

# ORDER PAPER

## TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 October 2025

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Chair:** Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur

**Deputy Chair:** Ms Emma Abernethy

**Membership:** Ms Gail Larsen  
Mr Les Clarke  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Jeff Wong  
HWTM Andy Watson

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**Notice is hereby given that a Taihape Community Board Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street, Taihape on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at 5.30pm.**

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### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

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

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 13 August 2025** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Taihape Community Board Meeting - 13 August 2025**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 13 August 2025 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 August 2025

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
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Taihape

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**Present**

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur  
Ms Emma Abernethy  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Mr Les Clarke  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Jeff Wong  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager  
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

**Order of Business**

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting, including those presenting at Public Forum and 2025 Election Candidates.

## 2 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

- Mr Michael Andrews spoke on behalf of the “One Step Toward The Future” project in regard to his funding application. The project, which was created in May 2023 offered those challenged by employment, an opportunity to learn skills to prepare them for employment. There were currently a number of roles within the Hautapu River Parks project that worked under the guidance of Friends of Taihape. One of the tasks was pest control which included operating a line of DOC 200 traps for rats and stoats. However as feral cats were now prevalent in the reserve, there was a need for more specific traps. Mr Andrews was seeking the Board’s help with funding which would enable him to purchase two such traps.
- Mrs Jan Byford spoke on behalf of Keep Taihape Beautiful in regard to their funding application to assist with the restoration and relocation of one of the former Croquet Club shelters to the Taihape Dog Park on Robin Street. The relocation would ensure that an iconic piece of Taihape history be retained, along with providing a place for the public to sit and relax while using the dog park. Mrs Byford noted that plaques acknowledging those who had contributed to the project would be installed on the shelter.

As a Trustee of the Taihape Community Development Trust, Mr Les Clarke declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to Item 3 – Public Forum on which he spoke regarding the funding request for additional security cameras in Taihape.

- Mr Les Clarke spoke on behalf of the Taihape Community Development Trust regarding their funding request to support the installation of four additional CCTV security cameras within the Taihape township. A letter of support for this request was tabled from Taihape’s Police Sergeant.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

As above, Mr Les Clarke declared a Conflict of Interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.



## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/036**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 June 2025 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

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

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/037**

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - August 2025

The report was taken as read.

The Chair acknowledged all candidates that had been nominated for the Taihape Community Board.

The Board agreed that the rural workshops be deferred to the new triennium.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/038**

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/039**

That the rural workshops be rescheduled to take place in the new triennium.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - July 2025

**ITEM 7.1**

The Mayor took his report as read.

He gave a brief overview of the recent Taihape West Slip Zone public meeting held in Taihape and acknowledged Cr Wong for arranging it.

Other items discussed included the Gentle Annie roading issues. Temporary repairs had been undertaken following damage done by large trucks. It was anticipated that a more permanent fix would cost approximately \$3 million. HWTM noted that the agreement with NZTA would finish in December, and it was possible that this may not be renewed.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/040**

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

HWTM A Watson/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## **9.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager**

The Chair left the meeting. Ms Abernethy took the Chair

The Northern Area and Property Manager provided a verbal update to the meeting. The following activities were noted:

- **Taihape Grandstand**  
Council have reached out to Copeland Associated for an offer of service of the design services. It is hoped that this will be with Council in the next few weeks.
- **Taihape Town Hall**  
The Project Manager met with Maycroft last week to sign off on the preliminary design proposal based on Council decision on 31 July 2025. Maycroft should then proceed to amend the drawings accordingly, before the construction costs can be peer reviewed by our QS.

The Chair returned at 6.35pm

- **Taihape Shelter**  
The shelter is now 80% complete with just the roofing iron to be installed and seating to be completed by Taihape Area School students. Unfortunately, weather and time restraints for Council's Maintenance and Renovation Technician has been a barrier.
- **Disc Golf**  
Parks & Reserves staff have walked the proposed locations for each of the disc baskets. They will be meeting with the owner of Disc Golf to discuss options with the temporary baskets.
- **Taihape Town Map.**  
Council's Economic Lead has advised that the map is almost ready for printing.
- **Taihape Gumboot**  
Unfortunately, two of the new pavers have been broken by vehicles driving onto the grass berm/paved area leading to the gumboot sculpture. The Parks Team are considering installing a number of river boulders in this vicinity to restrict vehicular access. They intend to consult with Keep Taihape Beautiful prior to finalising any decisions.

**Taihape Playground Group**

Council staff are currently considering the initial playground concept proposal that has been presented to them.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/041**

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

### 9.3 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

The Chair tabled the report for consideration. After general discussion, it was left on the table. The Chair was to find out more detail regarding the reporting requirements between the Board and the Taihape Community Development Trust.

