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# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 June 2025

**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, 10 June 2025 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 11 February 2025** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 11 February 2025**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 11 February 2025 [**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



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

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**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
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Rātana Pa

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**Present**

Mr Charlie Mete  
Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Ms Whetu Hamahona  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture  
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development  
Mr Te Rino Rapana, Rātana Church Committee

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Te Rino Rapana spoke the whakamoemiti at 6.26pm

## 2 Apologies

The apologies were received from Cr Hiroa, Nepia and Whetu late.

## 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 Rātana Road Naming was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/001**

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 8 October 2024 **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.

Mr C Mete/Ms W Hamahona. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

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

The board returned to this item after 9.1 Rata Road Renaming- Submission. Ms Hamahona left the meeting at this item at 7.01pm

#### Item 1

Ms Bovey undertook to look at the corrosion of the road with Ruth after the meeting.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/002**

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

.Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried



## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

#### Item 5- Urupa upgrades

Mr Mete with officers about extending the berms at the urupa. This work will begin next Monday, currently the site is nearing full capacity and therefore looking at extension. This will mean engagement with landowners in the area. Council will continue to hold off on pre purchases and only have available for burials.

The Mayor asked if the reason for high demand is due to the cheap costs of the urupa. The board didn't believe so, there are a number of people who are affiliated to Rātana throughout the country.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/003**

That the Chair's Report – February 2025 be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Rātana Road Renaming – Submission

Ms Hamahona arrived 6.55pm at the end of this item. The Mayor did not take part in the conversation during this item.

Rātana road naming was moved to the beginning of the meeting and was introduced by Ms Gray.

The board discussed the submission from Mr Taiaroa and discussed the meaning of Papa Koura. It was confirmed that the name comes from the Rātana Valley where the freshwater crayfish were caught. Mr Te Rino Rapana undertook that he will follow up the Rātana Church Committee to write a letter in support of the name Papa Kōura. This formal letter will support the name and that the board has followed the correct process.

The Board noted that Mr Taiaroa will speak at Council at the end of the month Council meeting regarding his submission.

Ms Taiaroa noted that Mr Taiaroa is Ms Taiaroa's mothers brother.

The board discussed that they wanted to have the least number of affected properties was the preferred option and therefore the rural area residents was the preferred option. The board noted that Mr Mete and Ms Taiaroa have met with the property owners along the road.

The board asked for clarity for the process and that deliberations for this will be at the March Council meeting, which will include any background information, submissions and the recommendation from the board. The Mayor will take part in these conversations and the decision process.

Ms Gray answered questions that letters were sent to the addresses of rate payers for those properties directly impacts and this may be the reason for some people not receiving addressed letters.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/004**

That the report Rātana Road Renaming - Submission be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/005**

That the Rātana Community Board recommend to Council in relation to the renaming of Rātana Road to Papa Koura.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms W Hamahona. Carried HWTM abstained. HWTM did not say anything during discussion of this item

## 9.2 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

The Mayor noted the number of tangi in the district as of late, especially that of Dame Tariana Turia. The Mayor also congratulated the board and those involved with the Rātana celebrations that were recently held.

The Mayor highlighted the new Chief Executive for council is Carol Gordon and that this will take place officially on the 01 March, eventually she will attend a board meeting in person and introduce herself to the members.

Local Water Done Well is underway and Council will be engaging with consultation shortly, the preferred option is the a CCO with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils. There is the risk that the Department of Internal Affairs may not agree with the preferred approach and could step. The Mayor noted that the board make-up has not happened yet and what this will look like for iwi.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/006**

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Cemetery Update - February 2025

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/007**

That the report 'Cemetery Update –February 2025' be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**10.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti**

Ms Taiaroa was not in attendance at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting and therefore no update is available.

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

The report was taken as read

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/008**

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

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**10.4 Consultation Tracker – December**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/009**

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - December' be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**10.5 Funding Schemes Update - February 2025**

Ms Taiaroa noted the rates rebate there should be a reminder for those who have previously applied. His Worship the Mayor noted that there are people struggling and do not know that the rebate exists.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/010**

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2025 be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**The meeting closed at 7.27pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 8 April 2025.**

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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	8-Oct-24	Corrosion of the road at the intersection entering Ratana	Mel Bovey/Darryn Black	Ms Bovey undertook at the last meeting to look into this.	In progress
2	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
3	12-Dec-23	That the board receives the report from Thrive on council assets when completed	Arno B	This has been completed as a spreadsheet. The board may request a specific detail	Completed.
4	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

