

# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 October 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, 7 October 2025 at 6.30pm.**

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### **2 Apologies**

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### **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 10 June 2025** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 10 June 2025**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 10 June 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



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
*Making this place home.*

## **UNCONFIRMED: 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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**Present** Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Mr Jamie Nepia  
Mr Charlie Mete  
HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa

**In attendance** Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.27pm and Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti.

## 2 Apologies

The apologies were received from Ms Hamahona.

## 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

There were no changes to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### Amendments:

- Rata Road be updated to Ratana Road at item 7 Follow-up Actions.
- Item 10.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti be updated to reflect that the meeting was cancelled and that a workshop was held.

### Matters arising:

The signage needs fixing on Ratana Road.

### Resolved minute number 25/RCB/011

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



Item 1 – Corrosion of the road

Ms Bovey provided an update that this has been flagged with NZTA.

Item 2 – Thrive report

The board requested that the medical hub and gym be confirmed that they are in the report.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/012**

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

Mr J Nepia/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - June 2025

Mr Mete provided updates on the urupa and that there have been two extra berms allowing 40 more plots. There is limited space and the decision to not allow purchasing for the reservation of plots allowed enough for burials. It was noted that the parking for tangi is becoming an issue.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/013**

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

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

The Mayor highlighted the youth awards and the amazing rangatahi in the district, that some of these students are completing water testing at Winata Marae the first in the country.

The Mayor noted that there are elections coming up and this includes the Ratana Community Board.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/014**

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

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 9.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti

Ms Taiaroa provided an update on the meeting and highlighted the new member Gaylene Nepia replacing Chris Shenton, Local Water Done Well and the neutral position of council for the Māori Wards referendum alongside the election.

Ms Taiaroa provided an update on central government reform, including the RMA and the regulatory standards bill that the Komiti are putting a submission. There were a number of changes coming from central government that are having wide impacts on the Komiti and Council.

Ms Taiaroa provided further information on the Lake Waipu which is currently going through a Hearing process as there have been objectors outside Ratana that are holding this project up.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/015**

That the report 'Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti' be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 9.3 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update

The Mayor noted that there are potentially other options for the disposal of wastewater, such as to Kaitoke. There are also changes to the wastewater standards that may support other options.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/016**

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

Mr C Mete/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

### 9.4 Cemetery Update - June 2025

The board commented that there may be some paperwork outstanding as there is potentially more burials than listed in the report.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/017**

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

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 9.5 Consultation Tracker - May

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/018**

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

Mr C Mete/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**9.6 Funding Schemes Update - June 2025**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RCB/019**

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2025 be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Mr C Mete. Carried

**9.7 Late Item -**

Mr Mete had received a call from a resident that the signage on the traffic island pointing towards Ratana and is obstructing the view to see oncoming vehicles. The Mayor undertook to raise this with the regional roading manager.

**The meeting closed at 7.39pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 07 October 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	10-Jun-25	Traffic island signage obstructing the view	Andy	NZTA are undertaking the moving of the sign.	In progress
2	10-Jun-25	Ratana Road signage needs updating	Kezia	No update at this stage	In progress
3	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. This has been notified to NZTA	In progress
4	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
5	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	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.	In progress

**ITEM 8.1**

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - October 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 – October 2025 be received.

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

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

Good afternoon

Usually my reports are very lengthy so I'm sure that some of you will breathe a sigh of relief at the brevity this time. However, there are some things that do need mentioning -

1. On 3 September the Working Group working with police met in Hunterville to discuss local policing options. All of the senior regional and district policing leaders were there in force. The meeting was constructive and the decision making will take many months but at least there is a genuine desire to engage.
2. The discussion regarding financing of the Gentle Annie roads with NZTA is difficult. NZTA's position is for our Council to reprioritise its existing funding which would leave us unable to do anything of any significance elsewhere on our network for the next two years! This will need to be a priority discussion for the next Council and probably a national level political approach.
3. On Friday 19 September there will be a meeting of forestry, roading, rail and port interests regarding a possible extension of the rail/train contract to alleviate the traffic on the Taihape-Napier Road. This will be pivotal for us – I am prepared to update further at the Council meeting.
4. Attached to this report is a response from NZTA in regard to the application for speed restrictions/signage on the Winiata straight just short of Taihape. These are discussions that are being led by Peter Hijazeen, Principal of St Joseph's School, Iwi and the Winiata Marae. We seem to have got what is a standard response, which is disappointing. The critical point will be where NZTA refers to signage – this needs to be signage at the Rauma Road junction and not just the prescribed signage outside of the school which will make very little difference to the safety and risk when turning from SH1 onto Rauma Road. I'm hoping that our roading team engages further with regards to this matter.
5. Also attached to this report is the standard reply from NZTA with regards to the Bulls intersection. It is a cop-out position where they say "...when the demand or safety concerns justify further investment". This is a rubbish position. The justification is there currently and I question whether it would take a fatality at this intersection for action to be taken. The intersection is regarded as a pinch-point officially in the network. Bulls is growing and the difficulty for people crossing the road is extreme. The bottom line is we need a response now.

