



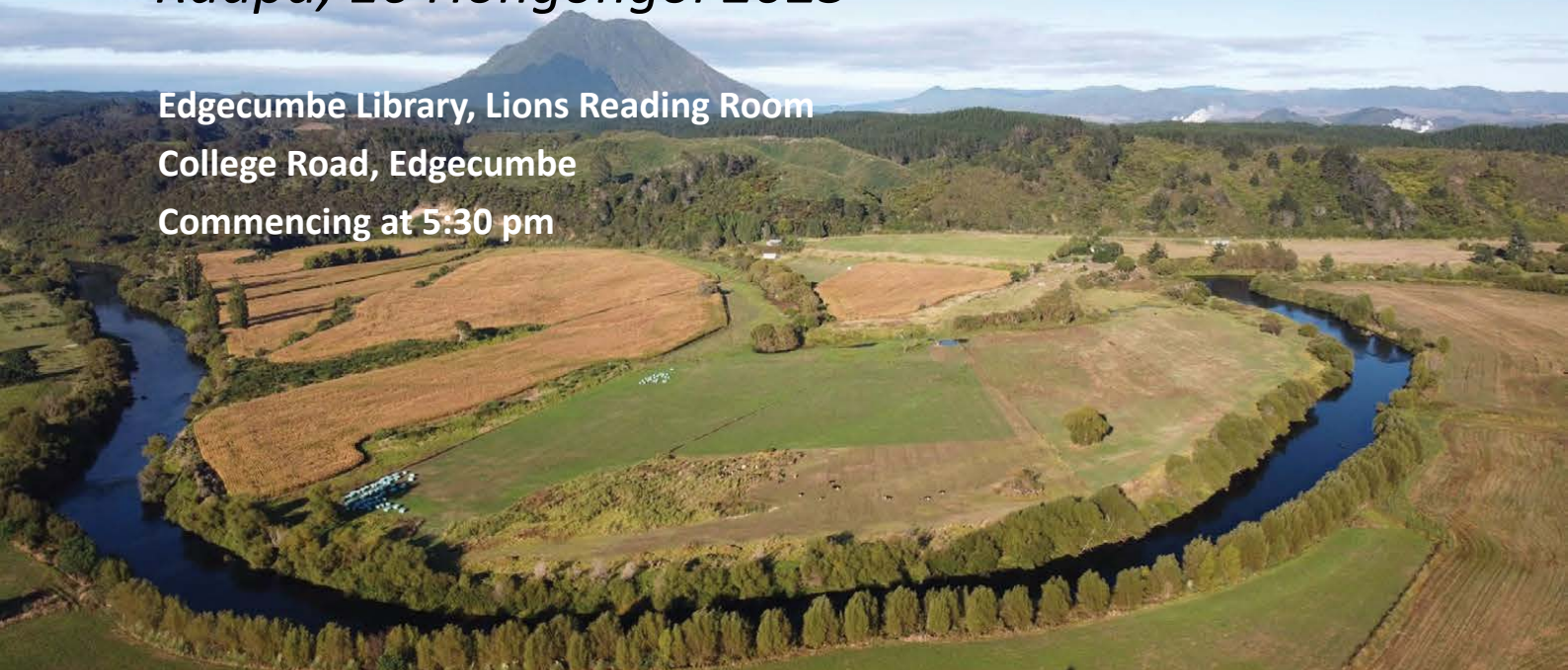
Rangitāiki Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Rangitāiki

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

Rāapa, 16 Hōngongoi 2025

Edgecumbe Library, Lions Reading Room
College Road, Edgecumbe
Commencing at 5:30 pm



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A Membership - *Mematanga*

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Board Member Leeann Waaka - Chairperson

Board Member Ross Gardiner - Deputy Chairperson

Board Member Clive McIndoe

Board Member Heemi Brown

Board Member Pete Falwasser

Board Member Peter Flowerday

Councillor Gavin Dennis

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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; and
- 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 Tīmatanga*

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Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>
Tīhei mauri ora!	

2 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

At the time of compiling the agenda, apologies were received from Chairperson Waaka and Councillor Dennis.

3 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā mihimihi*

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

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 relating to Community Boards, please click this [Register Link](#).

5 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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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.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Board Members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

5.2 Deputations - *Ngā Whakapuaki Whaitake*


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 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.

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

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6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), C McIndoe, H Brown and P Falwasser, and Councillor G Dennis <i>Via Teams:</i> Deputy Chair R Gardiner and Member P Flowerday
	In Attendance:	F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), G Mischevski-Gray (Strategic Policy Analyst), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	R Hamer (Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club), Judith Karaitiana (Nga Toi o nga hapū), Leanne Blackwood and Vera Pawson (Otakiri School & District Centenary Committee), Alan McClumpha and Denise Patterson (Matatā Residents Association)
	Apologies:	

1. KARAKIA

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

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Condolences and aroha to Member Brown and his whānau.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Brown declared an interest in item 5.2 Nga Toi o Nga hapū funding application.
Member Flowerday declared an interest in item 5.4 Matatā Residents Association funding application.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025(Cont.)

5.1. Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club (WMBC)

Mr Hamer, president of the WMBC, mentioned the success of the recent amazing race held in Edgecumbe and that he enjoyed interacting with the local community.

