



# Tāneatua Community Board

## *Te Poari Hapori o Tāneatua*

Monday, 14 July 2025

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Morrison Road, Tāneatua  
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**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

## **B Role of the Community Board**

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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 Timatanga*

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

### 5 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

#### 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.

## **5.2 Deputations - *Ngā Whakapuaki Whaitake***

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.

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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 26 May 2025**

 <b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	<b>TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT TĀNEATUA HALL, MORRISONS ROAD, TĀNEATUA, MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM</b>
	Present:	Deputy Chairperson T Bryant, L Ruiterman, M Tuwairua and Councillor A Iles
	In Attendance:	L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), N Elliott (Acting Manager Community Regulations), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator), R Hamer (Community Safety Advisor) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	S King and A Corkill, Councillor W James
	Apologies:	Member Stensness and Thrupp

**1. KARAKIA**

The Chairperson tendered an apology for this meeting, and the Deputy Chairperson served as Chair. For the purposes of the minutes, the Deputy Chairperson will be referred to as the Chairperson.

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia at 6:00 pm.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Tuwairua

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board **accept** the apologies from Member Thrupp and Stensness.

**CARRIED**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board noted the successful book launch event for History of Wainui and Wangarara Valley compiled by Lorna Aikman. The publication was supported by Council through the Community Matching Fund programme. The launch event was held at Basil Simpson's old residence with approximately 70-80 attendees.

**6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 26 May 2025(Cont.)**

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Chairperson Bryant and Member Tuwairua declared conflicts of interest regarding the funding application to be discussed later in the meeting.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

**5.1. New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Sandra King and Andrew Corkill**

Representatives from New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi provided a presentation on the Pekatahi Bridge. The presentation covered the bridge's structural issues and outlined the planned repair approach. Key points discussed included:

- Construction work was planned to commence during school holidays to minimise disruption.
- Full road closure would be required during repairs, necessitating traffic diversions.
- Design work was underway utilising plywood panel methodology.
- Current budget allocation represented only 11% of the estimated deck replacement costs.
- Full repair costs were estimated at approximately \$7 million.
- The rail bridge component was assessed as structurally sound.
- Central government funding constraints were impacting project timeline.
- The Regional Transport Committee and community advocacy would be crucial for securing additional funding.

The presentation emphasised the bridge's critical importance as a key transport connection for the Bay of Plenty region and detailed the ongoing maintenance challenges. Representatives discussed the current deck replacement project status and highlighted significant funding shortfalls. The presentation noted that reprioritisation was being reviewed for potential inclusion within the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period. Until funding confirmation was secured, the bridge would continue operating as a single lane with ongoing maintenance requirements.

**Attendance:** S King and A Corkill left the meeting at 6:41 pm.

**5.2. Whākatane District Council - Vicky Richards and Richard Hamer**

Council representatives provided an update on community planning initiatives and the community engagement programme. The presentation outlined a staged approach for collecting community data and enhancing engagement through organised events. Staff discussed strategies for raising awareness of specific locations within the community and requested the Board's assistance in supporting these initiatives.

**Attendance:** V Richards and R Hamer left the meeting at 6:58 pm.

**5.3. Find Your Fish Movement - Talei Bryant**

Talei Bryant presented information about the holiday programme being operated by the Find Your Fish Movement. The programme focused on teaching valuable life skills including cooking and sporting activities to young people in the community.

**6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 26 May 2025(Cont.)**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Refer to pages 18-12 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Bryant

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Tāneatua Community Board meeting for Monday, 7 April 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1. Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report**

Refers to pages 22-36 of the agenda.

Moved Member Tuairua / Seconded Councillor Iles

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

**7.2. Governance Administration – May 2025**

Refer to pages 37-48 of the agenda.

Member Tuairua declared a conflict of interest for the discussion of the next item and did not take part in the discussion or decision-making.

The Chairperson declared a conflict of interest and temporarily vacated the chair for the next item. Councillor Iles assumed the Chair for this item.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Ruiterman

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Governance Administration May 2025 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Tāneatua Community Board considers **allocating** \$1,000.00 from their 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.

**CARRIED**

Member Bryant resumed the Chair.

