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DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026

**Time:** 6.30pm

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

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**Chair:** Mr Charlie Mete

**Deputy Chair:** Mr Jason Hihira

**Membership:** Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Ms Ruthie Lawrence  
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, 14 April 2026 at 6.30pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

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### **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 10 February 2026** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 10 February 2026**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 10 February 2026 [**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, 10 February 2026  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Present** Mr Jason Hihira  
Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Ms Ruthie Lawrence  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Zoom)  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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Unconfirmed

## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Hihira chaired and opened the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number** 26/RCB/001

That the apologies be received from Mr Mete.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

## 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 was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number** 26/RCB/002

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 25 November 2025 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr J Hihira/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

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

#### Item 3 – Ratana Urupa

Mrs Gordon will take this item back and confirm the barriers and issues for putting the tap in.

**Resolved minute number** 26/RCB/003

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

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - February 2026

There was no Chair's report.

## 8 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - December 2025

#### Rātana Celebrations

HWTM Watson congratulated the Rātana community, acknowledging the significant effort involved in organising this event.

#### Local Water Done Well (LWDW)

The district is ahead of many other councils across the country. Board appointments are imminent, and representation has now been accepted on the shareholders committee. There will be iwi representation on each of these. Progress is ahead due to timing between the three councils, with further developments expected. The changes will not take full effect until 2027 but will be incorporated into the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

#### TUIA Programme

Two individuals from Rātana have been identified to apply for the TUIA programme for 2026.

#### **Resolved minute number 26/RCB/004**

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

HWTM A Watson/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

### 9.2 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti

#### Māori Responsiveness Framework

Ms Taiaroa updated the board that the Māori Responsiveness Framework was accepted, with feedback provided at the hui and via email. Ms Taiaroa noted that references had previously focused on iwi and hapū, and she advocated for Rātana to be specifically recognised.

#### Marae Development Fund

The Marae Development Fund has been approved. Information will be made available both as a booklet and online.

Staffing Update

Fran Pere, Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua, will be leaving Council following the final Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti meeting in April to take up a teaching role at Rātana School.

**Resolved minute number 26/RCB/005**

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

Mr J Hihira/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

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

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/RCB/006**

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

Mr J Hihira/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**9.4 Funding Schemes Update - February 2026**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/RCB/007**

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2026 be received.

Mr J Hihira/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

**9 Discussion Items****9.1 Next agenda**

The Board discussed the role of the members versus the community committee process and advocated for greater involvement in the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan.

**9.2 General Business**Odour Issue

Ms Lawrence raised the concern regarding an incident four days ago where a nearby farmer was spreading effluent, resulting in a strong odour affecting the school. Three students were sent home due to the smell. A complaint was lodged with Horizons Regional Council regarding air pollution.

This is an ongoing issue, and a formal Request for Service has been raised with the Regional Council. There is a need for clear understanding of the processes involved, ensuring all parties are informed and aware of how to respond.

HWTM Watson will raise the matter with the Chair of Horizons and request a site meeting involving both the Chair and Chief Executive.

Council Service Requests and Maintenance Issues

- Cemetery Shed: The shed used for storing shovels at the cemetery has blown away. This will be reconfirmed, with equipment currently being stored in back sheds.
- Flat Leak: Mr Hihira noted a leak in the flats. Ms Bovey has confirmed the issue has been fixed; however, no follow-up communication was received despite contact details being provided.
- Water Treatment Plant: Mr Hihira reported that stones near the water treatment plant have been displaced during heavy rain and are washing around the corner. A Request for Service (RFS) has been lodged.

