

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2025

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This month sees the last meeting of the Taihape Community Board for the triennium 2023/2025.

To sum up this triennium, the board has been involved in submitting on the Long Term and Annual Plans. We have continued to advocate for safer roading and in the region and continued to ensure the RDC has been able to stress our needs to Land Transport New Zealand. The issues re the southern access to the town past Winiata Marae and St Joseph's School will face the incoming board as will the concern over the non-replacement of the Give Way Island at the Gretna Corner. The Board has continued to highlight local concerns with the Rangitikei District Council such as street lighting and slipzones.

Water and roading issues will remain a concern for the region and the board must continue to listen to people from both town and country over their concerns.

The Small Projects Fund remains the key method by which the board can assist groups in Taihape start projects that benefit the town and the region. We have made grants to Mangaweka and would enjoy groups from the wider rural communities approach us. We hope the new Community Board continues to take workshops out to the rural areas.

The RFS or Request For Service procedure online on the RDC website or through the council offices remain the best and most effective method of drawing the RDC's attention to issues from potholes to concerns about roaming animals. If the response is not reasonably prompt, the community can always contact members of the Community Board or the Northern Region Councillors. Often this is not needed.

Our thanks to those candidates standing for the Community Board this election who came and observed in September. All the best in the election.

We farewell three members of the board who over the years have given great service to the town. Between them Gail Larsen, Emma Abernethy and Les Clarke have given over twenty years of service to the community. We thank them for their efforts, ideas and ability to work together for the betterment of the Northern Rangitikei.

Recommendation

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