**6.1 Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 26 May 2025(Cont.)**

**8. MEMBERS REPORT**

**8.1. TCB Chairperson May 2025**

Refer to pages 49-50 of the agenda.

Discussion took place regarding the Tāneatua Cemetery, with an update provided on current matters. It was noted that further information would be provided at future meeting.

Moved Councillors Iles / Seconded Member Ruiterman

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed with a karakia from the Chair at 7:18 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

## 7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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#### 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report



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To: **Tāneatua Community Board**  
Meeting Date: **Monday, 14 July 2025**  
Author: **M Mackenzie / Acting Manager Community Regulation**  
Authoriser: **L Woolsey / General Manager Strategy and Growth**  
Reference: **A2887115**

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#### 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 July 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
- Community Regulation
- News – keeping up to date with communication with communities

#### 2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board - Activity Report July 2025 be **received**.



## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

### 3. Community Experience Update

#### 3.1. Te Kōputu a Te Whanga a Toi – Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre

##### 3.1.1. *Rainbow display*



During Pride Month, our Lifelong Learning team celebrates the inclusive heart of our kaupapa. Libraries throughout Aotearoa showcase their diverse collections through 'Out on the Shelves' displays, featuring relevant titles and resources alongside interactive programmes and powerful visual messaging. These initiatives remind our communities that diversity, equity and inclusion form the foundation of our public library mission: creating safe, respectful and supportive spaces for everyone. Toitū te mahi tahi

As winter weather draws people indoors, our warm and welcoming library spaces become natural gathering places. Community members from across the district and beyond find comfort in the non-judgmental environment our Whakatāne libraries provide - spaces to learn, relax and pause. Regular favourites include the ever-popular Hā Kākano preschool storytime, our newly launched sewing sessions, and the tremendously popular Creative Corner, all offering opportunities for our community to connect, learn and flourish.

### 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)



Zines - tiny magazine-style booklets that tell quick and often powerful stories - have become particularly popular with our Rainbow Youth community. Saturday programming continues to attract strong community engagement across all age groups and interests.

#### 3.1.2. *Creative connections: Kaumātua visit Whakatāne Art Gallery*



We recently welcomed the Ngāti Awa Kaumātua group to the Whakatāne Art Gallery for a wonderful morning of connection and creativity. The day began with heartfelt karakia and waiata followed by an engaging tour of current exhibitions.

The Toka Tū showcase featuring works from kaumātua ringatoi struck a special chord with the group, who then rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on earth pigment workshop.

The enthusiastic feedback we received opens exciting possibilities for future artistic partnerships within our community.

## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

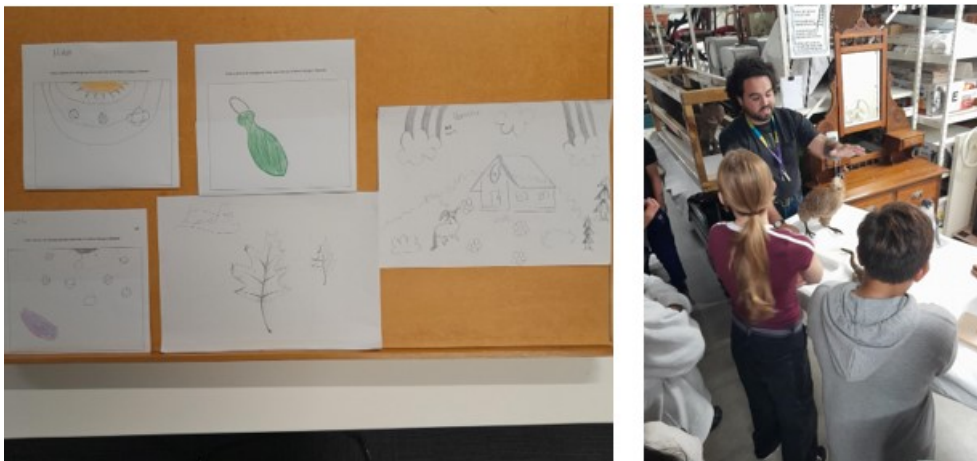
### 3.1.3. *Pages and play: Library activities bring community together*



Our new Sewing Space sessions have stitched together a community of crafters! Both experienced sewers and eager beginners gathered for the session on Thursday, 15 May. These creative meetups, initially scheduled for once a month, now continue fortnightly on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm.