As a mountain biker himself Mr Hamer spoke of the popularity of Onepū Park. He advised that 6 (of 220) members were currently first-aid trained and noted the Club saw the importance of having a pre-hospital first-aid trained member for the more serious incidents.

The Club had fundraised and Mr Hamer spoke of how businesses and schools provided sponsorship of the bike trails. He added that if the Club was successful in receiving funding, the Board's logo could be included on a trail sign to acknowledge the grant.

In response to a question, Mr Hamer advised the five-day course was equivalent to a 'first responder' course.

Attendance: Mr Hamer left the meeting at 5:44 pm.

5.2. Nga Toi o nga hapū

Refer also to page 7a of the tabled items.

Ms Karaitiana thanked members for the opportunity to speak to their application. She explained the meaning of Ngā Toi Mana Motuhake; a Hapū-Led Wānanga of Art, Identity, and Self-Determination and that art was also about identify, whakapapa and knowledge.

Members were advised this was the second Wānanga, it had increased in size and would be held at the Te Teko marae. The Wānanga was all inclusive and members were invited to attend.

It was clarified the funding request was \$2000.

Attendance: Ms Karaitiana left the meeting at 5:57 pm.

5.3. Otakiri School & District Centenary Committee

Ms Blackwood shared her personal connection with Otakiri School, noting that as a member of the teaching staff, the school community had become an integral part of her identity.

Ms Blackwood explained that the Centenary celebration had been postponed twice due to Covid and although the school was now in its 105th year, the event would still commemorate the 100-year milestone. Ms Blackwood highlighted the efforts of a dedicated organising committee of eight members and outlined the planned activities, noting that some attendees would represent the fourth generation of their families.

Members were invited to attend the event.

Attendance: Ms Blackwood and Ms Pawson left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

5.4. Matata Residents Association

Mr McClumpha, Treasurer of the Matatā Residents Association, said the Association's role was to support the community. The need for a noticeboard in central Matatā was identified, which would help keep residents and visitors informed of events, history of the village, climate related notices etc.

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025(Cont.)

Attendance: The Strategic Policy Analyst entered the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Mr McClumpha reported they had permission from Iwi for the noticeboard to be erected on the site where the Drift Café was located. Anti-graffiti coating. Going on advice of experts.

In response to questions Mr McClumpha said the Noticeboard would have an anti-graffiti coating, and that the Association were happy to share information with other Community Boards.

Attendance: Mr McClumpha and Ms Patterson left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 29 April 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

7.1. Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 12-21 of the agenda.

The Strategic Policy Analyst introduced herself and that her role included the implementation of the Climate Change Strategy. She spoke to item 3.4 within the report 'Climate Change Fund' and highlighted it was a partnership between Council and Trust Horizon. There would be a round of funding each quarter and \$5K of this fund set aside for youth applications and she reported that the application assessors were community members.

The Strategic Policy Analyst offered her assistance to help with applications.

Attendance: The Strategic Policy Analyst left the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Moved Member McIndoe / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.2. Governance Administration

Refer to pages 22-79 of the agenda.

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025(Cont.)

Manager Community Partnerships advised that Council staff had requested feedback from the Board as to potential solutions regarding mobility-issue access to the Thornton stop back. It was requested that a short pilot be trialled whereby limited, and registered gate keys, be issued to an effected party enabling their access at Tanekaha Street and via 33 College Road.

Consultation was open for Local Road Speed Limits and Member Gardiner volunteered to create a submission on behalf of the Board. It was suggested the submission include the suggestion of a convex mirror on Eastbank Road / Thornton Road intersection, and other options to help improve visibility for traffic on the Thornton Bridge.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration May 2025 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$1000 discretionary funds to the Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club to cover costs for one member to attend pre-hospital first aid training thereby ensuring a volunteer at Onepū Park bike event is first aid trained.

CARRIED

Member Brown did not participate in the next discussion, nor did he vote on the motion.

Being an arts and culture event, the Board queried if there were other funds that would be more appropriate for the Roopu to apply for, but also noted the short timeframe whereby the event was this coming weekend. They also suggested earlier planning would ensure they could apply to the most appropriate fund and hence indicated it was a 'one-off' payment.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** a one-off \$1500 discretionary grant to Nga Toi o nga hapū to hold a four-day wānanga from Friday, 30 May to Monday 2 June 2025 to bring together hapū members, artists, and kaikōrero to explore the role of art in preserving stories, expressing mana motuhake, and fostering whanaungatanga within the community.

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Flowerday left the meeting at 7:06 pm and rejoined at 7:09 pm.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Falwasser

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$3319.00 from their discretionary funds to the Otakiri School and District Centenary Committee to assist with costs to run their 100-year celebratory event in October 2025.

CARRIED

Member Flowerday did not participate in the next discussion, nor did he vote on the motion.

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025(Cont.)

The meeting was advised that the noticeboard had been planned for some time. It was noted that the Noticeboard should be constructed and installed complying with all regulations.

Moved Member Brown / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$3500.00 discretionary funding to the Matatā Residents Association for a double-sided wooden noticeboard to be built and erected in Matatā.

