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TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitīkei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa, (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

Nga mema: Dr Heather Gifford (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake), Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Dr Mike Paki (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi), Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa), Ms Gaylene Nepia (Ngāti Kauae Ngā Tauira), Cr Coral Raukawa, Cr Alan Buckendahl, HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 11.00am.

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1 Karakia / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 7 October 2025 are attached.

Attachments

1. Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting - 7 October 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 7 October 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



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Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Ms Gaylene Nepia (Ngāti Kauae Ngā Tauira)
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua & Community Hubs
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Ms Bronwyn Hautapu, Horizons Regional Council
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mr Alan Buckendahl

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1 Karakia

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.11am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/035

That the apology be received from Ms Leanne Hiroti.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/036

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 12 August 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.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

7 Follow up Actions**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings**Item 1

The Komiti agreed unanimously to remove the follow up action at this time but noting that there is always the opportunity in the future for Ngāti Waewae.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/037

That the report Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui October 2025

The Chair read her report.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/038

That the Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui October 2025 be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report

Local Water Done Well

The Komiti discussed the work completed in this space including the establishment of a technical group.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/039

That the report Mana Whenua – Strategic Advisor Report be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Marae Development Fund

Officers responded to questions that the application for this fund is an email, but it can be undertaken to create an application form.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/040

That the report Marae Development Fund be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/041

That, in accordance with the Marae Development Fund Policy, the Komiti seek applications from Marae across the district for the 2025/26 funding round.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.2 Mayor's Report - September 2025

Elections

The Mayor highlighted elections noting that the new council may be confirmed as early as this coming Saturday. He thanked the Komiti and acknowledged the positive relationships built.

It was also acknowledged that Cr Duncan was stepping down from council and this would be her last Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting. Cr Duncan thanked the Komiti.

Whanganui Community Foundation

Acknowledgement that Dr Mike Paki has stood down. The Foundation has contributed significant funding to districts over time, distributing approximately \$1.2 million. At its AGM, funding was also approved for the Taihape Grandstand development, specifically to develop a business case.

Gentle Annie Road

The Gentle Annie Road is a major concern for council and the ongoing cost for the district. The Mayor has written to the Minister of Transport regarding this road.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/042

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.3 Project Update Report - August 2025 Extended Update

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Officers advised that there are six options with a range of treatment options and costs identified. The Komiti raised what iwi engagement has been involved with this project and advocated for continued engagement.

Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Projects

There will be communication coming out to the properties in town and the Komiti noted that it would be beneficial for local iwi to receive an email as well.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/043

That the Project Updates Report – August 2025 Extended Update be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

10.4 External Consultations Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/044

That the External Consultations Update be received.

Ms M Heeney/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.5 Horizons Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/045

That the Horizons Update be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

The meeting closed at 1.58pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 18 November 2025.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa 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 [!\[\]\(9f2afbf61549a36bc217361482e18fc1_img.jpg\)](#)

Recommendation

That the report Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	07-Oct-25	For the next TRAK meetings, discuss a code of conduct.	Katrina / Fran	A draft is being created & will be circulated to members for review.	In progress
2	07-Oct-25	Organise a northern and southern tour of Marae in the District for 2026. Piki Te Ora to coordinate to northern and Kim to coordinate with southern marae.	Fran/Committee members	Discuss at pre-hui of TRAK if any outcome	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui February 2026

Author: **Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Chair**

The Chair will provide a tabled or verbal report.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui February 2026 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Adoption of Māori Responsiveness Framework and Adoption of Marae Development Fund Guidelines

Author: Fran Pere, Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua

Authoriser: Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to present the proposed Māori Responsiveness Framework and the Marae Development Fund Guidelines for adoption by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

2. Māori Responsiveness Framework

- 2.1 The Māori Responsiveness Framework guides the Rangitīkei District Council in building meaningful relationships with Māori, strengthening cultural capability, it provides a structured approach to engage respectfully with iwi/hapū and the Rātana community, supporting positive outcomes.
- 2.2 The framework underwent a review from June 2025, aimed at ensuring its relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with current organisational priorities and Māori engagement practices.
- 2.3 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā considered the Māori Responsiveness Framework and recommended revising it to ensure it remains relevant and aligned with current organisational priorities.

3. Marae Development Fund

- 3.1 The Marae Development Fund Guidelines sets out the objectives, eligibility criteria, reporting process, and process for allocating funding. The guidelines provides that applications will be sought from eligible marae, assessed against the criteria, and decisions made by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.
- 3.2 The Marae Development Fund Guidelines underwent a review, following a request by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, consolidating the criteria, application form, and completion form into one document to streamline processes and ensure clarity and consistency for applicants.
- 3.3 No substantive changes were made to the Guidelines.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no further financial implications.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 A trusted partner iwi/hapū is a community outcome in the Council's strategic framework.

6.2 The annual allocation of funds to Marae Development aligns with Council's strategic direction with 'being a trusted partner with iwi'.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Mana whenua implications are noted throughout this report.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no direct climate change considerations associated with this report.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making processes, to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information.

10. Conclusion

10.1 The proposed revisions to the Māori Responsiveness Framework and the consolidation of the Marae Fund Guidelines aim to strengthen engagement with Māori, improve clarity, and support effective and consistent processes.

11. Decision Making Process

11.1 The decision on adopting the Māori Responsiveness Framework and the Marae Development Fund Guidelines rests with the Komiti, following revision and feedback received.

Attachments:

1. Māori Responsiveness Framework [Download](#)
2. Marae Development Fund [Download](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Adoption of the Māori Responsiveness Framework and the Marae Development Fund Guidelines be received.

Recommendation 2

That Te Rōpū Ahi Kā adopts the Māori Responsiveness Framework with/without (delete one) amendment.

Recommendation 3

That Te Rōpū Ahi Kā adopts the Marae Development Fund Guidelines with/without (delete one) amendment.

Māori Responsiveness Framework

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Introduction

The Māori Responsiveness Framework guides the Rangitīkei District Council in building meaningful relationships with Māori, strengthening cultural capability, it provides a structured approach to engage respectfully with iwi/hapū and the Rātana community, supporting positive outcomes for all.

Framework Structure

The Māori Responsiveness Framework Structure consists of - 4 Outcome Areas.

