


## Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 16 July 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	<b>RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	Members R Gardiner (Chairperson), P Flowerday, C McIndoe, and H Brown, and Councillor O'Brien
	In Attendance:	F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships) and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	Members L Waaka and P Falwasser, and Councillor Dennis

### 1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm with a Karakia led by Councillor O'Brien.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

#### RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **accept** the apologies from Members L Waaka, P Falwasser and Councillor G Dennis.

#### CARRIED

### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Councillor Dennis was congratulated on recently being awarded the Kings Service Medal.

### 4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-13 of the agenda.

Moved Member McIndoe / Seconded Member Brown

#### RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 28 May 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report**

Refer to pages 14-23 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships highlighted that the Climate Action and Youth Development fund was open until 15 August 2025 and that the local body election nomination period was open until noon on 1 August. He said the Matata Community Plan was well received when presented to council.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Governance Administration**

Refer to pages 24-27 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships reiterated that Chairperson Waaka would be speaking to effected parties regarding stop bank access so to date, no changes had been made.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner/ Seconded Member Brown

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

## **5 Chairperson and Councillor Reports**

### **5.1 RCB Chairperson Report – July 2025**

Refer to pages 28-31 of the agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding potential financial contributions towards the war memorial plaques from neighbouring Community Boards and it was suggested to consider approaching the RSA for potential contributions also.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – July 2025 be **received**.
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.

**CARRIED**

### **5.2 Councillor Report**

Refer to page 32-33 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Gardiner / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Member Reporting**

Refer to page 34 on the agenda and to page 34a of the tabled items.

- Member McIndoe reported the occupancy of the Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall was low; and referred to the tabled item showing the confirmed bookings from May to December 2025. Council website contained the hall hire fee structure and it was agreed the rates were affordable. Action: Promotion of the hall availability via the Communications Team.
- Chairperson Gardiner referred to the Road speed limit submission included in the agenda. He advised the submission was lodged with Council after the close date.
- Chairperson Gardiner had carried out an initial investigation into Māori Road Names in the Whakatāne District to identify those that would benefit from the inclusion of macrons (tohutō). He referenced reasons as to why historically they had not been used and acknowledged there was a legal process, consultation with Iwi, and a cost for replacement of current signs. Updating these names legally with LINZ would ensure resulting services, for example Google Maps, would have the updated names, and 'reading software' would have better information for the pronunciation of the names. Councillor O'Brien acknowledged this work and noted that future signage must ensure the inclusion of macrons.
- Member Flowerday reported the following points regarding the Matatā Residence Association (MRA); the expected completion time for the community noticeboard was one month, their next project was installation of a BBQ in proximity to the noticeboard, and the MRA were looking to host an election candidate afternoon.
- Member McIndoe advised the railway-vacant land had been mowed and he requested the following actions for follow-up:
  - Intended repairs of the Thornton Toilet block which was vandalised
  - Cleaning schedule for the Edgecumbe Library bathrooms and kitchen
  - Steps on the Railway line embankment in a state of disrepair
- Member Brown raised concerns regarding lighting and overgrown vegetation at Te Teko and the potential related health and safety risks. He noted there were other areas in the Rangitāiki rohe that also could have potential lighting blind spots. A discussion ensued; noting that Community Plans, submissions to the Long Term Plan and advocacy of the Board could assist to support improvements within Te Teko and other rural towns.
- Chairperson indicated an end-of-triennium handover and requested members forward their input to him for inclusion.
- Councillor O'Brien thanked the Board Members and staff for their work over the triennium.

**The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Councillor O'Brien at 6:52 pm.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON