



ORDER PAPER

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Chair: Ms Gill Duncan

Deputy Chair: Mr Peter Kipling- Arthur

Membership: Ms De-Anna Green
Ms Melaine Pera
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Jeff Wong
HWTM Andy Watson (Ex-Officio)

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Notice is hereby given that a Taihape Community Board Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street, Taihape on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 at 5.30pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Taihape Neighbourhood Support

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 19 November 2025 are attached.**

Attachments

1. **Taihape Community Board Meeting - 19 November 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 19 November 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.

ITEM 6.1 MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present
Ms Gill Duncan
Ms De-Anna Green
Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Ms Melanie Pera
Cr Jeff Wong
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance
Ms Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, GM Strategy, Community & Democracy
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed those present to the inaugural meeting.

2 Apologies

No apologies received.

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

6 Follow-up Actions

6.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

The Northern Area and Property Manager reported that the Mt Stewart picnic table had not been intentionally damaged. A section had been cut out to allow easier access. The table was safe to use

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/036

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr J Wong. Carried

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Declaration by Taihape Community Board members

Members made their declaration in the following order:

Ms Gill Duncan

Ms De-Anna Green

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur

Ms Melanie Pera

8.2 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair - Taihape Community Board**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/037**

That the Taihape Community Board, for the purpose of electing or appointing persons under Clause 25, adopt System B.

Ms M Pera/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/038

That Ms Gill Duncan be appointed Chair of the Taihape Community Board.

Ms M Pera/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/039

That Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur be appointed Deputy Chair of the Taihape Community Board.

Ms G Duncan/Cr J Wong. Carried

8.3 First Ordinary Meeting of the Taihape Community Board

The Board were in favour of bi-monthly meetings.

As there were a number of items to be discussed prior to the scheduled February meeting, it was agreed that a workshop be held on 10 December.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/040

That the report First Ordinary Meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms G Duncan/Ms D Green. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/041

That the first ordinary meeting of the Taihape Community Board be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 at 5.30pm.

Ms G Duncan/Ms D Green. Carried

9 Reports for Information**9.1 Laws Affecting Elected Members (Including Taihape Community Board Members)**

The Group Manager - Strategy, Community & Democracy spoke to this item.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/042

That the Chief Executive's Report – Laws Affecting Elected Members (Including Taihape Community Board members), be received and the information noted.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms M Pera. Carried

9.2 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

The Group Manager - Strategy, Community & Democracy spoke to this item.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/043

That the report Code of Conduct and Standing Orders be received.

Ms M Pera/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.3 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

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

Confirmation that the Mt Stewart tower had been reopened and was compliant to the code it was built to.

Staff from the Parks team had met onsite with disc golf representatives to view the proposed sites. Staff will liaise with other park users such as Taihape Equestrian and Taihape Shearing who may be affected by proposed tee sites.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/044

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

Ms M Pera/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - November 2025

Mr Kipling Arthur advised that he had received a request for funding of \$585.15 from Emma Abernethy on behalf of Taihape Swim Centre. The funds are to be used to purchase paint to paint the Taihape Swim Centre exterior walls.

It was suggested that Community Leisure Management staff provide more details regarding this proposal before funding is approved.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/045

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

Ms D Green/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/046

That provisional allocation of \$585.15 for the purchase of paint be granted subject to Community Leisure Management staff providing acceptable details regarding this project to staff.

Ms G Duncan/Ms M Pera. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Items Requested

Rangitikei District Council Scholarships

Ms Duncan advised that it had been a real privilege to have been invited to award the Rangitīkei District Council scholarships to the Taihape Area School students. She said it had been such a lovely occasion.

Ms Duncan also spoke about the Rangitīkei Youth Council and the importance of encouraging our young people to step up and take the opportunity to help shape the future of the district.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 11 February 26.

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Chairperson

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Taihape Community Board Workshop Notes

Author: Gill Duncan, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To receive the notes from the Taihape Community Board workshop held on the 10 December 2025.

Attachments:

1. [Taihape Community Board Workshop Notes](#) 

Recommendation

That the Taihape Community Board Workshop Notes be received.