CARRIED**8. Chairperson and Councillor Reports****8.1. Chairperson Report**

Refer to pages 80-81 of the agenda.

Chairperson Waaka reiterated the importance to complete the 'Resting Room' World War Memorial Plaque project before the triennium end. She would be contacting chairs of the Tāneatua, Murupara and Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Boards and then obtain quotes.

The original project design was complex in that soldiers from World War 1 and II were grouped with hapu. In completing the project, she proposed to simplify the design and relocate WW1 plaques on the left of the 'Resting Room' and WWII plaques on the right. This would also result in just one additional plaque required. Chairperson Waaka and spoken to Councillor O'Brien (Ngāti Awa) and was advised that original whānau of the project had passed on.



Chairperson Waaka would report back, including quotes, to move forward with the project.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025(Cont.)**8.2. Councillor Report**

Refer to page 82-83 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis spoke to his report. A discussion ensued regarding the 'boat wreck' at Te Teko and potential options were worked through. It was unfortunate the application from the Te Teko Residents Association missed the May meeting deadline however it would be presented at the July Board meeting.

Attendance: Member Brown left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Chairperson Waka

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Councillor Report- May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED**8.3. Member Reporting**

Refer to page 85 on the agenda.

Members spoke of interactions with their contacts and community members.

Attendance: Member McIndoe left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Chairperson Waaka at 8:09 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

7 Reports - Ngā Pūrongo

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7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**

Author: **F Begley / Manager Community Partnerships**

Authoriser: **B Gray / GM Finance and Commercial Services**

Reference: **A2920514**

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

This report provides the Community Board with an update on projects and activities delivered within the Rangitāiki Board to July 2025 and covers the following activities:

- Strategy and Growth Update
- People and Partnerships Update
- Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure Update
- Solid Waste Update
- Strategic Māori Partnerships Update
- Community Experience Update
- Finance and Commercial Services Update
- News

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

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

3. Strategy and Growth Update

3.1. Light up winter in Whakatane

Trust Horizon Light Up Whakatāne 2025 ran from the 5th to the 12th July 2025. The event - now in its fourth year - is a collaborative effort by Arts Whakatāne, EPIC town centre group and Whakatāne District Council celebrating light art installations by local and regional artists, whose works are installed along a 1km walking trail in the Whakatāne CBD.

Opening included dance and music performances, the popular Light Up Lantern Parade, food, craft markets and fire performances. Following opening night, the art trail was illuminated each night from 6pm. The event draws large numbers of locals and visitors each year and has quickly become an event staple for the district.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

This year the festival dates aligned with the winter school holidays to encourage whānau to visit and stay in Whakatāne during this period. There was also the inclusion of the brand-new festival hub in Wharaurangi acted as a central starting point for visitors and opening each night with live music, warm drinks, and activities such as face painting, lantern making, and a space for fundraising groups.

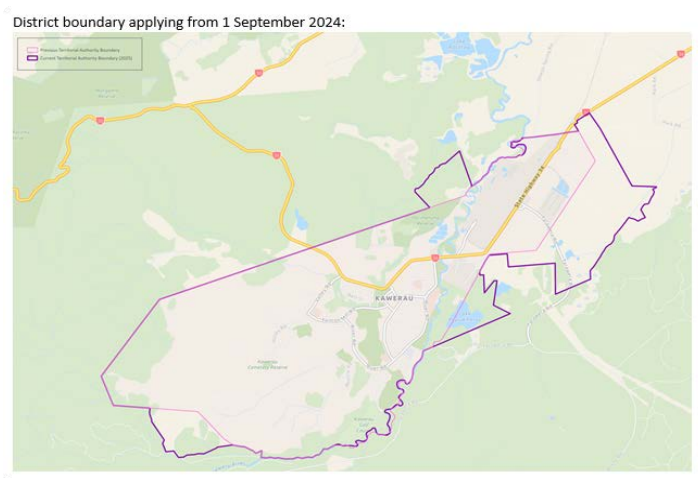
And finally, since 2022 we've been encouraging community groups to get involved and leverage from the festival, and we are delighted to see eight events on our programme that were independently run by community groups.

We thank sponsors, particularly Trust Horizon, for supporting this popular festival which has been become a real community treasure during the winter months.

**3.2. Kawerau boundary update**

A boundary reorganisation was recently issued between the districts of Kawerau and Whakatāne, with the change coming into effect from 1 September 2025. The main driver for the alteration is to enable further industry development to support economic outcomes to the benefit of both our districts. Other changes seek to support communities of interest, with stronger alignment to Kawerau District and the services provided by Kawerau District Council.

While the new boundary is already in place, several final implementation steps are being processed which need to align with the financial year. This includes the transition of rating and water fees for affected properties. The Local Government Commission also issued new boundary plans earlier this year. These have now been implemented into Council's geographic information systems and feature as part of elections information to illustrate district and ward boundaries. The implementation of this project is now effectively closed.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**3.3. Climate Change Fund**

The Climate Action and Youth Development fund has now opened. Applications will be accepted until 15 August to give groups maximum time to understand what is required in the application process.

This fund is a partnership between Trust Horizon and Whakatāne District Council. It is designed to empower our community to take real action on climate change. The fund's purpose is to increase community action in the Whakatāne District.