Hā Kākano preschool story times continue drawing crowds at Te Kōputu, now enhanced with Duplo STEAM sessions afterward where families can watch their young engineers create and problem solve.

### 3.1.4. *Woodlands kura explore treasures*



Te Kōputu buzzed with energy during its first school visit of Term 2, welcoming 60 intermediate students from Woodlands School in Ōpōtiki. The tamariki immersed themselves in engaging activities centred around the solar system, maramataka, Mātaatua waka, Muriwai, and mātauranga Māori.

The adventure continued at Te Whare Taonga o Taketake, where the manuhiri/visitors viewed taonga representing social and natural history, with a special peek at the intriguing taxidermy collection. Some students dove into local history in the reading room, while others expressed their creativity through art activities.



## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

### 3.1.5. *Music Month rocks Te Kōputu; SeniorNet and school groups in the whare*



New Zealand Music Month came alive at Te Kōputu with an electrifying Friday night showcase featuring senior music students from Trident High School. The passionate performances drew an enthusiastic crowd of whānau, friends and music lovers, creating an unforgettable evening that celebrated our local musical talent.

Our community connections continue to flourish with the return of SeniorNet volunteers to the library. While our dedicated library staff are always ready to assist with technology questions, we deeply value the specialised support SeniorNet provides. Their volunteers offer extended one-on-one assistance with devices, software and internet challenges, fostering meaningful relationships and new friendships within our community.

## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

### 3.1.6. *Library Renovations: Enhancing your experience*



Thoughtful changes to the library's physical layout continue to surprise and delight both familiar faces and first-time visitors. The removal of the front reception desk has revealed hidden treasures, with many people delighting in the discovery of our popular magazine collection. Now prominently featured in the Te Kōputu entranceway, this collection creates an inviting introduction to all the resources and services we offer.

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

#### 3.2.1. *Taonga encounter sparks Creative New Zealand connection*



*Above: Hera Mitchell, Haniko Te Kurapa, Maraea Timutimu and Mark Sykes*

A meaningful encounter recently took place at Taketake when two mokopuna of Marata Tangohau visited to view precious kakahu from the Beckett whānau collection. Marata had been the respected kuia of Haniko and his sister, and the mokopuna were accompanied by kaimahi from Creative New Zealand during this significant visit.

## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

This encounter sparked further collaboration when Creative New Zealand approached Mark Sykes for his expertise on the care and preservation of taonga in our collection, with particular focus on textiles. The resulting interview reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring these precious cultural treasures receive the highest standard of care and respect.

[News and blog | Creative New Zealand](#)

### 3.3. Open Spaces

#### 3.3.1. *Tāneatua Cemetery*

Council is aware of the limited capacity of the Tāneatua cemetery and currently has a budget allocated for the extension/creation of additional burial plots. This project commenced and to date we have investigated options and assessed a small wetland near the cemetery against the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater. This assessment had led to delays and highlighted the need for further investigation into expansion options. We are now preparing to engage with Ngāi Tūhoe, after which we will apply for resource consent to enable the works to proceed during the upcoming spring/summer period, when weather conditions are more favourable.

#### 3.3.2. *Preserving Kanuka at Thornton*



The Open Spaces team recently participated in the milestone first planting day of the Thornton Kanuka Restoration project, an important partnership between Whakatāne District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

This vital five-year initiative aims to protect New Zealand's last remaining stand of Thornton Kanuka on Council land through comprehensive pest control, protection fencing, and carefully scheduled plantings.

We're grateful for the valuable funding support from Trust Horizon and Bay Trust.

The successful day brought together representatives from both funding organisations, Ngāti Rangitihi, and enthusiastic students from St Joseph's School for this meaningful conservation effort.

#### 3.3.3. *Annual planting embraces climate resilience*

Our gardening team has successfully completed this year's annual bedding planting – navigating through some climate-related challenges along the way!



## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

Unusually warm conditions affected our supplier's seedling germination, prompting our team to quickly adjust planting plans with available alternatives. As climate change makes traditional cooler-climate species like tulips increasingly challenging to maintain, our forward-thinking team is pivoting toward more resilient, sustainable options for our community spaces.

### 3.4. Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre

#### 3.4.1. 2025 Annual maintenance shutdown



The most significant improvements during our shutdown period occurred in the main hall, where we installed new epoxy flooring and completed extensive interior painting. While this represented the most challenging aspect of the shutdown - due to dust creation, fumes, and the temporary closure of this popular space - the results have been transformative.

The first phase involved sanding existing concrete floors and painting walls, bleachers, and storage areas.



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Two weeks later, the project reached completion with final sealing. We're delighted with the outcome - the space feels completely renewed and revitalised.

### 3.4.2. Pool Covers

Another major shutdown project involved installing thermal covers for our outdoor pool. This initiative, generously funded entirely by Trust Horizon, promises substantial energy savings year-round. While installation presented challenges - particularly the discovery that the outdoor pool floor isn't perfectly level - our contractors skilfully adapted and delivered excellent results. The pool now maintains noticeably warmer temperatures in the early morning, much to the delight of our swimming club members during these cooler months.

### Meanwhile in Murupara



While much of the main facility remained closed during shutdown, our team worked diligently in Murupara, refreshing the pool with its first coat of paint in years - and its first double coat in many more years. The pool looks fantastic, and the project provided a wonderful opportunity for our team to collaborate while delivering quality improvements for the community.

Numerous other projects occurred during the shutdown period, including chlorine tank replacement, dosing line updates, and AHU replacements. We're extremely pleased with the overall results, and community feedback indicates they share our enthusiasm. We invite you to visit and experience these improvements firsthand!

## 4. Development, Environment and Infrastructure Update

### 4.1. Transport

#### 4.1.1. *Keepa Road Project – Impacts following Boat Harbour Project Update*

The Keepa Road project has been on hold while awaiting an update on the Boat Harbour Project. With the recent announcement that the Boat Harbour Project will not progress, a review of funding for the upgrade of Keepa Road has been undertaken.

The design and property purchase phases of the Keepa Road project were approved in June 2023. The construction phase of the project was not approved for funding in the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).



## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

Through the adoption of the 2024-27 NLTP, Waka Kotahi/NZTA was able to avoid re-assessing the Keepa Road design and property purchase funding, on the basis that the project was to provide access to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) funded harbour development.

As the boat harbour development is no longer progressing, NZTA was obligated to reassess the Keepa Road design and property purchase phases of the project against the Investment Prioritisation Method (IPM). The threshold for inclusion in the NLTP requires at least a 'High' alignment with the Government Policy Statement (GPS) for Land Transport under the IPM. The Keepa Road project does not meet this criterion.

As a result, NZTA has notified the Whakatāne District Council that the remaining funding for the design and property purchase phases of the project will be removed from the 2024-27 NLTP.

The Keepa Road project no longer has any NZTA funding approved in the current 2024-27 period, for design, property purchase or construction.

With the boat harbour project no longer progressing, the urgency to progress this project has also reduced. The project will now continue to be on hold, until the development of the 2027-37 LTP, where the project's priority and timing will be reassessed, along with all other Transport Improvement Projects.

### 4.1.2. Wainui road Slip/Dropout – EMERGENCY WORK



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Emergency repair work has been carried out at the Wainui Road dropout, following a rain event that caused the road edge to fall away into the estuary. All waterlogged materials have now been removed from the site. A new subsoil drainage system has been installed, and the area has been backfilled. A layer called 'rock rip-rap' has been placed along the slope to prevent erosion in the future. Additionally, a new rock-lined swale drain has been constructed to help manage heavy rainfall. The berm has been covered with topsoil and grass seed. All reinstatement works are now complete. The only outstanding task is the kerb and channel extension, which is weather-dependent and will proceed when conditions permit.

#### 4.1.3. *Mimiha Stream Bridge replacement*



The northern concrete approaches have now cured, and the installation of barriers and signage will be completed in June. Coconut matting will be placed over exposed areas in June, followed by planting with native species from the Minginui nursery. The contractor is now beginning to disestablish the site yard.