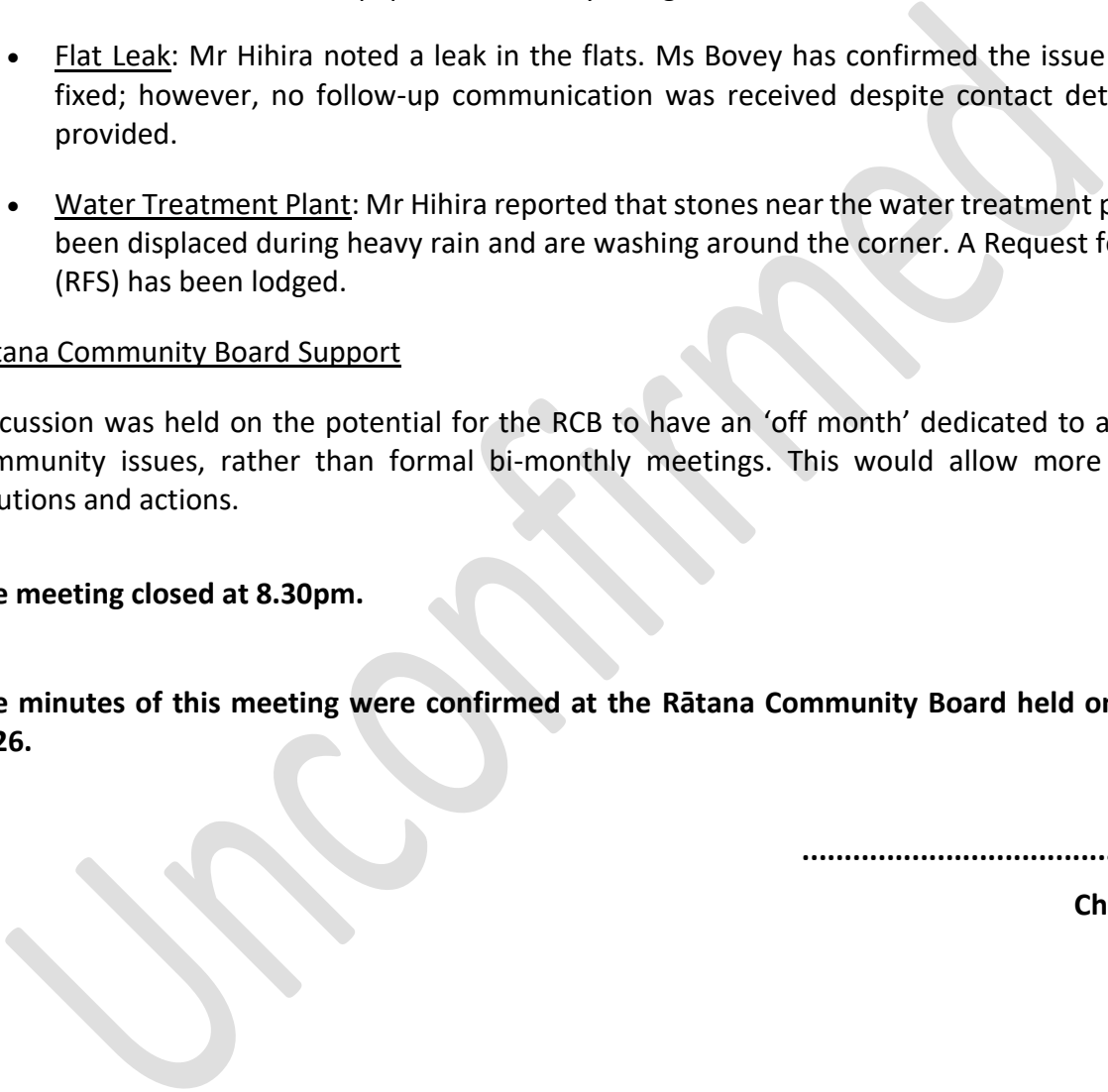
Rātana Community Board Support

Discussion was held on the potential for the RCB to have an ‘off month’ dedicated to addressing community issues, rather than formal bi-monthly meetings. This would allow more focus on solutions and actions.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Rātana Community Board held on 14 April 2026.**

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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	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 - April 2026**

**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 – April 2026 be received.

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 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.