The Community Climate Action fund is aimed at local groups and businesses that have 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 applicant can apply for in a year is \$20,000.

The Youth Development part of the fund has \$5000 set aside for young people (under 24 years old) who are based in or grew up in the Whakatāne District to support them into climate-related education or training.

Please see the Council's [webpage](#) for criteria, applications and links.

4. People and Partnerships Update**4.1. Local Elections 2025 - Stand for Something | Tū Tūturu**

On the 11 June, Whakatāne District Council launched its 2025 local election campaign – Stand for Something: Tū Tūturu. The campaign calls on people from all walks of life to step up, be heard, and lead where they live. It also encourages residents and ratepayers to enrol, vote and help shape the future of the Whakatāne District. Details of this comprehensive campaign can be found on Council's [website](#) . Whakatāne District Council Chief Executive, Steven Perdia says local government needs voices that reflect the diversity, aspirations, and lived experiences of our people.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

As part of the campaign, Council hosted a second candidate briefing session on the 11th of July for anyone considering taking their stand in the 2025 local elections. This information session featured Steven Perdia and Electoral Officer Dale Ofoske, who covered relevant information about Council, elected members' roles and responsibilities, the nomination process and key dates. It was also a chance for candidates to ask any election-related questions they may have.

4.2. Funds closed

Applications have just closed for two key funding opportunities designed to support te reo Māori initiatives and water-related projects in the Whakatāne District. The Reorua Contestable Fund supports events, projects, and activities that encourage and uplift te reo Māori in everyday life, with a total pool of \$13,000 on offer. The second fund, the Te Pūaha - Waterways and Marine Environment Fund is aimed at projects, activities, and programmes that make the most of the district's rivers, streams, beaches, and coastal waters, with approximately \$40,000 available through this funding round. The Community Funding Committee will meet on Thursday, July 31st to make decisions on these two funds.

4.3. Amazing Race for Tāneatua

Similar to the even held recently in Edgecumbe, the Tāneatua Community Board, alongside local partners, hosted a successful Amazing Race event on the first Monday of the school holidays. The day brought people of all ages together for fun, connection, and community spirit, while highlighting the strengths that help build resilience in Tāneatua. This event was made possible thanks to the support of partners including Ngāi Tūhoe, Tūhoe Hauora, the Tāneatua Community Garden group, Council's Animal Control and Emergency Management teams, and the Community Partnerships team.

4.4. Community Plans

The Matata Collective presented their plan to Council's Living Together Committee meeting on the 19th of June, with really good feedback received. The plan now moves into an implementation phase, with funding support already approved for a Community Notice Board.



7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

5. Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure Update

5.1. Local Waters Done Well

Following the decision by Council on Thursday, 26 June 2025 a Water Services Delivery Plan will be prepared for Council approval on the 14 August, ahead of submissions to the Department of Internal Affairs by the 3 September 2025. Transition planning and implementation will begin following Department of Internal Affairs approval. The new delivery model must be fully implemented and operational by 1 July 2028.

5.2. Herepuru Road Retaining Wall

All work has now been completed, and the road has been open to traffic since Sunday, 16 June 2025. The asphalt work was carried out during the night shift on the same day, ensuring minimal disruption. Line marking was finalised on Tuesday, 18 June 2025, completing the project and making the road fully operational.



5.3. Mimiha Stream Bridge Replacement

All road layers have now been completed. The batters continue to be covered in coconut matting, although progress has been affected by inclement weather. The disestablishment of the contractor's yard is nearing completion. Once the structure is fully complete, the contractor will remove the temporary traffic management and install permanent signage.



5.4. Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

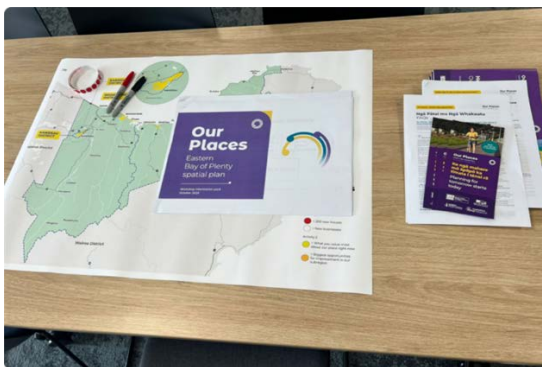
The Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan has now been formally adopted by all four councils - a major milestone in creating a shared, long-term vision for growth across our region.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

This achievement reflects years of hard work and collaboration. The project began in 2022 as a joint initiative between Whakatāne and Kawerau District Councils. It expanded in 2023 to include Ōpōtiki District Council, transforming the plan into a sub-regional approach to managing growth and development.

With the regional plan now in place, the focus shifts to the next phase - implementation. Each council will develop its own local growth strategy, tailored to the priorities and opportunities within its communities. As this work progresses, there will be further opportunities for community input through Long Term Plans, District Plan changes, and local master planning projects.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this milestone.

**6. Solid Waste Update****6.1. Battery Recycling**

The battery take-back event at the Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre last month was a success, with around 45–50 kilograms of household batteries and a full pallet of car batteries collected. The Solid Waste team hosted the event as part of its battery recycling campaign, which focuses on educating the community about safely and correctly disposing of batteries. Supporting this effort, local radio station 1XX broadcast live from the event, helping to raise awareness throughout the day.