Taihape Community Board Workshop Notes – 10 December 2025 at 5.30pm, Kōkako Street Hall

Code of Conduct - Standardized guidelines and Standing Orders coming out mid-2026

Discussion around how we want to see our meetings.

What works: What doesn't work:

Structure - time guidelines Late arrivals

Respectful Dominance by one member

Staying open minded Fixed agendas

Good chairing Waffle without purpose

Recommendations moved/seconded

Think about doing a meeting review after 3 months

Discussed differences between formal meetings and workshops.

Formal meetings are supported by Staff

Kezia main point of contact, then Katrina

Chair ensures meeting fairness and protocol

Quorum is 4

Formal use of address? Yes, good to be comfortable formally addressing each other as Mr/Ms etc for when needed.

Talking Tables? Yes, these are seen as valuable.

Public Excluded = confidential

Conflict of Interest - real or perceived, needs to be brought up by the Board member and ruled on by the Chair.

Meaty subjects should be in the first two hours.

The meeting must break for 10mins after two hours

RFS refresher:<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/report>

Urgent matters: always call (06) 3880604 or 0800 422 522 then put in RFS

Yes, would like to see Workshops have an agenda and publicly notify

Look at delegations we do and do not want

Peter will draft TUT “Northern Matters” and share with whole board for input

Ask that Raema Road and Gretna corner stay on Council’s roading schedule

Ms Green - So much potential to make Taihape economically successful with SH1 going through.

- motivate Community to get together

Ms Pera - Infrastructure to connect multiple groups

Peter - Rural workshops, agrees that competence in Te Reo greetings is a good step.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2026

Author: **Gill Duncan, Chair**

The Chair may provide a tabled or verbal report.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – February 2026 be received.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - December 2025

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

Good afternoon

Council is starting to wind down a little towards Christmas, however there is still so much happening and crucial decisions to be made. The new Councillors' commitment to workshops, training and meetings throughout the district has been incredible and I thank them.

Government continues to make many significant changes with the promise of more to come before Christmas. Cynically, I would suggest that the changes made before Christmas, especially for those that need consultation, is a deliberate ploy to put them out now so that the consultation period includes the holiday break. There are a number of things I wish to comment on and hopefully I will know more as legislation is being drafted allowing me to expand on later.

1. Changes to Regional Councils – for some time several Government ministers and officials including the Prime Minister have hinted about the need to look at Regional Councils with indications of possible changes. This is what I think we know at this stage –

- Minister Bishop has announced that Regional Council Governorship will be replaced by the Mayors in some form of regional body.
- This is not law yet and we have yet to see detail.
- Timeframe – the Minister has said that recently elected councillors to Regional Councils may not serve their entire time, so this appears to be fast-tracked.
- Regional Councils are a regulatory body covering such things as compliance to matters involving the environment, flood control, pest control, public transport, Regional Civil Defence functions and many other roles. Presumably all of these functions will move to the “Mayors” to govern but will remain in place.
- There are a number of Regional Councils facing court action and possible claims arising from such things as flood events etc. It would be concerning to me if the responsibility for these passes to ours and other councils.
- Staffing should remain however the Government has also suggested some of the changes should remove duplication, gain efficiencies and enable a faster track to consenting.
- This comes at a time when Councils are facing changes to many other reforms.

2 Indications of other major reforms:

- Local Water Done Well (LWDW) and the supporting of new regional entities. As I have reported several times, we are one of the new regional entities to deliver waste water services, water and storm water with Palmerston North City and Horowhenua District

Councils. That work is on track but has significant work ahead over the Christmas period. The shareholders committee should be put in place by the three Councils over the next few days and is highlighted within this Council meeting. The search for Board membership is in place now and should be finalised early next year.

- The reform of the RMA (Resource Management Act) is a process that is known but as a reminder, "The Government is reforming the RMA to make it easier, faster and simpler to get projects approved. The goals are to remove complexity, improve environmental protection and support housing and infrastructural growth". The RMA will be replaced by two new acts, which concern land use planning and natural resource management with a focus on the enjoyment of private property rights. These acts include the standardisation of consenting approaches throughout the country and new regulatory bodies. Essentially development should be easier but with an aim to reduce costs, fast track consents and drive GDP growth.
- Government has announced the Local Government Systems Improvement Act. This bill seeks to return Local Government to limit Councils' spending and rates to core services. There is more to this bill and the description of what are core services is not complete. For example, does Council have a responsibility for employment? Perhaps not under the bill but at the same time Government has asked Local Government through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs to find work for those on unemployment registers. There will also be, as part of the bill, a naming and shaming of Councils that are not performing.
- The Government has also signalled changes needed in roading with a move to regional roading entities.
- Government has too signalled the introduction of a rates pegging legislation which will limit the ability of rate increases by authorities in the future. Key points are –
 - i) Legislation is yet to be passed but it is indicated that it will apply from 2027/2029 on.
 - ii) The Minister for Local Government has said that although legislation will be from 2027 his expectation, and public demand, is that Councils should comply with this immediately, i.e. the Annual Plan for next year.
 - iii) Some sections of Local Government rates will be exempt, such as delivery of Three Waters services, which will mean that the picture is not quite clear yet where it will apply and hence the average increase right across all Council rates.
 - iv) The legislation will support a range of rate increases permitted, at present looking to be a band between 2-4% increases.
 - v) There will be an appeal process, for example a significant event such as Cyclone Gabrielle, but the threshold for appeal will be extremely high.
 - vi) The 2-4% range was selected by reference to the CPI (Price Index) sitting around 3.5%. I will note that roading cost increases which are the significant cost to our Council are well beyond that in recent years.

vii) Councillors and staff will continue to look to make rates affordable and will certainly look to comply. Inevitably the consequence may be increased charges and lower levels of service. This will be incredibly challenging for all Councils.

All of these reforms, in particular the Regional Council reforms, Water reforms and RMA will drive Councils towards amalgamation. Government has said that talks of possible Council amalgamations are not being forced but that is the likely outcome. Amalgamation will undoubtedly gain efficiency and the argument often repeated by Government that we have about 80 authorities for a small population while Japan has about 13? is valid. However, the outcome from amalgamation is loss of local voice.

3. **Road**ing - as part of the induction for new Councillors, Council roading staff, Downer contractors, the Chief Executive and Elected Members took part in a road trip to look at significant roading issues in our district. With reduced funding available, maintenance of our roads is a serious challenge. In particular the Gentle Annie Road running between Taihape and Hastings needs significant reinstatement and resealing work over the summer amounting to around \$3.5m. This needed expenditure will limit spend on other required roading issues in the district. Much of the damage is associated with forestry cartage and I am in discussions with commercial interests and rail to see if I can review the log train contract due to expire at the end of January. I will report back on this later in the new year.
4. In August I received an email from Sandy Paterson, Company Sergeant Major of 2nd Workshop Company located in Linton, Palmerston North. Part of Sandy's job is taking care of the history of the unit and ensuring all traditions are carried out. Sandy informed me that the Corps of Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers currently hold the Freedom of the Borough for Taihape which allows them the honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough with drums beating, band playing, colours flying and swords drawn. It also imparts the honour of viewing and inspecting the Corps on the Mayor.

In 1997 the Royal New Zealand Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was disbanded, and all Maintenance Support trades were merged with those of Combat Drivers, Logistic Specialists, Movements Operators, and Caterers, forming the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Corps, RNZALR. The charter for the freedom of the borough of Taihape was not transferred to the RNZALR and the last parade was conducted in 1996 or 1997.

Sandy believes the 2nd Workshop Company, as part of 2nd Combat Service Support Battalion and the RNZALR is the best unit to transfer this charter to. They have strong ties with the community of Taihape, parading at ANZAC Day commemorations and engaging with the community through the local RSA.

With the above in mind, Sandy has requested if Council would consider transferring the charter for the freedom of the borough of Taihape to 2nd Workshop Company. This would formalise the relationship between us and allow the company to conduct a parade in Taihape either once a year or once every second-year dependant on the council's appetite for formal occasions.

