


Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 10 September 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
	Present:	Mayor V Luca, Members R Gardiner (Chairperson), H Brown, P Flowerday, C McIndoe, P Falwasser, and Councillor Dennis
	In Attendance:	F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships) and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	Member L Waaka

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm with a Karakia by Member Brown.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **accept** the apology from Member L Waaka.

CARRIED

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Chairperson Gardiner had flown to Whakatāne to attend the meeting, and he was acknowledged for this additional commitment and dedication.

Retiring Elected Members were thanked for their work and support given to their communities, and those re-standing were wished luck in the up-coming local body elections.

The Chairperson acknowledged the Mayor, Elected Members, Council support staff, and all those in the community who had spoken at public forums over the past triennium.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC FORUM

An apology was received from the representative of the Alzheimers Society EBOP as at late notice she could no longer attend the Board meeting.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 16 July 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

Refer to page 12 of the agenda.

Mayor Luca gave a summary of various work the Council had carried out, noting the impact of inflation during the triennium, and referenced various strategies, plans and referred to regional aspects.

Attendance: Councillor O'Brien entered the meeting 5:39 pm.

The Mayor expressed that it was a privilege to attend the Board meeting, and on behalf of Council and the district, extended sincere appreciation to the Community Board members for their dedicated service and commitment over this triennium. He presented members and aligned Councillors with a certificate of service. He offered his best to those seeking reappointment and wished the very best to those members stepping down.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 12-20 of the agenda.

Member Flowerday raised a query regarding the decline in dog registrations and noted the absence of a dog fun in Matata. It was suggested the Community Board consider addressing this gap as a potential project for the next triennium.

The Board's feedback regarding the stop-bank access was very valuable and it was noted that the Chairperson had engaged with affected parties. Members would be informed once the trial bollards were installed.

It was clarified that informing the Council Road Safety organiser of volunteer attendance at the New Year's Day Fatigue stops would assist with planning and ensure accurate attendance numbers.

The creation of the Summer Roding project webpage was an excellent initiative and offered visibility of seasonal roadworks.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Member Falwasser

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

8.2 Governance Administration

Refer to pages 21-44 of the agenda.

Members were encouraged to actively engage with their communities to promote voter participation in the local body elections.

A discussion took place regarding the funding application. While members acknowledged the importance of the work the Society carries out, they raised concerns about the applications emphasis on operational costs, noting that other funding agencies may be better suited to support such expenses. Previous funding received from Council and other government organisations was also noted. Members proposed some flexibility in the use of the grant but requested that the funding be 'ring-fenced' specifically to benefit Rangitāiki clients.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration September 2025 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$500 from its discretionary funds to the Alzheimer's Eastern Bay of Plenty, specifically to support service delivery within the Board area, with the condition that the funding directly benefits clients residing in the Rangitāiki area.

CARRIED

5 Chairperson and Councillor Reports

5.1 RCB Chairperson Report – September 2025

Refer to pages 45-47 of the agenda.

There was overwhelming support from Members to grant funding for the memorial plaques.

Moved Member McIndoe / Seconded Member Falwasser

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **spend** \$1600 from their discretionary fund towards the Resting Room Memorial plaques project, to enable the construction of the plaques.

CARRIED

5.2 Councillor Report

Refer to page 48-49 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis thanked members for their contributions to their communities.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

5.3 Member Reporting

Refer to page 49 of the agenda.

- Council staff were thanked for their ongoing support over the triennium.

- The Noticeboard for Matatā, which received funding support from the Board, was scheduled for installation later in September.
- A mural would be painted onto the Thorton Toilet Block to complete that work and the installation of the fire hydrant 'cats-eyes' would be completed in October 2025.
- A safe pedestrian crossing island for Mapou was still being explored.
- Council staff were acknowledged for the great social media work to promote the local body elections.
- Chairperson Waaka was thanked for her work over the triennium.
- Members were reminded to forward information to Member Gardiner to assist the incoming Board.

The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Member Brown at 7:15 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON