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## Taihape Community Board

# Order Paper

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015,  
5.00pm**

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### Membership

Michelle Fannin (Chair)  
Gail Larsen (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Angus Gordon  
Councillor Richard Aslett  
Peter Oliver  
Yvonne Sicely

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## **1 Apologies**

## **2 Public Forum**

## **3 Confirmation of order of business**

That taking into account the explanation why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be dealt with until a subsequent meeting... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## **4 Members' conflict of interest**

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

## **5 Minutes of previous meeting**

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 7 October 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **6 Chair's report**

To be tabled.

### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's report to the 2 December 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

## **7 Rural Directions – Wanganui Rural Community Board Strategic Plan 2014-2023**

For the Boards information only. This item will be discussed at the Board's next workshop.

## **8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation**

That the report on Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board be received.



## 9 Update on the Small Projects Fund

The current balance is \$4,615. The only payment to date is \$500 approved at the Board's last meeting for The Army Depot.<sup>1</sup> Since then, two further projects have been reviewed at the Boards' workshop on 4 November 2015:

### *Birds on signs*

At its previous meeting, the Board noted that the Birds on Sign project was applying for funding from the Creative Communities scheme, whose Assessment Committee met on 25 November 2015, awarding a grant of \$3,000.

Etain McDonnell from Birds on signs gave a presentation to the Board's workshop on 4 November 2015. The consensus was that \$1,000 be granted from the Small Project Fund, to be ratified at this meeting and that the Board would write a letter of support for further funding applications for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Taihape Community Board grants \$1,000 from the Small projects Fund to support the Birds on Signs project.
2. That the Chair of the Taihape Board sends a letter of support for further funding applications by the Birds on Signs project in Taihape for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

### *Mangaweka Hall hireage*

During the weekend 14-15 November 2015 the Mangaweka Hall was used for Fakes and Forgeries and the Christmas Fair. At workshop, the Board considered it reasonable to cover the hall hireage costs, which (taking into account the discount for local, non-profit organisations) is \$109.60.

### **Recommendation**

That the Taihape Community Board pays \$109.60 from the Small Projects Fund to cover hireage costs for the Mangaweka Hall during 14-15 November 2015, while used for Fakes and Forgeries and the town Christmas Fair.

## 10 Requests for service concerning the Taihape Ward (October-November 2015)

A report is attached for October. The November results will be tabled at the meeting.

### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape, October-November 2015 be received.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, at its August 2015 meeting the Board agreed to cover hireage costs for using the Town Hall for a Community Market Day.





## **11 Management of Parks and Reserves**

At the request of the Chair, recognising the time constraints for this meeting, Athol Sanson, Team Leader, Parks and Reserves, is not coming to this meeting but will be in attendance at the February 2016 meeting.

The report on Taihape Memorial Park from Peter Shore will be tabled, if available by the time of the meeting.

A quote has been received for an irrigation system for Memorial Park. Once this has been submitted for funding, Council will progress on calling for tenders for the implementation of a water source. Concepts for mobile grandstand(s) are being looked at.

## **12 Youth Hutt report**

A report to be tabled. Future funding (for both the Taihape Youth Hutt and the Marton Youth Club) is on Council's agenda for its meeting on 26 November 2015. The outcome of that will be advised at the Board's meeting.

### **Recommendation**

That the Youth Hutt report be received.

## **13 Town Centre Plan update- November 2015**

The Mayor, Cr Gordon and the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader met with the Taihape Area School Principal and Chair of the Board of Trustees on 12 November 2015 to discuss, and clarify questions about, seeking the Board's support for a third-party partnership lease between the Ministry of Education and Council for those school facilities that will be available for community use. The Board of Trustees Chair was very supportive of such an initiative, and a resolution of approval for the concept will be sought at the next Board meeting on 25 November 2015.

A suggestion at the Board's last meeting was for the Taihape Town Co-ordinator to attend the Makeover workshop in Marton. This will take place 8-14 February 2016. The information night (with David Engwicht) is on 8 December 2015.

## **14 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward.**

A memorandum is attached. The roading resurfacing programme is an additional document.

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum "Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward" together with information on the roading resurfacing programme be received.



## **15 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda- progress update**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update' be received.

## **16 Late items**

Consideration of any items during Confirmation of order of business (item 3)

## **17 Future items for the agenda**

## **18 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held 3 February 2016

## **19 Meeting closed**





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## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 7 October 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Dr Peter Oliver  
Cr Richard Aslett (left at 7.20pm)  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Mrs Yvonne Sicely

**Also Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Ruth Rainey

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

Unconfirmed

## 1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 2 Public Forum

Mr Rex Bond and Mr Darryll Hesketh speaking on renting rooms at the old Taihape College site.

Mr Bond and Mr Hesketh tabled their proposal to rent/lease the original Music Suite rooms at the old Taihape College site. Their intention was to set up some of the rooms as a dedicated recording facility and use the others for rehearsal and storage. This would then become a music hub for local artists to use. Mr Bond spoke on the recording project that they were currently involved with. This involved the recording of a compilation album from local musicians and singers. It was envisaged that all proceeds from album sales would go to a local charity. Mr Hesketh said that he was keen to see some of the iconic buildings saved. The pair were seeking the Board's support for this proposal.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council was still waiting for the Ministry of Education to provide a MoU to occupy the existing buildings. He was keen that the Board have a role in deciding which groups would be suitable to make use of these spaces. It was suggested that the Board meet on site with all interested parties.

**Resolved minute number**

**15/TCB/072**

**File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that the Board be involved in deciding the use and occupancy of the old Taihape College site buildings.

Dr Oliver/Cr Gordon. Carried

Ms Katene Peretini, Mr Tony Downey and Mr Oliver Sanderson spoke the Waharoa Carving project.

Representatives from the Waiohuru Army Depot tabled drawings and spoke on the Waharoa carving project that the Army Depot had commissioned. Mr Downey said that the Waharoa carving recognises the journey that embraces the transition from civilian to soldier as well as acknowledging past and present significant events. He said that local Iwi had already sourced the totara and that five master carvers would be working on the project in order to have it finished for the unveiling on 21 November 2015.

The group was asking that the Board give consideration to being a sponsor through making a donation.

The Chair thanked the representatives and advised that the Board would discuss this request later in the Agenda.