I have attached a series of documents and photographs to this report.

5. **The Tornado** – earlier this month we had a localised tornado hit Dudding Lake. One caravan in particular was lifted into the air and dropped upside down with a person inside. He was very fortunate to escape with relatively minor issues. Other caravans were lifted, small buildings demolished and many trees uprooted or damaged. Power sources to the camp were also lost.

Carol our Chief Executive has acted quickly and the camp was restored over a couple of days – many thanks go to staff, Lance and Tiff onsite and contractors who worked hard to reinstate. I have included some images to illustrate the damage.

6. Onto some great news –

- The Marton Op Shop is currently I think, at the time of writing this report, in the race to be called The Best Op Shop in the Country. Of course they are!! Voting will have closed on Saturday 13 December but I have looked at how I could promote this through Facebook before the deadline. The Op Shop is largely serviced by volunteers, donations and governed by church and service groups etc. The service the Op Shop provides is amazing, so please support them. Drop them a card to say Merry Christmas – it will be appreciated.
- The Tender Documents have been sent out for the roof replacement of the Marton Pool with expected decisions early in the new year. This is great news and a significant step forward. Yes, it will mean another summer without the pool and Council will see how we can support local Learn To Swim programmes etc.
- The next fortnight is full of local events such as Christmas Parades, Marton Market Day, school prizewinnings and wind-ups and myself and Councillors will be at as many as possible. I understand the that the Op Shop is also looking to sell tickets to the Marton Christmas Community Lunch this year – I have yet to see details but of course I will look to support it this year.

Finally, in case I don't get a chance later – Councillors and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, travel safely.

Mayor's Engagements

December 2025

1	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Joint Iwi Waste Water Standards Hui</p> <p>Attended 3-CL Mayors/CEs meeting with Waikato/Hawkes Bay Councils to discuss water entities</p> <p>Attended Regional Mayors/CEs meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum</p>
2	<p>Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
3	<p>Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p>

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4	Attended Roading Control Authority Forum in Wellington
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ meeting with James Towers and Louise McCoard Attended Standing Orders Training Workshop Attended meeting with Taihape Station Owners
6	Attended Marton Market Day Attended FENZ Gold Star Presentation to Chris Hope
7	Attended Otiwhiti Graduation Ceremony Attended RSA Christmas Lunch Attended Marton Christmas Parade
8	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting
9	Attended meeting with Robert Martin Attended MTFJ Mayor's Update online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
10	Attended monthly Governor's Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended Crown Response into Abuse in Care Team Webinar - Survivor Support and Recognition Fund for Unmarked Graves
11	Attended Council Induction and Workshop Attended Council Meeting
12	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend monthly meeting with Police To attend Marton School Prizegiving To attend Council End of Year Function
13	To attend Taihape Christmas Parade To attend Bulls Community Christmas at the Domain
15	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend MTFJ Governance Group online meeting
16	To attend Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs' fortnightly catch-up To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor To attend Defence Hub End of Year Function
17	To attend fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with staff
18	To attend Council Workshop
19	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend CDW meeting in Palmerston North To attend staff End of Year function

22	To attend meeting with Chief Executive
23	To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
24	To attend Hunterville Christmas Parade
25	To attend Marton Community Christmas Lunch

Attachments:

1. [**Freedom of the Borough of Taihape - letter of request**](#) 
2. [**Freedom of the Borough of Taihape - letter from Buckingham Palace**](#) 
3. [**Freedom of the Borough of Taihape - historical photographs**](#) 
4. [**Freedom of the Borough of Taihape - Charter**](#) 
5. [**Dudding Lake Pic 1**](#) 
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Recommendation 1

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



Farrier Lines
Building D76
Linton Military Camp
Palmerston north, 4830

From: Company Sergeant Major, 2nd Workshop Company.

19 November 2025

Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag 1102
Marton, 4741

Dear Members of the Rangitikei District Council

Reconfirmation of the Freedom of the Borough Charter for Taihape

In 1973, the Royal New Zealand Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RNZEME) was granted the Freedom of the Borough of Taihape, with the Corps first exercising this honour during a parade on 14 December 1973.