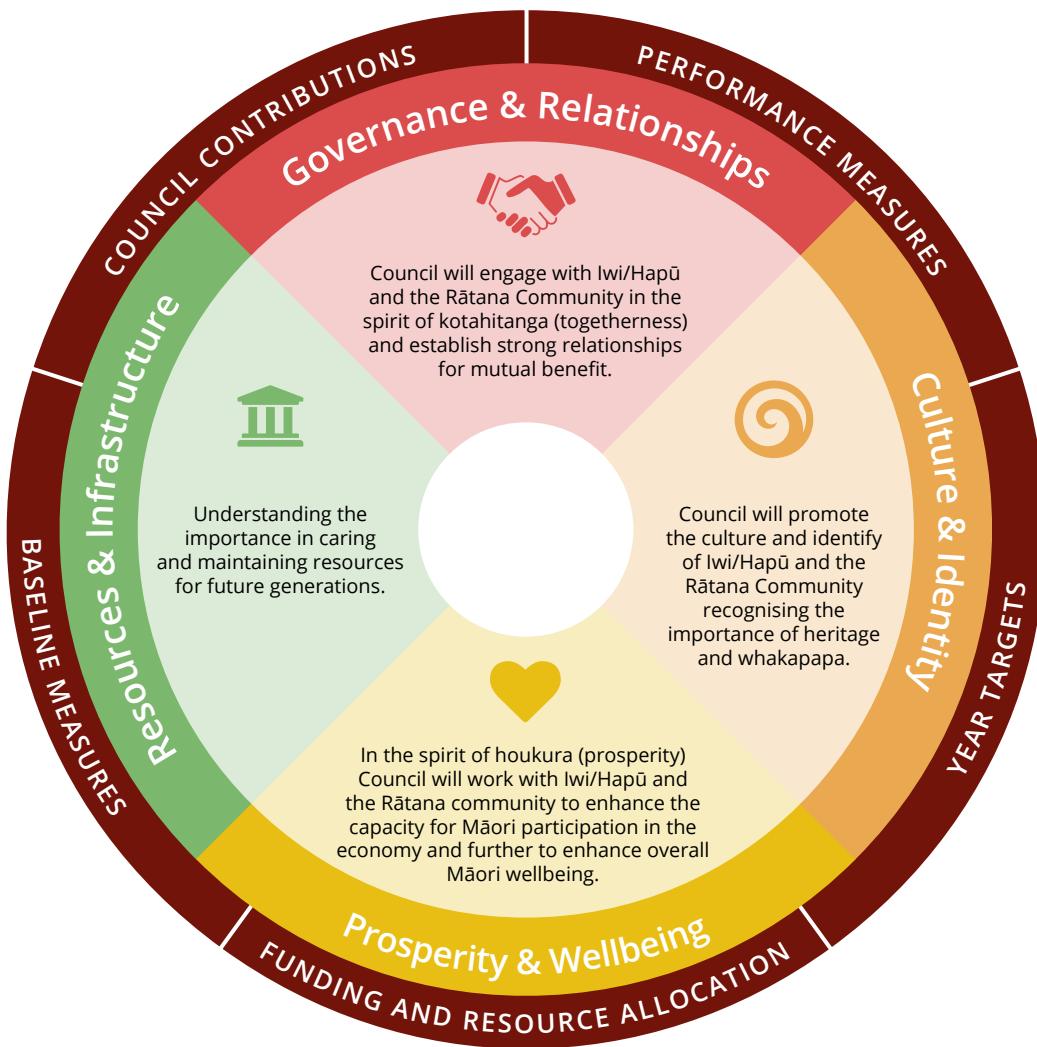


The outcome area defines the goals or results we're working towards in terms of the Māori Responsiveness Framework. It sets strategic direction and provides a clear statement of what success should look like.

- **Council Contributions**
 - These are areas of influence – resources – plans – strategies – policies – relationships – partnerships – training development opportunities – activities
- **Performance Measures**
 - To Track how well we are progressing toward each outcome. Measures provide evidence of impact or activity.
- **Baseline Measures**
 - To show the starting point or current state.
- **Year Targets**
 - To set clear milestones or goals for improvement.
- **Funding and Resource allocation**
 - refers to how council budgets, staff time, and other resources to support each outcome area, alongside any external resource and funding that maybe accessed.

Cover image and right: Parewahawaha Marae - Bulls

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Framework Structure on a page

Outcome Area Statements

Outcome Areas have statements of what success should look like.

Outcome Area	Outcome Area Statement
Governance & Relationships	Council will engage with Iwi/Hapū and the Rātana Community in the spirit of kotahitanga (togetherness) and establish strong relationships for mutual benefit
Culture & Identity	Council will promote the culture and identify of Iwi/Hapū and the Rātana Community recognising the importance of heritage and whakapapa.
Prosperity & Wellbeing	In the spirit of houkura (prosperity) Council will work with Iwi/Hapū and the Rātana community to enhance the capacity for Māori participation in the economy and further to enhance overall Māori wellbeing.
Resources & Infrastructure	<p>Understanding the importance in caring and maintaining resources for future generations. Council will work with Iwi/ Hapū and the Rātana Community and others to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing support is delivered by Council to assist iwi/hapū, marae, and the Rātana Community to achieve their aspirations. • Appropriate infrastructure in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori communities. • Resources are taken care of for the future generations.



Governance & Relationships

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Outcome Area	Performance Measures – Current Measures
	<p>1: Number of hui held/attended Measures engagement opportunities with Māori – measured by the number of significant hui and other hui held. Identify the purpose and outcomes from hui attended. Measures effectiveness of hui and governance relationships as seen by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā members and Elected Members.</p>
	<p>2: Number of Marae Action/Activity Plans in progress per annum Measures the success of capturing the future aspirations of Marae and the Council's planned contribution.</p>
	<p>3: Number of formal relationships established with Māori entities Measures progress in securing relationships for future prosperity.</p>
	<p>4: Number of submissions to Council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Measures increased engagement by Māori by way of submissions to Long Term Plan and Annual Plan consultations.</p>
	<p>5: Number of Council and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meetings and workshops held on Marae Measures the number of council meetings/ workshops and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā hui/workshops held on Marae increasing the capability and understanding regarding tikanga (cultural practise) of Council Staff and Elected Members when visiting Marae.</p>

Baseline Measure 2025	Year 1 Targets 2026
<p>Facilitation of six Council hui annually with Te Roopū Ahi Kā</p> <p>Attendance of significant hui with Iwi/hapū and the Rātana community on request of Te Roopū Ahi Kā or Council.</p> <p>One annual survey completed by Te Roopū Ahi Kā and Elected members measuring the effectiveness of hui and the governance relationships</p>	<p>Continuation of at least six Council hui annually with Te Roopū Ahi kā.</p> <p>Attendance of at least four significant hui with Iwi/hapū and the Rātana community on request of marae/iwi/hapū within the district or Council.</p>
	Engagement with at least 3 marae to capture 12-24 month Action/Activity/ Development Plan.
Develop and build relationships with Māori entities	<p>Continue to develop and build relationships with Māori entities.</p> <p>Establish or refresh formal relationships (e.g., MoU, terms of references) with iwi/hapū and Māori entities aligned to this framework</p>
Measure the number of submissions to the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan by Māori entities.	Facilitate at least one submission workshop for Te Roopū Ahi Kā.
New Measure	Hold at least 2 Council/Te Roopū Ahi Kā hui or workshops on Marae each year, with active participation from Elected Members.



Culture & Identity

Council will promote the culture and identify of Iwi/Hapū and the Rātana Community recognising the importance of heritage and whakapapa.

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Outcome Area	Performance Measures - Current Measures
	1: Number of Events/Programmes Supported Measures the visibility of Māori culture and participation in our district via events and programmes.
	2. Number of employees and councillors taking Tikanga Māori cultural training Measures the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence including correct pronunciation of te reo kupu (Māori words).
Culture & Identity	3. Number of Māori Art Placements Measures the increase in visibility of Māori culture in our district via art.
	4. Iwi Narratives Measures the increase in visibility of Māori heritage and history in our district.

Baseline Measure 2025	Year 1 Target 2026
Identify and acknowledge significant Māori Cultural events to strengthen organisational awareness and participation	Develop and maintain an annual calendar of key Māori cultural events to support planning and engagement. Support at least four Māori cultural events/programmes
	Develop an induction programme for new staff and Elected Members that includes te reo Māori lessons, pronunciation, and tikanga based learning to strengthen cultural capability. Maintain and expand te reo Māori and tikanga learning programmes with current staff.
	Review and register all Māori public art work within the district.

