



# Community Funding Committee

## *Te Komiti Motuhake o te Tohatoha Pūtea me ngā Whakawhiwhinga Rangatahi*

Thursday, 31 July 2025

*Tāite, 31 Hōngongoi 2025*

Tōtara Room, Whakatāne District Council  
14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne  
Commencing at 9:00 am



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**A Membership - *Mematanga***

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Councillor Gavin Dennis - Chairperson

Councillor Ngapera Rangiaho

Councillor John Pullar

Reorua Panel Members:

Ripeka Hawkins

Mike Panapa

**B Delegations to the Community Funding Committee - *Tuku Mahi ki te Komiti***

To administer and allocate funds that Council manages as part of its Grants and Funding Portfolio in accordance with the Community Grants and Funding Policy 2023, and to incorporate additional funding streams as they arise. This includes external funds that Council manages, such as the Creative Communities Scheme and Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- To consider applications for grants and funds that are part of Council's Grants and Funding Portfolio and to make allocations within approved budgets in accordance with the Community Grants and Funding Policy 2023.
- New Zealand according to the specific priorities set by Creative New Zealand.

The Committee's decisions do not need to be approved or confirmed by the Council.

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## **1 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae***

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

### **2 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā Mihimihi***

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

### **3 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu***

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

Members are reminded of the need 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. Elected Members are also reminded to update their register of interests when changes occur.

#### **1. Financial Conflict**

- Members present must declare any direct or indirect financial interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.
- Members cannot take part in the discussion, nor can they vote on any matter in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest, unless with an approved exception.
- Members with a financial interest should physically withdraw themselves from the table. If the meeting is public excluded, members should leave the room.

#### **2. Non-Financial Conflict**

- If a member considers that they have a non-financial conflict of interest in a matter they must not take part in the discussions about that matter or any subsequent vote.
- Members with a non-financial interest must leave the table when the matter is considered but are not required to leave the room.

### **4 Public Participation- *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

#### **4.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

The Committee has set aside 30 minutes 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.

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 a speaker.

- Mereana Hona
- He Taonga Consultancy

**4.2 Deputations - *Nga Whakapuaki Whaitake***

- Mana Ako
- Miss Rangipare Ngaropo
- Te Makaurangi o te Tini o Toi (Kaimahi Maori forum for staff working at Whakatane hospital)
- Iramoko Marae Charitable Trust
- Whakatane District Council - Tourism and Events Team
- Miss Molly TeMare Turnbull
- Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty

**4.2 Deputations - *Nga Whakapuaki Whaitake***

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

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

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

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The minutes from the Community Funding Committee held Tuesday, 18 March 2025 can be viewed via the Council website.

Click on the link below in order to view the 'unconfirmed minutes'.

- [Minutes - Community Funding Committee 20 May 2025](#)

## 6 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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#### 6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025



To: **Community Funding Committee**

Date: **Thursday, 31 July 2025**

Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**

Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**

Reference: **A2911072**

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

That the Committee considers the applications received, for the second round of the Reorua Contestable Fund in 2025 and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 23 June 2025 and closed on 13 July 2025. There is \$13,000.00 available for this round of the Reorua Contestable Fund. A total of 14 valid applications were received requesting a total of \$59,752.00

Nine applicants have indicated they would like to address the Funding Committee about their application.

A summary of the valid applications is appended to the report.

#### 2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025 and allocates the funding to recipients accordingly.

#### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

The Reorua Contestable Fund champions the use of te reo Māori in the Whakatāne District. This fund is for events, projects, and activities that encourage and uplift te reo Māori.

This fund, now in its fourth funding round, was developed in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa and Whakatāne District Council, as part of a broader initiative to create opportunities for te reo Māori to be seen, heard and celebrated in the Whakatāne District.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa, and Whakatāne District Council leadership teams, with the support of Department of Internal Affairs collaboratively established Whakatāne as a Reorua township in 2023 and Murupara as a Reorua township in 2024.



