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DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 October 2024

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Chair:** Mr Charlie Mete

**Deputy Chair:** Mr Jamie Nepia

**Membership:** Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Ms Whetu Hamahona  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
HWTM Andy Watson

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**Notice is hereby given that a Rātana Community Board Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Pa on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 6.30pm.**

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### **1 Whakamoemiti**

### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Public Forum**

### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 13 August 2024** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting – 11 June 2024**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 11 June 2024 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 June 2024

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Present** Ms Whetu Hamahona  
Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Mr Jamie Nepia  
Mr Charlie Mete  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Mrs Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture  
Ms Kym Skerman, Manager- Events and Venue  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Mete opened the meeting at 6.30pm and Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti.

## 2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 9.1 was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Ms Skerman was in attendance to speak about the grants process with council and the grants available. Ms Skerman encouraged any board members to get in contact if they need support putting an application in it.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Amendment:** At the beginning on page 8 that karakia is changed to whakamaoeti.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/022**

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 9 April 2024 **with amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

#### Roading Items

There were questions about the lack of progress on the roading items. Staff will add all items as a request for service.



Item 5: Lake Waipu

Staff to follow up further on this action item and request that there is regular emails and correspondence on this project.

Item 11: Urupa

This item is still ongoing.

It was requested that customer services email Mr Mete for every reserved plot.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/023**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - June 2024

Mr Mete acknowledged the work completed for the kura centennial celebration and the upcoming 100-year rugby celebration.

Mr Mete acknowledged Mr Meihana and his contribution to the board and wished him the best of luck. Mr Mete welcomed Ms Hamahona to the board and thanked her for putting her hand up.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/024**

That the Chair's Report – June 2024 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 8.2 Rātana Road Property Numbering Update - June 2024

The board noted that there had been a discussion with the church committee and there was a mention from an individual about the name Papa Koura as a possibility.

Mrs Bovey will follow up with Ms Gray on next steps for the board.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/025**

That the 'Rātana Road Property Numbering Update - June 2024' be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms W Hamahona. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Declaration by New Ratana Community Board member

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Ms Hamahona read and signed the declaration. Ms Hamahona spoke to the board about her commitment to the community.

### 9.2 Ratana Community's Representative for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa

Cr Hiroa gave an update to the board on the meeting earlier today highlighting that Ms Savage is the new Deputy Chair of the Komiti replacing Mr Meihana.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/RCB/026**

That Grace Taiaroa be nominated as the Ratana community's representative on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa for the remainder of the 2022-25 triennium.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 9.3 Mayor's Report - 30 May 2024

The board noted that the Māori wards position is divisive and that councils across the country are concerned about this.

The board commented on the news item regarding Ratana and Mr Jones. Mr Mete commented that he was asked for comment, but he was not the best person to ask.

Ms Taiaroa gave an update on the rates hui with staff, noting that majority that were eligible had already completed these. Overall, it was a positive hui.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/RCB/027**

That the Mayor's Report – 30 May 2024 be received.

Cr Hiroa/Mr C Mete. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Cemetery Update - June 2024

Mr Mete will confirm reserved plots with staff. For future order papers both reserved and burials, be added to the report.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/028**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – June 2024' be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms W Hamahona. Carried

**10.2 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/RCB/029**

That the report 'Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project – Update' be received.

Cr Hiroa/Ms W Hamahona. Carried

**The meeting closed at 8.14pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 13 August 2024.**

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**Chairperson**



## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings**

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Ratana Community Board meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