### 3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair agreed to take the following items under Update on the Small Projects Fund (Item 8 on the Agenda) on the basis that they had arisen after the Order Paper had been compiled and a decision was required at this meeting.

- Discussion on donating funds towards the Waharoa Carving project
- Community Market Day
- Suggestion from Etaine McDonnell re Taihape Town Hall wind tunnel

### 4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this agenda.

### 5 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number                      15/TCB/073                      File Ref

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 5 August 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Dr Oliver/Cr Aslett. Carried

### 6 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report.

Items discussed included fencing on Wong Jangs corner, outcomes from Office of Treaty Settlements for the Robin Street dog exercise area and the proposed pulley system for banners over Hautapu Street.

The Chair advised that she had received a request from a new resident who was keen to clean up and plant some of the road reserve next to her property on Kiwi Road. The Board suggested that the resident follow this up with Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader.

Also noted was that the Youth Service Worker would be giving a presentation to the Board's next workshop.

Resolved minute number                      15/TCB/074                      File Ref

That the Chair's report to the 7 October 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried



## 7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

There was some discussion on the future options for the supply of portable water to Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road.

Mr Hodder reported that as yet no date had been confirmed for consultation with the owners of the affected properties.

**Resolved minute number** 15/TCB/075 **File Ref**

That the report on Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

## 8 Update on the Small Projects Fund

### Community Market Day

The Chair reported that the recent Community Market day held in the Taihape Town Hall had been very successful. In all there had been about 20 stall holders. The PlayCentre and Plunket hoped to hold another one in November.

Board members were all in favour of supporting this initiative and agreed to use funds from the Small Project Fund to cover the hall hireage cost of \$50.

**Resolved minute number** 15/TCB/076 **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees to using funds of \$50 from the Small Project Fund to cover hireage costs for use of the Taihape Town Hall for a further Community Market Day in November.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Sicely. Carried

### Waharoa Carving Project

After some discussion the Board agreed to donate \$500 towards the Waharoa Gateway Sponsorship. Members recognised that there were many members of the Taihape community that worked within Waiohuru.

**Resolved minute number** 15/TCB/077 **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds of \$500 from the Small Project Fund to donate towards the Waharoa Gateway sponsorship.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

### **Birds on Signs Project**

Dr Oliver reported that the bird signs had cost the Birds on Signs Project Group more than they had anticipated so there was some concern that they would be short of funds.

Although Board members keen to support this project group, they agreed to suggest that the group apply for funding from Creative Communities. If there was still a shortfall following the silent auction, then the Board would give this further consideration at their next meeting.

## **9 Requests for Service concerning Taihape, August-September 2015**

The September report was tabled.

Resolved minute number                      15/TCB/078                      File Ref

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape, August-September 2015' –be received.

Ms Larsen/Cr Gordon. Carried

## **10 Youth Hutt report, August-September 2015**

Resolved minute number                      15/TCB/079                      File Ref

That the Youth Hutt report, August-September 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett/Mrs Fannin. Carried

## **11 Taihape Town Centre Plan update – September 2015**

The Board requested that in future they be notified of when the Taihape Memorial Park Users and Management Groups meet.

There was some discussion on the role of this group and whether or not the Board should sign the MoU. Cr Gordon suggested that this matter be discussed further following the facilities consultant's report to Council.

His Worship the Mayor reported that Council had agreed to make the allocated funding of \$10,000 for the Makeover process available for Taihape place making projects. It was suggested that the Taihape Town Co-ordinator still attend the Makeover workshop in Marton.

Dr Oliver thanked Council for taking the Board's views into consideration and said that they could now go ahead with some significant place making.

The Chair suggested that the Board meet with the Taihape Community Development Trust in order to discuss and prioritise place making projects.

**Resolved minute number****15/TCB/080****File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Taihape Town Centre Plan update – September 2015' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

## **12 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward.**

Cr Rainey said that she would like to see any Mangaweka projects etc included in this report. This then led onto a discussion on Ward boundaries. The Chair reported that she had requested detailed Ward maps from Councils IT department. Once received, she would forward on to Board Members.

His Worship the Mayor reported that as there had been some interest regarding the liquefaction, an article would be submitted to the local paper. A public meeting with representatives from Council and Horizons would then be held.

He then outlined his recent trip to Melbourne where he had attended the Australasia China Cities Summit/Business Forum. Following that around 50 of the Chinese delegation visited Palmerston North where they attended the Trade and Investments event. This event showcased the region to potential investors. It was here that a number of local businesses made a presentation, one being Incept Marine who were very well received.

Also discussed was the landlocked issue. His Worship the Mayor said that Rangitikei was significantly affected; however, he believed that Council was slowly making progress with this issue.

**Resolved minute number****15/TCB/081****File Ref**

That the memorandum "Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward" be received.

Cr Gordon/Mrs Sicely. Carried

## **13 Community Board Chair's Seminar/Workshop**

The Chair spoke to this item. She said that she was very keen to attend this seminar which was to be held in Taupo next month. The registration fee of \$100 was modest. Board members expressed support.

**Resolved minute number****15/TCB/082****File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees that the Chair attend the Community Board Chairs Seminar/Workshop which is to be held in Taupo and that her registration fee be paid.

Dr Oliver/Cr Gordon. Carried

## 14 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda –progress update

### Main Street footpath surface

Mr Hodder reported that one of Council's Project Engineers had undertaken more trial sites but formal testing was yet to be done. It was suggested that most of the slips had occurred on the uncovered footpaths although some Board Members queried this.

### Sycamore trees at Taihape Memorial Park

Mr Hodder spoke to this item. He said that as the trees had been poisoned they were not suitable for firewood so would be chipped instead.

Cr Gordon was unhappy with the costs associated with them being chipped. He suggested that they be cut down and left to rot. Cr Rainey asked if some of the logs could be taken away for use at the Kawhatau Outdoor Centre.

Mr Hodder agreed to forward these suggestions on to Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader.

### Resolved minute number

15/TCB/083

### File Ref

That the report 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

## 15 Late items

### Suggestion from Etaine McDonnell re Taihape Town Hall wind tunnel

Mrs Mc Donnell suggested that a perspex wall be erected by the outside ramp in order to prevent the wind from tunnelling into the hall.

The Board agreed that the Chair advise Mrs McDonnell that this would be taken into consideration over the future of the Taihape Town hall.

## 16 Future items for the agenda

The Parks & Reserves Team Leader to be invited to attend the Board's December meeting.

Ms Jo Greaney to give a presentation on Youth Services at the Board's next workshop.

## 17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held 2 December 2015



## 18 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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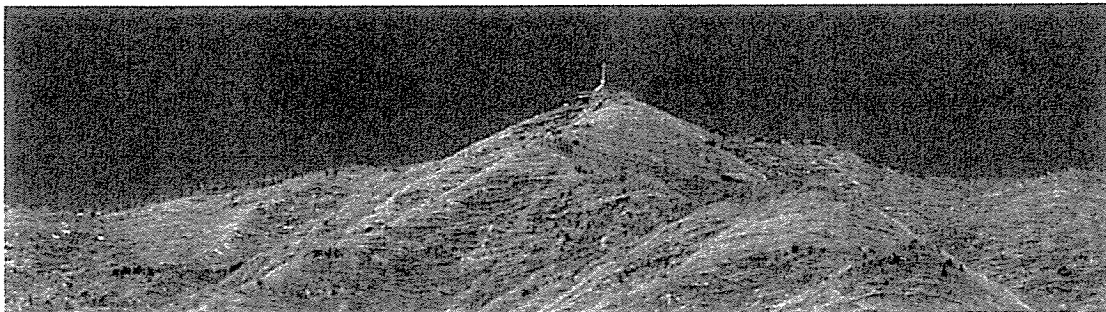
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# Rural Directions

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# Wanganui Rural Community Board 2014-2023

The Wanganui Rural Community Board is made up of three subdivisions. The subdivisions, members representing them and contact details are listed below. For a map of the subdivisions, please turn to page 7.



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Youth Cr Ella Dickison and Youth Cr Macy Duxfield

## Introduction

In 2008/09 the Wanganui Rural Community Board held a series of meetings to identify the needs and priorities of the rural community. As a result, the Board developed *Rural Directions 2020*, a Ten Year Plan for the Board that covers the rural district and aligns with Wanganui District Council's planning processes. *Rural Directions 2020* was reviewed in 2012 and again in 2013 where its name was changed to *Rural Directions*. In this document the Wanganui Rural Community Board will be referred to as the 'Board' while the Wanganui District Council will be referred to as the 'Council'.

## Rural Directions:

- Sets out a vision for Wanganui's rural community
- Sets out a mission for the Board
- Sets out six focus areas that will drive the Board's projects
- Provides a basis for the Board's submissions on key documents including, but not limited to, Wanganui District Council's and Horizons Regional Council's Ten Year Plans and Annual Plans

*Rural Directions* is a living document which is monitored and reviewed regularly.

## Context

The Wanganui Rural Community Board is a body established by statute. Its responsibilities and powers are delegated by the Wanganui District Council. It advocates for the rural sector, but also represents the Wanganui community on wider issues that are not specifically rural. The role of the Wanganui Rural Community Board is to:

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of the community
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the community
- Maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the community
- Prepare an annual submission to both the Regional and District Councils for expenditure and levels of service within the community
- Prepare submissions on central government legislation where there are implications for the rural community
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community
- Exercise delegated authority to determine rural road closure applications
- Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by Council

## Successes

The Board punches well above its weight and has enjoyed a number of recent successes. These include:

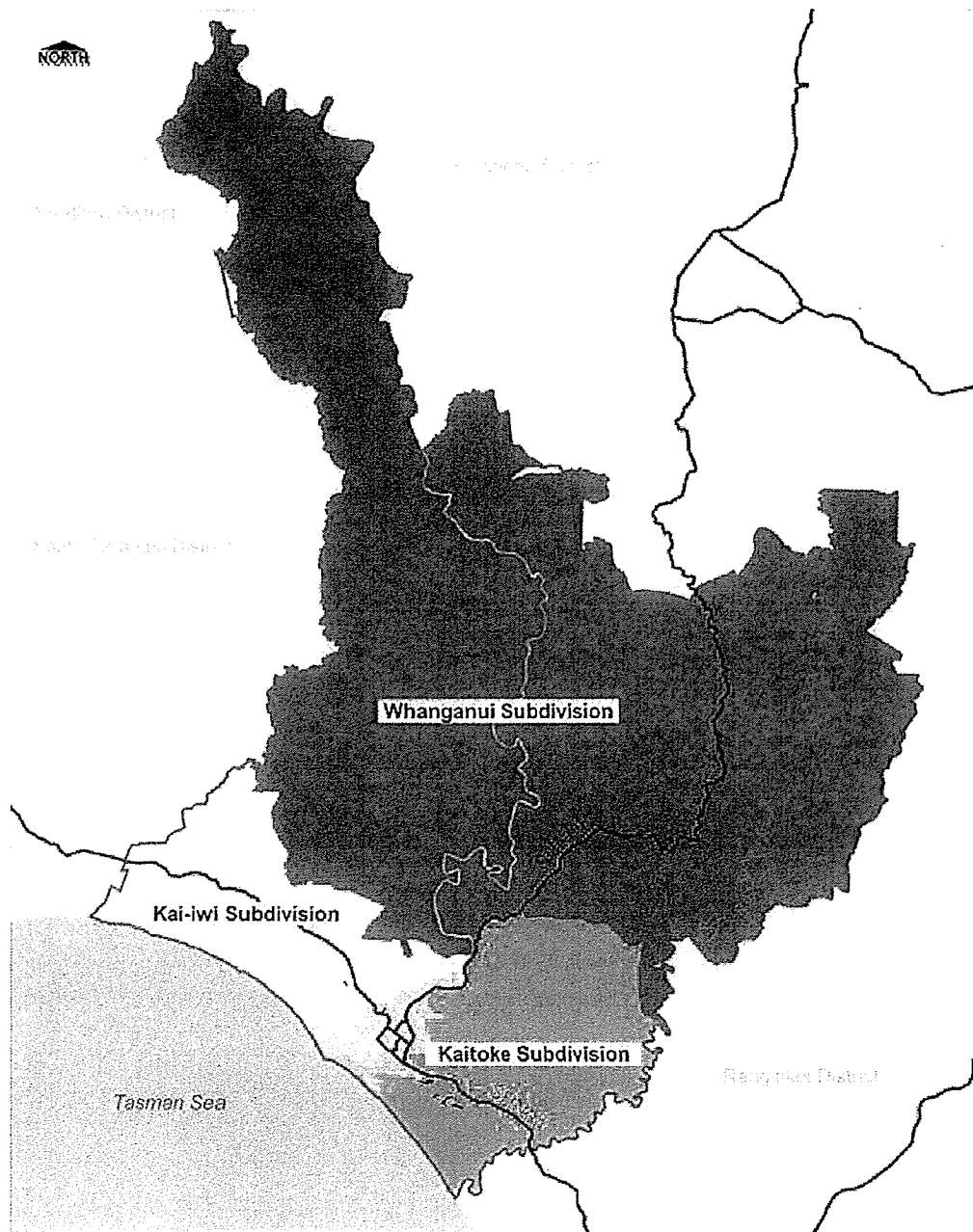
- Award winning at the New Zealand Community Board's national biennial conference in May 2013. The recognition included:
  - Supreme Award for 'best practice' across all categories for the Board's work on rural broadband
  - Taking out the top award for the 'Leadership' category for the Board's work on rural broadband extension
  - A nomination for the 'Engaging Communities' category for the work and consultation that went in to the investigation of the effects of forestry on rural roads. The Board was also nominated for the 'Enhancing Communities' category for the work it did on its Ten Year Strategic Plan (this document)
  - The then *Rural Directions 2020* workshop, held by Chair Alan Taylor, which was the most preferred workshop, attracting a significant number of conference attendees
- Gaining speaking and voting rights at Council's main Committee meetings, which has given the rural community a stronger voice. Council gave the Board's representatives voting rights in 2012, and the new Council, elected in 2013, has continued this. The Board's representative at Council meetings has speaking rights.
- Incorporating the views of youth by inviting two representatives of Council's Youth Committee to its Board meetings and giving them speaking rights.
- Meeting with all rural communities in 2012 to update them on key issues from the Board's perspective and listening to issues raised by each community. A separate consultation round was undertaken specifically for the District Plan review.
- Board Chair, Alan Taylor named as Deputy Chair of Community Board's Zone 3 Executive Committee (Zone 3 reports through to the Community Board Executive Committee, a national organisation).