**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025(Cont.)**

Together, these organisations recognise Reorua as a powerful platform for advancing te reo Māori revitalisation efforts within the towns and encompassing the whole rohe (boundaries) of the district. This initiative is supported by Aotearoa Reorua, a national movement that assists towns and cities across New Zealand to become bilingual centres.

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

All applications are assessed according to the merit of the project, based on guidelines developed through consultation between Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa and Whakatāne District Council. Applications are also assessed according to the requirements set out in Council's Community Grants and Funding Policy.

All applications, whether they are from organisations or individuals, are asked to identify the benefits of the proposed project to the community. To be considered eligible for funding, an application must align with the goals for the Reorua Contestable Fund:

- To improve understanding and use of te reo Māori in our communities
- To make te reo Māori seen, heard, felt, spoken and valued throughout the Whakatāne District
- To develop resources and programmes that revitalise, and encourage, the use of te reo Māori all around the Whakatāne District
- To increase opportunities for people to engage with and learn te reo Māori.

**5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

The Reorua Contestable Fund is now into its fourth funding round, and as such, is now established as an ongoing source of funding managed as part of Whakatāne District Council's funding portfolio.

The fund was discussed as part of the development of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy in 2023 and the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

The latest Reorua fund was advertised externally, through various outlets, including local newspaper, community news, social media, and direct emails to over 600 Council contacts and networks.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025(Cont.)**

- Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.
- The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

**7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.2. Legal**

No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report. The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) mandates councils to uphold the Crown's responsibilities by considering Treaty of Waitangi principles and facilitating Māori participation in local decision-making.

**7.3. Financial/Budget Considerations**

There are no budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

The budget allocation for this fund has been provided by Māori Strategic Partnerships through the LTP bid. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report. There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Māori Strategic Partnerships team, Governance and the Community Partnerships team, and also from external funding panel members.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Reorua Contestable Fund is to encourage communication within key communities within our district. This is likely over time to enhance Goal 1 of the Climate Change Strategy:

- We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.

It is expected projects and activities supported through the Reorua Contestable Fund could have a positive impact on this goal in the medium to long term. However, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.5. Risks**

There are no significant or notable risks associated with the matters of this report.

**8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once decisions have been made, successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the decisions, and funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Attached to this Report:**

## Community Funding Committee - AGENDA

**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – July 2025(Cont.)**

## Appendix A - Summary of Applications:

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
RRXXV01	He Taonga Consultancy	Te Ākau Reo o Te Puna Ora	\$5,000.00
RRXXV02	Whakapiki i Te Ao Māori (Trident High School)	Whakapiki i Te Ao Māori ki Rarotonga	\$4,850.00
RRXXV04	Raroa Marae Trust	Kapa Haka Group Practice for 100th Anniversary	\$5,000.00
RRXXV05	Rangitaiki Mokopapa - Te Māpou Marae	Rangitaiki Mokopapa	\$5,000.00
RRXXV07	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa - Te Ahi Kaa	Ngāti Awa Te Toki - off season wānanga	\$5,000.00
RRXXV08	Mr Daniel Herbert	Matatahi NZ Maori Rugby League U19s Tournament	\$4,002.00
RRXXV10	Mana Ako	Mana Ako	\$5,000.00
RRXXV11	Miss Rangipare Ngaropo	Ngā Tapuwae o Te Kura - Children's Book	\$5,000.00
RRXXV13	Te Makaurangi o te Tini o Toi ( Kaimahi Maori forum for staff working at Whakatane Hospital )	Kia Whakataane au i a ahau	\$5,000.00
RRXXV14	Iramoko Marae Charitable Trust	Te Reo o Te Tawera	\$2,000.00
RRXXV15	Whakatane District Council - Tourism and Events Team	Te Reo Outdoor Movie Screening	\$4,000.00
RRXXV16	Miss Molly TeMare Turnbull	Te Ora o te Awa o Paekoa, Ngahina, Ruatoki	\$3,000.00
RRXXV17	Mereana Hona	Te Kōtahi o Te Awa o Te Atua	\$1,900.00
RRXXV18	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty	Kia Ngawari ai te Huarahi: Strengthening Cultural Safety in Palliative Care	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>			<b>\$59,752.00</b>

**6.2 Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025****6.2 Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025**To: **Community Funding Committee**Date: **Thursday, 31 July 2025**Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**Reference: **A2911076****1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata***

That the Committee considers the applications received for the second round of the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund for 2025 and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly. Applications opened on 23 June 2025 and closed on 13 July 2025. There is \$40,000 available for this round of the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund. A total of six valid applications were received requesting a total of \$27,435.00.