### Elections

Firstly, this triennium has been tough, on both staff and councillors. The demands on staff time have been extreme and I know that I, and possibly others under pressure get frustrated around operational delays. I apologise, we are all tired and pushed. I thank staff on behalf of all councillors – we appreciate your diligence and attention to detail and the workloads you are facing.

Lastly, to councillors. To those not contesting this election, thank you to all of you for your time and sacrifice. At times it is a thankless job, you receive criticism and it is impossible to satisfy everyone. Please pass on my thanks to your families who have supported you. To those of you that are standing, good luck. Take the hiatus between terms to recharge.

## Mayor's Engagements

September 2025

1	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Mayoral Forum
2	Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended Erehwon Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
3	Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Hunterville Policing Community Meeting
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended online meeting with NZTA/Hastings DC re Taihape-Napier Road
8	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended online meeting with Tower Insurance Attended Defence Force relationship meeting at Linton
9	Attended monthly governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended debrief with Aspiring Leaders Forum attendee Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor
10	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff Attended Local Government Emergency Management Webinar
11	Attended fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices & Library project Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee meeting Attended Council Workshop Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting
12	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group Meeting – Mayors & CEs Attended Bulls & District Friendship Club meeting Attended Marton Friendship Club meeting
15	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online Governance Group meeting Attended Mayors Briefing before Council with Staff
16	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended McIntyre Reserve Meeting
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Elected Member LWDW Hui
18	Attended Maori Land Rate Remission Committee Meeting Attended St Matthews School for talk on being Mayor Attended BA5 function at Moomaa
19	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting Taihape-Napier Road meeting with stakeholders Attended Rangitikei College to judge Talent Quest
20	Attended Taihape Spring Festival
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Christian Welfare AGM
23	Attended meeting with NZDF staff regarding housing in Bulls



	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Defence Hub event at Ohakea
24	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff Attended BBQ and walkaround Tutaenui Dams Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group meeting with 3-Council Mayors/CEs
25	To attend fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices & Library project To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council meeting
26	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend opening of Acute Mental Health Unit Nga Wai Ngaro at Palmerston North Hospital To attend monthly meeting with Police
29	To attend meeting with Sgt Major Sandy Paterson re Freedom of the Borough of Taihape To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust online AGM
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend Business Rangitikei AGM To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

**Attachments:**

1. **NZTA Initial Response - SH1 Winiata Intersection - August 2025** [↓](#)
2. **NZTA Final Response - SH1/Winiata Marae - September 2025** [↓](#)
3. **NZTA Response - Bulls Intersection - September 2025** [↓](#)
4. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the Mayor's Report – September 2025 be received.

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22 August 2025

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Ref. NZT-10873

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your request to reassess the speed limit and safety measures on State Highway 1 (SH1), south of Taihape.

I want to acknowledge the commitment you and the community have demonstrated in raising your safety needs with us. We recognise how important road safety is to everyone who travels, works, and lives along this stretch of highway, and we appreciate the time and advocacy invested in seeking improvements.

Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 (the Rule), NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) can carry out targeted speed reviews, including public consultation, in areas of high safety concern, provided they meet the Rule's requirements regarding speed limit ranges for different classifications of road. In this case, this stretch of state highway is classified as an interregional connector, which cannot have a permanent speed limit lower than 100km/h under the Rule.

While the Rule doesn't allow NZTA to review the 100km/h speed limit on this section of state highway due to its classification as an interregional connector, it does provide for the implementation of safety interventions. Such interventions can include consideration of variable speed limits (VSLs) outside of marae to protect vulnerable visitors and pedestrians.

Variable speed limits at marae would operate when there are large volumes of traffic turning out of the Marae, and in 15-minute periods when activated by the Marae to support the safety of pedestrians and vehicles associated with marae activity. With this in mind, and community feedback, NZTA have added a VSL for Winiata Marae to their list for review, subject to funding and resourcing.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email at [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

**Linda Stewart**  
Director Regional Relationships (Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu)

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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10914

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your council's endorsement of Peter Hijazeen's submission to reassess speed limits on and around State Highway 1 (SH1) and Rauma Road.

Regarding the speed limit, our current immediate priority for speed management on state highways is implementing variable speed limits outside schools and delivering speed limit changes linked to specific projects, including intersection speed zones through to 1 July 2026. However, we recognise that community input is invaluable, and we continue to consider community-requested speed reviews, provided they align with the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024* (the Rule), the speed classifications outlined in Schedule 3 of the Rule, and funding is available.