## Representation across diverse communities

Wanganui's rural sector is not a single community of interest. Geographically, the District's rural area is significant and communities are diverse in terms of farming practice, lifestyle, access, culture, employment, education, opportunities, and other issues such as levels of crime. One part of the community could have significant differences and desires from another. For example, Mowhanau is significantly different from Mangamahū. It is important the Board takes into account the multiple communities of interest and the various issues associated with each, so that each is adequately represented.



## Map of subdivisions



## Wanganui District Council – Family Friendly

As at 2011, Council's vision statement is: *Family Friendly Wanganui: the best place to live in New Zealand.*  
Our community is:

- Enjoyed for its lifestyle and sense of community
- Celebrated for its liveability
- Shaped by our river and environment
- On the path of sustainability and prosperity
- Loved by those who live here

The Council's vision is supported by five themes:

- Economic prosperity
- Community partnerships
- A safe and healthy community
- Active and culturally rich community
- Environmental sustainability

## Rural Directions – Vision

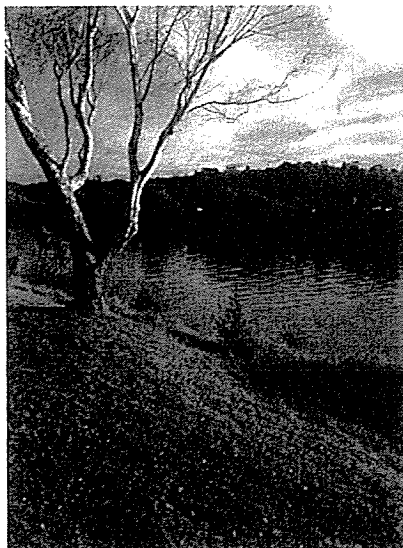
The Board supports Council's Family Friendly vision. In addition, the Board also supports being 'business friendly'. The Board's vision is for the Wanganui community to be prosperous, connected and happy.

## Purpose

To promote sustainable economic growth and community wellbeing in rural Wanganui.

## Focus areas

1. Community Partnerships
2. Rural Economic Growth
3. Infrastructure
4. Community Wellbeing
5. Representation
6. Communication



*Wanganui District Council  
A green & white theme  
inspired by the Council's Family  
Friendly vision.*

# Focus Area 1: Community Partnerships

Partnering with community groups and agencies ensures the rural sector develops and maintains strong relationships and is connected to growth opportunities, industry changes and social wellbeing.

## Objective

To promote strong and meaningful relationships within and beyond the Wanganui District.

## Projects

Identify key community partnerships. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Iwi
- 2) Wanganui District Council
- 3) Horizons Regional Council
- 4) Selected advocacy groups
- 5) Rural village communities
- 6) Territorial authorities within the Manawatu-Wanganui region
- 7) Zone 3 Community Boards
- 8) Government departments

The Board acknowledges that every key partners have varying needs and determines how best to build and/or maintain a positive relationship. This includes who, how, when, why. Examples of 'how' include, but are not limited to:

- Inviting community organisations to Board meetings
- Presenting at partners' Board/agency meetings
- Being issues driven
- Identifying areas for mutual support and help



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## Focus Area 2: Rural Economic Growth

The rural sector is a significant contributor to the Wanganui economy, providing primary produce that supports major Wanganui industry and ancillary services. Important value added products and associated cutting-edge technology advancements in Wanganui are heavily associated with the rural sector. It is vital that the rural sector adapts to changing community expectations, environmental constraints, markets, and economic times.

Essentially, Wanganui's economy is rural-based. This is particularly so in the export area with the largest sector being meat and meat product manufacturing.

The table below sets out the top rural related activities and their contribution to local GDP in 2013.

Industry	GDP \$ M	% Local GDP
Meat & Meat Product Manufacturing	128.8	35.2%
Textile, Leather, Clothing, Footwear Manufacturing	39.3	10.8%
Forestry & Logging	28.8	7.9%
Fruit, Cereal & Other Food Product Manufacturing	21.5	5.9%
Horticulture & Fruit Growing	11.9	3.2%
Dairy Product Manufacturing	8.9	2.4%
Wood Product Manufacturing	8.5	2.3%
Poultry, Deer & Other Livestock Farming	3.4	0.9%
Sheep, Beef Cattle & Grain Farming	3.2	0.9%

### Objective

To promote economic growth for Wanganui's rural sector.