7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**6.2. Three Strikes system and new recycling and greenwaste guides**

Council's 'Three Strikes' system is now in place and is being supported by a campaign focused on educating the community about what belongs in recycling and green waste bins, and the consequences of kerbside contamination. The public awareness campaign is being promoted across social media, radio, print, and online platforms. New stickers and educational guides have been created and will be left with bins that contain incorrect items.

Under the new approach, households with the wrong items in their recycling or greenwaste bin will receive a warning sticker and an educational flyer with tips on how to sort their waste correctly. There will be two warnings, giving residents a fair chance to improve. On the third occasion, a letter will be issued, and the bin may be temporarily removed for three months.

Pick up the new guides from Customer Services or view the Recycling and Greenwaste Guides [here](#).

**7. Strategic Māori Partnerships Update****7.1. Matariki celebrations**

A programme of events and activities to celebrate Matariki was delivered for staff from the 16-20 June 2025. The activities included a presentation from te ao Māori exponent Ranginui Rikirangi-Thomas. Ranginui was one of the tohunga/experts who performed karakia at the second national Hautapu ceremony in Rotorua in 2023. Throughout the week the principles of Matariki—reflection, celebration, and preparation were incorporated into the workplace, as we move into te tau hou Māori/the Māori new year. Mānawatia a Matariki!



7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**8. Community Experience Update****8.1. Edgecumbe Library: Your voice, our action**

Exciting changes are underway at Edgecumbe Library. A recent community meeting was a revelation - so many great suggestions from residents in this rapidly evolving area. The best part, many of the requests are already happening, such as:

1. Increased staffing
2. Extended opening hours
3. Fresh new exterior
4. More holiday activities.

It's been great to respond to community voices, and also within current resources.

**8.2. Triple exhibition at Whakatāne Galleries**

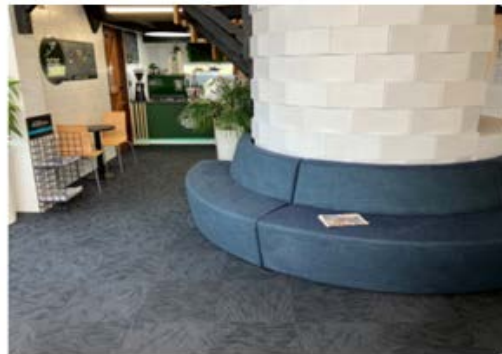
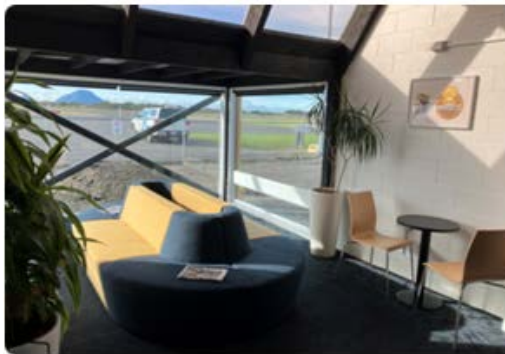
Te Kōputu has opened three remarkable exhibitions that explore mātauranga, memory, whenua, and whakapapa through powerful artistic expression.

- *The Stones Remember* by Sarah Hudson honours the resilience of whenua through natural earth pigments and personal storytelling.
- *He Tāwharau Mātaatua* showcases the work of Mātaatua ringatoi, creating a visual shelter inspired by taonga gifted to Te Kooti.
- *Rarohenga* by Wharerangi Turnbull offers a reflective journey into the origins and healing power of tā moko.

These exhibitions run through to Saturday, 6 September. Make sure you head along and experience this moving celebration of culture and creativity.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**9. Finance & Commercial Services****9.1. Airport Terminal Mini-Revamp**

As part of the Whakatāne Airport terminal's mini revamp, the Airport Team installed new custom-built airport furniture last month. It is one of the airport's Master Plan objectives – "Open for Business." The Airport Team is working on other cost-effective methods to further enhance Whakatāne Airport and promote it as a great place to do business. Rere Café is doing well, and the team from Air Ruatoria have been a great addition to the airport with the new services to Mōtītī Island. More exciting news coming soon!



7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

9.2. Rates Rebates promotion

The Rates team has been working hard to promote rates rebates in the community through a targeted campaign across print advertising, social media, and our website. A key highlight was the rates team attendance at the Whakatāne markets. Staff members raised awareness about what rates rebates are and supported people with on-the-spot applications. They completed over 80 applications and did a fantastic job engaging with the community, encouraging people to visit the stall and making the process as easy as possible. It was a great example of proactive, community-focused service.

10. News

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/news>

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/public-notice>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil>

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

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.

10.0.2. Events: For up-to-date listings on community events, information can be found here

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

7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025

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To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**
Author: **S Duffy / Senior Governance Support Advisor**
Authoriser: **C Viljoen / Manager Governance Services**
Reference: **A2920479**

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

The Governance Administration report provides information relevant to the Rangitāiki Community Board's area. This report primarily addresses the upcoming Local Elections and key dates that members should be aware of.