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - June 2025**

**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 – June 2025 be received.

**ITEM 8.1**

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

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

Good afternoon

#### LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

There have been so many meetings since the last report to Council, most of which have been in regard to Local Water Done Well (LWDW) concerning how council delivers drinking water, waste water and stormwater. In previous reports council elected to form a regional CCO with Whanganui and Ruapehu councils and ourselves. Council, at its LWDW Deliberations Meeting held on 22 May 2025 decided as a preference to form a regional wider CCO with Palmerston North, Horowhenua and ourselves leaving the option for Whanganui and Ruapehu to join with us. Points I raised prior to that decision being made are as follows –

1. Government wants councils to form regional CCO partnerships to gain efficiencies and to lower future rate rises. They are insistent that these relationships are in place by September (i.e. made before Local Government elections in October).
2. Internal Affairs (Government) claim the efficiency gains for all councils will lie between 10 and 30% and that no council will be worse off in terms of rates by joining a CCO.
3. Councils will retain ownership by way of shareholding in the new entities after passing to the entity the assets and receiving back a credit for the loans against that asset.
4. Some councils in New Zealand will look to go alone and not form regional entities. If they do, then water services must by law be ring-fenced into separate council entities and face a high level of scrutiny and legislation. Government reserves the right to assign councils to other groups if they feel that is needed.
5. Regional entities will benefit by receiving long term loan funding at the best national rates available. This alone also serves to drive lower rates for councils in the short term.

#### ALL OF GOVERNMENT MEETING – WELLINGTON – 1 MAY

What I will try and do is list the pertinent points against each speaker.

- A. Welcome and background – President Sam Broughton, Selwyn District Mayor
  - The weather was horrific with many flights to Wellington cancelled and extensive flooding in his district of Selwyn, so attendance was a challenge.
  - MC was Ceinwen McNeil, Director from Aurecon.
  - Campbell Barry, Vice-Chair LGNZ did some of the introductions.
- B. Susan Freeman-Greene, CE LGNZ
  - She has announced her resignation so LGNZ will be looking for a new Chief Executive.
  - Her session was about addressing abuse and harassment, particularly in Local Government.
  - Maori and women disproportionately attacked by social media and suffer verbal abuse.

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- LGNZ have released a new guide/toolkit on how to say safe entitled “Free to Lead”.
  - Councils need to ensure that they meet their own health and safety obligations for staff and councillors.
  - Session was supported by Nicola Grigg, Minister for Women.
- C. Fiscal Policy & Infrastructure Financing – Dominick Stephens, Deputy Secretary and Chief Economic Advisor for Treasury
- He talked about the difference between shocks and cycles and their effects on the economy.
  - Shocks are things such as droughts/floods, covid etc.
  - He noted that some of those shocks come from overseas actions, e.g. war in Ukraine – these are different to natural cycles.
  - Net core debt in New Zealand is rapidly rising. Government’s response in the past in times of shocks is to spend more to buffer these effects.
  - Net core debt as a percentage of GDP in 1972 sat at 5% - it is now likely heading in the future to 40%?
  - Government needs to be aware that investment by Government (Fiscal Policy) is to smooth shocks and is inflationary by nature.
  - Note - expanding the school lunch programme came out of a Government Fiscal covid response.
  - This was an interesting presentation and 15 minutes was not enough time for the audience to understand and assimilate.
  - When Government uses fiscal support, Government therefore must run surpluses in the good times. We note that this has not been happening.
  - Building resilience in the private/public sector, i.e. councils, is incredibly important.
  - Fiscal policy has a role when monetary policy is not coping.
- D. Infrastructure for Growth – Peter Nunns, GM Infrastructure Commission
- Interesting quote in Q&A – *“every \$1 dollar spend in capex results in a 33c increase in opex spend”*.
  - The above will be an issue for our council with the new builds for earthquake prone buildings. There will be an increase budgets particularly because of the cost of depreciation funding.
  - There were a series of slides illustrating comparisons between New Zealand and other OECD countries. The message here was we are slipping behind and will need a reset.
  - Again, this presentation should have been longer. The first safety presentation by Susan Freeman-Greene of over an hour was too long.
- E. Sam Stubbs – Managing Director, Simplicity
- This was on unpacking financing of infrastructure – the long term solution.
  - There has been a tidal wave of investment dollars in New Zealand. The sequence of overseas investment was –
    - English money
    - American money – think of the period around the war
    - Lately Japanese money
  - Kiwi Saver \$\$ investments continue to grow. You assume that this Kiwi Saver money will be continued to be invested in New Zealand.