This work is on hold pending further feedback from marae/hapū/iwi, and will not proceed until the appropriate permissions are granted.



Prosperity & Wellbeing

In the spirit of houkura (prosperity) Council will work with Iwi/Hapū and the Rātana community to enhance the capacity for Māori participation in the economy and further to enhance overall Māori wellbeing.

Outcome Area	Performance Measures – Current Measures
Prosperity & Wellbeing	<p>1: Support the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land Measures engagement vs outcomes of Council in Remission of Māori Freehold Land Policy.</p>
Prosperity & Wellbeing	<p>2. Marae Emergency Response Plan Measures Marae preparedness for an emergency.</p>

Baseline Measures 2025	Year 1 Target 2026
<p>Determining and assisting parties who may qualify for remission.</p> <p>New committee members elected on 10 August 2025 at a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti hui.</p>	<p>Provide guidance and support on the rates remission process.</p> <p>Regular updates on matters relating to rates remission policy for Māori freehold land.</p>
	<p>Complete a district wide review of all existing marae preparedness plans to identify which marae currently have plans, when they were last updated, and their overall level of readiness.</p>



Resources & Infrastructure

Understanding the importance in caring and maintaining resources for future generations Council will work with Iwi/ Hapū and the Rātana Community and others to ensure:

- Ongoing support is delivered by Council to assist iwi/hapū, marae, and the Rātana Community to achieve their aspirations.
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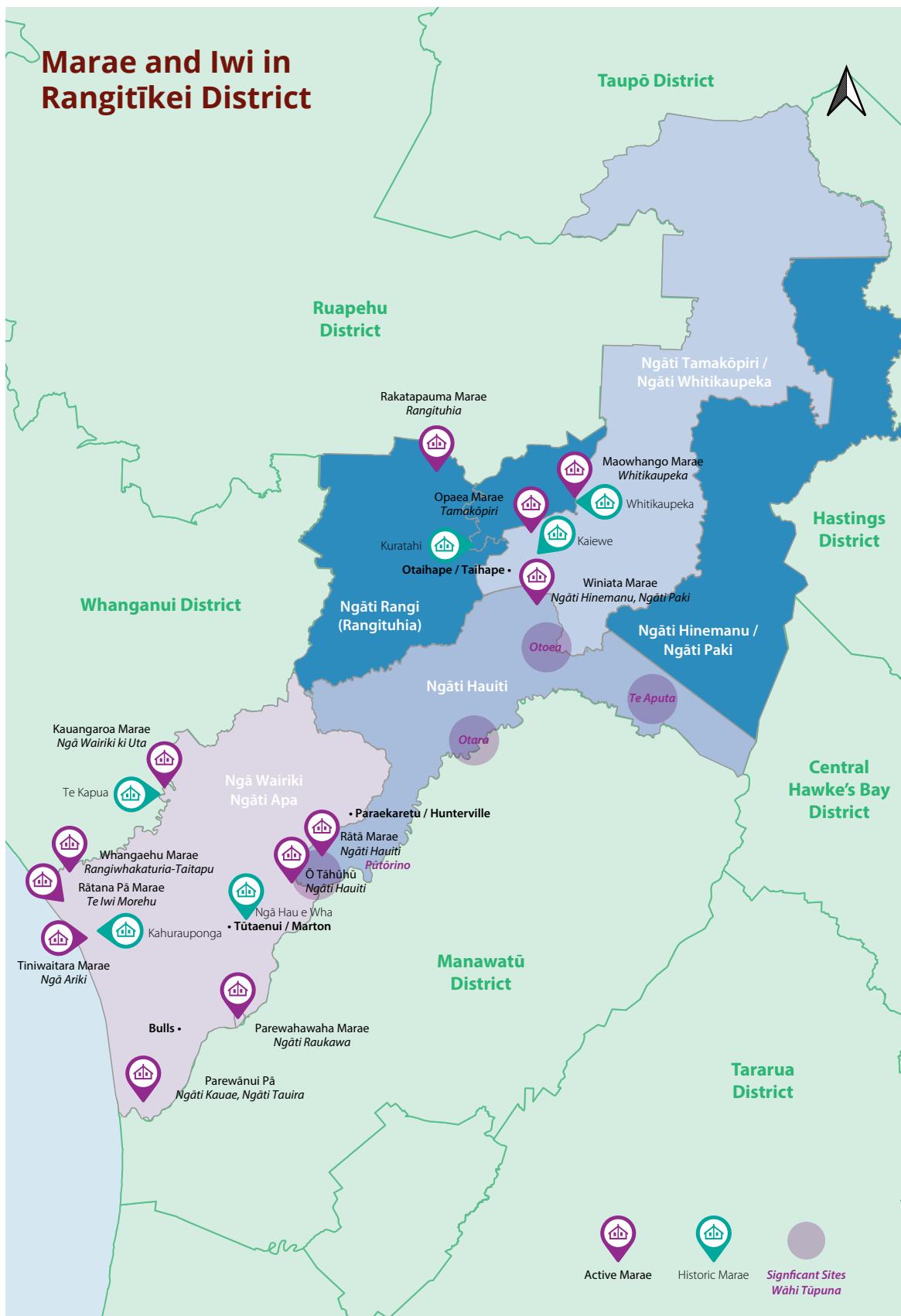
Outcome Area	Performance Measures – Current Measures
	<p>1: District Plan Papakāinga Provisions Measures the effectiveness of Council's District Plan provisions and the facilitation of Papakāinga housing.</p>
	<p>2: Oranga Marae Measures the success of the projects funded under the Marae Development Policy to meet the needs and aspirations of Iwi/ hapū.</p>
Resources & Infrastructure	<p>3. Inventory of Significant Sites Development of a district wide inventory that includes wāhi tapu, sites or <i>areas of significance</i>, taonga, historic heritage, and cultural heritage.</p>
	<p>4. State of the Environment An assessment of environmental outcomes as it pertains to Tangata Whenua, particularly in respect of Māori customary environmental values. Engage with Iwi/hapū/the Rātana community on mana enhancing programmes for awa and other water ways working collaboratively with the Regional Council. Support priority Marae effected by climate change impact.</p>

Baseline Measure 2025	Year one target 2026
	<p>Deliver papakāinga workshops that provide planning, building, whenua development, and regulatory advice, supported by input from external providers including Te Puni Kōkiri, Horizons, council planning and building teams, technical specialists, and funding partners.</p>
	<p>Offer guidance and assistance to support Marae Development initiatives.</p> <p>Provide support for Oranga Marae applications</p>
	<p>This work is on hold pending further feedback from marae/hapū/iwi, and will not proceed until the appropriate permissions are granted.</p>
	<p>Create, document, and register current environmental plans, strategies, and entities for the district's rivers, waterways and land.</p>