2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Governance Administration July 2025 report be **received**.

3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

3.1. Discretionary Funding

No funding applications were received for the Board's consideration at the July 2025 meeting. The application from the Te Teko Residents Association was withdrawn as they had received full funding from a local Trust.

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

Rangitāiki Community Board		
Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 11 June 2025		
	\$ 13,842.70	
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years unallocated grants*		9,601.77
2024/25 Annual Plan		20,059.14
2024/25 revised Budget of Grants and Subsidies to allocate	\$	29,660.91
2025 Allocations		
FUND TO COVER COSTS FOR THE OCTOBER WANANGA VENUE HIRE , PROJECT COSTS AND TRAVEL COSTS TO ATTEND NGATI		
4-Oct-24 AWA TE TOKI FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2024, NGAI TAMAWERA KAPA HAKA ROOPU	3,500	Approved & Paid
4-Oct-24 NICS AUTOS DONATION (VIA REIMBURSEMENT L WAAKA)	133	Committed
12-Mar FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED MOKOTINI EVENT, TE PURAPURA O NGATIWA KI RANGITAIKI	750	Approved & Paid
13-Mar TO COVER ON GOING PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS, ENSURING LONG TERM BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION	2,000	Approved & Paid
30 Apr 2025 NICS AUTOS DONATION (VIA REIMBURSEMENT L WAAKA)	116	Approved & Paid
29 May 2025 PRE HOSPITAL FIRST AID TRAINING THEREBY ENSURING A VOLUNTEER AT ONEPU PARK BIKE EVENT IS FIRST AID TRAINED, WH	1,000	Approved & Paid
03 Jun 2025 NOTICEBOARD TO HELP KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED IN MATATA, MATATA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION- MATATA RESIDENTS ASSO	3,500	Approved & Paid
04 Jun 2025 FOUR DAY WANANGA 30 MAY - 2 JUNE TO BRING TOGETHER TO EXPLORE ART, EXPRESSING MANA MOTUHAKE AND FOSTERING	1,500	Approved & Paid
05 Jun 2025 105 YEAR CELEBRATIONS, OTAKIRI SCHOOL (TRUSTEES)- OTAKIRI SCHOOL (TRUSTEES)	3,319	Approved & Paid
Year to Date allocations	\$	15,818.21
Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*	\$	13,842.70

7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)

The balance of the Rangitāiki discretionary fund as of 11 June 2025 is approximately \$13,842.00.

4. Subjects – *Kaupapa*

4.1. Local Elections 2025 and Māori wards poll update

Preparations for the 2025 Local Elections are well underway, with a strong focus on increasing voter education, candidate diversity, and community participation across the district.

Community Board members would have received an email from the Chief Executive announcing the launch of the 2025 Local Elections campaign and outlining the importance of local engagement. This message reinforces the collaborative approach in supporting successful delivery.

4.1.1. *Key Dates*

Candidate nominations open: 4 July 2025
Candidate nominations close: 1 August 2025
Voting period: 9 September – 11 October 2025 till noon
Election Day: Saturday, 11 October 2025 till noon
Preliminary results: Expected 13 October 2025
Official results declared: 17 October 2025

Māori Ward Poll:
A binding poll on the future of Māori Wards will be held concurrently with the election.

4.1.2. *Candidate Briefings*

The first candidate briefing was held on Saturday, 14 June. It was livestreamed and is available on Council's website [here](#) . The second candidate briefing was scheduled for Friday, 11 July at 'The Comm' in Whakatāne.

4.1.3. *Roadshow and Engagement Campaign*

Phase 1:
Enrol and Stand (July) – Focused on encouraging enrolment and supporting prospective candidates.

Phase 2:
Vote (September–October) – Aimed at increasing voter turnout through education and visibility.

Roadshow events will be held across the district. These events will offer opportunities for residents to learn about the election process, engage with Council staff, and understand what it takes to stand as an elected member.

7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)



Stand at Riverslea Mall, Edgumbe



Beside the Drift Café, Matata

4.1.4. Campaign Branding: Stand for Something – Tū Tūturu

The campaign branding, Stand for Something – Tū Tūturu, has been designed to be bold, bilingual, and community-focused. The visual identity features a modern colour palette of teal, pink, black, and white.



4.1.5. Orange Bin Placements

Locations for 'Orange Voting Bins' have been identified and business owners contacted. Agreements are in progress and once confirmed a map outlining all areas of bin placements will be available on council's website. These bins will serve as visible reminders and collection points during the voting period.

All voting locations and drop-off points across the district. This will help make voting more accessible and ensure voters can easily find the most convenient way to return their papers.

4.1.6. Candidate Handbook

A comprehensive Candidate Handbook is available to support those considering standing for election. A *limited* number of hard copies will be available from WDC service centres and libraries.

The handbook is available online and can be accessed via the Council's website.

7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)

4.1.7. *Electoral Officer Contact Information*

Electoral Officer:
Dale Ofsoke
Independent Election Services
Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland
Phone: 0800 922 822
Email: dale.ofsoke@electionservices.co.nz

Deputy Electoral Officer
Chirese Viljoen
Whakatāne District Council
14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne
Phone: 07 306 0500
Email: chirese.viljoen@whakatane.govt.nz

4.2. *Follow-up Matters*

Stop bank access - Chairperson Waaka would be reporting back to Council staff after speaking with the affected party.