### 9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2025

The Board discussed Mr Andrews funding request. It was agreed that the Board fund four specific cat traps for use in Taihape native reserves.

Following a brief discussion on the funding request from Mrs Byford, the Board agreed to defer any decision until staff had contacted LINZ to confirm whether they were agreeable to the shelter being installed on the dog park. There was also the suggestion that it may be more cost effective to build a new shelter rather than relocating one from the old croquet club.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/042**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – August 2025' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/043**

That the Taihape Community Board approve funding of \$132.06 to Michael Andrews for the purchase of four cat traps and that this be funded from the Small Projects Fund.

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/044**

That the Taihape Community Board approve funding of \$1000.00 to the Taihape Community Development Trust for the installation of four CCTV security cameras within the Taihape township and that this be funded from the Small Projects Fund.

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/045**

That staff identify costs and requirements for the proposed relocation of the Taihape shelter and this information be provided to the Taihape Community Board.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**ITEM 7.1****9.5 Funding Schemes Update - August 2025**

Cr Duncan noted that there was an opportunity for anyone interested, to take on the role as Assessor for the Creative Communities Scheme.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/046**

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2025 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**9.6 Inward Correspondence**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/047**

That the Inward Correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**10 Discussion Items****10.1 Town Lighting**

The Chair advised that he had not received any RFS feedback from the three street lighting issues that he had logged earlier this year.

The Mayor asked The Chair to provide him with the RFS number and advised he would then follow up with the Chief Executive.

**10.2 Restoration of bins at the gumboot**

The Board asked that the Parks & Reserves Team consider reinstating the rubbish bin by the Taihape Gumboot sculpture.

**The meeting closed at 7.10pm**

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

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**Chairperson**

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Taihape 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 Taihape Community Board Meetings' be received.

## Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1		That staff identify costs and requirements for the proposed relocation of the Taihape shelter	Gaylene	Update will be provided at the meeting	Completed.
2	11-Jun-25	Taihape events board -	Sheryl S	The board has ownership of the events signage.	Completed.

## 8 Reports for Information

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

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

Good afternoon

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

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

### Elections

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

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

## Mayor's Engagements

September 2025

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



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

**Attachments:**

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

**Recommendation**

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

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22 August 2025

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Ref. NZT-10873

Dear Andy,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10914

Dear Andy

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

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

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

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

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

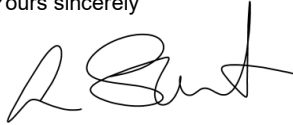
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## ATTACHMENT 2

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

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

Yours sincerely

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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10911

Dear Andy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
31-Jul-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
7-Aug-25	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
11-Aug-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR		PR				
11-Aug-25	Hunterville CC	CB			PR			PR						
12-Aug-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR					AP		
13-Aug-25	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
13-Aug-25	Marton CC	CB	PR											
14-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
27-Aug-25	Santoft Domain	PR		PR										
28-Aug-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		PR	
28-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
2-Sep-25	Erewhon RWS													
3-Sep-25	RA Meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
10-Sep-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not recieved
11-Sep-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR	AT	PR	
11-Sep-25	Council Workshop													
11-Sep-25	CGC Meeting	PR		PR	PR	AP			PR		PR		PR	
18-Sep-25	MLRR Meeting	PR			PR		PR						PR	

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

## **8.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager**

**Author:** Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager

### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Ms Prince will provide an update to the board on council and requested items from the Taihape Community Board.

### **Recommendation**

That the Verbal Update - Northern Area and Property Manager be received.

**ITEM 8.3**

**8.3 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust**

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Standing item to provide updates from the Taihape Community Development Trust.

**Recommendation**

That the Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust be received.



**8.4 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2025****Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The allocation of the 2025/26 Small Projects Fund for the Taihape Community Board is \$7,146 this includes the carry-over funds of \$930. A small amount will increase annually by CPI.

**2. Breakdown**

- 2.1 Payment for cat traps - \$132.06
- 2.2 Payment CCTV cameras - \$1,000
  - 2.2.1 Remaining funds available are \$6,014

**Possible projects**

- Town clock bells: discussions with Murray Bond and investigations underway.
- Remembrance Ode: the chair is investigating with Darrell O'Hara the feasibility of this concept.
- Projects: Volunteer group signage: EG TNS Papakai Parks and Museum , Other clubs?? TCB to fund on application.

**Attachments:**

1. Small Project Fund - Excel Sheet [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – October 2025' be received.

	Income	Expenditure	Amount Paid	Tagged future expenses	Amount
2025/25 Earmarked payments				Northern and Southern Taihape Events	
				Board signage for volunteer groups.	\$2,400
				Taihape Museum or other interested parties with funding for local historic story boards	2,400
				Rural Workshops	190
				Picnic Table	\$700
Financial Year 2025/26		\$6,216			
Carry forward 2024/25		\$930			Note CPI to still be added
	13-Aug-25	Four cat traps	132.06		
	13-Aug-25	CCTV cameras	\$1,000		
Total Funds available 2024/25		\$6,014			

## 8.5 Inward Correspondence

**Author:** Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair has requested that all correspondence be included for the board to receive as a standing item.