#### **2. Decision Making Process**

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

#### **Attachments:**

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

## Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	9-Apr-24	Consultation hui about why rates are increasing.	Kezia/Andy	It would be best to have this on the same day as the RCB meeting- would December suit?	In progress
2	9-Apr-24	That a full report on Lake Waipu in person, with staff and the community board urgently needs to take place.	PMO Team	It was requested that updates be forwarded on from the PMO team direct to the board Chair.	Completed.
3	9-Apr-24	Crash barrier by the waste station- what is happening with this?	Roading	<b>RFS2403400</b> -The road barrier is fixed.	Completed.
4	13-Feb-24	Request speed limit signage both entrances of the road outside the school.	Roading	<b>RFS 2403616</b> - At this stage this expected that the signage up within two months.	In progress
5	12-Dec-23	Speed bump on the road coming into Ratana has not been replaced- what has happened?	Roading team	<b>RFS 2403615</b> - The roading team is trying to find something that will stick without being worn away fast.	In progress
6	12-Dec-23	That the board receives the report from Thrive on council assets when completed	Arno B	This report has not been completed yet.	In progress
7	5-Oct-21	<p>With regards to the Ratana Cemetery Extension: Staff to consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots.</p> <p><b>Update 08 Feb 22:</b> The Board clarified that the request was for water access, for both contractors and visitors. The Board advised that they would like a water source that is aesthetically pleasing (i.e., not just a tap in a post).</p> <p><b>Update 09 Aug 22:</b> The Board asked that this be reconsidered, as the owner of the adjacent farm has given verbal approval for the existing water line on his property to be used (the water does not need to be drinkable). Ms Bovey undertook to follow-up on this request.</p>	Mel Bovey / Arno Benadie	<p>This request is being investigated by the Parks Team who will look at potential options in conjunction with a similar request from Taihape residents for their cemetery. This is being done across the District as part of the Long Term Plan.</p>	In progress

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## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - October 2024**

**Author:** Charlie Mete, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – October 2024 be received.

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

I apologise for this report being late and therefore not included automatically in the Council agenda as circulated initially. Beth and I took a holiday and a breather for the first time in years to look around the South Island, returning just as this report was due. While I understand there will be no interest in our trip, there are a couple of reflections on the trip that have a relevance to our Council business.

- 1.1 Roothing - many of the South Island Council authorities have huge land areas but they have, from a roading perspective, significant advantages. Most of their roads are state highways with minimal roads to be locally funded and those that are locally funded are formed on a very solid and stable rock base. Metal is available everywhere, so cartage is low cost enabling very effective construction and reseal programmes. I envy them – our roads are often formed on soils that are poor, are subject to flooding, earth movement on slip zones and are built, in a lot of cases, a significant distance from metal sources. I guess these are the reasons and arguments for our enhanced FAR rates (financial assistance rates from Government).
- 1.2 The West Coast was predictably incredibly wet and challenging and that is one of the beauties of the coast. However, once you hit Bluff and start travelling north, particularly inland through places like the McKenzie District and Basin, it is a dust bowl. Because of the closure of the two mills at Tangiwai, I was interested in the power generation of New Zealand and so made a point of visiting most of the hydro schemes in the South Island. These hydro lakes, especially at Tekapo, are incredibly low hence the price of power in New Zealand. The Alps have significant snow to melt to feed these reservoirs which is great but there will be no immediate relief for those trying to farm within these catchments.
- 1.3 The South Island is swamped with tourists and Queenstown in particular is facing significant congestion and housing accommodation pressure for their workforce. Yes, tourists do spend money and support the local economy, but if travelling via camper vans contribute little (no rates) to supplying the services needed. This supports the arguments for visitor taxes.
- 1.4 For the rest of my report, I start by honouring and recognising our new Māori Queen and an acknowledgement to the service and passing of the Māori King.

It was with sadness that Rangitīkei District Council acknowledged the passing of Kiingi Tūheitia, the Māori King on 30 August. May his legacy continue to inspire and guide us towards a united future. In respect and honour of Kiingi Tūheitia's life, flags across the Rangitīkei were flown at half mast.

I would like to acknowledge and extend our respect to Kuini Nga-wai-hono-i-te-pō, the new Māori Queen. She succeeds her father, Kiingi Tūheitia, to become the eighth Māori Monarch (and only the second Queen).

- 1.5 I referred earlier to roading and there are a couple of updates –
  - i) The Government signalled that the build of our new major roads would be partially funded by way of a toll system. For us in our region this will mean tolls on the Te Ahu a Turanga linking Ashhurst to Tararua district and O2NL (the Otaki to North of Levin state



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highway). Submissions to these two separate tolls are due by 30 September and hopefully after a meeting with my fellow regional mayors, I may have a suggested response for this meeting as I suspect that we need to support Palmerston North City Council, Tararua District Council and Horowhenua District Council as well as our own position.