## 9.2 Community Response Plan - Ratana

**Author:** Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor

**Authoriser:** Johan Cullis, Group Manager Regulatory Services and Emergency Management

### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss the Ratana Community Response Plan (CRP) to support community-led emergency preparedness and response capability in alignment with Civil Defence and Emergency Management.
- 1.2 Mr Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor will be in attendance to speak to this item.

### 2. Context

- 2.1 Community Response Plans are a key component of local emergency management, enabling communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency events such as flooding, earthquakes, severe weather, and infrastructure disruption.
- 2.2 The development of a Community Response Plan empowers local residents, organisations, and volunteers to take coordinated action during emergencies.
- 2.3 The Ratana community has a draft Community Response Plan, and this is an opportunity to confirm whether this is appropriate.

### 3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 The Board may decide to:
  - 3.1.1 Review and update the current plan as is stands
  - 3.1.2 Review and include other community groups not mentioned in the current plan
  - 3.1.3 Decide to start the process again

### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 This report has no financial implications.

### 5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 Failure to support community response planning may increase the risk of inadequate coordination and delayed response during emergency events.

### 6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The Community Response Plan aligns with Council's strategic priorities by supporting working collaboratively to improve community wellbeing.
- 6.2 The plan strengthens partnerships between Council, emergency services, local organisations, and residents, enabling a coordinated and community-led approach to emergency preparedness and response.

- 6.3 It contributes to broader strategic outcomes by:
- Enhancing community resilience and self-reliance
  - Supporting public safety and effective emergency management
  - Fostering strong community connections and local capability
- 6.4 This initiative is consistent with regional and national CDEM objectives to build resilient communities that are well-prepared to respond to and recover from emergency events.

## 7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 Mana whenua have an important role in community resilience and emergency response. Engagement with iwi and hapū has been considered as part of the broader approach to community planning.

## 8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, including heavy rainfall, flooding, and drought. These impacts heighten the importance of localised emergency preparedness.
- 8.2 The Community Response Plan supports climate resilience by enabling the community to better anticipate, respond to, and recover from climate-related events.

## 9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 The development of Community Response Plans is consistent with the requirements and intent of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 9.2 The plan aligns with the Manawatū-Whanganui CDEM Group Plan and supports Council's responsibilities to promote and support community readiness and resilience.

## 10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 The Ratana Community Response Plan represents an important step in strengthening local emergency preparedness and resilience. It provides a practical framework for coordinated community action during emergencies and aligns with Council's strategic and statutory responsibilities

### Attachments:

1. **Community Response Plan - Ratana Pa** [↓](#)

### Recommendation

That the report Community Response Plan – Ratana be received.

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# RĀTANA PĀ CIVIL DEFENCE COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN

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The Rātana Pā Community Response Group was created by the Rangitikei District Council in collaboration with the Rātana Community Board

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# 1. TĪMATANGA KŌRERO INTRODUCTION

This Plan has been prepared to provide a Civil Defence Community Response Plan for the Rātana Pā Community in the event that the community is required to respond to any civil defence emergency or take action in advance of any civil defence emergency to prevent potentially devastating effects

**When an emergency occurs, this Plan will be activated** by the community in response to the event. Other agencies will respond to the event by activating their own plans and coordinating their activities with other agencies to manage the impact on the community.

This Plan has been prepared with the aim of providing an effective, planned civil defence emergency response that links the community and the civil defence organisations in the Rangitikei.

In preparation of surviving a civil defence emergency the community should undertake to be personally prepared with survival kits of water, food, lighting, heating, radios, spare batteries and medical supplies (visit [www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz) for more detail on survival information).

## 2. ARONGA TAKE PLAN PURPOSE

In an emergency, agencies such as Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency, Police, Ambulance and others, will activate their response plans. In a severe event where more than one area is impacted, pressure on resources could mean delays in getting into a community.

