

ORDER PAPER

TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15 October 2026
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Anglican Church Hall, St George's
State Highway 3
Turakina

Chair: Mr Duran Benton

Deputy Chair: Ms Linda O'Neill

Membership: Ms Rachel Cvitanovich
Ms Tina Duxfield
Ms Mary Ann Vandyk
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Sandra Field (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson (Ex Officio)

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 28 September 23) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

At least 1 Elected Member must be present at the meeting.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Turakina Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the The Anglican Church Hall, St George's, State Highway 3, Turakina on Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 7.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

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: Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2026** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Turakina Community Committee Meeting - 13 August 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2026 [**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



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 13 August 2026
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Anglican Church Hall, St George's
State Highway 3
Turakina

Present

Ms Linda O'Neill
Mr Duran Benton
Ms Rachel Cvitanovich
Ms Tina Duxfield
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Ms Mary-Ann van Dyk
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/015

That the apologies from Cr Paul Sharland, and Cr Sandra Field be received.

Ms D Duxfield/Ms L O'Neill. 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 26/TCC/016

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2026 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr D Benton/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - August 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report to the Committee. Since the last meeting he has been working on the Turakina Response Plan with Mr Paul Chaffe, the Council's Senior Emergency Management Advisor. The Plan is now complete and will be made available to the community via a QR code link on Community Social Media pages. The Chair had also been pricing items required to install the newly purchased picnic table by the bus stop/toilet.

The Chair also welcomed local resident Ms Mary Ann van Dyk who agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/017

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Funding Schemes Update - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/018

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2026 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

8.2 Mayor's Report - July 2026

HWTM was happy to take his reports as read but noted the following areas with the Committee:

- RMA reform and discussion around Mana Whakahono ā Rohe
- What was happening in Central Government and its effects on Council
- Update to Local Government Reform and Amalgamation

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/019

That the Mayor's Report – July 2026 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Mr D Benton. Carried

8.3 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2026

The Committee discussed current projects and the installing the new picnic table by the bus stop. The Chair advised they would need stain, shellrock, and concrete to complete the installation. The Committee agreed to the purchase of the items from the Small Projects Fund.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/020

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

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ATTACHMENT 1

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/021

That the Committee approves payment of \$117.82 to Mr D Benton from the Turakina Community Committee Small Projects Fund for fuel expenses relating to collection of the newly purchased picnic table from Lower Hutt.

Ms L O'Neill/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/022

That the Committee approves spending up to \$250.00 from the Turakina Community Committee Small Projects Fund to purchase items required to install and secure the new picnic table by the bus stop.

Ms L O'Neill/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

9 Discussion Items

9.1 Kahuraponga Stream Bridge Maintenance

The Committee discussed how they might go about tidying up the bridge and walkway alongside the bridge. Ms Cvitanovich had contacted NZTA who advised the bridge was scheduled to be water blasted but there was no current timeframe for this work. They also advised that the footbridge was maintained by Council – Ms Bovey undertook to follow up with the Roding Team on planned maintenance or the ability of the Committee to be able to complete this work.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on 15 October 2026.

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Chairperson

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - October 2026

Author: Duran Benton, Chair

The Chair may provide a verbal or tabled report.

Recommendation

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

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2026

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

It is with deep sadness the Rangitikei District Council and I recognise the passing of Adrian Rurawhe. Adrian was an MP from 2014 to 2026 representing the Te Tai Hauāuru seat and was Speaker of the House of Government from 2022 to 2023. He was well respected and supported across party lines, such was the mana he held. Adrian was a direct descendant of the prophet TW Rātana of the Rātana faith and I know that he stood down from Parliament in 2023 to dedicate the next chapter of his life to Rātana, the Church and his wider whānau.

For me, Adrian was a colleague, a personal friend and an advisor that I could trust and turn to.

My and Council's thoughts are with his whānau.

For months now we have faced the deadline of amalgamation and councils around the country have literally spent millions crafting responses to demonstrate where they will unite. The pressure and blame Central Government has put on Local Government has been extreme. The result is that at the last possible moment Government have declined to name any Head Start positions. This is incredibly disappointing and I feel for those councils who had got to a Head Start position, formed relationships with other councils to amalgamate and then nothing happens. What we presume will happen now is that following the elections, whoever the Government is will pick this up and there will be wider reports on amalgamation in the future.