A summary of the valid applications is appended to the report.

**2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki***

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025 and allocates the funding to recipients accordingly.

**3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri***

This fund supports a range of projects, activities and programmes that are directly linked to the waterways and marine environment in Whakatāne District. It aims to encourage our communities to make the most of the waterways and marine environment within Whakatāne District, by contributing to a range of projects, that include water sports, water safety initiatives, environmental initiatives, and research and study programmes.

This is the fourth round of the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund, which had its first round in July 2024. During these rounds it has gone through several iterations and changes. Prior to this round, the name of the fund was extended from "Te Pūaha" to "Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment" to provide more context and clarity to potential applicants.

**6.2 Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025(Cont.)**

From the third round of the Te Pūaha Fund, (March 2025), a scholarship element was added to the fund to encourage a range of applications from individuals. This scholarship element is aimed to encourage applications and activities that include research, study, education, personal development and skill building, provided they are linked to Whakatāne District's waterways and marine environment.

The Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund is advertised and administered as two distinct funds; a 'Scholarship' fund, for applications from individuals, and a 'General' fund, for applications from groups and organisations.

This distinction was made as there were separate guidelines/criteria for individuals and organisations applying to the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund. This distinction was also introduced to encourage applications from individuals, and to broaden the range of projects and activities that are supported by the fund.

The fund is held by Council's Ports and Harbours Team.

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

All applications are assessed according to the merit of the project, based on the fund guidelines. Organisations applying to the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund applicants are required to identify the benefits of the proposed project, either to the community, to the Whakatāne District, or to themselves, dependent on whether they apply to the Scholarship Fund or the General Fund.

Applications are also assessed according to the requirements set out in Council's Community Grants and Funding Policy.

**5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

Although there have been a relatively recent administrative and rebranding changes to Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund, including the establishment of this scholarship element to the fund, water safety grants are a well-established part of Council's funding portfolio.

The Te Puaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund was discussed as part of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy and confirmed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

**6.2 Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025(Cont.)**

- Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.
- The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

The Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community newsletters, social media, and emails to over 600 Council contacts.

**7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.2. Legal**

No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.3. Financial/Budget Considerations**

The budget allocation for Te Puaha Scholarship Fund is the responsibility of the Ports and Harbours team at Whakatāne District Council. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Ports and Harbours, Governance, Communications and Community Partnerships teams.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund is to support projects or activities linked to parts of the Whakatāne District's natural environment.

This includes supporting research and activities related to our waterways and marine environment that promote or enhance the goals of our Climate Change Strategy:

- Goal 1: We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.
- Goal 2: We have prioritised a just transition to low emissions.
- Goal 3: We will continue to adapt, to reduce the effects of climate change.

It is expected that the Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund will have a positive impact on these goals in the medium to long term, however, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.5. Risks**

There are no significant or notable risks associated with the matters of this report.

**6.2 Te Pūaha – Waterways and Marine Environment Fund – July 2025(Cont.)****8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

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TPGFXXV01	Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club Inc	Sports Equipment	\$3,665.00
TPGFXXV03	Parafed Bay of Plenty	Ōhope Ocean & Harbour Family Fun Days 2026	\$4,000.00
TPGFXXV04	Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club Inc.	Project funding to purchase a waka trailer	\$5,000.00
TPGFXXV05	Halo Whakatane Inc.	Tutapeka - Wainui Te Whara (Whitehorse Drive Detention Pond Restoration)	\$4,820.00
TPGFXXV06	Te Tawera Hapū - Iramoko Marae	Te Au o Te Wai	\$4,950.00
TPGFXXV07	Ngai Taiwhakaea	Ngai Taiwhakaea community project	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>			<b>\$27,435.00</b>