activities that teach rangetal and climate change, recycling & sustain ability.
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Discretionary Funds

4	MEASURING THE SUCCESS YOUR PROJECT, SERVICE OR EVENT PROPOSAL
4.1	Show us how you will measure that your project, service or event proposal is successful by outlining the benefits to the community
	We always run feedbach surveys to get into from whomu to see how we can do better it how their tamariki enjayed themselves. We are also combining withe Tareatura Community Board on Mon Sept 30th in Tareature to run an engagement program.
4.2	Which of the following of the Council's Community Outcomes applies? – tick the appropriate boxes
	Effective Leadership - Striving for our Future Wellbeing
	Community Needs – A caring community
	Quality Services – Excellent Value for Money
	Valuing our Environment - Sustaining for future generations
	Reliable and Affordable Infrastructure – Meeting current and future needs
	Sustainable Economic Development – Working in partnership
4.3	What will happen to the project if: this funding application is unsuccessful or, only a portion of the funds are received or, a guarantee against loss is provided rather than a grant?
	The project will proceed as outlined
	The project will be delayed (please specify expected length of delay):
	The project will be downgraded
	The project will be prevented from being carried out

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16	WHAKATĀNE District Council		etionary Funds plication Form	
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5	FINANCIAL DETAILS OF YO	UR PROJECT, SER\	/ICE OR PROPOSAL	
Note:	: All figures to include GST (if any).			
	Please provide a breakdown of the budg	get for the project, se	ervice or proposal for which you are seeking ass	sistance:
	PROJECT COSTS		PROJECT INCOME	
	Description of cost*	Amount	Income source	Amount
	Salaries / wages	\$0	Applicant organisation's contribution	\$
	Postage/telephone/administration	\$ 0	Fundraising	\$
Ta .	Advertising / promotion	\$0	Donations / sponsorship	\$
	Professional fees	\$()	Entry fees	\$ /
	Travel costs	5100	Value of donated material	\$
	Project materials	\$	Other Grants applied for	\$ /
	Labour cost	\$	(please specify):	\$
	Venue / equipment hire	\$	And the transfer of the appealance	\$
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6 OTHER COUNCIL FUNDING

Note: All figures to include GST (if any).

Year	Amount received	Purpose
2023	\$500.00	Festival for the Future
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7 DECLARATION

We the undersigned do solemnly and sincerely declare and acknowledge that:

- The details we have given in all sections of this application are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.
- We have the authority to commit our group to this application.
- All information contained in this application is subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and will be included in a publicly available agenda.
 - (If you do not wish for any personal details to be made public, please indicate this in your application. The information is held and administered by Whakatāne District Council in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Whakatāne District Councils Privacy Policy.)
- The Council may collect from third parties any information it deems necessary about the applicant or the application.
- A declaration of expenditure and results report is required once the event has taken place.

Name:	Taler Bryand Founder
Position held in group:	Founder
Signature:	
Date: .	14/05/2025
Any personal details to withhold:	
Name:	Petra Gray
Position held in group:	Petro Gray Normal
Signature:	
Date:	14/05/2025
Any personal details to withhold:	

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Agenda

Where - Waimana Rugby Field When - October 11-14 2021 Time - 10am-3pm

	Monday 11th					
Time	What - Outcomes	Who	Where	Notes		
9:00am	Volunteers start arriving to set up for -sports day -Station for vision board making -board games area -Slime and playdough making area	Volunteers		Have a attached checklist of gear and games setting up		
10am-10:15 am	Tamariki to Meet at Waimana School - Medical side Start dividing tamariki up into 3 groups			Give each person a coloured ribbon for teams colour		
10:30am	Start stations for 45 mins each -sports day Team 1 -Station for vision board making Team 2 -Slime and playdough making area Team 3		Field Classroom Kitchen	Rangatahi leaders will run a station and tamariki will rotate		
11:15am	Break	All				
11:30am	Station 2 -sports day Team 3 -Station for vision board making Team 1 -Slime and playdough making area Team 2					
12:15pm	Lunch					
12:45pm	Last rounds of stations -sports day Team 2 -Station for vision board making Team 3 -Slime and playdough making area Team 1					
1:30pm	Come back together and get into teams to create a team skit of their day - Have 45 mins to come up with a skit/song/dance					
2:15pm	Each team to present their skit					

2:45pm	End of day, clean up and give out prizes		
3:00pm	Finish Volunteers clean up last of anything		

	Tuesday 12th					
Time	What - Outcomes	Who	Where	Notes		
9:00am	Volunteers arrive and start setting up arts and crafts day Different stations for age groups Also have a space set up with board games, playdough and slime Theme - Halloween					
10am-10:15 am	Tamariki arrive Team leaders divide tamariki into teams based on ages					
10:30am	Teams go of to different spaces to start their arts and crafts Babies in one room Older kids in room next to kitchen					
11:15am	Break	All				
11:30am	Babies Go back to finishing arts and crafts Older kids turn to start baking workshop					
12:15pm	Babies turn to make pancakes or scones or muffins Older kids finish arts and crafts			Making carailk and nutella cookie pies		
1:00pm	Lunch time					
1:30pm	Everyone help do dishes and clean up					
2:00pm	Art show and tell time Indoor games if raining Outdoor games if sunny					
2:45pm	End of day, clean up and give out prizes					
3:00pm	Finish Volunteers clean up last of anything					