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### 4.1.4. Herepuru Road retaining wall



All retaining wall construction activities have now been completed. Grass seed reinstatement on the batters and hay mulching has also been finished. The new side railing has been installed and painted, and the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) will be put in place once the paint has dried.

Road construction works are complete; however, recent wet weather has impacted progress by saturating the imported materials. We are currently exploring options to dry the material and plan to seal the road when there is a suitable window of good weather. The road remains closed while we work to dry the materials.

### 4.1.5. Mimiha Stream Bridge replacement



The southern lane has been operating smoothly since its opening, with construction continuing safely around the active lane. The temporary bridge has now been fully removed, and all piles were successfully extracted. The northern approaches to the bridge have been poured and are currently in the curing phase. Earthworks are progressing steadily, with embankments being constructed on both the eastern and western sides of the new bridge. The project is due for completion by the end of June 2025.

### 4.1.6. SH2 Pekatahi – funding announced for new deck

We're pleased to share that funding is confirmed to build a new deck on the State Highway 2 (SH2) Pekatahi Bridge. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi understands how important SH2 is for locals and freight. The new deck will improve safety by reducing the risk of damage to vehicles and the need

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for ongoing repairs. The design for the new bridge deck is well underway and expected to be completed in the coming months. All going to plan, construction is expected to start early 2026. We'd like to thank everyone for their patience and look forward to delivering the new and more durable deck.  
*From the NZTA team.*

### 4.2. Three Waters

#### 4.2.1. *New Hinemoa, Whakatāne stormwater pump station*



Stainless steel air vents have been installed on the rising main, along with filter collars placed around the rising main on the landward side of the stopbank and around the gravity outlet pipe. The pumice access track to the pump station has also been completed. Reinstatement of the school field is now underway, with topsoiling and hydroseeding in progress. The concrete slab for the electrical room has been poured.

#### 4.2.2. *Wastewater Pump Station valve chamber renewals*



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The final valve chamber at Wastewater Pump Station 3 on Pōhutukawa Avenue, Ōhope, has been largely completed, with the new concrete chamber, steel pipework, and valves now installed. The custom-fabricated safety lid, supplied by a local contractor, is currently undergoing powder coating and will be installed shortly. Once this is complete, the site will be reinstated, and beach access will be reopened.

### 4.3. Building

#### 4.3.1. BCA audit starting soon

The Building Consent Authority (BCA) which issues building consents and inspects building work is audited each two years. Our next full audit commences on Monday, 23 June 2025 and is completed on Thursday, 26 June 2025. The audit looks at our Building Manual and our application of the processes detailed in it, along with technical and system audits, and general compliance with the Building Code.

In response to MBIE's upcoming requirements for a Building Consent Authority (BCA) to complete 80% of inspections within three working days of making the booking, we have implemented a process to monitor timeframes. Since implementation, we have been able to provide an inspection booking on the day requested in all but one case, where it was the following day.

#### 4.3.2. MBIE monitoring

Median days taken to process consents by Building Consent Authority Q1 2025 ?

BCA	Days	BCA	Days	BCA	Days
Waikato	19	Gisborne	13	Mackenzie	9
Napier City	18	Ōpōtiki	13	Taranua	9
Hauraki	17	Central Otago	12	Kaikōura	8
Dunedin City	16	Horowhenua	12	Manawatu	8
Masterton	16	New Plymouth	12	Ruapehu	8
Auckland	16	Palmerston North City	12	Hastings	7
Upper Hutt City	16	South Taranaki	12	Hurunui	7
Matamata-Piako	15	South Waikato	12	Invercargill City	7
South Wairarapa	15	Taupō	12	Selwyn	7
Thames-Coromandel	15	Wairoa	12	Tasman	7
Clutha	14	Waitomo	12	● Whakatāne	7
Hamilton City	14	Ashburton	11	Whanganui	7
Hutt City	14	Christchurch City	11	Rotorua Lakes	7
Kaipara	14	Marlborough	11	Kāpiti Coast	6
Waipa	14	Ōtorohanga	11	Waitaki	6
Central Hawke's Bay	14	Timaru	11	Buller	5
Waimakariri	14	Whangārei	11	Carterton	5
Far North	13	Wellington City	11		
Nelson City	13	Gore	10		
Queenstown Lakes	13	Porirua City	10		
Tauranga City	13	Southland	10		
Waimate	13	Westland	10		
Western Bay of Plenty	13	Grey	9		

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## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment monitor compliance of statutory processing times across New Zealand. The Q1 2025 information from the BRANZ dashboard shows the Whakatāne District Council to be near the top of the list for speed in processing building consent applications.