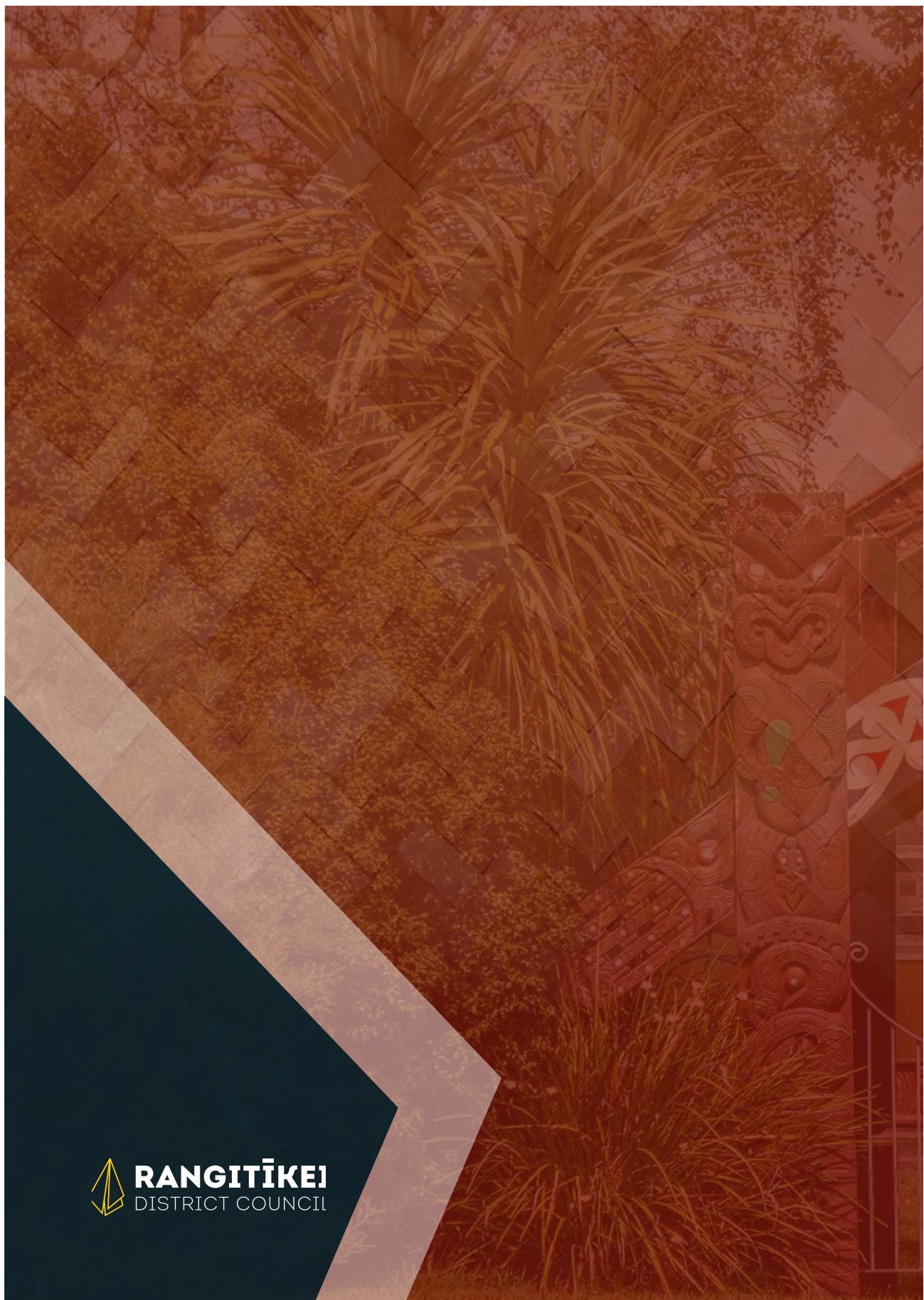
Funding and Resource Allocations

Funding Support	Resource Allocations	Council Contributions
Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Budget • Marae Development Fund • Creative Communities Schemes • Community Initiatives Fund • Small Project Fund 	Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDC Staff • Te Rōpū Ahi Kā • Iwi/Hapū • Māori Land Rates Remission Sub Committee • Grant Guru • RDC Facilities – Community Hubs 	Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti Council Committees (TRAK Representation) Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Long Term/Annual Plan Development District Plan Development Education & Training Policy & Strategy Emergency Preparedness & Response Library/Educational Resources Council Officers/Staff
External <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oranga Marae • Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) • Lottery Community Fund • Lottery Community Facilities Fund • Oranga Marae • Manatū Taonga/ Ministry for Culture & Heritage Funding • JBS Dudding Trust 	External <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Internal Affairs • Te Puni Kokiri • Horizons District Council • Te Manu Atatū • Civil Defence 	

Marae and Iwi in Rangitīkei District



ITEM 9.1
ATTACHMENT 1



Marae Development Fund Guidelines

INCLUDES:

- Application Form
- Project Completion Form



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Marae Development Fund Guidelines

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Rangitīkei District Council (Council) is obliged to consider how it will meet current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure and how it can foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of council.

These guidelines will contribute to that purpose by supporting the ability of mana whenua and Māori in the District to engage with Council and to maintain appropriate infrastructure for their communities in a cost-effective and efficient way.

Mana whenua, through whakapapa as ahi kaa in Rangitīkei are responsible for Marae preservation, maintenance and development.

The Marae Development Fund is Council's commitment to respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua with respect to Marae. It will contribute to a guarantee of the protection of the culture and heritage embodied in Marae facilities and relationships.

These guidelines and procedures for the operation of the Marae Development Fund are in alignment with our Māori Response Framework.

Resources & Infrastructure	<p>Understanding the importance in caring and maintaining resources for future generations. Council will work with Iwi/ Hapū and the Rātana Community and others to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing support is delivered by Council to assist iwi/hapū, marae, and the Rātana Community to achieve their aspirations. • Appropriate infrastructure in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori communities. • Resources are taken care of for the future generations.
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The Fund

From 2011/12 the Council's Long Term Plan contains an annual funding allocation base of \$15,000 (increased by inflation each year).

The Fund is administered by the Group Manager – Democracy and Planning. Funding is determined by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

Other relevant Council staff are the "Strategic Advisor: Mana Whenua".

Council will connect Marae with other funders and stakeholders and provide support towards cross sector collaboration to support short, medium and long term aspirations of all Marae.

The objectives and levels of funding are determined by considering identified issues that affect the Marae in the District. The initial objectives will target Health and Safety matters, including fire and earthquakes. The assessments will be used to obtain quotes based on expert information that takes into account the specifications of each task and to allocate funding to a schedule of works to address needs in a coordinated manner. In these cases a signed agreement will be produced between respective Marae trusts and Council to deliver building services, installation of specialised equipment and management systems to meet compliance, under the project management and oversight of Council.

Eligibility for the Fund

To be eligible for the Fund, the applicant Marae will:

- i. Be a Marae within the Rangitīkei District, as defined by the Council boundary.
- ii. Have the capacity to make the required contribution to the cost of the work to be carried out.
- iii. Deposit the Marae contribution to Council for the work before equipment is ordered and before work commences (if financial).
- iv. Seek Council's support in funding coordination, project management and oversight, including coordination between the building services and any suppliers.
- v. Submit all invoices/quotes for services, materials and equipment by contractors and suppliers to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā. to be approved based on inspection to confirm that the work is of the correct standard.
- vi. Any other applicant, as approved by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.
- vii. Following the completion of the work a report needs to be provided back to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā reporting on how the funds were used, if this is not provided no further application can be accepted from that Marae.