This plan identifies the hazards that may impact on the Rātana Pā community; it provides a plan for how the community can respond and be self reliant. The plan prepares the community for a worse case scenario, where communities may be self reliant for at least three days if an emergency occurs.

### 3. TIROHANGA WHĀNUI COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Rātana Pā is on what was the farm (Waipu) of Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana, the founder of the Rātana religious and political movement and the Rātana Church. The locality became a settlement of Rātana followers in the 1920s.

Facilities at Rātana Pā include the Temepara Tapu o Ihoa (Holy Temple of Jehovah), the Manuao (accommodation/head office of the church), the Whare Māori (which contains crutches and wheelchairs from followers who were healed by Rātana in the 1920s and 1930s) and the Rātana Hub, which contains artifacts and stories from the history of the Rātana Church, local ICT Hub and community radio station.

The 25th January and 8th November are the biggest events on the Rātana Church calendar. On these days thousands of members of the church and movement converge on Rātana Pā for the special anniversary services commemorating the birth of Rātana (25 January 1873) and his first spiritual vision (8 November 1918).

Vulnerable members of the community include (but are not limited too), our schools, our elderly residents, and visitors to the township

The community can easily be cut off from the outside by flooding, slips and trees over the road and damaged bridges.



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## 6. NGĀ OHITI WHAKATŪPATO ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEMS

The Rangitikei District Council is a member of the Horizons Regional Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and receives warning of adverse natural events from Central Government, the Meteorological Service, the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences and from other agencies.

Warning systems in place for Rātana Pā are as follows:

### National Warnings:

These will be received by Council and Police/Fire/Ambulance Communication Centres and disseminated to regional and local emergency responders. National Warnings come from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and from different agencies who are contracted by NEMA, For example:

- The Metservice issues severe weather warnings and watches for storms, cyclones, snow, thunderstorms and wind
- The Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences provide earthquake and volcanic bulletins
- The Ministry of Health and District Health boards provide public health warnings
- MAF disseminate alerts and warnings for animal disease outbreaks
- The National Emergency Management Agency provide tsunami warnings and advisories

### Natural Warnings:

For some natural events there are no pre-warnings, for example an earthquake. But an earthquake can be a natural sign that an eruption may follow. This natural warning should be heeded by the public.

### Local Warnings:

All television and radio networks will provide public information. Public should listen to the radio, refer to the back of the phone book and follow instructions.

## 7. NGĀARA-TOHU EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Incidents of emergencies are categorised into five levels reflecting the intensity of scope of the event that has occurred.

The broad headings of the levels of response are:

1. Local incident, declaration not required, emergency is dealt with by the Emergency Services
2. Local incident, declaration not required, but some external support is necessary.
3. Imminent state of local emergency is being considered and is of local significance
4. Imminent state of local emergency that is regionally significant
5. Imminent or state of National emergency.

## 8. WHAKAPUAKITANGA DECLARATIONS

Only the following persons may declare a state of Civil Defence Emergency within the Rangitikei District Council:

1. The Mayor of the Rangitikei District
2. An elected member of the Rangitikei District Council authorised to act on behalf of the Mayor, of if the Mayor is absent
3. The Rangitikei District Council Civil Defence Controller

When a civil defence emergency is declared, the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 is invoked which gives Emergency Services and Police additional powers over and above their respective acts.

The lead agency in the event of any emergency response is the agency that has the legislative or agreed authority for control of the incident or emergency.

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand** - control and suppression of fires and other specialist functions.

**New Zealand Police** - maintain law and order, exercise additional powers as required during the state of emergency.

**Ministry of Health** - control the outbreak of infectious diseases.

### THE CIVIL DEFENCE CONTROLLER HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER ALL PERSONNEL

All instructions given by the Emergency Services and the Police  
must be followed without exception.