Following the amalgamation of RNZEME into the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment (RNZALR) and the restructuring of local governance—where Taihape Borough became part of the Rangitikei District Council—the charter has not been exercised since approximately 1996.

2nd Workshop Company (2 WKSP Coy), based in Linton, recently engaged with Rangitikei District Council to clarify the status of this historic charter. Having not been exercised for nearly 30 years, we see this as an opportunity to reaffirm the enduring relationship between the New Zealand Army and the Rangitikei District, and to honour the historical significance of this tradition.

Permission is being sought from the Chief of Army for approval to reconfirm the Freedom of the Borough of Taihape and this letters serves to request the same from Rangitikei District Council. On approval planning can begin on the formal ceremony and details of the charter.

With the council's permission, the suggested form of resolution to be passed by the council, as outlined in the NZ Army publication NZ P6A, NZ Army Ceremonial, would look like the below.

"That in appreciation of the honourable traditions of the Second Workshop Company and recognition of its long and intimate association with the Borough of Taihape the Council confer upon the Second Workshop Company the rights, privilege, and honour of marching through the streets of Taihape on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating, and colours flying ; that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary Deed of Grant and that the name of the second Workshop Company be inscribed on a panel in the Town Hall."

This reference also contains the format for the Charter outlined below.

(Crest)

Community of Taihape
Charter
Second Workshop Company

WHEREAS the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of Taihape being sensible of the honourable record and traditions of the Second Workshop Company and being desirous of recognising, cementing, and fostering the intimate association which is now and has for so long been enjoyed between the City and the Company in which so many of its citizens have been proud to serve.

NOW THEREFORE the Mayor and Councillors of the Rangitikei District Council, on behalf of the borough of Taihape, do hereby confer upon the said Second Workshop Company the right and privilege, without further permission being obtained, of marching (when such processions are approved) with drums beating, band playing, colours flying, bayonets fixed, and swords drawn, through the streets of the Town of Taihape

AND

DO HEREBY accept the honour of viewing the Second Workshop Company or part thereof, when approved, for the purpose of an inspection by His/Her Worship the Mayor

AND

DO HEREBY accept the further honour of having an officer of the said Company in uniform in attendance upon His/Her Worship the Mayor on important official occasions in Taihape.

The Common Seal of the Body)

Corporate called the Mayor,)
Councillors, and Citizens of)
the *City of Blanktown* was) Mayor
hereto affixed pursuant to a)
resolution of the said) Town Clerk
Council this)
day of20.....)
in the presence of -

I attach at enclosure 1. A photo of the charter of Foxton as an example.

On approval from the Rangitikei District Council and the Chief of Army, 2nd Workshop Company will engage with the council in order to begin planning of the formal ceremony to bestow the charter.

A rough outline would look like 2nd Workshop Company marching through the main road of Taihape to the front of the town hall. Once in place the Company will give a general salute then be inspected by the Mayor and a senior representative of the NZ Army. On completion of the inspection the mayor will ask 2nd Workshop to accept the charter conferring on it the honour of freedom of entry into the borough on ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating, and colours flying. The charter will then be read. The Company will once again give a general salute then march off. The ceremony will take less than half an hour.

On approval of the above 2nd Workshop Company look forward to engaging with the council and members of the community of Taihape and reaffirming our relationship with the community.

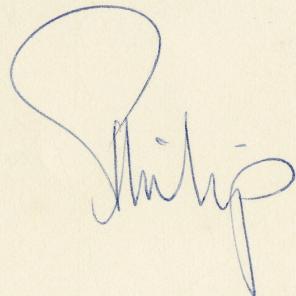
Kind regards

Sandy 
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SANDY PATERSON
Warrant Officer Class Two
Company Sergeant Major

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

I am delighted to hear that the relationships between the Corps and the citizens of Taihape are so good that they are to receive formal recognition in the offer of the Freedom of the Borough.