## 5. People and Engagement Update

### 5.1. Community Funding



More than \$35,000 was distributed to community groups recently through the Community Funding Committee on behalf of the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) and Rural Travel Fund. The CCS funding round was preceded by more than a dozen presentations by applicants on projects supporting arts and culture in our communities.

Projects and events that received funding included: tukutuku weaving workshops; a mural project; Pasifika arts and crafts; a multi-modal artwork; lantern making for the Light Up Whakatāne festival, and Thornton School's Seussical the Musical production (pictured). The next rounds of the Reorua Fund and Te Puaha (Waterways and Marine Environment Fund) opened in June.

## 6. Strategy and Growth Update

### 6.1. Events & Marketing

#### 6.1.1. *Flavours of Plenty*

Whakatāne District chefs and event organisers took part in the Flavours of Plenty Regional food festival this autumn, 27 Mar to 13 April 2025. Locals and visitors enjoyed eight events ranging from a free children's foodie festival, farm to plate dining, authentic Greek food, and unforgettable dining experiences serving up delicious local foods from the Eastern Bay.

## **7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)**

### **6.1.2. Festival draws 1500 to Wharfside**

Ōhiwa Oyster Festival welcomed 1,500 people to Wharfside, Port Ōhope, on Saturday 17 May 2025 to celebrate the opening of the Oyster season. The event is run by the team at Tio Ōhiwa Oyster Farm and is supported by our events team with both guidance and event sponsorship funding. Over 75% of attendees travelled from outside of the district to stay for the weekend, resulting in an estimated economic impact of \$388,000 for the local economy.

### **6.1.3. Events funds secured**

The Regional Events Promotion Fund has just confirmed for the Whakatāne District with \$53,500 going to six events to support marketing efforts and attract more domestic visitors to the area during the off-season. The events include Local Wild Food Festival, Tio Ōhiwa Oyster Festival, Sun to Surf, Jazz in the Park, Farming Like Grandad Country Fair, NZ Surf Life Saving Championships 2026.

### **6.1.4. Campaigns & more**

Autumn marketing activity focused on encouraging out-of-town visitors to attend events in our rohe. Marketing support for Flavours of Plenty Festival and the Ōhiwa Oyster Festival proved highly successful. Four out of five Eastern Bay ticketed Flavours of Plenty events sold out and the three free events were also well attended.

The team hosted travel content creators from escape.video who have a combined audience of more than 550,000 people across Instagram, Facebook and TikTok. Followers use the content to plan holidays and around 50% of their audience are based overseas. Delivering campaigns across their channels is therefore a great way to reach both the domestic and international travel market. We will be launching a campaign across escape.video channels in spring. The Escape video campaign will feature the following businesses visited during their stay – Awa Motel, Awa Café, The Comm, Drip Desserts, KG Kayaks, Cadera, Tio Ōhiwa, Whakatāne Kiwi Trust, Volk & Co, Riverbug, Mata Brewery, Moutohorā Island with Prosail Charters, Wainui Seaside Glamping, Fisherman's Wharf, Gibbo's on the Wharf.

The June edition of Air NZ Kia Ora magazine will feature a four-page article showcasing food experiences across our rohe. The article followed a family with writer Sue Hoffart earlier this year. Businesses featured in the article include, Tio Ōhiwa, Fisherman's Wharf, Gregoli Olive Grove, YiaYia's Little Kitchen, Herringbone Wine, Native Tree Farm, All the Sands café, L'Atelier, Whakatāne Sunday Market, Cigol, Volk & Co, Café Awa, Mata Brewery and Ōhope Craft Market.