## 11. WHAKAMAHERE PLAN ACTIVATION

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This Plan may be activated by the following:

- local Incident Controller
- local emergency services personnel – Chief Fire Officer or his/her delegate
- the Rātana Pā Community Response Group Chair in isolation only if contact cannot be made with either the Local Incident Controller or Chief Fire Officer

There may be situations when an event has not occurred but the local community is concerned about the impact of a potential threat and this Plan can be activated. For example a cyclone may cause the activation of this Plan.

## 12. WĀHI HAUMARU EMERGENCY CENTRES

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A Civil Defence Centre / Welfare Centre may be established for any event if it is required. The designated Civil Defence Centre for Rātana Pā is the Manuao.



## 13. NGĀ WHAKAKAKAU COMMUNICATION

Communication is the critical component of this Community Response Plan. People within the community must be alerted to an impending emergency or be contacted after an emergency or an event has occurred. Communication must also be made outside the community to relay the situation and/or request any assistance if required.

### Communication within and between communities:

Communication typically relies on the following communication pathways:

- Telephone
- Cell phone
- E-mail
- Radio Networks
- Pagers
- Radio telephone
- Face to face (neighbours calling on neighbours)
- Camp ground information to campers (announcement/signage)
- Social Media

During emergencies there are often disruptions to these telecommunications pathways (i.e. with loss of power, cell phone towers and poor satellite coverage) and the following alternatives have been identified if traditional communication pathways have become interrupted to communicate with those outside the community:

- VHF radios or satellite phones. (Held by Council)
- Alternative communication within the community when the normal means of communication has been disrupted, ie face to face contact, whistles, alarms, loud speakers.

### Communication of this Plan to the community

This Plan needs to be communicated to the wider community if it is to be effective and representative of the entire community. The following have been identified as means of communicating this plan to the wider community:

- Presentation at community meetings
- Stands at community events
- Notice or articles in community newsletters
- Training exercises
- Plan available at the Library
- Abridged Plan delivered to all households and on the Rangitikei District Council website

## 14. NGĀ WHAKAORANGA RECOVERY

Recovery is the coordinated efforts and processes of the community and council, to bring about the immediate, medium and long term holistic regeneration of a community following an emergency.

To enable the recovery of community bonds within the Rātana community, a community gathering point is to be prioritised.

### Consideration should also be given to the recovery of:

Communications networks   Lifeline utilities   Roading infrastructure

Depending on the type of event and damage sustained, the recovery process and priorities can change.

# APPENDIX 1: MAHERE MATEPĀ HAZARD MAP



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## APPENDIX 2: NGĀ MATEPĀ HAZARDS

Significant threats to Rātana Pā include but are not limited to:

Threat	Probability	Impact to Rātana Pā
Flooding	High	Road access denied Cause land-slips Most areas in Rātana Pā are affected Community cut-off from outside Community may have to be self-sustainable
Storms	High	Can be life-threatening Cause of panic & fear - in particular to elderly Loss of power affecting water pumps & appliances Telephones not working properly Damage to property or homes Community may have to be self-sustainable
Earthquake	High	Can be life-threatening Damage to property or homes Road access could be denied Community may have to be self-sustainable
Pandemic	High	People may not be able to leave their homes Services may be disrupted Food supply may diminish and supplies hard to source Pressure on local health services Community may have to be self-sustainable
Animal disease	Low	Restriction on movement of people and stock Services may be disrupted Community may have to be self-sustainable Cause of panic & fear
Chemical spillage	Medium	People may not be able to leave their homes Services may be disrupted Food supply may diminish and supplies hard to obtain Community may have to be self-sustainable
Volcanic eruption	Low	Water supplies affected Road access denied Dust in the air Health risks People may not be able to leave their homes Services may be disrupted Food supply may diminish and supplies hard to source Community may have to be self-sustainable Loss of power affecting water pumps & appliances Telephones not working properly

Hazard identification determines which hazards threaten areas of the community and the probability identifies how likely it is that the disaster will occur.