I can confirm that SH1 south of Taihape is listed on our speed management register as a regional priority through to 2027. All community-requested speed limit changes, including requests for variable speed limits (VSLs) or intersection speed zones, recorded in our register are subject to a moderation and national prioritisation process. We are working towards reviewing the speed limit at this location by the end of this year, subject to funding and resourcing. We will keep the community informed as progress is made.

I assure you that safety remains a key priority for NZ Transport Agency waka Kotahi (NZTA), alongside the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, which requires that speed limits take into account economic impacts (including travel times) as well as community views. Stakeholders such as councils, schools, businesses, iwi, and the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on any proposed speed limit changes as part of the six-week public consultation required by the Rule.

Lastly, regarding your reference to the Rauma Road intersection, Mr Hijazeen queried the utility of a turning bay. However, the intersection does not currently meet the warrant criteria for a turning bay.

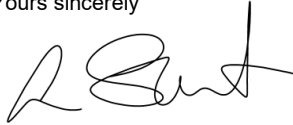
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following our analysis of the turning traffic volumes, crash data and future plans for the area. However, all feedback from local communities like yours is valued and helps inform our future decisions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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**Linda Stewart**

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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10911

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2025 regarding your concerns around traffic issues at the junction of State Highways 1 and 3 (SH1 and SH3).

Improvements to this intersection are included in the *Accessing Central New Zealand Programme Business Case* (PBC), which was completed in 2020. This programme outlines a preferred set of safety and access improvements across the transport network between Waiouru, Levin, and Ashhurst, connecting with Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway over the next 30 years. The PBC serves as a strategic guide for transport investment in the Manawatū region.

As you will be aware, transport investments must be included in the *National Land Transport Programme* (NLTP), which sets out how NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) works with partners and stakeholders to deliver a safer, more accessible, better connected, and more resilient land transport system.

The 2024–27 NLTP was confirmed last year and reflects the Government's strategic priorities for land transport, as outlined in the *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024*. While improvements to the SH1/SH3 intersection in Bulls are not included in the 2024–27 NLTP, activities identified in the PBC will be considered in the development of future NLTPs.

I can also advise that the Bulls intersection is under ongoing monitoring, and improvements will be undertaken when demand or safety concerns justify further investment.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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**Linda Stewart**  
Director Regional Relationships (Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu)

## ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 4

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
31-Jul-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
7-Aug-25	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
11-Aug-25	Hunternville RWS	PR			PR			PR		PR				
11-Aug-25	Hunternville CC	CB			PR			PR						
12-Aug-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR					AP		
13-Aug-25	Taihapa CB	PR				PR							PR	
13-Aug-25	Marton CC	CB	PR											
14-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
27-Aug-25	Santoft Domain	PR		PR										
28-Aug-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		PR	
28-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
2-Sep-25	Erewhon RWS													
3-Sep-25	RA Meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
10-Sep-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not recieved
11-Sep-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR	AT	PR	
11-Sep-25	Council Workshop													
11-Sep-25	CGC Meeting	PR		PR	PR	AP			PR		PR		PR	
18-Sep-25	MLRR Meeting	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 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 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.
- 2.4 The estimated cost of this alternative solution is \$4.6M which is approximately 60% of the estimate of the previously adopted solution.
- 2.5 A second alternative of reticulating Koitiata and receiving flows at Koitiata from Ratana and discharging these flows via a small ocean outfall at Koitiata is also being considered for its engineering feasibility and costs.

**Recommendation**

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



#### **9.4 Cemetery Update - October 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 31 July 25 to the 30 Sept 25

##### **2. There was one burial**

- 2.1 Plot 316/Block 1/ Row 15

##### **Recommendation**

That the Cemetery Update – October 2025 be received.

**9.5 Funding Schemes Update - October 2025****Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
- Community Initiatives Fund
  - Events Sponsorship Scheme
  - Creative Communities Scheme
  - 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 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Scotts Ferry Community Committee
  - Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated)
  - Alzheimer's Whanganui
  - Scout Association of New Zealand
  - The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust
  - Itty bitty kitty committee
  - Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc
  - Taihape Art Club (Society)
  - Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated
  - Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board
  - Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated

**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 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Hunterville Huntaway Festival
  - Hunterville Squash Racquets Club Inc
  - Bulls & District Community Trust
  - Marton Country Music Festival
  - Marton Arts & Crafts Centre
  - Opaea Marae

- Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc
- Taihape Dressage
- Taihape Area Show Jumping

#### 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 has allocated \$24,397.80 + GST to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round one for 2025/26 opened on the 11 August and closes 19 October. Decision will be made on the 12 November 25.

#### 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 round will be opened 11 August 25 and will close 29 March 2026. Decision will be made by the Sport NZ Travel Committee in April 2026.

#### 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 2025 be received.

## **10 Meeting Closed.**