1.1.1 Hautapu Catchment Group - Request for public forum

1.1.2 Mayor letter sent to NZTA

1.1.3 NZTA response to Mayor

1.1.4 Slip Zone - NHC Cover

1.1.5 Taihape Art Club Gumboot Exhibition

### Attachments:

1. Hautapu Catchment Group - Request for public forum [↓](#)
2. Mayor letter sent to NZTA [↓](#)
3. NZTA response to Mayor [↓](#)
4. Slip Zone - NHC Cover [↓](#)
5. Taihape Art Club Gumboot Exhibition [↓](#)

### Recommendation

That the inward correspondence be received.

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur

The Chairman Taihape community board.

Regarding: Taihape community board public forum.

Dear Peter,

I would like to come and present to the Taihape community board at its next (October 2025) board meeting regarding the potential installation of two story boards within the area of the town on land that is managed by the district council, that shows the extent of our catchment groups' work with regard to monitoring water quality of the Hautapu river and a number of its side streams.

The Rangitikei rivers catchment collective (RRCC) has been monitoring water quality over the Rangitikei, Turakina and Whangaehu rivers including their many sub-catchments like the Hautapu for more than 5 years, with this work providing a valuable insight into the health of our water ways, as well as a long-term data set for future use.

The story boards are an opportunity to communicate to both our local population and the travelling public about the work that small local teams of volunteers do in monitoring and protecting the local environment for the good of all who use it.

I would like to bring one of these story boards to the meeting to display.

I may well have other members of our group with me.

Thank you

Angus Gordon

(Hautapu catchment group chairman)

FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



11 August 2025

cc. Suze Redmayne MP  
Linda Stewart - NZTA  
Taihape Community Board  
Saint Joseph's School Taihape  
Winiata Marae

NZTA

[official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Good afternoon

Rangitikei District Council met formally on 31 July 2025 to discuss the urgent request to reassess speed and safety measures on SH1 south of Taihape through to Winiata Marae, made by Peter Hijazeen, Principal of Saint Joseph's School Taihape.

Council moved that it should not only endorse the submission but also adds its concerns for this section of SH1.

Council has made repeated calls regarding speed reduction and/or signage warnings for the road from Winiata Marae into Taihape. This section of open road speed limit has had a history of accidents and vision at both the Taihape Cemetery/exit and at Rauma Road is limited with no effective pull-over areas. The Rauma Road junction servicing the school is challenging with traffic speed, sight lines and the rail crossing. The national move for speed restrictions outside of schools needs to apply to the intersection as that is where the risk is.

I often attend large functions at Winiata Marae and while the marae does take their responsibility seriously with traffic management, there should be at the very least, electronic signage boards to limit speed.

Recently I attended the public meeting at Saint Joseph's School where the constant risk of fatalities was the common message. This needs to be addressed and I thank the community, marae and school for their message and for bringing this to your attention.

Council requests that this issue is separate to the nationwide speed revision and should be addressed now.

Yours faithfully

Andy Watson  
Mayor – Rangitikei District Council

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22 August 2025

Andy Watson  
Mayor  
Rangitikei District Council  
[andy.watson@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:andy.watson@rangitikei.govt.nz)

Ref. NZT-10873

Dear Andy,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Stewart', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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

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**From:** Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur <carolyn\_kipling@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 23 September 2025 09:14  
**To:** Jeff Wong <Jeff.Wong@rangitikei.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Slip Zone - NHC Cover

How about tomorrow after 2. I am in. Whanganui in the morning

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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**From:** Jeff Wong <Jeff.Wong@rangitikei.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 9:04:06 AM  
**To:** Peter Kipling-Arthur <Carolyn\_kipling@hotmail.com>

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**From:** George Bodley <[george.bodley@ginsure.co.nz](mailto:george.bodley@ginsure.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 1:36:44 PM  
**To:** Jeff Wong <[Jeff.Wong@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:Jeff.Wong@rangitikei.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Slip Zone - NHC Cover

Hi Jeff

I have been corresponding with NHC regarding what would be involved for residents that don't have Natural Hazard cover to get it again.

Brad from NHC has been very helpful and is happy to discuss with council what would be required for them to review it. He has sent me the email below following our call which includes his contact details:

Hi George,

Thanks for your time to discuss the questions you've raised in your email.