## APPENDIX 3: **NGĀ WHAKATŪPATOTANGA WARNINGS FOR NEW ZEALAND**

The following table outlines risks and the monitoring agency responsible for issuing warnings:

Particular Risk or Hazard	Monitoring Agency	Comment
Severe Weather Outlook Watch or Warnings Storms Flooding Wind	Meteorological Service of New Zealand (Met Service). <a href="http://www.metconnect.co.nz">www.metconnect.co.nz</a>	National Weather Services (NWS), A division of the Met Service collects and analyses meteorological data from around New Zealand and the world, from which the many different types of weather forecasts are made. The NWS is responsible for the safeguarding of New Zealand lives and property through the issuing of Severe Weather Watches and Warnings.
Earthquake	Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences	Monitored by the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences who are responsible for alert bulletins issued to MCDEM and CDEM Groups.
Volcanic Eruption	Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences	Monitored by the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences who are responsible for alert bulletins issued to MCDEM and CDEM Groups.
Public Health Warnings	Ministry of Health and District Health Boards	Develop and disseminate alerts and warnings to CDEM Groups and the general public.
Flood Warnings for major rivers	Rangitikei Regional Council	Develop and disseminate river flood warnings to the public, emergency responders and pre-arranged landowners.
Animal Disease Outbreaks	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Dissemination alerts and warnings to CDEM Groups and public.

## APPENDIX 4: **NGĀ WHAKARITENGA** **ACTIVATION AND EVACUATION** **PROCESS**

The Rātana Pā Community Response Group is responsible for the activation of this Plan in the lead up to an event that is known to be likely to occur due to advance warning, or as a result of a sudden event. The community may also be asked to activate the Plan as part of a local, regional or national exercise to test its capability.

### **Initial actions**

Where advance warning of an event is received by Civil Defence or the responsible agency then the following should be notified:

1. Rangitikei District Council Civil Defence (unless already notified)
2. Local emergency services
  - Chief Fire Officer, Fire and Emergency NZ.

### **ONCE ADVICE OF AN EVENT IS RECEIVED BY CIVIL DEFENCE:**

#### **DO THIS**

**A Civil Defence Centre may be set up at the Manuaio to;**

- Provide shelter, warmth and information to those affected by the emergency.

### **WHERE AN UNEXPECTED SUDDEN EVENT OCCURS:**

#### **REMEMBER**

The person in charge of the lead agency or the community should activate this plan if required or at all possible – This could be any of the following personnel.

- Chief Fire Officer, Fire and Emergency NZ.

## APPENDIX 4: **NGĀ WHAKARITENGA ACTIVATION AND EVACUATION PROCESS**

Civil Defence warnings to the Rātana Pā community will be by the following methods

- Warnings via radio
- PA systems on emergency services vehicles
- Local procedures – car horns, telephone trees, door to door knocking.

### **IF YOU RECEIVE A WARNING!**

**Do this:**

- Listen to your local radio station and follow instructions
- Refer to this plan as a guide on what to do
- Activate your pre-determined telephone tree to warn others
- Prepare to activate your household emergency plan

**STAY AT HOME UNLESS YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE, AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL**

### **IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO EVACUATE THEN...**

**Do this:**

- Assemble with your emergency survival kit at the Manuao

**THE CIVIL DEFENCE CONTROLLER HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY  
OVER ALL PERSONNEL.**

**All instructions given by the Emergency Services and the Police must be followed  
without exception.**

APPENDIX 5: **NGĀ NAMA WAEA**  
**PRIORITY CONTACTS**

<b>FIRE</b>	All emergencies	Dial 111
<b>POLICE</b>	All emergencies	Dial 111
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	All emergencies	Dial 111
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>	All emergencies	Dial 111
<b>RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>	Call Centre	0800 422 522
	Civil Defence Emergency	0800 422 522