I send my warmest congratulations to the Corps of Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and I hope it will be a very happy occasion for the Corps and for the citizens of Taihape.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip".

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FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH
TAIhape
6 December 1985

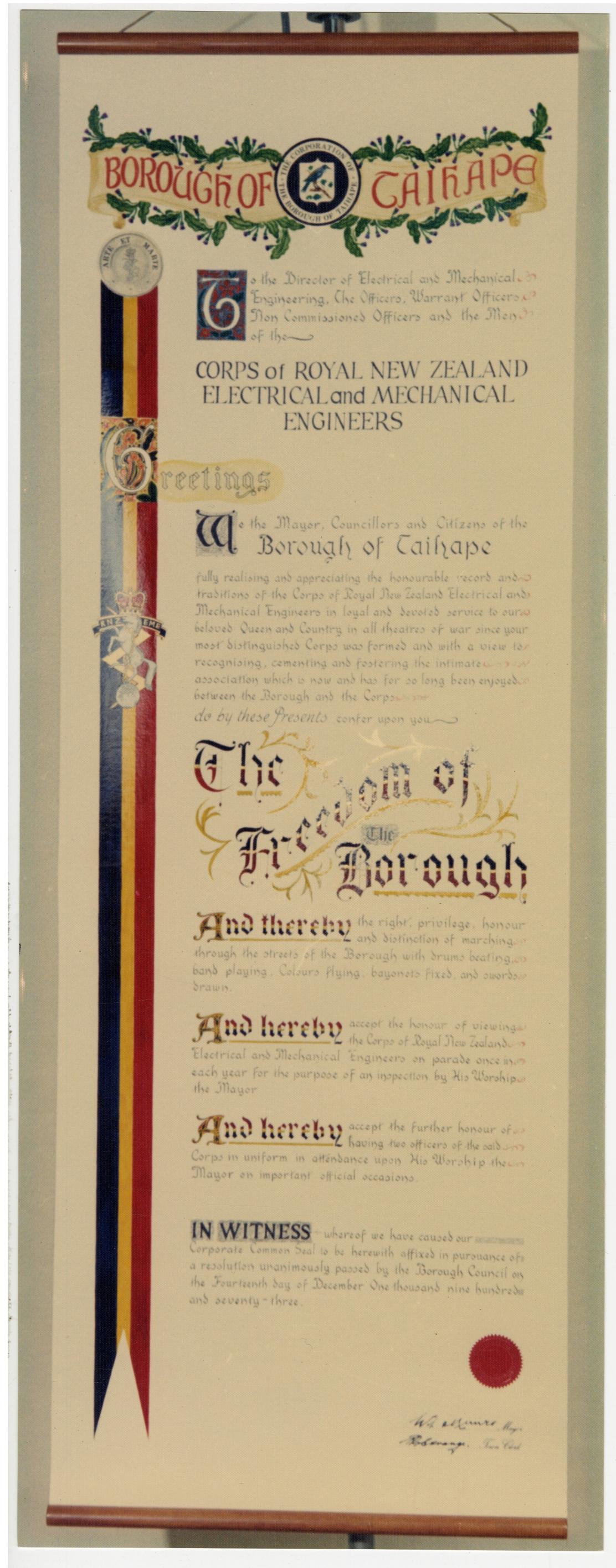


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RSM: WO1 A.R. BAKER

CHARTER BEARER: 2LT M.T. WILLIAMS
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ATTACHMENT 15





9.2 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 committee on council and requested items from the Taihape Community Board.

Recommendation

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

9.3 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.

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2026**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

2.3 The board committed to shortfall for the Taihape Community Development Trust – this has not been paid and the amount is unknown.

2.4 The board pay \$750 for repair of two picnic tables – this has been paid

2.5 The board earmarked \$585.15 for the purchase of paint for Community Leisure Management

2.5.1 Remaining funds available are \$4,678.85

3. Application Received

3.1 Taihape Neighbourhood Support have completed an application for funding from the Taihape Small Project Fund. This is attached.