### Projects

Identify economic trends, research and development projects and obstacles and opportunities in the rural sector and monitor industry changes and potential developments. Also:

- Examine value-added opportunities for local products
- Support tourism as a key aspect of rural economic development
- Examine irrigation issues and opportunities
- Continue to advocate for ultrafast broadband throughout rural Wanganui
- Support projects and initiatives such as the Rural Enterprise Project
- Provide input into key Council strategies and policies

## Focus Area 3: Infrastructure

Reliable and efficient infrastructure is vital to the economy, safety and connectedness of the rural sector.

Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to:

- Roads
- Digital
- Power
- Water
- Phones
- Other community facilities e.g. rural halls

### Key issues facing rural roads include

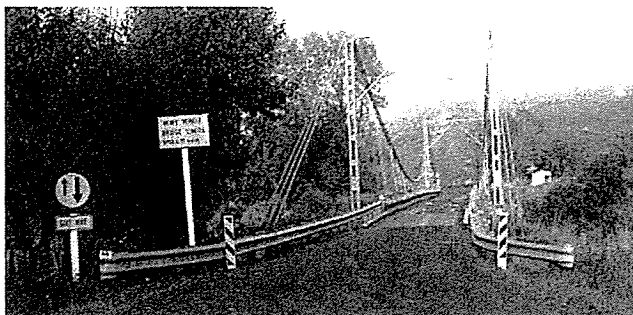
- Network vehicle volume - low volume roads considered 'uneconomic'; impacts of increasing levels of heavy traffic, e.g. forestry; increases in heavy vehicle weight capacity
- Localised roading conditions – drainage; speed; safety and maintenance concerns regarding impacts of increased heavy traffic on marginal and narrow pavement width; aggregate quality marginal - high cost to import quality aggregate in remote areas; weak geological structure; slip prone
- Financial - increase in emergency works (e.g. flood damage); higher expectations from stakeholders/road users; increasing operational costs and fluctuating raw material costs; decreasing subsidies from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) review

### Objective

To promote the importance of reliable and efficient infrastructure to rural Wanganui and ensure quality infrastructure systems are developed and maintained in a manner that reflects their inherent value to the wider district.

### Projects

- Assist with developing, monitoring and reviewing Council's Rural Road Strategy
- Continue working with other territorial authorities (local government) to determine a solution for managing the costs and options associated with the effects of forestry harvesting on rural roads
- In consultation with the wider region, redefine 'uneconomic roads'
- Continue to advocate for ultrafast broadband throughout rural Wanganui
- Lobby central government on various issues which relate to the provision of quality infrastructure



*Photo: Brian McLean  
A narrow rural road in Wanganui, New Zealand.*

## Focus Area 4: Community Wellbeing

Rural areas are geographically isolated from services, which means rural residents and businesses have restricted access to the support they need to ensure community wellbeing. Constraints include reduced access to:

- Healthcare services
- Education
- Welfare
- Fast, affordable broadband
- Entertainment and events
- Postal delivery
- Other issues related to community wellbeing include:
  - Emergency management
  - Community facilities

### Objective

To promote rural community wellbeing

### Projects

Consider rural services and initiatives including, but not limited to:

- Security and Police
- Council services such as library, animal control etc
- Postal services
- Good neighbour awareness
- Family events such as rural children's initiatives
- Continued liaison with the Fire Service and Wanganui's Rural Fire Authority, with a particular focus on Enlarged Rural Fire Districts
- Active participation in the Manawatu-Wanganui's Rural Co-ordination Group for a co-ordinated emergency management response to an emergency event
- Representation at the Safer Whanganui forum



Wanganui Rural Community Board, 2014  
 Photo: A group of children working in a field  
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# Focus Area 5: Communication

Successful engagement with the community is critical to the effectiveness of the Board. Effective two-way communication between the Board and its stakeholders will contribute to effective rural representation and advocacy.

## Objective

To raise the profile of the Board, both locally and nationally; and to increase the public's understanding of the Board's purpose.

## Projects

- Consider look and feel of *Hotwire*; also consider distribution channels for extended reach
- Distribute newsletter every six months
- Chair and members to contribute to the Wanganui Chronicle's On the Land feature
- Use On the Land to promote upcoming *Hotwire* publications
- Organise media releases and good news stories for key rural issues
- Include rural issues in *Community Link*
- Ensure rural issues are included on the Council's website
- Hold public meetings with Wanganui rural communities, as and when appropriate
- Make submissions to relevant organisations on key rural issues
- Collate information on funding opportunities and publish in *Hotwire*
- Website coverage on the Council and Local Government NZ's websites
- Develop, design and publish 2015 calendar
- Introduce Board members to Council staff through Tatou Hui

Note: the Board's Communications Strategy is attached (Appendix 2)



Some examples of the Board's media outputs and a copy of the 'On the Land' feature published in the Wanganui Chronicle.

## Focus Area 6: Representation

Wanganui Rural Community Board is elected by the rural community to represent and act as an advocate for that community. Seven Board members are elected in the following areas:

- Kai-Iwi subdivision - three members
- Kaitoke subdivision - two members
- Whanganui subdivision - two members

Wanganui District Council also appoints two Councillors to the Board to increase the cohesion between the two bodies. The young people of Wanganui are also represented through the appointment of two members of Wanganui District Council's Youth Committee.

### Objectives

To represent the Wanganui community on issues of significance, and to advocate for Wanganui's rural community on a wide range of matters.