- ii) On 30 September NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) confirmed our roading budgets. As indicated in our Long Term Plan, our maintenance budgets were reduced by \$5m over the three year term. Since then we have had a further reduction in what is called Low-Cost Low-Risk work that is used to improve local roads often as part of resilience work. We had requested \$12.8m and have received only \$300,000. From a short-term view this means that we have some budget available from what is a rated position of our share to reallocate. From a longer-term district view this reduction is challenging. There is also a potential trap here for authorities. Government, in making these cuts through NZTA, have also signalled that it will review some of our other resilience projects separately later so our spend could rise and that there is a further \$100m fund for resilience that can be applied for. So, if we reallocate funding now we could be in a difficult position later.

1.6 Our Capital Works Programme – at the LGNZ Conference I reported on earlier, both the Prime Minister and Minister Simeon Brown (Minister Local Government and Infrastructure) were very direct in referencing the removal of the four well-beings and the need to focus purely on essential work. They have since re-enforced this thinking by saying that if you apply for the Regional Infrastructure Funds (similar to Minister Jones’ previous funds) your budgets will be scrutinised. Council has been prudent, but we will also be facing some additional costs and uncertainty over programmed costs. These may include –

- a) Unforeseen costs for the Marton Pool which could be significant as indicated in this Council agenda;
- b) Uncertainty over budgets for two major builds in both Marton and Taihape.

Council should, in my opinion, be proactive here and as such I am making two recommendations as part of my report –

- a. Council reviews our Capex budget (capital spend) in this year’s Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan as soon as is possible.
- b. That staff provide direction/costings for this review based on best estimates available now and that staff also provide a report on the process required for an amendment to next year’s Annual Plan and this year’s Long Term Plan.

Amendments to Long Term Plans do come at a cost and I recognise that this also means a challenge to staff capacity and the need to consult. Regardless of the work that I am signalling, Council will face an amendment to the LTP already because of the Three Waters position with the likelihood of some sort of regional Three Waters CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) as required by Government.

- 1.7 On a positive note, I would like to welcome Linda and Den, the new owners of Fresh Choice to Marton and the Rangitikei. Fresh Choice, as I understand it, is a franchise owned subsidiary of the Woolworths New Zealand Group. The reshape of the store looks great and I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Dave for filling in for me at the official opening.
- 1.8 As part of the planning for the strengthening and refit of the Taihape Town Hall, Maycroft our preferred contractor, is digging a series of holes outside the building to check on the

foundations that are there. Once that is done, they will be in a position to provide a contract price for the build work.

- 1.9 On Friday 27 September Rangitikei will host a Regional Growth Summit at Te Matapihi. This will be attended by the Regional Mayors/Chief Executives and some of the Councillors along with many of the region's principal industries. The event will be jointly hosted by ourselves, Department of Internal Affairs and Accelerate 35 the regional economic development group which are funded through Horizons. Several key Ministers will be there including Minister Jones. I will report back on this event later, but the format is really a given. Government has a fund that has been well publicised with the focus on creating economic growth for New Zealand that is unable to be used for a variety of things including three waters related projects. Minister Jones will want to emphasize the rules, the opportunity and stress that the assistance by and large will be on providing loan facilities. Any work that is assisted by Government will need to be consent ready etc. What will be of real interest will be the Q&A session from industries which may well include a question for example on electricity supply and cost.
- 1.10 In a similar vein, on Friday I sat in on a webinar on regional funding options called Reginal Deals which is separate to the above. The key messages are –
  - i. They are regional in nature focussed on economic development.
  - ii. They are long term with a 30 year vision and negotiate 10-year plans.
  - iii. They will be linked to Council Long Term Plans.
  - iv. They should include community input and may include private/public partnerships.
  - v. Central and Local Government will establish an oversight body with an independent Chair.
  - vi. They can be used for resilience of infrastructure and housing.
  - vii. The selection of the first 5 regions should be known and signed up by the end of next year.
  - viii. The Regions are not necessarily the same as Regional Council regions. There could be various groupings.
  - ix. Regional deals in the future will need to be aligned to Local Government election cycles.