- Kiwi Saver will in the future have \$250 billion to invest – this will solve our investment needs.
- Message here is that the next 25 years for New Zealand will be prosperous??
- Aussie started this process earlier – they have 5 times our population but 50 times the investment in savings per capita.

F. Anthony Walker – Standard & Poors

- This discussion was what is behind our credit rating downgrades.

G. LGNZ Update – Sam Broughton (Chair) / Susan Freeman-Green (CE)

- The appointment of a replacement for Susan has been commenced but that appointment will be finalised by the new National Council after Local Government elections.
- Scott Necklen will be the Acting CE to fill the gap.
- Rates cappings – Government has been clear it wants to see control of rate increases but National Council wants to hold firm on no rates caps.

H. Minister's Address – Hon. Chris Penk

- To speed up the economy there are changes coming to simplify the Building Acts and Public Works Acts.
- We think too often council is left as the last man standing regarding consents (e.g. leaky homes). Therefore councils become risk adverse whereas Government wants to rebalance that liability. What the Minister is referring to is where builders can opt to go out of business to avoid a liability for leaky homes etc and then start again under a new registration business. This is good news for the sector!
- Minister hopes to see an aggregation of councils re building authorities, potentially another new CCOs set up like LWDW? At this stage he is wanting a voluntary aggregation.
- The BCA authority not now needed to a single residential unit where infrastructure is available by an accredited builder. In these cases council would have no liability.
- Building companies with a qualified track record could self-certify.

I. There were two case studies revealed of which the second one was the most interesting. This is where sports facilities done well have resulted in community growth.

J. Te Ahu a Turanga – new road replacing the Manawatu Gorge, lessons learned –

- This told the success of working early with Iwi. James Kendrick, Nga Tuhoe, spoke passionately and well.
- Iwi engagement on this project had a budget of \$10m – only needed less than \$4m because engagement was early and genuine.

K. Minister's Address – Simon Watts

- Q&A session only – points raised –
  - i) I am impressed with collaboration, LWDW, in the North Island.
  - ii) We will allow councils, LWDW, to go alone unless they are deemed not to be financially sustainable.
  - iii) "I (Minister) am leading a policy approach to rates capping design". There are different designs to this in other countries.
  - iv) We need to address the inflationary process on rates rises – they are too high.

- v) But rates capping should not restrain growth – there is a way through that.
- vi) In response to a question regarding funding of tourism in places such as Queenstown – “I want tourism to drive economic growth and one size doesn’t fit all, I will work with Local Authorities”.

*Mayor’s Comments –*

- *Government wants Back to Basics principles from councils*
  - *Government wants Local Government to deal with unemployment via the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme*
  - *Government wants councils to deal with educational truancy. The question is how does this align with a Back to Basics principle?*
- The Minister also accepted that Central Government does drive costs for Local Government and again the response is “a need for dialogue and one size doesn’t fit all”.
  - The Minister then spoke about Regional Deals –
    - i) These deals will provide for certainty of funding for large capex programmes.
    - ii) The first Regional Deal will be signed off before Christmas.
    - iii) “There is a cost in doing nothing and a cost in delay of projects”.
    - iv) City Regional Deal will bring partnerships between Local Government and Central Government.
  - “There is no Government talk on amalgamation but we will support councils who want to consider it”.

### **TE RUNANGA O NGATI HINEMANU ME NGATI PAKI OPENING OF FRESH WATER SCIENCE LAB**

On 17 May I attended the opening of the Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae. This is the first Iwi lead water testing lab in the country and I congratulate them for it. They have gone through a process of teaching their rangatahi how to collect water samples, how to prepare them and test them in the lab. Again this is impressive. This process has been supported and backed by Auckland University in association with Downer NZ.

### **HUNTERVILLE POLICING**

Recently the local police and Area Commander Neil Forlong advised me that with the local officer in Hunterville transferring there would be a review undertaken as to how policing would be serviced in Hunterville. No decisions have been made at this point. When a decision is made by the Regional Commander there will be further consultation. I then advised the Hunterville Community Committee and suggested a public meeting. The meeting on 21 May was attended by Neil Forlong and Sgt David Fraser, our MP Suze Redmayne, myself, Carol Gordon our Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and about 40 residents. Total support from the community was for a local police manning and presence. This was a genuine discussion covering roles and who the funders are – in this case NZTA Highway Control are a principal funder. We will now wait for the next steps.