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Marae Development Fund
Project Completion Form

(24 hrs)
SUBMIT THIS FORM ONCE
PROJECT IS COMPLETED
Email: 46Highway@rangi.govt.nz
46 Highway, Te Kuiti
Private Bag 1102, Te Kuiti 3710

Section 1 — Project & Contact

Marae name:	
Project title:	
Application No.:	
Primary contact person:	
Phone:	Email:

Section 2 — Delivery Summary

Approved scope (from application/approval):	
What was delivered (brief narrative):	
Start date:	Completion date:
Variations from scope (if any) and reasons:	
Council inspections / sign-offs completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

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Section 3 — Outcomes & Benefits

Health & Safety / compliance outcomes:

Infrastructure improvements (what changed):

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COMPLETE THIS FORM
TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
46 High St, Rangitikei
Private Bag 1102, McLean's Bay 4640, New Zealand

Notes for Applicants

- This fund supports marae development with an emphasis on health & safety and core infrastructure.
- Applications are invited and assessed by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, with recommendations to Council.
- A Project Completion Form must be completed and provided to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā. Non submission may affect future eligibility.

Section A — Marae Details

Marae name:	
Physical address:	
Postal address:	
Primary contact person:	Role:
Phone:	Email:
Legal Entity: (e.g., Marae reservation under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act administered by the Māori Land Court)	
Evidence attached: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Governing charter/constitution <input type="checkbox"/> Māori Land Court record (or equivalent)	
Authorised signatory for this application:	
Name:	Role:
Signature:	Date:

Section B — Eligibility

<input type="checkbox"/> The marae is located within the Rangitikei District boundary.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The marae has capacity to contribute to the project costs.	
Contribution amount (NZD):	Contribution % of total project:
Source of contribution: (e.g., savings, other funders)	
<input type="checkbox"/> The marae agrees to submit all invoices to Council for approval.	

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Section C — Project Details

Project title:

Project location (on marae):

Project type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Please specify)		

Project summary (what will be done and why):



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Section D — Budget & Quotes

Total project cost (GST incl/excl – specify):

Council funding requested (NZD):

Marae contribution (NZD):

Other funding (secured / pending):

Quotes / estimates attached: 1 2 3

Supplier 1:

Supplier 2:

Supplier 3:

Preferred supplier and rationale (value, capability, availability):



Section E — Timeline

Readiness to start (month/year):

Expected start date:

Milestones and dates:

Expected completion date:

Section F — Delivery & Oversight

Project lead (marae representative):

Project lead (marae representative):

Council engagement needs - e.g., building services, inspections (if applicable):

Health & Safety plan provided (if required): Yes N/A



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Section G — Declarations & Agreement

By signing, the marae confirms

1. All information is true and correct;
2. The marae meets the eligibility criteria;
3. The marae will submit invoices/quotes to Council for approval;
4. The marae will provide a Project Completion Form (Accountability Report) to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā;
5. Any unspent funds will be managed in accordance with Council direction;
6. The marae consents to reasonable use of project information for accountability, reporting and public transparency.

Authorised signatory:

Name:	Role:
Signature:	Date

Please include the following attachments:

<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Entity Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional supporting letters 
<input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/Invoices	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget spreadsheet
<input type="checkbox"/> Site plan/photos (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety plan (if required)	

Office Use Only:

Application No.:

Date received:

Completeness check: Pass Follow-up needed

Notes:



Community access/benefit:
Photos attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Before <input type="checkbox"/> After

**Section 4 — Financial Reconciliation**

(Complete and attach supporting invoices/statements. Council will verify against invoices submitted for approval.)



Item / Supplier	Approved budget NZD	Actual (NZD)	Variance Note

Total approved budget:**Total actual spend:****Variance (underspend/overspend) and explanation:****Marae contribution paid to Council (date/amount):****Other funding received (amount/source):**

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Section 5 — Declarations

I confirm that:

- All information in this accountability report is true and correct.
- The project has been completed in accordance with the approval, with any variations noted above.
- All invoices were submitted to Council for approval/inspection prior to payment.
- We understand that failure to provide this report may affect eligibility for future rounds.

Authorised signatory:

Name:	Role:
Signature:	Date

Attachments checklist:



<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of key invoices	<input type="checkbox"/> Any warranties/manuals
<input type="checkbox"/> Before/after photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Media/communications (If any)
<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance certificates/sign-offs	

General information

Council is taking a strategic approach to Marae development. Individual applications are not considered under these guidelines. However, all enquiries are welcomed from all Marae constituents on any Marae development issue. Advice is available as to the process required to benefit from these guidelines.

These guidelines are dynamic and will apply to the issues that are identified through ongoing Council strategic processes as affecting Marae. In each round prioritisation decisions will consider the capacity of a Marae to engage with these guidelines; and what Council may need to consider doing to enhance the capacity of Marae to engage with these guidelines.

Process for Applications

In September / October each year the Group Manager Democracy and Planning (or delegate) will bring a paper to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā seeking applications to this fund. The komiti need to consider all the applications and provide a formal recommendation from the komiti to Council to consider.

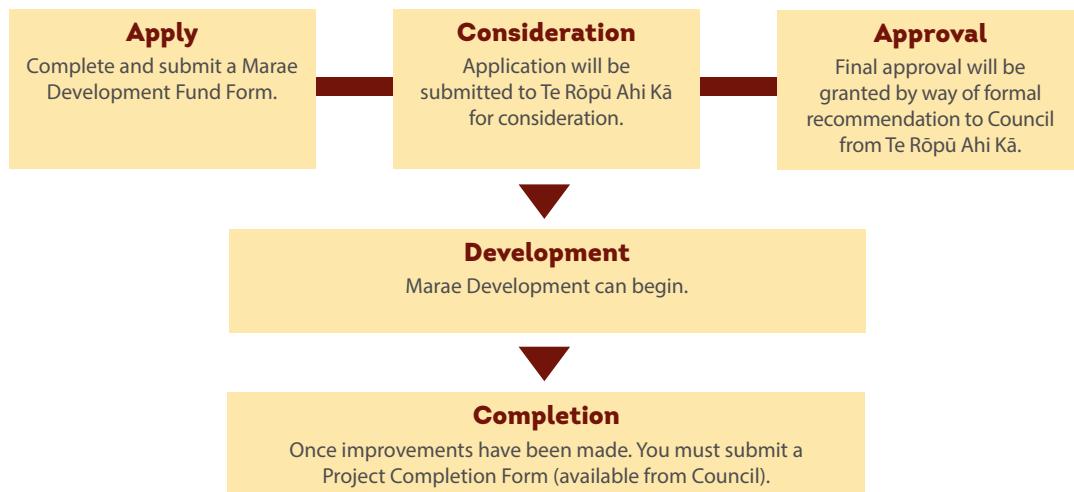
Final approval is given by way of a formal recommendation to Council from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, based on a schedule of tasks and the costings, for work to be funded under these guidelines.

The komiti can make recommendation to Council, that any unspent funds at the end of the financial year be carried over to the next financial year.

For any further information or questions, please contact in the first instance,

Jo Manuel

Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
joanne.manuel@rangitikei.govt.nz.