The message is also clear that for at least the first few deals Government does not have cash to support the regional deals, so assistance will be by the way of -

- a. Providing regulatory assistance/relief.
  - b. Unlocking funding tools which may be a reference to LGFA funding (The Local Government Funding Agency).
- 1.11 Three Waters or Local Water Done Well - for some time, the regional Chief Executives have been working with staff to understand the costs each Council will face to provide for drinking water and wastewater provisions over the next 30 years while focussing on the first ten years. This work has been exhaustive and has been hampered by continual changes of Government direction. Lately the regional Mayors have been part of those discussions and the first official briefings for Councillors were last week. Government has conceded that for regional CCO's

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there has to be consultation and at least a limited amendment to LTP's. These changes represent the most significant change to Local Government since 1989 and in my opinion must be consulted on. To meet the Local Government Act requirements, Councils will need to show a preferred Council position and the other option or options that could be considered. To understand the options Council will need to engage with other Councils as we are and to also engage with industry and Iwi. Councils will also need to determine how they intend to deal with stormwater.

Time is the difficulty - Government has legislated that Council have under a year to have a Council approved plan submitted to Internal affairs in Wellington. To meet this timeframe each Council in a possible regional CCO mix would need to have a preferred option before the end of this year. That would allow for a consultation as part of an Annual Plan prepared in April and May.

While all of the regional Councils are working together, some Councils are looking at options beyond the regional boundaries as well which is wise and while unlikely in my opinion a Council could look to go it alone and form a CCO alone. All this means is that the landscape could well change late this year.

The Councils are not yet able to share the financial modelling which still continues to change but what is becoming apparent is that financially it may make little difference over time as to which Councils are in or out.

#### 1.12 SuperLocal Conference August 2024 - Report: Simon Loudon

Attached is the report from this conference provided by Cr Loudon, he may expand on his report at the meeting.

#### 1.13 Marton Op Shop – At the recent AGM I was asked about whether Council would contribute to the cost of disposing of items that are not able to be sold and have to be taken to the Waste Transfer Station. I will expand more on this at the meeting.

## Mayor's Engagements

September 2024

2	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with GM Department of Corrections</p> <p>Attended Climate Action Joint Committee</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum</p>
3	<p>Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Plans</p>
4	<p>Attended monthly meeting for Q&amp;A with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended walk-through Taihape Town Hall Building with Elected Members</p> <p>Attended meeting with BECA</p>
5	<p>Attended Meet &amp; Greet with new owners of Fresh Choice Marton, Linda and Den</p> <p>Attended BA5 Meeting at Honest Wolf Hunterville</p>
6	<p>Attended Accelerate25 Meeting</p>

10	Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Models & Financing Options Attended Weekly Meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Local Water Done Well – Sub Regional Briefing Meeting
19	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum Meeting Wellington
20	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with Staff Attended Regional Deals Strategic Framework online session Attended meeting with Jackson Stone Recruitment Agency
23	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group Online Meeting Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust Online Meeting Attended Marton Christian Welfare Council AGM
24	Attended NZTA Regional Relationship Online Meeting Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended Powerco “Achieving a Balanced Energy Transition” Event
25	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop Attended Youth Council Meeting
26	To attend Whanganui Community Foundation AGM To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council Meeting
27	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Growth Summit with Minister Jones
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend LGNZ Focus Group Online Meeting

**Recommendation 1**

That the Mayor’s Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

**9.2 Road Naming - Next Steps****Author:** Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Rātana Community Board with guidance on the next steps for the road naming/numbering issue along Rātana Road.