### **MARTON POOL**

As everybody is aware the Marton swimming pool suffered serious damage with one of the main leading trusses dropping by nearly a metre. The pool has been closed while council undertakes a review. Some of the salient points are –

- a) There has been an exhaustive look at the total future of the pool as to what is required to make it safe, comply with regulations and be fit for the next 40-50 years. The consultants that we had doing this work, Create, have expertise in this field and have produced a lengthy report giving a variety of options, ranging from a quick fix repair to the beams at a cost of under \$1m to a total refit of the building dealing with virtually all the issues and a possible

reconfiguration of the 50m pool to a 25m pool with other hydro therapy/learn to swim options etc.

- b) Fortunately a community member has approached council and offered to substantially fund the repair of the roof. This comes at a cost of in excess of \$2m and we as a community and council are deeply appreciative of the gesture made. If the replacement of the roof and strengthening of the walls proceeds to tender, the funder has agreed, in view of transparency, to make their details known. Council is looking to tender the strengthening of the walls, the total replacement of the roof including a new clear-lite type product to let in light and help with heating. This is Stage 1.
- c) As part of that work there will need to be a number of building issues looked at to comply with existing regulations and council will consider how that can be internally financed.
- d) We will also actively look for other external funders and agencies such as Lotteries. If there are other businesses that would consider supporting us please get in contact with me.
- e) I was always hopeful that we would have this project underway this coming summer. That is my aim but many people tell me that timeframe is unlikely. As we know more we will talk to the community.

### HEALTH SERVICES

The provision of health services in our district needs review. In the northern part of the district I commend Mokai Patea Services for the work they have done with Taihape Health to look at providing those services. Recently I sent a letter to the Minister asking for clarification on why the transfer of facilities from Te Whatu Ora to Mokai Patea Services has been delayed and requested a meeting. The Minister is Simeon Brown now and he has recently written to me agreeing to a meeting in Parliament on 4 June. This is a huge step forward. I will update a more detailed report and give Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa the opportunity to speak further on this as part of my Mayor's Report. She is the expert and I applaud her dedication to this project.

### Mayor's Engagements

May 2025

1	Attended LGNZ All of Government meeting in Wellington Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs meeting
2	Attended the second TUIA Powhiri and Wananga at Taheke Marae Rotorua
4	Attended the Annual Plan Community meeting at Scotts Ferry
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting
6	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up Attended annual Audit NZ meeting Attended Tripartite Monthly Mayoral online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended interview with Breeze Radio Station on Bulls Township Attended meeting with Chief Executive

## ITEM 9.1

	<p>Attended monthly Governors Q&amp;A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended Youth Award Nomination Assessments meeting</p> <p>Attended quarterly NZTA Regional Relationship meeting</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office &amp; Library fortnightly governance meeting</p> <p>Attended LWDW Elected Members Hui in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended Business After 5 function in Marton</p>
9	<p>Attended Accelerate35 Lead Team Meeting in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended online Mayoral Meeting</p> <p>Attended Meet &amp; Greet with Rangitikei College Principal Penny Keet</p> <p>Attended Mayors &amp; CE's Online LWDW meeting</p>
10	Attended working bee at Marton Historical Society
12	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Arohanui Hospice team</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p>
13	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Andy Justice – Kiwiburn 2025 Debrief</p> <p>Attended LWDW online meeting with DIA</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
14	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan Hearing meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended SLUI Advisory Group meeting in Palmerston North</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LWDW Workshop in Palmerston North</p>
17	Attended Te Runanga O Ngati Hinemanu Me Ngati Paki Opening of Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae Taihape
18	<p>Attended Marton Car Show</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society day across the district museums</p>
19	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended relationship meeting with Horizons governors and RDC elected members</p>
20	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs F26 online update</p> <p>Attended meeting with Sport Whanganui representatives about rangatahi sport in district</p>

	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended public meeting in Hunterville re Hunterville Policing
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library fortnightly governance meeting Attended Assets & Infrastructure meeting Attended LWDW Deliberations meeting Attended LWDW Mayoral Steering Group online meeting
23	Attended staff Pink Ribbon High Tea
26	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit at Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
28	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Creative Communities Scheme meeting
29	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend new staff Whanaungatanga To attend fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff To attend LWDW Mayoral Steering Group meeting

**Attachments:****1. Elected Member Attendance - May** [↓](#)**Recommendation**

That the Mayor's Report – May 2025 be accepted.