Wednesday 13th				
Time		Who	Where	Notes

9:00am	Volunteers arrive Set up play area for kids Set up space for Para Kore Workshop Set up tools for gardening Set up space for seeds - germination of seeds? Make Lip Balm or soap?		
10am-10:15 am	Tamariki arrive 3 Rangatahi leaders do some opening games	MJ, Hinehou, Petra	
10:30am	Get settled for Parakore workshop	Arohanui	
12:15pm	Lunchtime		
12:45pm	Gardening or seed planting indoors due to weather		
1:30pm	Skit about what everyone learnt		
2:15pm	Present skits		
2:45pm	End of day, clean up and give out prizes		
3:00pm	Finish Volunteers clean up last of anything		

Thursday 14th						
Time	What - Outcomes	Who	Where	Notes		
9:00am	Volunteers arrive Set up stations 1. Sports on field 2. Area for Civil defence to have a workshop 3. Playdough and slime 4. Arts and crafts area - Theme - what to do in an emergency 5. Kai area					
10am-10:15 am	Tamariki and community members arrive					
10:30am	Workshop 1 Sports					
11:15am	Workshop 2 Civil Defence					

7.2.1 Funding Application - Find Your Fish Movement.(Cont.)

12:00pm	Lunch		
12:45	Workshop 3 Arts and Crafts		
1:15pm	Workshop 4 Any emergency services we may get		
2:00pm	Break		
2:15pm	Workshop 5 Local services and local community response team		
2:45pm	End of Day		
3:00pm	Event finishes		

Volunteer To Do List

- Create a sign in area that is also a place where tamariki get their coloured bands
- Charge speaker and take cord
- Extension cord
- Gazebos
- Tables
- Chairs
- First aid kit
- Set up stations

8 Chairperson Report

8 Chairperson Report

Community Board

8.1 TCB Chairpersons Report – May 2025

To: Taneatua Community Board

Date: Monday, 26 May 2025

Author: TCB Chairperson

File Reference: A2891972

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

Tuatahi - E mihi ana ki to tatou kaihanga, tuarua e rere atu te mihi ki to matou tipuna awa ko Ohinemataroa, tuatoru - hoki mai kia matou - tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

This report provides an overview of events, activities and important community korero that keeps us in touch with our communities and highlights the amazing mahi and people within all our hapori.

2. Recommendations - Tohutohu akiaki

THAT the Taneatua Community Board Chairpersons Report – May 2025 be received.

3. Community on the ground

Well done to the current Community Board members for completing the Strategic Plan for our rohe through robust and genuine collective korero and input. We are now ready to commence work on our Tāneatua Community Plan. Recently we had a hui with WDC Vicki Richards to discuss the next steps in drafting our Tāneatua Community Plan – this will start with a consultation process and survey with our community.

The Pekatahi bridge continues to be a Kaupapa of much discussion and frustration for many users. A conversation with NZTA and WDC staff was useful in that we were able to speak to the issues that directly affect our community whānau. Importantly, those departments directly involved in the Pekatahi bridge will be attending our next Hui to provide our community with a comprehensive report and proposed plans to deal with the issues — this will allow our community to ask questions and understand the issue in a more in technical, financial and socially in-depth way

Tāneatua maintenance of lawns by the WDC is noticed and appreciated.

There are reports from residents on McKenzie and Tuhoe Ave that traffic has increased 3-fold over the past 2-3 years, and speed limits are not adhered to, especially during the night. Once resident reported that cars and trucks are seen driving at approximately 70-80km in a 40 km school zone. We're fortunate no serious accidents have happened however it the speed is becoming a worrying factor on these 2 streets.

8.1 TCB Chairpersons Report - May 2025(Cont.)

We note the maintenance mahi done at the Tāneatua Cemetery after the wild weather experienced through the past 4 weeks, works have started on the extension. Due to the bollards, we also notice a complete stop of cars parking within the cemetery – this has been a positive outcome considering the unsavoury activities happening within there.

Our community are cracking down on motorcycle riders who have been riding in the Rob Shaw rugby park ripping up the field and surrounds, potentially making it unsafe for rugby players. In this case face book has been instrumental in finding those responsible and working with the Rugby Club to stop this behaviour and damage.

4. Upcoming events

Tamariki Holiday Program – Member Talei Bryant is facilitating in Waimana.

9 Closing Karakia - He Karakia Whakakapi

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Kia tau ki a tātau katoa	May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ		
Te atawhai o tō tātau Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti	And the love of God		
Me te aroha o te Atua	And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit		
Me te whiwhinga tahitanga	Be with you all		
Ki te wairua tapu	Forever and ever		
Āke ake ake,	Amen		
Āmine			