As explained, we may cancel natural hazard cover (NHCover) under section 49 of the Natural Hazards Insurance Act 2023 (NHI Act) where we have paid a claim for the full amount the property is insured for under the Act and that property has not been replaced or reinstated. We had the same discretion to cancel cover under schedule 3, clause 4 of our preceding legislation, the Earthquake Commission Act 1993 (EQC Act). Where we have cancelled NHCover, a notice is applied to the property's title under section 51 of the NHI Act or section 28(1) of the EQC Act. You can check for these notices for free at <https://lrs.linz.govt.nz/search/at>.

Under section 49(6) of the NHI Act we must reinstate the cancelled cover where we consider the cancellation should no longer apply. This usually requires the property owner to provide us evidence of what they have done to replace or reinstate the damaged insured property and remove the risk of further damage.

If we have not cancelled the NHCover for a specific property, it's residential building and associated residential land can be insured under NHCover if there is a valid policy that includes a fire insurance contract over the building.

If you would like, please pass on my contact details to the local council. I am happy to help answer any questions they may have about NHCover.

Kind regards,

**Brad Dahlenburg**  
**Principal Advisor Insurance and Operations (Recovery)**  
Natural Hazards Commission Toka Tū Ake  
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[nhcover@naturalhazards.govt.nz](mailto:nhcover@naturalhazards.govt.nz)  
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Kind Regards,

**George Bodley**  
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**Taihape Art Club****Gumboot Art Exhibition****October'25 to Feb'26**

Greetings Peter & TCB members,

It is 40 years since the first Gumboot Day was held in Taihape and what better way to celebrate is to exhibit 40 artistically embellished gumboots that are **stylish, chic and unique** using any medium be it paint, pebbles or paper, to reflect some aspect of the Taihape lifestyle.

Clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals with an artistic flare are being invited to embellish a gumboot for display starting on the 24th October till Feb '26 in the new premise in the CBD, a sincere thanks to Tracey & Graeme Maher.

**Your artistic flare has been acknowledged, and your name has been put forward to be a recipient of a gumboot, \$20 for your 'embellishment' and the privilege to display at this event.**

It is your choice whether it represents your business/organisation or it is an individual entry. This project not only brings the community together by participation jointly in a fun activity & viewing the local talent, but it will also encourage passerby's to stop & view an amusing display which reflects part of Taihapes history.

The future of the gumboots will then be offered for display to retail premises in the CBD & then their future will be determined by interest in their retention.

TAC is most appreciative for the funding for this project from the Rangitikei District Council Community Initiatives Fund.

We also acknowledge the support from the Taihape Community Development Trust in supplying the story boards and other gumboot paraphernalia.

**On accepting this gumboot, you pledge to embellish the gumboot, give your work a title & return the 'embellished' gumboot to the Taihape Art Club, 1 Kokako Street by the 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

The gumboot & cash will be delivered to your urban address or you may pick it up from 21 Huia Street at a convenient time to both. Please contact Jan Byford at 0274875222.

**Conditions;**

- Titles, Artist/business/organisation and Medium will be listed on the display window
- Titles only will be on a card by your work.

President – Jan Byford

Sec/Tres – Margaret Coogan

For further enquiries please contact other project co-ordinators ;

Gayna – 0273880181,

Beryl - 0276129460

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

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
- Community Initiatives Fund
  - Events Sponsorship Scheme
  - Creative Communities Scheme
  - Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

**2. Community Initiatives Fund**

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Scotts Ferry Community Committee
  - Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated)
  - Alzheimer's Whanganui
  - Scout Association of New Zealand
  - The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust
  - Itty bitty kitty committee
  - Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc
  - Taihape Art Club (Society)
  - Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated
  - Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board
  - Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated

**3. Events Support Scheme**

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Hunterville Huntaway Festival
  - Hunterville Squash Racquets Club Inc
  - Bulls & District Community Trust
  - Marton Country Music Festival
  - Marton Arts & Crafts Centre
  - Opaea Marae

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

#### 4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
- Demonstrate growth over time
  - Develop and support local artistic communities
  - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
  - Support diversity and inclusion
  - Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged
- 4.2 Creative NZ has allocated \$24,397.80 + GST to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round one for 2025/26 opened on the 11 August and closes 19 October. Decision will be made on the 12 November 25.

#### 5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.
- 5.3 The round will be opened 11 August 25 and will close 29 March 2026. Decision will be made by the Sport NZ Travel Committee in April 2026.

#### 6. Further Information

- 6.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:  
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

#### Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – October 2025 be received.

**ITEM 9.1**

## **9 Discussion Items**

### **9.1 Restoration of bins at the gumboot**

**Author:** Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This item was requested by the Chair

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

## **9.2 Town Lighting**

**Author:** Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair

1.1.1 Town Lighting Issues re the eastern side of Hautapu St and the lack of feedback through RFS system. This has been ongoing since 30/1/25.

### **Recommendation**

If needed:

**10 Meeting Closed.**