**2. Context**

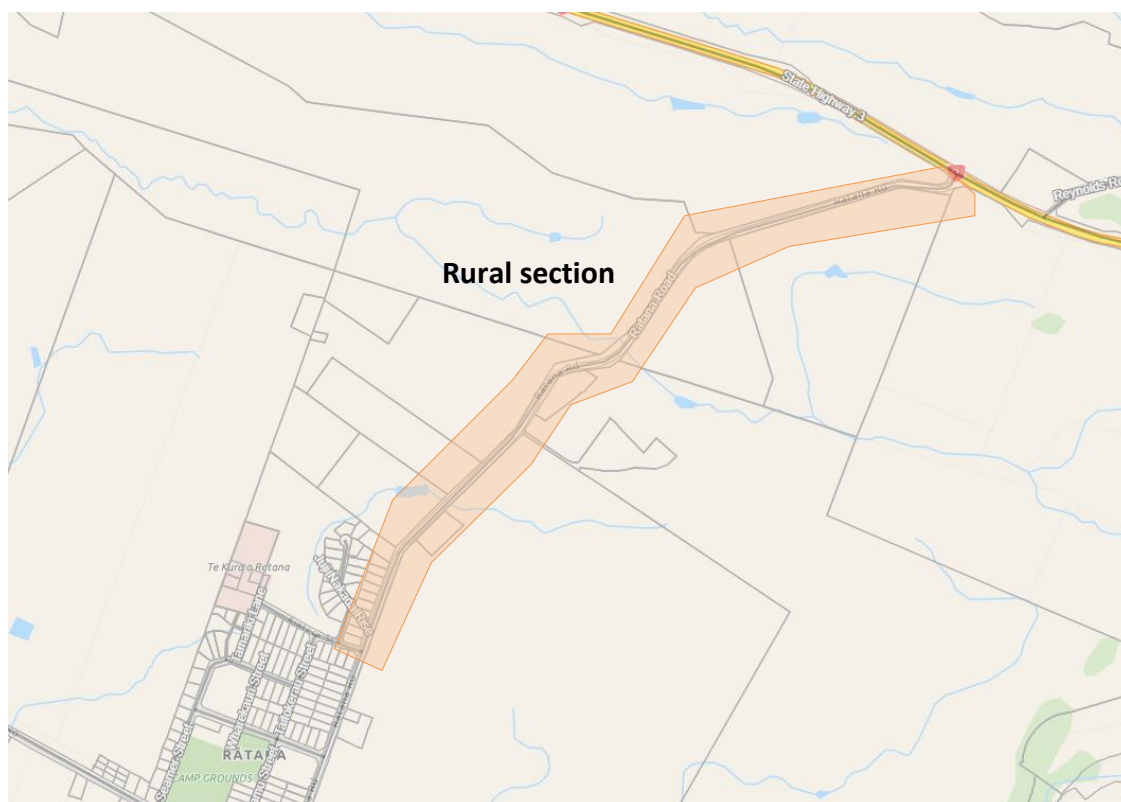
- 2.1 The Rātana Community Board has previously discussed options for the resolution of the road numbering issue along Rātana Road.
- 2.2 The Board has led engagement with residents along the urban section of Rātana Road, including the use of a survey, as well as, with the Church Committee.
- 2.3 At their 9 April 2024 meeting, the Rātana Community Board agreed a preference for moving forward with the road naming/numbering issues along Rātana Road (see resolution below). The view of the Rātana Community Board is to the renaming of the rural section of Rātana Road.

*Resolved minute number 24/RCB/001*

*Option 2a – rural section renaming*

*That the Rātana Community Board consider the most appropriate solution to the duplicate numbering issue along Rātana Road is to change the road name for the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street) and seek to undertake consultation with the Church Committee on the matter and in the development of an appropriate name for consideration at the June 2024 Rātana Community Board meeting.*

- 2.4 At the 11 June 2024 meeting the Rātana Community Board Chair noted that discussion had been held with the Church Committee regarding a suitable name. The Committee noted that they needed guidance on the next steps in the process.



### 3. Officer comment and next steps

- 3.1 The delegation for road naming outside of the Rātana Community Board area (where the rural section of Rātana Road lies) sits with Council. The next step is for the Rātana Community Board to recommend to Council the proposed name change. Officers also suggest comment from the Board on consultation would be beneficial.
- 3.2 Once the Board has recommended an approach to Council, Officers will lead the subsequent consultation processes (working alongside the Board).

### 4. Options Considered

- 4.1 The Rātana Community Board has previously considered the following options:
  - 4.1.1 Allocation of new address numbers (that follow the rural RAPID numbering), for the 25 addresses within the urban section of Rātana Road.
  - 4.1.2 Change the road name for the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street).
  - 4.1.3 Change the road name for the urban section of Rātana Road (south of Kiatere Street).
- 4.2 The Rātana Community Board determined on 9 April 2024 that the appropriate option was to rename the rural section of Rātana Road.

### 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are limited financial implications. Any consultation undertaken will be met under existing staff resources. The cost for changing a road sign is minimal and can be met from existing budgets.

**6. Impact on Strategic Risks**

6.1 There are no anticipated impacts on Council's strategic risks.

**7. Strategic Alignment**

7.1 The topic aligns with the community outcome of cultural wellbeing as road naming can contribute to the sense of place for a community.