Attached to this report:

- Nil

8 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

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8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – July 2025



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**

Submitted by: **L Waaka / RCB Chairperson**

Reference: **A2921246**

1. From the Chair

Mānawatia a Matariki.

Matariki mā Puanga: Inclusion, embracing diversity and celebrating Matariki together.

**Matariki atua ka eke ki runga
Nau mai ngā hua
Nau mai ngā taonga
Nau mai te mātahi o te tau.**

***Matariki has risen
Welcome the fruits of the year
Welcome the many treasures
Welcome the New Year.***

Matariki, the Māori New Year which offers us an opportunity to come together to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright and prosperous future through the values of Matariki:

- Whakamaumaharatanga (Remembrance)
- Kotahitanga (Unity)
- Tohatoha (Sharing)
- Mana Taiao (Environmental awareness)
- Hākari (Feasting)
- Wānanga (Discussion)
- Noho tahi (Coming together)
- Atawhaitanga (Kindness)
- Whakanui (Celebration)
- Tuakiritanga (Identity)

I am honoured to reflect on the significance of Matariki in this report, and how its values continue to shape the heart of our Rangitāiki communities. As we acknowledge the star Pōhutukawa, which carries the memories of those who have passed, we pause to remember them with deep love and respect:

8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – July 2025(Cont.)

This report speaks to our collective future and the steps needed to ensure it remains bright, inclusive and prosperous. With local government elections approaching it is important that we look for our community stars, those who lead with compassion, who care for our environment and uplift our people. These are the leaders we need on our community board to realise our aspirations and maintain strong connections with Council.

It is here that I would like to take a moment to acknowledge one of our shining community stars, Councillor Gavin Dennis. Gavin has been a steady guide for me as I navigated the local government and community board environment, generously sharing his experience and insights with honesty, while showing unwavering commitment to service. He continues to epitomise what it means to serve with humility and heart. I am sure I speak for many within our Rangitāiki community when I say your leadership, integrity and dedication have made a lasting impact. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your whānau on receiving the King's Service Medal, a truly well-deserved recognition of the immense contribution you have made and continue to make for our communities.

Speaking of service I would like to raise the [Resting Room Memorial](#) plaques that honour Ngāti Awa soldiers who served in World War I and World War II. As previously mentioned at both our Rangitāiki Community Board and Combined Community Board meetings, these plaques are a significant taonga, acknowledging the ultimate sacrifice made by our local whānau in times of war.

I have obtained a quote for the replacement of the damaged World War I plaque and the installation of a new plaque for our World War II soldiers. The total cost for this work is \$4600. I would like to seek your support and permission to share this quote with our neighbouring community boards, to ask if they would consider contributing towards this project. Their contributions would help determine the portion we are able to offer as a board. I hope this is supported by you all.

Let this Matariki be a time of renewal for our board and for our people. Let it be a time to encourage new voices to rise, to share the knowledge and learnings we have gained and to ensure the next generation of leaders are supported to step forward. As we welcome the New Year, may we do so with hearts full of hope, unity and aroha for our communities.

**E tū Hiwaiterangi
Te kauwaka o te manoako nui
Anei ngā tōmina o te ngākau
Hei whakatinanantanga mau**

***Behold Hiwaiterangi
The medium of my desires
You know what I yearn for
Make my dreams come true***

2. Recommendations - Tohutohu akiaki

1. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board Chairperson Report – July 2025 be **received**; and
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **endorse** the RCB Chairperson to approach the neighbouring Community Board Chairpersons regarding the [Resting Room Memorial](#) plaques project, to gauge their backing and potential financial support for this project.

8.1.1 Appendix 1 - Quote WW1 and WW2 plaques**3. Activity/Engagement**

6 June	Manawahe District Hall Committee Assigned RCB rep – Ross Gardiner, attended by Heemi Brown
11 June	Edgecumbe Development & Improvement Team (E.D.I.T) Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka
17 June	Edgecumbe Collective Assigned RCB rep - Clive McIndoe
23 June	Awakaponga Hall Assigned RCB rep – Heemi Brown
1 July	Te Teko Residents Association Assigned RCB rep - Pete Falwasser
8 July	Matatā Residents Association Meeting Assigned RCB rep – Peter Flowerday
20 July	Manawahe Eco Trust AGM

Attached to this report:

- Appendix A – Quote for WW1 And WW2 Plaques

8.1.1 Appendix 1 - Quote WW1 and WW2 plaques

8.1.1 Appendix 1 - Quote WW1 and WW2 plaques(Cont.)

Quote:

Send to: Leeann Waaka

Job Number:

Date: 09/07/2025



Stonemasons Whakatane
PO Box 259, Whakatane,
027 2520092
darrensanderson@xtra.co.nz

Send to:	Project Details:
Nuku Whanau	Supply quote for plaques

	Amount
Black granite plaque to fit existing space - including removing old plaques and installing new plaques @\$1200 per plaque x 2	\$2400
Words to each plaque \$800 x 2	\$1600
Balance	\$4000
Gst	\$600
Total Amount	\$4600

❖ STONEMASONS WHAKATANE ACCOUNT

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2025

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2025



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**

Author: **Councillor G Dennis**

Reference: **A2920509**

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

The report is to provide an overview of the activities undertaken and meetings attended since the last meeting, ensuring members are informed.