### Projects

- Consider Council's Draft Annual Plans and Ten Year Plans and make a submission
- Consider Horizons Draft Annual Plans and Ten Year Plans and make a submission
- Keep a watch on Government legislation and make submissions on issues of importance
- Build a process that ensures the Board has input into relevant policy and strategy decisions
- Strengthen ties with Whanganui iwi
- Continue to strengthen ties with the Wanganui Youth Committee
- Attend relevant 'know how' courses through LGNZ
- Strengthen ties with other Community Boards within Zone 3
- Consider projects for 2015 Best Practice awards



## Appendix I

## Wanganui Rural Community Board portfolios

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<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE</b>
Council	Alan Taylor
Audit, Risk and Finance	Erin Reeve
Strategy and Policy	David Matthews
Operations and Reporting	Darrell Monk
Tamaupoko Link	Alan Taylor
	Alan Collins
Community partnerships	Alan Taylor
Rural economic growth	Andy Collins
	Cr Jenny Duncan
Infrastructure	David Matthews
Community wellbeing	Darrell Monk
	Cr Hamish McDouall
Representation	Darrell Monk
Communication	Bill Ashworth
District Plan working party	Alan Taylor

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# Council decisions (at its meeting of 29 October 2015) on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/316**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board be confirmed:

**15/TCB/072**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that the Board be involved in deciding the use and occupancy of the old Taihape College site buildings.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

*At this meeting, Council also gave consideration to amending the Animal Control Bylaw, having invited submissions from residents in settlements of a similar character to Turakina (i.e. those which had been zoned 'rural settlement' in the previous District Plan.*

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/312**                      **File Ref**

That Council adopts for consultation the amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw 2013 for Crofton, Mataroa and Scotts Ferry and endorses the engagement plan.

*Also at this meeting, Council decided to allow free entry into Council's pools to*

- *any pre-school children with an accompanying adult, and*
- *any school age child coming after hours for a swim school lesson.*

## Policy/Planning Committee, 12 November 2015

This meeting received the quarterly reports from the four MoU organisations, including the Taihape Community Development Trust. A copy of that report follows.



## STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK MOU ORGANISATIONS

Name of MOU agency: **Taihape Community Development Trust**

Period under review: **1 July – 30 September 2015**

### Group of Activities: Community Well-being

- Attracting people to the Rangitikei to live (or to stay living here)
- Contribution to community outcomes: A Buoyant District economy, Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei

Activity: Economic Development and District Promotion

Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Contract with local organisations to develop and deliver events, activities and projects to enliven the towns and District.
Action	Cumulative progress for this period
1. Develop and promote Taihape Gumboot Capital of the World, through the annual Gumboot Day, associated gumboot throwing activities/events, eg NZBTA, developing gumboot throwing in other towns, developing gumboot branding with local businesses	NZBTA AGM was held on 19 August. NZBTA will be assisting Warkworth A&P Show in Feb 2016 to run gumboot throwing event for their first time. NZBTA attended World Champs of Gumboot Throwing in Italy, 12-13 September + IBTA AGM on 11 September – NZ men/women champ, Technical Advisor, President + 2 supporters. Kiwi Black Boots returned with 2 silver medals + 1 gold medal! Gumboot Day 2016 signs are on the Events Boards. Continuing discussions with RDC re banner across Hautapu Street and each end of the town.
2. Support 2 x Taihape Town Centre Plan	The first 7 day make-over event was due to happen in November, but this has now been cancelled by TCB.

place-making initiatives	TCB wishes to meet with TCDT to discuss place-making initiatives in Taihape.
3. Encourage families to shop in Taihape and continue supporting projects that encourage visitors to stop, eg support the Taihape community to fill empty shops, re-establish hanging baskets, daffodil promotion in September	Spring Fling Lucky Shopper competition 1-30 September – 37 businesses involved. Prize was vouchers to encourage people to do Christmas shopping in Taihape. Awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizes. Waiting on Michelle re RDC re water for hanging baskets. Negotiating with Jordan Winiata-Haines to develop packages for visitors to come and stay in the Rangitikei, especially Taihape.
4. Chair Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei theme group and promote and participate in the Buoyant District Economy theme group	ELITR has developed the District Promotion Strategy and the Events Strategy. Involved in RapidTikei Digital Enablement Plan as part of Rangitikei Growth Strategy to bring ultra fast broadband to the district – creating an online resource to promote businesses and families moving to Taihape and directing web traffic to it (“Be Happy. Taihape. . . . don’t worry – cut your mortgage 100%). Last meeting of Taihape RapidTikei was 3 September.
5. Participate in local and national media opportunities as they arise	Interviewed by Timaru Herald for gumboot throwing story, and Otago Daily Times. Worked with Grant Bryant, Convergence, Skellerup’s media person.
6. Promotion of the district, eg Men’s Show/Women’s Expo – alternate years	
Council’s intended Level of Service is to:	Contract with local organisations to provide a range of information, such as:  * Up-to-date calendar of events, and  * Community newsletters
Action	Cumulative progress for this period
1. Develop new Taihape brochure	Funding granted by Pub Charity. Lianne has drafted the brochure – now in the proof stage. Should be completed by end of October.
2. Monthly <i>Talk Up Taihape</i> e-newsletter	Yes. #6 distributed on 2 July; #7 on 31 July; #8 on 3 September; #9 on 6 October;

with hard copies at Info Centre, Dr, Physio, Gretna, cafes x 5, Library	
3. Placement of information on CoE and Eventfinder and feed through to www.rangitikei.com	Place on Eventfinda when required.
4. Promotion of events and activities of other community organisations	Community CD; Car boot sale; Only Yesterday; RGT; grandstand mural; Winter Buster; hypnotist; FundView; Fifty Shades of Grey; Gretna Idol, Wear-a-bull Arts; Ariana; Phil & Tilley; Manawatu Overtones; Birds on Signs; Gretna House Band; Rest-home subsidies; Council's broadband survey; RDC's new Events Fund; Street Meet n Greet/TCB re gumboot stand at Gumboot Lane, community Market Day, Waiouru Desert Gala, Whanau Sports, Awastone, Jason Bae, NZ Sugar Free, .
5. Collate information for Welcome to Taihape pack	In progress - Listed needs as required by a new Taihape resident to enlarge into a Pack.
Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Contract with local organisations to provide a website that is a gateway to the District, with links through to more local web pages, and social media opportunities.
Action	Cumulative progress for this period
1. Regularly update the Taihape website, www.taihape.co.nz	Ongoing weekly. Still working on upgrade of website.
2. Further develop online connections/ collaboration with local businesses, as well as other towns in the district (businesses)	Involved with RapidTikei Digital Enablement Plan to bring ultra fast broadband to Taihape and district. Developing database for stall-holders for Gumboot Day – linking in with Project Marton.
3. Provide online regular engagement on Taihape NZ and NZ Gumboot Day (promotion of events)	Ongoing. At the top of the page we now have a rolling calendar of events. Taihape NZ: July: Likes = 1,320. Hits: Taihape gumboot drift bike photo = 1,944; Bernie Bee's town photos = 3,734; what new businesses do you want to come to town = 253; birds on signs = 1,718; jobs advertised = 879; TAS in Barbarians rugby = 1,621; Matt Thomas = 2,912; World Champs = 475; Whanau Sports = 111; Awastone Kareoke = 172; Taihape

	Pool discussion = 66 + comments; community Market Day = 747; Jason Bae = 435; Spring Fling = 108; NZ Sugar Free = 293;  NZ Gumboot Day: July: Likes = 1,595. World Champs = 329
4. Upgrade Taihape website to increase usability and usage	In progress.