Other funding to consider

Fund		Applied for ✓
Lotteries – Community Organisations Grant Scheme	www.communitymatters.govt.nz	
Pub Charity	www.pubcharitylimited.org.nz/grants	
Lion Foundation	www.lionfoundation.org.nz	
JBS Duddings Trust	www.publictrust.smartygrants.com.au/JBSDudding	
Four Regions Trust	www.fourregionstrust.org.nz	
NZCT – New Zealand Community Trust	www.nzct.org.nz	
Lotteries – Community Facilities Fund	www.communitymatters.govt.nz	
Whanganui Community Foundation	www.whanganuicomunityfoundation.org.nz	
Tindell Foundation	www.tindall.org.nz	

Rangitikei District Council has signed up with Grant Guru – A funding database for the Rangitikei. Please visit and create a login: grantguru.com/nz/rangitikei

For additional support in finding funding please email: extgrantadmin@rangitikei.govt.nz

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report

Author: Fran Pere, Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua

Authoriser: Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of key activities and engagement undertaken by the Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor during the reporting period. It highlights engagement with mana whenua, support provided across relevant kaupapa, and significant events and milestones providing an overview of relationship development and ongoing collaboration.

2. Updates

- 2.1 The inauguration of the Rangitīkei District Councils Newly Elected Members took place on Thursday, October 23, beginning with a pōwhiri led by Mana Whenua, followed by the formal swearing-in ceremony. The event was well attended with a strong turnout of supporters for the elected members.
- 2.2 Following the swearing-in ceremony, a series of waiata lessons with councillors was scheduled in preparation for attending the Rātana 25th Celebrations.
- 2.3 A key highlight of 2025 was the signing of the “Agreement in Principle” (AIP) for the Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu treaty settlement process. It was an honour to attend and witness this significant milestone in the collective claimant’s journey of redress.
- 2.4 On Monday, November 17, an operational meeting was held with a representative from Ngāti Hauiti. An update was provided on Ngāti Hauiti activities, along with discussions on future goals. The hui offered valuable insights into these activities with a particular focus on environmental initiatives and provided an opportunity for whanaungatanga.
- 2.5 On Monday, December 1, a joint iwi workshop for wastewater standards was held at the request of mana whenua. The workshop provided an opportunity for council officers and councillors to hear mana whenua concerns and provide background information on the new standards.
- 2.6 On Tuesday, December 17, a Citizenship Ceremony was held at Te Matapihi where eleven citizens received their citizenship certificates. It was an honour to participate and celebrate the diverse backgrounds of those who have formally joined our community.
- 2.7 On Thursday, January 22, the Rangitīkei District Council staff and Councillors were welcomed onto Te Pā o Ngā Ariki for the annual Rātana 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The event was open to wider council staff, many of whom attended for the first time. Despite the challenging weather conditions, including rain and strong winds, overall feedback from attendees was positive, with participants expressing their appreciation for the opportunity to engage in this significant event.

2.8 On Friday 23rd, and Saturday 24th January, alongside the Tamariki/Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer and a group of Rangatahi who showcased their BBQ skills, a barbecue was provided in the Rangatahi Village for the many Rangatahi who travelled to attend the Rātana celebrations. Sausages and patties for the barbecue were generously donated by ANZCO. The experience was complemented by the wide range of activities offered by the play trailer, which were well received by all.

Local Waters Done Well

2.9 On Wednesday, October 10, a Local Waters Done Well workshop was held with the Rangitīkei, Horowhenua, and Palmerston North City Councils, Mayors, Chief Executives, and Mana Whenua representatives at Horowhenua District Council. The workshop provided a progress update at that time, along with discussions on iwi representation on the Project Oversight Group (POG) and the Project Steering Group (PSG), and feedback on key foundational documents.

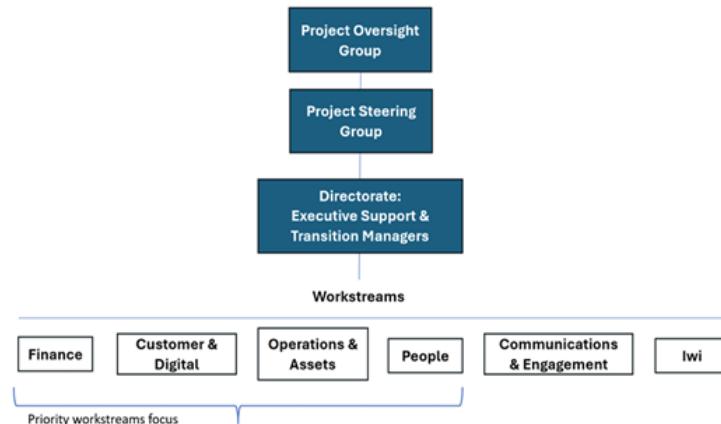
2.10 A key milestone was the naming of the new Water Organisation – Central District Waters, with the name confirmed in early November 2025. Towards the end of 2025, the Mana Whenua Technical Group also confirmed their name – Ngā Tapuwae o Hau.

2.11 A formal Collaboration Agreement between the three councils is now in place, setting how councils will work together transparently, and in good faith.

2.12 Following the appointment of Chris Dyrberg as Executive Director for the project, the three Council Chief Executives, who form the Project Steering Group (PSG), in consultation with the three Mayors, who form the Project Oversight Group (POG), have finalised an Establishment team, which includes a secretariat, six workstream leads, and a transition manager for each Council.

2.13 Recruitment for the workstream leads was completed in November 2025, with the iwi workstream lead role appointed to Rangitīkei District Council Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor.

Central District Water - Structure



Marae Signage

- 2.14 On September 23, 2025, the Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor met with marae representative from Kauangāroa Marae. The marae representative expressed concerns regarding road safety and signage in the local area. The hui also provided an opportunity to connect, build relationships, and listen to the aspirations and future development plans of the marae.
- 2.15 Signage has now been installed at Kauangaroa Marae and Whangaehu Marae – 2x Marae Pedestrian Hazard Signs, and 1 x Red Marae Information sign as a collaborative effort with the Roading team.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 4.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks associated with this report. The topic has a number of strategic risks.

5. Strategic Alignment

- 5.1 A trusted partner with iwi is a community outcome in Council's strategic framework. This report has strong alignment with Council's strategic framework.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

- 6.1 Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making processes, to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information.

- 6.2 Mana Whenua implications are noted throughout this report

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 7.1 There is no climate change impacts or considerations relating to this item

8. Statutory Implications

- 8.1 The Activities and engagement outlined in this report are undertaken in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002, which requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making process, to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information.

9. Decision Making Process

- 9.1 There are no decisions required as a result of this report and the report is for information only.

Recommendation

That the report Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor be received.

10.2 Marae Development Fund Completion Report**Author:** Fran Pere, Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua**Authoriser:** Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to provide Te Rōpū Ahi Kā with a completion update from Opaea Marae regarding the use of funds provided through the Marae Development Fund 2024/25.

2. Context

- 2.1 A funding request from Opaea marae was received as dated on the letter, 22 October 2024.
- 2.2 The application was considered and approved at a Komiti meeting held on 10 December 2024.
- 2.3 Funding was provided through the Marae Development Fund to support the marae project.
- 2.4 A completion report was received from Opaea Marae, dated 4 December 2025, providing details on the use of funds and project outcomes.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no further financial implications.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 4.1 Impact on strategic risk is considered low.

5. Strategic Alignment

- 5.1 The annual allocation of funds to Marae Development aligns with 'Being a trusted partner with iwi'.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional Mana Whenua implications

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 7.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report, any improvements to marae undertaken using this fund will only have a positive impact.

8. Statutory Implications

- 8.1 There are no statutory implications

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 The completion report confirms that the marae project funded through the Development Fund has been successfully delivered, with funds used as intended and objectives achieved.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā is asked to note the completion report, confirming that the project has now been completed.

Attachments:

1. **Opaea Maraē Funding Report** [!\[\]\(1d7b04f1774ffaefa6fb656cdf0332f6_img.jpg\)](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Maraē Development Fund Completion Report be received.