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## **6.2. Climate Change**

### **6.2.1. Solar panel installation**

We're excited to announce that solar panel installation will begin between June and September at the Dog Pound, followed by the Resource Recovery Centre and the Main Council Building (Civic Centre). These will be the first buildings in Council's portfolio to switch to grid tied solar energy.

## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

This project is part of our wider efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, cut energy costs, and support a more sustainable future for our organisation and community. This project is funded through a loan from Trust Horizon, which has a very favourable 3.5% interest rate and repayment period of 10 years. The projected savings from the energy generated by the solar will cover this cost.

Health and safety remain a top priority throughout the process, and the relevant teams will be kept updated on access and timing as the project progresses. This has been a project which has been brewing for many years and is exciting to finally coming to fruition.

## 7. Business and Corporate Services Update

### 7.1. Solid Waste

#### 7.1.1. Waste survey



The Solid Waste team is currently running their district-wide Waste Awareness Survey 2025 to understand what the Whakatāne District community knows about rubbish and recycling. The short survey gathers information about residents' knowledge, habits, and opinions on local waste services, helping the team improve how rubbish, recycling, and composting are delivered across the district. This survey is a follow-up to the 2021 survey, allowing the team to measure any changes in community awareness since then. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey and share it with their friends, whānau, and neighbours. The survey is available on the Korero Mai page at: <https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/district-wide-waste-survey>

## 8. Strategic Māori Partnerships Update

### 8.1. Matariki Celebrations

A programme of events and activities for staff to celebrate Matariki has been underway this week. A big mihi to those staff who took the time to attend the Matariki kōrero by te ao Māori exponent Ranginui Rikirangi-Thomas on Monday. Ranginui was one of the tohunga/experts who performed karakia at the second national Hautapu ceremony in Rotorua in 2023, and he provided us with a wealth of knowledge on all things Matariki! From learning about how Matariki became a national holiday, the different associations of each star, to helping us think about ways in which we can celebrate Matariki with our own whānau, the kōrero was rich in offerings, as a hautapu is to Matariki!



## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

Throughout the week, the principles of Matariki – reflection, celebration, and preparation – are being incorporated into the workplace as we move into te tau hou Māori / the Māori new year. Mānawatia a Matariki!



## 9. Community Regulation

### 9.1. Animal Control

#### 9.1.1. Dog Registration



Dog registration for the Whakatāne District are now open for the 2025/26 year, with discounted rates for those who pay their fees on or before 1 August 2025.

The registration fee for a de-sexed (neutered) dog or a working dog is \$67, if payment is made on or before 1 August, or \$97 if paid after this date. The fee for registering an entire (unneutered) dog is \$97, increasing to \$144 if paid after 1 August. Certified disability assistant dogs and dogs used by government agencies for specific purposes, such as law enforcement or biosecurity, are free of charge.

Impounding fees will be \$69 for a first impounding; \$103 for a second impounding; and \$138 for a third and subsequent impounding. Additional charges apply for dog food and after-hours impoundment between 5pm-8am daily, on weekends or public holidays.

All dogs more than three months old must be registered, but for dogs under 12 months old, a proportion of the applicable fee will be charged.

Registration fee invoices have been posted to known dog owners in the district, and all dogs are legally required to be registered. Failure to do so is an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996, which carries an infringement fee of \$300.

## 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

The Animal Control Team is dedicated to managing dog-related issues with a focus on community safety. Owners that register their dog/s, are not only fulfilling their legal obligation under the Dog Control Act 1996 but also contributing to the essential activities of our Animal Control Team. Their commitment helps ensure a safer environment for our community. Whakatāne District council encourages all dog owners to pay by the 1 August to take advantage of the discounted fees available.

### Complaints received

1 May 2025 to 30 June 2025

Complaint Type	Nukuhou North	Ruatoki	Taneatua	Waimana	Wainui
Aggressive Dog					2
Barking	1	1			3
Found or collect	2 to collect	4 to collect	1 to collect	4 to collect	1 to collect
Reported Lost by owner	1	2	1		
General Roaming			1 wanted a dog trap		
Roaming Stock		4	4	2	3
Total	4	11	8	6	9

### Impounded dogs

1 May 2025 to 30 June 2025

Impounded	Nukuhou North	Ruatoki	Taneatua	Waimana	Wainui
Total	4	16	17	10	1

The reason for the difference in the number of complaints to number of impounded dogs is

- There was more than one dog to collect for that complaint
- Dogs have been impounded or seized on other complaints
- Dogs have been signed over by owner for destruction by council.