#### Activity: Community Partnerships

Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Facilitate and lead on a Positive Ageing Strategy that aims to enhance quality of life for older people in the District.
Action	Cumulative progress for this period
1. Develop a brochure for seniors of services available	Achieved. Will go to motels, Info Centre, MPS, THL, Drs, O&B, World Champs. Distributed at IBTA AGM in Italy.
2. Promote recreational activities for seniors	In "Retiring in Taihape" brochure. Promote O&B upcoming activities in <i>Talk Up Taihape</i> .
3. Lead Rangitikei Housing Action Group to enhance social housing availability	Liaised with RDC re relocating Matua Flats on behalf of O&B, THL, Masonic Lodge, Senior Citizens, Majestic Theatre and TCDT. Organised public meeting re Rest-home subsidies on 7 Aug – 39 attendees. RDC is seeking a community housing provider – TCDT?? Will also look re establishing a fund to upgrade existing homes. Will set up an info package/list local trades-people.



4. Participate in Safe & Caring Communities theme group	Attended 5 August meeting in Taihape; next meeting in Taihape is on 4 November – will combine with Taihape Networking Group for RBA framework session
Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Facilitate and lead on a Youth Action Plan that aims to enhance quality of life for children and young people in the District
1. Enlarge and enhance the skate-park	Waiting for Park consultation process to end.
2. Support The Hutt and its projects/activities	
3. Work with schools etc to encourage participation in events, eg Gumboot Day art workshops and gumboot throwing, Christmas Parade, place-making initiatives	Invited Sharyn Adams to organise youth to assist Rotary on Gumboot Day – agreed.
Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Develop high trust contracts with agencies in each of the three main towns to undertake community development
Action	Cumulative progress for this period
<b>A Coordinate and develop networks</b>	1 July – Healthy Families; 5 August – Training providers/Plunket car seat service; 2 September – Community Services Expo in Taihape on 27 November; 7 October – STAND for Children;
1. Facilitate the monthly Taihape Networking Group meetings	
2. Support the development of a Taihape Business Club	
3. Support the activities of local clubs and organisations	Assisted Rex and Darryll re funding applications for the community CD – Rangitikei Rhythm.
4. Provide admin support to Clubs Taihape	Joined trip to Hubs in Pahiatua and Levin on 17 July. Clubs Taihape signed Memorial Park MOU. Clubs Taihape paid monies owed to TCDT for past work. Clubs Taihape made a presentation to the 22 Sept Park

	Users meeting – the meeting resolved ‘That the Memorial Park User and Management Group support Clubs Taihape in their proposal to build their facilities on Memorial Park.’
5. Update social and community services database for uploading to rangitikei.com	In progress.
<b>B Coordinate and develop events which raise awareness of/target specific issues or sections of the community</b>  6. Promote anti-violence in Taihape, eg promote White Ribbon, develop Safe House	White Ribbon signage completed. Safe House in operation. About to start planning November White Ribbon event. Started planning Community Christmas Dinner. Discussion re a Community Carol Service on 17 December. Community Services Expo planned for 27 November.
7. Support the restructure of RGT and support Marton in facilitating this event	Promoted to Taihape performing artists, organised judges. Two local dancers entered – Sophie Luoni won the Youth section.
8. Christmas Parade	Started road closure process on 13 July. 7 entry fees to date.
9. International Women’s Day	
10. Support and promote ANZAC Day Dawn Parade	
11. Taihape Birthday celebration	15 September 2015 in Council Chamber – TCDT + TCB + birthday cake + signing birthday book + discussion of TCDT trading name. 16 attended. “Focus on Taihape” and “Taihape Development Trust” were favoured names. “Talk Up Taihape” was crossed out.
<b>C Work to maintain and strengthen local clubs and organisations</b>  12. Provide admin support to Clubs Taihape	Memorial Park MOU signed by Clubs Taihape.

13. Support Older & Bolder and the Friendship Group	Print O&B upcoming events in <i>Talk Up Taihape</i> ;
<b>D Strengthen community resilience</b> 14. Service Excellence Awards	July winner was Jay Bonnor, Heartlands/Work & Income; August winner was Tony Collings, Taihape Auto; September winner was Taihape Vets.
15. TCDT volunteer appreciation get-together, and support Library's volunteer gathering	May Gates assists TCDT every Monday. She has been displaying A3 paper gumboots, photo competition entries, developing database of Gumboot Day stallholders, etc.
16. Develop Taihape Community Emergency Response Plan	Draft (full) Plan almost complete (waiting for aerial photo and topographical map) - TAS will be community welfare centre with generator based there. Civil defence siren. The community have held two meetings so far and have made some big decisions re 'bones' of the plan, location of Civil Defence Centre and Incident Control Point etc. When full Plan is completed will do a short Plan to deliver to households. Once the Taihape plan is complete, it is intended to use it as the basis for Hunterville, Bulls and Marton plans. Will be completed by 4 November (next meeting date).
<b>E Promote participation by Taihape residents and businesses in collaborative projects</b> 17. Promote the Rangitikei Growth Strategy and encourage participation of local businesses	Participating businesses – Michael Andrews, Frances Loader, Vanessa Witt (+ Geoff Wilson, Josephine Seymour, Jordan Winiata-Haines as interested)
18. Develop mountain bike trail and fitness challenge – Memorial Park to Papakai Park	Waiting for the Park consultations to complete.
19. Promote cycle events	Negotiated advertising sign boards for Ruahine Rumble, and fundraising group to organise lunch. However this event has been cancelled for this year, but will be on in 2016.