Attachments:

1. **Small Project Fund - Excel Sheet** [!\[\]\(3e77018ad70b2f0cd833acc20e3ce226_img.jpg\)](#)
2. **Letter to the Taihape Community Board** [!\[\]\(7595c65195bd31ba1d738c1d64099054_img.jpg\)](#)
3. **Application to the Taihape Community Board Small Projects Fund** [!\[\]\(b37e786359a1e5f8f5e59f0b3b1b8f7f_img.jpg\)](#)
4. **Quote Lasercraft** [!\[\]\(675b655a8249cc4d04767d14aa4501c7_img.jpg\)](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Small Projects Fund Update – February 2026 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Taihape Community Board does/does not [delete one] provide funding of \$_____ to the Taihape Neighbourhood Support for the Events Board Sign.

	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
					<i>Note CPI to still be added</i>
Financial Year 2025/26					
Carry forward 2024/25					
				Four cat traps	132.06
				CCTV cameras	\$1,000
				Picnic tables	\$750
				CLM Paint	\$585.15
Total Funds available 2024/25			\$4,678.85		<i>Note unknown the amount for shortfall</i>

**Taihape Neighbourhood Support Inc**

C/- Taihape Police Station
6 Tui Street
Taihape 4720
021 0261 6002
tnselizabeth@gmail.com
elizmortland@gmail.com

14 December 2025

The Chairperson
Taihape Community Board
Rangitikei District Council

Dear Taihape Community Board members,

Re: Events Board sign – Taihape Neighbourhood Support (TNS)

At the 11 November 2025 meeting of the TNS committee it was decided that TNS would get a quote for a TNS sign to be made up and included in the signs for the Taihape Events Board at the northern entrance to Taihape, and that, once the quote was received, TNS would approach the Taihape Community Board for funding to cover the costs of the sign.

I now attach the quote from Lasercraft for \$414.00, together with our application and deposit slip, and respectfully ask that the Community Board consider our request for funding at the next TCB meeting in February 2026.

Such a sign would promote the existence of the Taihape Neighbourhood Support group and the services provided by TNS to visitors, those passing through town, and locals. The sign provides a phone number to contact TNS and the FaceBook logo so people can follow our page. The committee has recently engaged the assistance of a (new) committee member to maintain our social media presence so our FaceBook page will be regularly updated.

I hope you will consider our request favourably. We do not have funds ourself to put towards this sign so we are hoping that TCB will fully fund this. If not, we will need to seek funding elsewhere to be able to progress with the sign.

Regards,

Elizabeth Mortland
Secretary

Application to Taihape Community Board Small Projects / Grants Fund – 2025/26Submissions deadlines: 28th of Jan / Mar / May / Jul / Sep / Nov for consideration at the next Meeting.

Applicant	Elizabeth Mortland
Organisation (if applicable)	Taihape Neighbourhood Support Inc
Contact Address	C/- Taihape Police, 6 Tui Street, Taihape
Telephone	021 0261 6002
Email	elizmortland@gmail.com
Amount Requested	\$414.00
Project Title	TNS Events Board sign
Detail	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>The sign has a prominent Neighbourhood Support New Zealand logo, to attract attention. It highlights Taihape, then gives a contact phone number. It also has the FaceBook logo to encourage people to look at our FaceBook page.</p> <p>Such a sign will help make visible the existence of the Taihape Neighbourhood Support group and the services provided by TNS to visitors, those passing through town, and locals.</p> <p>The contact details on it will enable everyone to access assistance.</p>
Beneficiaries	Local residents and visitors to Taihape, and those passing through town. The TNS committee has recently engaged the assistance of a (new) committee member to maintain our social media presence so our FaceBook page will be regularly updated.
Supporting Documentation	COSTING: Quote from Lasercraft - \$414.00
Alternative Funding	We do not have funds ourselves to put towards this sign so we are hoping that TCB will fully fund this. If TCB partially funds this, we will need to seek funding elsewhere for the difference (eg Pub Charity) to be able to progress with the sign.
Bank Details	Please <u>attach</u> confirmation of your bank account, eg provide a deposit slip or an screenshot / image showing your bank account name and number (no transactions need to be provided). Do not enter bank details here.