## ITEM 9.1

## ATTACHMENT 1

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
27-Mar-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
3-Apr-25	Turakina CC	CB		PR										
7-Apr-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR						
8-Apr-25	TRAK	PR					PR					PR	AT	
9-Apr-25	Taihapa CB	CB				AP							PR	
9-Apr-25	Marton CC	PR	PR							PR				
9-Apr-25	Santoft Domain	CB		PR										
10-Apr-25	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR		PR	
10-Apr-25	Policy/Planning	PR	PR			AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR		PR	
14-Apr-25	Hunterville CC	PR			PR			PR						
15-Apr-25	Community Grants	PR		PR	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR	
15-Apr-25	Sport Travel Fund	PR	PR							AP				
16-Apr-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
30-Apr-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR						PR		PR	
30-Apr-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
14-May-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not completed
15-May-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	

Present (and is a member of the committee) PR

Apology AP

Absent - no apology received AB

Not a member of the committee

Not a member of the committee (but still attended) AT

Not present as on Council business CB

Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used] ZM

## **9.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā 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 Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti' be received.

**9.3 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update****Author:** Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, 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. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 2.1 The project is in a holding pattern awaiting approval to proceed with track pricing and hard stand construction, needed to enable the pipe materials to be delivered. Work on designing the large dam that will store the treated wastewater, up to Building Consent status, continues with WSP and external experts.
- 2.2 A pre-hearing meeting with all three submitters to the new Ratana consent was held at Horizons Regional Council. A full hearing date has not been set yet.
- 2.3 Due to relative high salinity of treated wastewater in the Ratana oxidation ponds, (caused by the softening process at the water treatment plant), it is likely that land irrigation of Ratana effluent as proposed could be problematic.
- 2.4 Investigation of the engineering feasibility of an alternative arrangement involving long distance pumping of Ratana effluent to the new Whanganui District Council/ Kaitoke Prison wastewater connection is almost complete.
- 2.5 The estimated cost of this alternative solution is \$4.6M which is approximately 60% of the estimate of the previously adopted solution.
- 2.6 WDC officers have agreed verbally in principle to such an arrangement. This alternative relies on either a trade waste agreement with Whanganui DC (if RDC and WDC are separate entities) or simply an inter-network connection if RDC and WDC were to form a combined Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).

**Recommendation**

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



**9.4 Cemetery Update - June 2025**

**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 01 April 25 to the 04 June 25.

**2. There were three burials**

- Plot 322/ Row 15- interred 18/04/2025.
- Plot 320/ Row 15- interred 07/05/2025.
- Plot 22/ Row 16A- interred 29/05/2025.

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Cemetery Update – June 2025' be received.

## ITEM 9.5

**9.5 Consultation Tracker - May****Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is included for the committee's information. The attached schedule will be update regularly.
- 1.2 This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months, so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

**2. RDC Website**

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.  
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

**Attachments:**

1. Consultation Tracker May [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Consultation Tracker – May' be received.

2025 Consultation Tracker  
Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Local Water Done Well District Plan Review	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April		Deliberations - 22 May				WSDP submitted to Govt.			
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany					Engagement			Notification				
Annual Plan Fees & Charges	Janna			Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan			Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj			Adoption of draft WMMP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Plan	Arno								Est. meeting to decide preferred option				
Local Body Elections	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period		Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Tiffany				Engagement		Workshops						
Upcoming but unconfirmed projects													
Marton Streetscape Plan Rangitikei Tomorrow: Economic Strategy and Action Plan													

**9.6 Funding Schemes Update - June 2025****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 two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the April Community Grants Committee meeting with funds totalling \$10,340.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
  - 2.4.1 Whanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups
  - 2.4.2 Brain Injury Association Whanganui
  - 2.4.3 Marton Food Pantry
  - 2.4.4 Bulls Toy Library
  - 2.4.5 Forest and Bird Inc, Rangitikei Branch
  - 2.4.6 Taihape Community Development Trust
  - 2.4.7 Rangitikei MMA

**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 two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the April Community Grants Committee meeting with funds totalling \$4,048.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
  - 3.4.1 Bulls and District Community Trust
  - 3.4.2 Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble

**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 two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the May Creative Communities meeting with funds totalling \$10,992.82.
- 4.3.1 Square Edge Community Arts – Project: Arts Trail Manawatu
- 4.3.2 Bulls & District Community Trust – Art 4 Arts Sake & Youth Hip Hop
- 4.3.3 Kathryn Clark – Project: Bands in Schools 2025
- 4.3.4 Marton Players Inc – Screen Projection Onstage

## 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 The full amount of funding was spent at the Sport NZ committee meeting on the 15 April between six clubs and schools.

## 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 – June 2025 be received.

## **10 Meeting Closed.**