Recommendation 2

That Te Rōpū Ahi Kā receive the completion report from Opaea Maraē for the Maraē Development Fund funding granted on 10 December 2024.



Opaea Marae. 675 Spooners Hill Rd. Taihape

4 December 2025

Tena Koutou

Opaea Marae Development Funding Report

Introduction

The Opaea Marae is grateful to have received a grant of \$15,000.00 from the Rangitikei District Council Marae Development Funding initiative. This report outlines how these funds were utilised to support essential improvements at the marae.

Project Overview

The funding was allocated specifically for the installation of fencing around the marae. This fencing project was necessary to prevent livestock from entering the marae grounds, ensuring the safety and preservation of the site. Additionally, the improvements included enhancements to driveway access, making it safer for both pedestrians and vehicles to enter and exit the marae premises.

Background

The fencing and driveway access work form a part of the broader Marae Development Project, which commenced in 2022. While these components were identified as priorities, their completion was delayed due to funding constraints. The recent grant made it possible to resume and finalise this important work.

Acknowledgements

Opaea Marae would like to formally acknowledge and extend sincere thanks to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and the Rangitikei District Council for their valued support and financial contribution. Their assistance has played a significant role in the ongoing development and safety of the marae.

Ngā mihi,

Dianne Saunders

10.3 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. **Roading** - 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 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>
4	Attended Roading Control Authority Forum in Wellington
5	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended MTFJ meeting with James Towers and Louise McCoard</p>

	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
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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](#)
6. [Dudding Lake Pic 2](#)
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16. [Dudding Lake Pic 12](#)

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
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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.

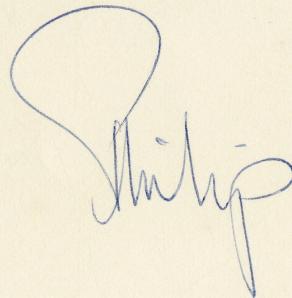
Kind regards


Sandy Paterson
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Sandy Paterson
Date: 2025.11.26
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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".

1973.



FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH
TAIHAPE
6 December 1985

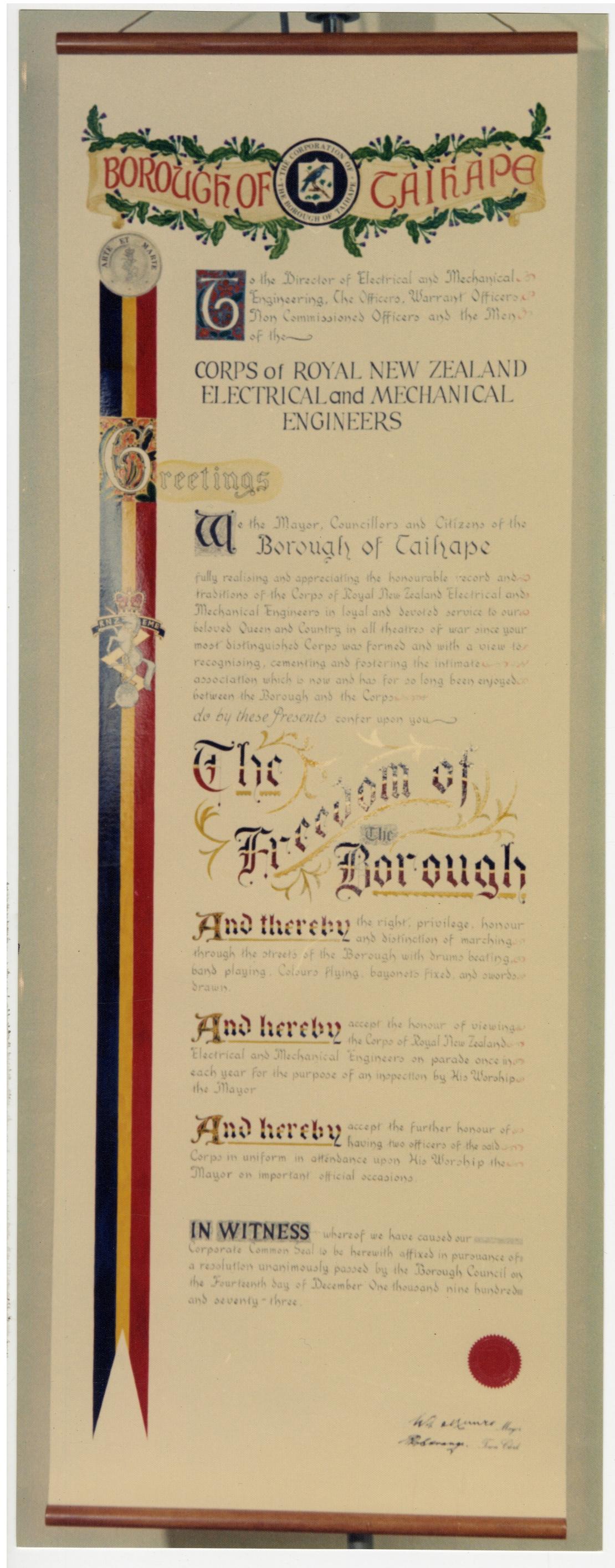


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2IC: CAPT H.P. SEBBORN
RSM: WO1 A.R. BAKER

CHARTER BEARER: 2LT M.T. WILLIAMS
ESCVRTS: WO1 C.P. DAVIS
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ITEM 10.3 ATTACHMENT 8









ITEM 10.3 ATTACHMENT 12











10.4 Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth.

2. Context/update

- 2.1 Council is currently preparing proposed plan change 3 (PPC3) PPC3. The purpose of this plan change is to provide for urban growth across the district over the next 30 years. This plan change will focus on the Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones of the District Plan. PPC3 will look at how to better provide for intensification of urban development in Bulls, Marton, and Taihape, amend any provisions in these zones that are not working and/or are not achieving their desired outcomes, and will propose to rezone land to provide for greenfield growth on the edge of Marton and Bulls.
- 2.2 The last update the Komiti received was at the 12 August 2025 meeting. At this stage the Government had announced a plan stop, which put this project on pause.
- 2.3 Council applied for an exemption which was granted on 28 November 2025. Since the exemption has been granted, Officers have worked on progressing the plan change towards notification, so that the plan change can be notified and progressed as a priority given the impending repeal of the Resource Management Act 1991 and introduction of a new two-Act planning system.
- 2.4 Iwi have been notified directly of the proposed plan change as it has progressed and have been provided with the opportunity to provide feedback into the draft. Further opportunity for input occurs at the public notification stage.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The project is being undertaken within budgets.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 4.1 There are strategic risks associated with PPC3, including:
 - Failure to honour the commitments of Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
 - Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments; and
 - Changes to Government legislation are transformational.
- 4.2 Council is committed to honouring the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Officers are working to ensure that consultation is undertaken with iwi and hapū potentially impacted by the plan change to ensure their interests are captured as the plan change is drafted.
- 4.3 The Strategy Team has limited resource, and Council prioritises how that resource is utilised to ensure that key projects such as PPC3 progress.
- 4.4 Officers are continuing to monitor legislation and work to understand how the changes being proposed and put in place by the Government impact this plan change.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 This project supports Council's strategic framework, specifically the community outcomes, and strategic priority of facilitating growth.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

6.1 Iwi have been notified directly and provided with the opportunity to provide feedback into the draft. Further opportunity for input occurs at the public notification stage.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

7.1 Climate change impacts are considered where appropriate.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 The proposed plan change is being developed in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 Council will be asked to adopt the plan change for public notification at their 25 February 2026 meeting.