The purpose of the fund is to assist entities with the purchase of small items or additional services which are not included in Council's operating budgets and which will benefit the local community. Examples would be signage, park furniture, plants, paint, a leaflet or other publication or an event, including implementing community-led initiatives.

Applications are normally expected to be for the benefit of the whole Community (not for individuals or small groups eg only club members). More than one application can be submitted in any financial year.

Applications cannot be for:

- Provision of training or conference attendance.
- Additional payment(s) for goods or services subject to a contract with Rangitikei Council.
- Amounts which exceed the Committee's annual allocation.

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact a Taihape Community Board Member 021-0233-9254).
Send request to: Taihape Community Board:

Quotation

LASERCRAFT
Signs, Engraving & Embroidery

16 Swan St, Taihape.
PH: 06 3880 634

Date 4/12/25

Customer: Taihape Neighbourhood support Inc
C/- Elizabeth Mortland,
Taihape

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9.5 Funding Schemes Update - February 2026

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitīkei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
 - Scotts Ferry Community Committee
 - Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated)
 - Alzheimer's Whanganui
 - Scout Association of New Zealand
 - The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust
 - Itty bitty kitty committee
 - Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc
 - Taihape Art Club (Society)
 - Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated
 - Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board
 - Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated
- 2.4 Round 2 2025/26 is now open and closes on 31 March with the decision date the 30 April 26.

3. Events Support Scheme

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

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

4. Creative Communities Scheme

4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

4.2 Creative NZ has allocated \$24,397.80 + GST to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.

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

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

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

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

5.3 The round will be opened 11 August 25 and 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 – February 2026 be received.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Hospital Ground Trees

Author: Gill Duncan, Chair

1. Reason for Report

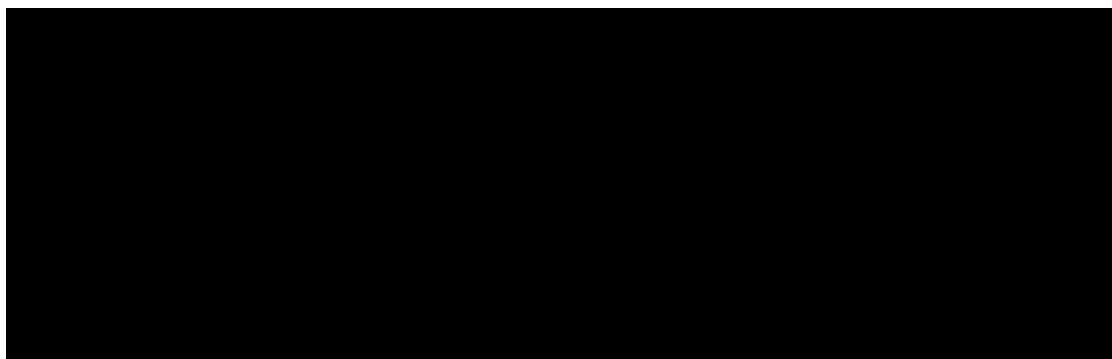
1.1 For the boards discussion.

Attachments:

1. Email received [!\[\]\(467cf3bb4620edf3c53f1f0b10f80c09_img.jpg\)](#)

Recommendation

If needed:



From: Jeff Wong <Jeff.Wong@rangitikei.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 19 January 2026 10:42 pm

To: Gill Duncan <gill.duncan_tcb@gmail.com>

Subject: Hospital Grounds Trees

Hi Gill

Lynda Welborn asked if I could pass a message onto the Taihape Community Board. She has concerns about the dead trees and branches falling every time there are strong winds blowing and the leaning untrimmed large macrocarpa trees by the back entrance to 4 and 6 Kaka Road [REDACTED]

She knows this is on Hospital property and has approached them before and has not had a reply and hopes the Community Board may be able to effect some action.

The condition of the road and footpaths there are also of concern in not being level and have not had been maintained in a long time. Lynda does not have email but can be reached at [REDACTED]

Jeff

11 Meeting Closed.