**8. Mana Whenua Implications**

8.1 Rātana Community Board have led local discussions to date.

**9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

9.1 There are no relevant climate change impacts for consideration.

**10. Statutory Implications**

10.1 There are no relevant statutory implications.

**11. Decision Making Process**

11.1 Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#) should guide the decision-making process. The first step is to determine the level of significance of the decision based on the impact on; the district as a whole, people who are likely to be affected, and costs or the ability of Council to deliver on the decision.

11.2 Consideration is required in regard to the following matters:

- the community impact/interest (can be district-wide or localised)
- the impact on Māori cultural values and their relationship to land and water
- the impact on future interests of the community and district
- the potential effects of climate change
- the level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision
- the Council's ability to deliver on the decision.

11.3 For this topic, the community interest is considered to be local, and Officers note the significance of road naming in relation to cultural values. There is limited future impacts and no impacts related to climate change. The financial consequences are minimal, and Council can deliver the decision.

11.4 Based on this assessment the significance of the decision is considered by Officers to be moderate for the community and low in the context of the wider District.

11.5 Part 2 of the Significance and Engagement Policy guides participation in decision-making. There are no statutory requirements for participation in the decision to rename a road (outside of following Council's Significance and Engagement Policy).

11.6 The Rātana Community Board has undertaken engagement on the proposal with residents along the urban section of Rātana Road, and the Church Committee. This engagement has been necessary to inform the proposed approach.

11.7 Consultation is an opportunity for formal feedback via a submissions process, with the opportunity for both written and verbal submissions. Submissions are formally

considered by Council prior to making a final decision. Given those likely to be impacted are localised, it is appropriate for consultation to be limited. Consultation is appropriate as the Board has come up with a proposal (new road name) that Council will get feedback on.

- 11.8 Officers consider it would be useful to have guidance from the Board regarding the appropriate approach for consultation. At a minimum consultation with directly impacted landowners is recommended. However, guidance from the Board would be useful regarding whether consultation on the proposed name should occur with the wider community (giving consideration to the matters identified above).

### **Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Road Naming - Next Steps' be received.

### **Recommendation 2**

That the Rātana Community Board recommend to Council that the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street) be renamed as [insert name].

### **Recommendation 3**

That the Rātana Community Board recommend the following consultation as appropriate for meeting the requirements in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy:

- *[Consultation with directly affected landowners]*
- *[Consultation with the wider Rātana Pa community]*
- *[Consultation with the Church Committee]*



**ITEM 10.1**

## **10 Reports for Information**

### **10.1 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti**

**Author:** Grace Taiaroa, TRAK Member

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

**10.2 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards****Author:** Kym Skerman, Manager- Venues and Events**Authoriser:** Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 There is a need to update the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei' billboards which were last updated in 2010- 14 years ago.

**2. Context**

- 2.1 The Te Kahui Tupua group who last funded the billboards is now disestablished and no longer has a presence in our district. The billboards are out of date and looking less than appealing.

**3. Discussion and Options Considered**

- 3.1 Many surrounding districts/regions have updated and modernised their welcome signs. These signs are showing scenic highlights of the regions such as the nearby mountains, rivers, native bush as well as activity attractions such as fishing, rowing, cycling etc.
- 3.2 The billboards are a prime opportunity to showcase the uniqueness of our district, the hidden scenery and the activities that have the potential to attract more people to the area.
- 3.3 The areas that have been identified as having the potential to attract more visitors are:
1. Rafting and kayaking
  2. Golf- 5 courses throughout Rangitikei
  3. Cycling- quiet, scenic backcountry roads
  4. Fishing- river and coastal
  5. Walkways and reserves
- 3.4 The idea is to promote these attractions in the specific areas they are located.

**4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The signs are estimated to cost \$10,200 +GST to replace. This would come from the District Promotions budget.

**5. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 5.1 We are communicating with community groups to keep them informed on the decision-making process.
- 5.2 There is a risk of nothing happening to update the signs if groups are not in agreement as to the images or look of the billboards as there is a limited amount of time that can be spent on this project due to other commitments.

**6. Strategic Alignment**

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- 6.1 The proposed new billboards are in alignment with the Destination Management Plan in terms of promoting and celebrating our best natural assets and activities.

**7. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 7.1 Te Kahui Tupua (lwi tourism group) is now disestablished so there is no conflict of interest. It was also stated in the MOU that the billboards would become Council's responsibility after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- 7.2 The macron will be used in Rangitīkei as the correct spelling.