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2025 be **received**.

3. Meetings

Awakaponga Hall Committee	
Wednesday 4 June 2025	I was unable to attend this meeting due to a calendar clash.
Manawahe District Society Incorporated Meeting	
Thursday 5 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual midwinters dinner meeting, held at the Matatā Hotel:Under new water regulations, water from the rainwater supply not required to be treatedI will speak with Council staff regarding a request for a handrail to be put on the outside of the new steps leading into the double-door foyer.
Edgecumbe E.D.I.T.	
Wednesday 11 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A discussion from a resident who wanted to garner support to improve and revitalise the Edgecumbe mall by making it tidier, cleaner and more welcoming to attract new shops.Discussion on the upcoming elections and the need for new people to stand for the community board to replace four current members who are not re-standing.WDC staff will organise the Lions Reading Room outside lights to be sensor activated.

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2025(Cont.)

Te Teko Residents Association (TTRA)	
Tuesday 3 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated quote has been requested for the shower block modernisation, which is to include pricing for thicker wall panels. • A discussion was held on the continuing efforts to get the old boat wreck taken away from old petrol station site. The application would be presented at the July RCB meeting. • There were discussions on the up-and-coming Elections, LWDW etc • The Ihukatia Trust will fund the removal of the old boat at Te Teko. • Discussion was held on sourcing paint to freshen up the block wall once the boat was removed and to paint the big flowerpots.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was voiced on the amount of pumice spreading on to the carpark at the Te Teko Memorial Hall from the neighbouring property (because of the heavy rain). • Questions raised whether there can be a zebra crossing at the new Te Māpou bus stop.

Matatā Residents Association	
Tuesday, 10 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I reported on my meeting with the NZTA Representatives on 26 May and concerns about Moores Bridge where the vegetation in the creek bed impeded water and debris flow under the bridge. • Council was looking at a simple weir construction in the upstream of Moores bridge to reduce undercutting of the banks and the huge amount of silt entering the traps. • Reported on the new style of point-to-point speed cameras planned for the Matatā Straights. With over 45% of cars exceeding speed limits, it is one of the worst stretch of road in NZ for those percentages.
Tuesday 8 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members have worked with Te Mana O Ngāti Rangitihi to action the noxious weed spraying in the Lagoon track area. • Arrangements are finalised for the new notice board to be installed. • Correspondence received from NZTA acknowledged they were not aware of the poor the road condition on the Matata Straights until they came to repair it. • The Council decision on the Annual Plan and rate rise was discussed, as was the final decision on the direction for Local Water Done Well.

- Some major decisions in Council recently included the approval of the Annual Plan and an 11.7% rate rise and the approval of the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) decision.

9 Member Reporting

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An opportunity for members to share Community Board related activities.

1. Member McIndoe

- Member McIndoe will speak on the subject of the Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall

2. Deputy Chairperson Gardiner

- On behalf of the Board, Deputy Chairperson Gardiner submitted feedback to Council on the Local Road Speed Limits consultation. This is included as Appendix A to Member Reporting.
- Discussion regarding Māori Road Name in the Whakatane District and the use of macrons.

9.1 Appendix 1 - Local Road Speed Limit Consultation Feedback

9.1 Appendix 1 - Local Road Speed Limit Consultation Feedback(Cont.)

9 July 2025

Rangitāiki Community Board Submission: Local Road Speed Limits Consultation



The Rangitāiki Community Board welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed speed limit changes affecting roads within our community. This submission reflects two specific safety improvements resolved at our meeting on 28 May 2025, representing the collective views of the Board regarding road safety in our area.

The Board acknowledges that local residents and the Thornton School community have raised safety concerns regarding poor visibility over the Rangitāiki River Bridge, and we appreciate Council's proposed speed limit reductions to address these issues.

The Board seeks that Council implements the following safety measures:

1. **Install a convex mirror at the Eastbank Road / Thornton Road intersection** to improve visibility and safety for all road users. This intersection presents ongoing visibility challenges, and this could be addressed by installation of a convex mirror in the appropriate location.
2. **Review and improve visibility for traffic on Thornton Bridge (Rangitāiki River Bridge)**, particularly addressing the interaction of intersecting roads (Thornton Beach Road, Thornton Hall Road, West Bank Road, and East Bank Road) with Thornton Road. Poor visibility over the bridge has been identified as a significant safety risk that may require both speed management and infrastructure solutions.

While various other roads fall within or adjacent to our area of interest, the Board did not resolve to address these individually. However, we support Council's evidence-based approach to applying appropriate speed restrictions for community safety.

We look forward to the implementation of these changes and the creation of safer roads for our community.

“He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.”

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Ross Gardiner

Deputy Chair, Rangitāiki Community Board

10 Closing Karakia - *He Karakia Whakakapi*

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Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te wairua tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Amine

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
Forever and ever
Amen*