### 9.1.2. Education

Our animal control team took part in the latest amazing race held in Tāneatua in the first week of the school holidays. They focused their pit stop on recognising dog behaviours. Race Teams had to match dog behaviours to a number of photos. This is a fun and educational event for both children and our Animal Control officers.

### 7.1 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)



## 10. 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-notice>

**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/WhakataneGalleries>

<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>

## 7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025

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To: **Tāneatua Community Board**  
Meeting Date: **Monday, 14 July 2025**  
Author: **A Dass / Governance Support Advisor**  
Authoriser: **S Duffy / Senior Governance Advisor**  
Reference: **A2920217**

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

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

#### 2. Recommendation - *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 following table indicates the unallocated grants and subsidies (discretionary) fund:

Taneatua Community Board		
<b>Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 11 June 2025 is \$10,108.27</b>		
	<b>\$ 10,108.27</b>	
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years unallocated grants*		8,411.49
Funding operating surplus (deficit) for 2024 FY		(1,154)
2024/25 Annual Plan		5,278.72
2024/25 revised Budget of Grants and Subsidies to allocate	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,536.27</b>
<b>2025 Allocations</b>		
4-Dec JAMES ALLERBY TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL AQUABOTS COMPETITION		978 Approved & Paid
4-Dec ALEI BRYANT TO ASSIST WITH COSTS TO ATTEND THE TAHITI MATARIKI VOLLEYBALL CUP		1,450 Approved & Paid
<b>Year to Date allocations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,428.00</b>
<b>Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,108.27</b>

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

The balance of the Tāneatua discretionary fund as at 11 June 2025 is approximately \$10,108.00.

## **7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)**

### **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 Ofoske
5. Activity updates from each Community Board
6. Local Elections 2025 and Māori wards poll update

#### **4.2. 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.

##### **4.2.1. 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.

##### **4.2.2. 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 is scheduled for Friday, 11 July at 'The Comm' in Whakatāne.

## **7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)**

### **4.2.3. Roadshow and Engagement Campaign**

Our in-house roadshow campaign is structured in two key phases:

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.

### **4.2.4. 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.



### **4.2.5. 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 return voting envelopes will include a printed QR code that links directly to a webpage showing 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.

### **4.2.6. 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.

### **4.2.7. 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

**7.2 Governance Administration – July 2025(Cont.)**

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## 8 Chairperson Report

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#### 8.1 TCB Chairpersons Report – July 2025



To: **Tāneatua Community Board**

Date: **Monday, 14 July 2025**

Author: **TCB Chairperson**

File Reference: **A2920606**

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

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 hāpori.

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

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board Chairpersons Report – July 2025 be **received**.

##### 3. Community on the ground

The proposed re-sealing of the Pekatahi bridge deck by NZTA has been received well by the community. However, some whanau have expressed some financial pressure at the gas pump because of the closures.

There's some growing concerns about the worsening flooding and road conditions through the Waimana Gorge.

The Kura o Tāneatua Matariki Celebration held on 30<sup>th</sup> June was well attended and supported by the community. The highlight of the event was the Amazing Race where tamariki and adults teamed up to race around Tāneatua searching for clues. Many racers were cheered on and encouraged by the locals, it was a fun and enthusiastic event and due to it's success maybe repeated next year.

Tuhoe Hauora also held a Matariki celebration day for tamariki aged 0-12 at Te Tai. Tamariki enjoyed star making, kite flying, whakawhanaungatanga and shared in a kaitahi.

Members Bryant and Tuwairua kids holiday program starts Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tāneatua has a new gymnasium open to the community at 13 Morrison Rd (The old Anamata building) many whānau are starting to utilise the gym instead of driving into Whakatane.

##### 4. Upcoming events

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop with Greg Reid of Gregoli Gardens being held on 19 July 2025 9am to 12pm at Amokura Reserve, 7 Amokura Rd, Taneatua.



**9 Closing Karakia - *He Karakia Whakakapi***

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