**8. Statutory Implications**

- 8.1 NZTA is being consulted due to the visibility next to the state highways.

**9. Conclusion**

- 9.1 The 'Welcome to The Rangitīkei' billboards need to be updated and modernised. They are a key asset to promote and showcase the amazing scenic locations and activity attractions throughout our district.

**10. Decision Making Process**

- 10.1 We would like to keep the community informed of the revitalisation of the district signage and our communications team will keep all community groups updated about the project.

**Recommendation**

That the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards ' report be received.

**Recommendation**

That the new 'Welcome to The Rangitīkei' billboards be accepted as a positive step and inclusion to the Destination Management Plan with the intention of showcasing our natural assets and activities from around the district.

### **10.3 Cemetery Update - October 2024**

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is a standing report that will update the Board on new burials within the Rātana Cemetery since the 06 August 24 to the 08 October 24.
- 1.2 There were no burials or reserved plots during this time.

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – October 2024' be received.

**10.4 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update****Author:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning**Authoriser:** Kevin Ross, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This update has been extracted from the Project Management Office report that was provided to Council.
- 1.2 It is provided here for the Board's information.

**2. Lake Waipu Improvement and Rātana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update**

- 2.1 Public submissions on the proposed Ratana Wastewater to Land resource consent applications closed 2 September. Three submissions received with the summary below from our lead Planner. Construction of the access track and pipeline is recommended this construction season, along with detailed design and application for building consent on the proposed 30,000m<sup>3</sup> lined storage pond. Contractors are advising there is a shortage of approved works so this should enable us to get sharper pricing than if we leave construction till after January when more work will be available in the market.

- Submissions:
- *Rakautaua 9 Ahu Whenua Trust – Partial Support*
  - Support removal of the WWTP discharge from the Lake
  - Concerned about impacts on their property and beach and whether or not would impact on future vision for the property.
  - Concerned re lack of engagement.
- *John Bent – Oppose*
  - Opposes all direct and indirect discharges to water.
  - Support RDC looking to discharge WW to land.
  - Seeks compliance with Policy 5-11 of the One Plan if necessary
  - Concerned re I&I and quality of data
  - Notes some specifics about various reports, (gabion baskets, inlet screen)
  - Seeks that fill for the proposed storage pond be sourced from construction of a treatment wetland swale
  - Seeks year round deficit irrigation, considers that provision for offsite discharge is necessary
  - Seeking more specificity re tree species
  - Seeking cut and carry system, or intermittent grazing
  - Conditions regarding flushing of irrigation pipes
- *Water Protection Society – Oppose*
  - Commends RDC for proposing to remove WW discharge from Lake Waipu
  - Considers application lacks detail in relation to description of the land and management of the system
  - Considers that nutrient load reaching GW may be under estimated
  - Notes non-deficit irrigation increases risk of effects on GW
  - Lack of clarity re ameliorative actions if adverse effects are picked up
  - Considers information is lacking

- Doesn't meet 104D gateway tests
  - No quantification of leakage from treatment ponds
  - No measures to decrease WW inflow
  - Opposes, but open to discussion to obtain clarification and improvement
- 2.2 It is proposed that the WSP Planning team and experts meet with these submitters to see if some or all of the concerns can be addressed without adding new conditions to what is already an expensive project for the District.

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project – Update' be received.

**10.5 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024****Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
  - a. Community Initiatives Fund
  - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
  - c. Creative Communities Scheme
  - d. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

**2. Community Initiatives Fund**

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
  - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
  - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
  - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
  - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
  - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
  - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
  - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
  - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

**3. Events Support Scheme**

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting totalling \$15,460.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
  - 3.4.1 Turakina Caledonian Society

3.4.2 Hunterville Huntaway festival

3.4.3 BCDT, Christmas Parade

3.4.4 Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc

3.4.5 Taihape Area Dressage Group

3.4.6 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville

3.4.7 Marton Country Music Festival

3.4.8 BCDT, Bulls 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull

3.4.9 St Joseph's School PTA

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

#### 4. Creative Communities Scheme

4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.

4.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 21 June 24 and closes 09 October 24.

#### 5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

5.3 Applications are now open for this fund and close 31 March 25. The decision will be made in April.

#### 6. Further Information

6.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

#### Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.



## **11 Meeting closed.**