20. Support Taihape youth place-making project – painting mural on Town Hall fence	Achieved. Mural done by TAS students, led by Millie Law.
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## Breakdown of Service Requests for October 2015 - Taihape

Service Requests Department	Compliance Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>15</b>				<b>15</b>
Barking dog	1				1
Dog Property Inspection (for Good Owner status)	2				2
Lost animal	1				1
Stock worrying	1				1
Wandering stock	9				9
Wandering/stray dog	1				1
<b>Council Housing/Property</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Council housing/property maintenance	3	2		4	9
<b>Culverts, Drainage and Non-CBD Sumps</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Maintenance (culverts/drainage)	1				1
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>3</b>				<b>3</b>
Dumped rubbish (within town boundary)	1				1
Hazardous substances	1				1
Untidy/overgrown section	1				1
<b>Footpaths</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Maintenance (footpaths)	1				1
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Maintenance (parks and reserves)		1			1
<b>Public Toilets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Cleaning (public toilets)	1				1
Maintenance (public toilets)	1	1		1	3
<b>Road Signs</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Maintenance (road signs)	1				1
<b>Roads</b>	<b>4</b>				<b>4</b>
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)	4				4
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Waste Transfer Station	1				1
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)	1				1
<b>Street Cleaning and Litter Bins</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
CBD cleaning (gutters/sumps) - Hunterville/Taihape		1			1
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
Maintenance (street lighting)	1		1		2
<b>Water</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>5</b>
Location of meter/toby/other utility	1				1
Replace toby or meter	2		1		3
Water leak at meter/toby	1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Taihape Community Board

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 25 November 2015

SUBJECT: **Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward**

FILE: 3-CB-1-2



COMMUNITY AND LEISURE ASSETS GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16				Oct-15
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan 2015/16				
Parks and Open Spaces	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: repair and reseal access road off Toroa Street	Higgins will be actioning this. The Taihape crew is now concentrating on cyclic maintenance, with little involvement in the emergency work clean-up.			
Taihape: Investigate source of, and then supply water for irrigation to Memorial Park, Taihape up to maximum of \$50,000.				
Swimming Pools	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: urgent renewals viz filtration heating, repainting exterior, interior, toddler pool and main pool.	During a routine health and safety audit on the pool, some structural			



ROADING AND FOOTPATHS GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16				Oct-15
Note: The resurfacing programme is detailed separately				
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan 2015/16				
Streetlight renewals	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: Huia Street	Design - 100% complete	ADSL Contract		
Footpath Renewals	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: Robin Street	Design - 100% complete (length 60m)	Programmed for early December		
Taihape: Takahe Street	Design - 100% complete (length 280m)	Programmed for early December		
New Footpaths	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: SH1 to Dixon Way (investigate costs only)				

WATER SUPPLY GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16				Oct-15
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan 2015/16				
Projects	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: pressure management	Valve replacement currently being designed			
Mangaweka: consent renewal – Rangitikei River abstraction	Consent expires 2017. Looking to increase abstraction limits if possible (\$100k)			
Mangaweka: pressure management	Water modelling investigation under way (est. \$10k)			



Other major programmes of work carried out during 2015/16				
Projects	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape WTP Chamber renewal	Complete	Tender award to Blackleys (\$72k)	Water chamber and valve installation completed. As built supplied	Completed

SEWERAGE AND THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16				Oct-15
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan 2015/16				
Projects	Design/ Scoping	Tender/Contract docs	Under construction	Complete
Taihape: Mataroa Rd Sewer Main Renewal	28m/150mm GEW replacement. Under investigation & Design. (est \$40k)			
Taihape: WWTP Upgrade – replacement clarifier	Rock filter/ dividing curtains upgrade of design of clarifier scoped. (est \$450k)			

Samantha Whitcombe  
Governance Administrator

## Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Progress reports

### 1. **Alex Wong corner**

Although raised with the New Zealand Transport Agency, there has been no movement on proposed fee of \$375 per month (\$4,500 per year) plus GST for Council to have a licence to occupy on a month to month basis.

### 2. **Improved drainage at Gumboot throwing lane**

The Council's Utilities Asset Manager considers the proposal from Keith Rowland a viable approach. However, the constant ponding in this area may be caused by a damage water pipe so this is being investigated first.

### 3. **Disposal of surplus buildings on the former Taihape College site, Rauma Road**

There is no change from the situation reported to the Board's April meeting, i.e. Council has not yet received the anticipated licence to occupy covering the buildings which the Ministry of Education has agreed will remain on the site and be available for community use. The lack of this licence means the Ministry may negotiate directly with anyone wishing to use the buildings, thus qualifying Council's agreement that the Board be involved in deciding the use and occupancy of these buildings.

### 4. **Fence line with KiwiRail from Kiwi Road Bridge to Eagle Street**

Council's Roading Operations Manager is arranging for a replacement fence to be erected.

### 5. **Main Street footpath surface**

On Friday 23 October Opus undertook slip testing on the two sections of footpath Andrew Morriss treated with:

- Applying a concrete setting retardant over 3-4 hours followed by a light waterblast
- Waterblasting to around 3000psi only

Together with two other sections of footpath which had not been treated as above but previously had an anti-slip/protective coating applied.

The results conclusively showed that waterblasting to approximately 3000psi showed the greatest slip resistance. It is intended to provide this treatment to all smooth concrete footpaths in the Taihape CBD.

### 6. **Access off Toroa Road to Taihape Kindergarten**

This upgrade was approved during the Long Term Plan process. As noted in the infrastructure update, this work is scheduled for completion by 31 January 2016.

### 7. **Sycamore trees at Taihape Memorial Park**

These are to be felled, and left to rot. It is not intended to allow people come onto the Park and cut them for firewood – primarily for safety reasons.

**8. Water source for irrigation at Taihape Memorial Park**

Council has now a clear understanding of how it will provide the necessary supply, through storage tanks. Tenders will be called for this work once it is clear that the Users Group is securing external funding for the irrigation system. That seems unlikely before February 2016.

**9. Banner over Hautapu Street**

The further reconsideration and assessment by an engineer requested by the Board has not progressed. It is being given priority now.

**10. Taihape Pool**

As noted in the infrastructure update, the learners' pools have been closed off because of a potential structural weakness in that area of the building. A structural assessment has now been completed and the identified remedial work is now being costed. It should not be necessary to close the pool while the repairs are being carried out.

**11. Water mains investigation for Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road**

Consultation with affected property owners is expected to be arranged soon.

**12. Access to land on Manu Road corner**

Ownership of this area is unclear. From Council's records, it seems that legalisation following the realignment of SH-1 remains incomplete.

**13. Profile for the Board on Council's website**

This will be done before the end of the year.