## APPENDIX 6: **NGĀ RAUEMI** **LOCAL RESOURCES**

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<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</b>	
<b>BUS AND COACH TRANSPORT</b>	
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	
<b>LOCAL RADIO STATIONS</b>	
<b>GENERATORS</b>	
<b>RADIO COMMS</b>	
<b>COOL STORAGE</b>	
<b>RURAL HALLS</b>	
<b>TRADES</b>	
<b>ELECTRICIAN</b>	
<b>PLUMBER</b>	
<b>CONTRACTORS</b>	

APPENDIX 8: **NGĀ PĀRONGA WHAKAMARUMARU**  
**CIVIL DEFENCE CENTRE INFORMATION**

St Stephens Church Hall	
Location	
Access	
Coordinator	
Centre Phone Number	
To open as a welfare centre contact	
Cater facilities	
Toilet facilities	
Parking	
Building capacity	
Alternative power supply	
Water supply	
Resources available	
Welfare kit on site?	
Notes	







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**9.3 Cemetery Update - April 2026****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 Feb 26 – 08 Apr 26

**2. There were two burials**

2.1 Plot 226/ Block 1/ Row 10

2.2 Plot 168/ Block 1/ Row 7

**Recommendation**

That the report Cemetery Update –April 2026 be received.

## 9.4 Funding Schemes Update - April 2026

**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 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
- 2.4 Round 2 2025/26 is now open and closed on 31 March with the decision date the 30 April 26.

### 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

3.4 Round 2 2025/26 is now open and closed on 31 March with the decision date the 30 April 26.

#### 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 Decisions for round one for 2025/26 were made on the 12 November 25 and below are the successful groups.

- RuapehuREAP - He Taonga Tuku Iho - Korowai Wānanga
- Bulls & District Community Trust - Bulls 148th Annual Rose Show
- Art4Arts Sake 2026
- Flynn's Celtic Strings
- Beautify Bulls - Bulls Rugby Club Mural
- Turakina Caledonian Society Incorporated

4.4 Round 2 2025/26 is now open and closes on 30 April with the decision date the 20 May 26.

#### 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 closed 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 – April 2026 be received.

## 9.5 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 Update report that was provided to Council.

1.2 It is provided here for the Board's information.

### 2. Project: Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

**Project Manager:** Steve Carne

**Budget:** \$8M

**Reporting Period:** March 2026

#### 2.1 Overall Project Health

Category	Status	Comment
Overall Status	● Amber	Reconsideration of current Strategy
Scope	● Green	Strategy to reticulate Koitiata and discharge Ratana and Koitiata effluent via sea outfall at Koitiata being investigated
Schedule	● Amber	Program delayed due to the change in treated wastewater standards
Budget	● Green	Targeting reduction in capex
Benefits	● Green	Reduced capex, surety of system solution
Stakeholder Support	● Amber	New strategy not being discussed with the wider community and stakeholders until Council has sufficient information to make a decision.

#### 2.2 Progress Since Last Report

Completed:

- Challenges in existing strategy confirmed
- Alternative disposal to Whanganui system investigated and available as an alternative solution.

In progress:

- Conceptual details of Koitiata reticulation and outfall strategy and cost estimates to be finalised

#### 2.3 Key Milestones

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Milestone	Planned Date	Status
Koitiata Outfall Concept Strategy Investigation finalised	April 2026	●
Community Consultation Starts	May 2026	●

#### 2.4 Financial Summary

Metric	Amount
Approved Budget	\$8M
Actual Spend	\$1.5M
Forecast Completion	\$9M

Variance: **Uncertain until the Koitiata investigations are complete**

#### 2.5 Top Risks

Risk	Impact	Mitigation
Community views and acceptance of alternative strategy	High	Early consultation re alternatives and reasons why

#### 2.6 Further Information/Decisions that may be required of Council

Decision regarding alternative options to be presented to Councils once all the information has been collected.

#### Recommendation

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

## **10 Meeting Closed.**