Recommendation

That the report Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth be received.

10.5 External Consultations Update - February 2026

Author: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide an update to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā on the opportunities currently available to submit on consultations run by external agencies.

2. Context

Consultations Council has submitted on

2.1 Since the previous Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting Council has submitted on the following consultations:

- Taranaki TVM Project (Fast Track) (6 October 2025)
- Economic Regulation of Water Services (20 October 2025)
- Council completed a joint submission with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council, through the Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO), Central Districts Water, to Taumata Arowai on the proposed changes to the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules for supplies serving 501 or more people. (19 December 2025)
- Rates Target Model (3 February 2025)

2.2 These submissions can be found on Council's website - [Submissions made to other Organisations: Rangitikei District Council](#).

Consultations Council proposes to submit on

2.3 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 1). This attachment contains further information, including links to the relevant websites for all current consultations.

2.4 Council intends to submit on the following consultations that are open for submission:

- Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill (close 13 February)
- Simplifying Local Government (Close 20 February)

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. Council submits on external consultations within existing budgets.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

4.1 Changes to Government legislation are transformational:

- Changes in legislation can result in significant changes for local government. Council mitigates this risk by keeping track of all potential changes and takes opportunities to submit on consultations that will affect Council or our Community.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 Some consultation topics have the potential to impact the types of services Council delivers, which could impact Council's ability to deliver our strategic priorities.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

6.1 The Komiti are asked to advise of any mana whenua implications associated with the topics available to submit on.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

7.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 There are no decision making processes associated with this report as this report is for information purposes only.

Attachments:

1. **External Consultations - February 2026** [!\[\]\(9f09fba9be9da70882046d48f0b7c080_img.jpg\)](#)

Recommendation

That the report External Consultations Update – February 2026 be received.

Name of initiative	Agency engaging	Due date	Description	RDC Action
Currently Open for submissions				
National rate cap framework Getting rates under control for ratepayers Beehive.govt.nz		4 February	Government has proposed a new national rates-cap framework, setting a target annual increase for council rates of 2–4% per capita. Consultation has started, and Government plans to introduce an interim framework in 2027 before moving to the full model in 2029.	Submit
Consultation on first round of Acts proposed for repeal https://pco.govt.nz/about-us/about-new-zealand-legislation/legislation-repeals-project/consultation-on-first-round-of-acts-proposed-for-repeal#content	Parliamentary Counsel Office	10 February	The PCO, with the Department of Internal Affairs for local Acts, is seeking feedback on 50 New Zealand Acts (30 local, 5 public, 15 private) proposed for repeal. These Acts have been reviewed under the Legislation Repeals Project and are considered outdated and redundant. Repealing them helps keep laws up to date, easier to understand, and reduces unnecessary costs or confusion for legal users, local government, and the public. The PCO has consulted relevant agencies and authorities and submissions are now open.	None
Planning Bill https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/ba467863-d6b0-4968-1027-08de369d9192?lang=en	Parliament Environment Committee	13 February	This bill replaces the Resource Management Act 1991, working in tandem with the Natural Environment Bill. Its purpose is to establish a framework for planning and regulating the use, development, and enjoyment of land.	Submit
Natural Environment Bill https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/394369fc-5ba2-4d8a-1026-08de369d9192?lang=en&Tab=history	Parliament Environment Committee	13 February	This bill replaces the Resource Management Act 1991, working in tandem with the Natural Environment Bill. Its purpose is to establish a framework for planning and regulating the use, development, and enjoyment of land.	Submit
Review of forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme cost recovery settings https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-forestry-in-the-emissions-trading-scheme-cost-recovery-settings	Ministry for Primary Industries	13 February	Proposals to update cost recovery settings for forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) include reducing the annual charge and hourly rate used to calculate service fees, updating the average hours used in these calculations, and introducing eight new service fees for services that directly benefit participants.	None
Emergency Management Bill https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/cdf180bd-f6c9-4242-1024-08de369d9192?lang=en&Tab=history	Parliament Governance and Administration Committee	15 February	The Bill replaces the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and enables the improvements identified by the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events of early 2023	None

Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill (Text of Bill yet to be published, 12.12.2025)	Office of the Privacy Commissioner	16 February	<p>The Privacy Commissioner is considering amendments to several codes of practice to implement IPP3A, the new information privacy principle that will be added to the Privacy Act from 1 May 2026. IPP3A changes agencies' obligations when collecting personal information indirectly, that is, from a source other than the individual concerned.</p> <p>The proposed amendments will incorporate information privacy principle 3A (collection of personal information other than from the individual concerned) into the relevant codes of practice.</p> <p>The consultation also includes a proposal not to incorporate IPP3A into the Civil Defence National Emergencies (Information Sharing) Code 2020 (the Civil Defence Code). In addition, a short technical amendment will address a formatting error introduced in an earlier amendment to that Code.</p>	None
Simplifying local government https://www.dia.govt.nz/Simplifying-Local-Government	Department of Internal Affairs	20 February	<p>The Government is proposing a two-step approach to simplify local government.</p> <p>Step 1: Mayors who have already been elected will form a Combined Territories Board (CTB) to lead regional issues and assume all current regional council functions. Feedback is also being sought on an alternative option of appointing one or more Crown Commissioners to join or lead the Board.</p> <p>Step 2: The CTB will develop a Regional Reorganisation Plan to improve collaboration and efficiency among councils. The plan will be prepared with public consultation, subjected to independent review, and approved by the Minister of Local Government.</p>	Submit
Consultation on development levies https://www.dia.govt.nz/Development-levies-consultation	Department of Internal Affairs	20 February	<p>The Government is proposing to replace development contributions with a development levies system. The Department of Internal Affairs is seeking feedback on a partial exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill, which will implement the new system, as well as on the proposed regulations that will support its implementation.</p>	None
Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill https://www3.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/54SCFIN_SCF_328F446A-D8F8-466A-BA46-08DE2C75A6E0/infrastructure	Finance and Expenditure Committee	20 February	<p>The purpose of this bill is to improve infrastructure funding and financing tools to support urban development. The Bill proposes to remove certain discretions and mandatory considerations imposed on local authorities when approving infrastructure projects for funding under the Act. This is intended to facilitate</p>	None

<u>-funding-and-financing-amendment-bill</u>			faster decision making, introduce certainty and promote developer-led infrastructure projects being built.	
Inquiry into the 2025 local elections https://www3.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/54SCJU-ST_SCF_0073EC30-328F-4732-B45E-08DE17494B72/inquiry-into-the-2025-local-elections	Parliament Justice Committee	27 February	The inquiry will examine the law and administrative procedures for the conduct of the 2025 Local Elections, with a particular focus on voting processes, electoral integrity and the role of councils and their staff in determining voting arrangements, and their relationships with the electoral agencies responsible for conducting the election.	None
Proposed changes to the New Zealand Survey Control Standard https://www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/seeking-feedback-proposed-changes-new-zealand-survey-control-standard	Land Information New Zealand	27 February	The proposed changes aim to provide a clearer and more consistent foundation for New Zealand's spatial referencing system, support the growing demand for 3D property rights and engineering applications, and enable more efficient maintenance of survey control networks.	None

11 Meeting Closed.