Appointment

I have used my delegation as Mayor under Section 41A of the Local Government Act to appoint Cr Alan Buckendahl to the Finance/Performance Committee and the Community Grants Committee.

Due to my involvement with the tangi this week I will look to table a more substantial Mayor's Report at the meeting.

Mayor's Engagements

4 September – 8 October

4	Attended CDW Joint Shareholders Committee Meeting Attended memorial service in Taihape
5	Attended Hunterville Comedy Night Fundraiser
7	Attended Mayors & CE's MOU Meeting Attended Mayoral Forum Meeting
8	Attended monthly governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended meeting with members of Samoan Methodist Church Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
9	Attended meeting with Friends of Taihape Attended Taihape Community Board workshop

10	Attended Business Rangitikei Breakfast Meeting Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online meeting Attended Council Workshop Attended exhibition opening at Marton Arts & Crafts
11	Attended LGNZ online briefing on rates capping Attended meeting with MP Suze Redmayne Attended meeting with ratepayer in Bulls Attended test Zoom with Maori Land Court prior to 17 September hearing
13	Attended Battle of Britain commemorative service at Whanganui Collegiate
14	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mana Whakahono a Rohe hui with Ngati Whitikaupēka representatives Attended Defence Updates Relevant to the Manawatu meeting Attended LGNZ online briefing re infrastructure and RMA reforms
15	Attended meeting with ratepayer in Marton Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Marton Historical Society AGM
16	Attended LGNZ online briefing re Preparing for Head Start decision announcements Attended Arohanui Hospital Strategy Refresh hui
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Council Workshop – Southern Marae Tour with Elected Members & Staff Attended BA5 in Taihape
19	Attended Spring Fling in Taihape
20	Attended movie event at Te Matapihi with Rotary
21	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Christian Welfare AGM Attended LGNZ online briefing re mental health and rural healthcare
22	Attended Chief Executive Performance & Employment Committee Meeting Attended Rangitikei Technical Workshop Attended LGNZ online briefing from Minister of Local Government Attended Dinner with Minister of Local Government with MP Suze Redmayne
23	Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Q&A with Mayors online meeting Attended monthly economic development meeting with staff
24	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Public Meeting Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting Attended LGNZ online briefing – lessons from Mauao tragedy
28	Attended 6 weekly Mayors Taskforce for Jobs meeting with staff Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayor's Briefing before Council with staff Attended Meet & Greet with Property Brokers staff
29	Attended CDW Board RDC site visits Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Business Rangitikei AGM
30	Attended meeting with constituents in Bulls

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1	Attended Manawatu Chamber Breakfast Meeting with Minister Mark Mitchell Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae Attended LGNZ online briefing: Role of Elected Members in the new Planning System
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2	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
3	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae/Rātana Attended Hunterville Volunteer Fire Brigade Gold Star Awards
5	Attended LGNZ online briefing: Green Party/Infrastructure & RMA
6	Attended tri-weekly online meeting with CDW Shareholders Committee Chair Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs fortnightly online hui Attended Emergency Management Session: Function Managers & Governance Attended CDW Project Oversight Group Meeting Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended monthly governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended Commerce Commission online workshop for infrastructure providers Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
8	To attend Election 2026 Transport Panel Meeting with Government

Attachments:

1. **Joint Shareholders Committee Minutes - CDW: 26 June 2026, 14 August 2026 and 04 September 2026 (under separate cover)**
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – October 2026 be received.

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Baird	Buckendahl	Dalgety	Field	Hainsworth	Hiroa	O'Fee	Raukawa	Shartland	Wong
30-Jul-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
5-Aug-26	Hunterville CC	CB				PR							
10-Aug-26	Hunterville RWS	PR				PR							
11-Aug-26	TRAK meeting	PR			PR				PR		PR		
11-Aug-26	Rātana CB	PR							PR				
12-Aug-26	Taihape CB	CB		PR									PR
12-Aug-26	Marton CC	CB	PR					PR					
13-Aug-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR
13-Aug-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR
13-Aug-26	Turakina CC	PR					AP					AP	
19-Aug-26	Bulls CC	CB								PR		AP	
20-Aug-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR
24-Aug-26	Youth Council Workshop	CB					PR				AP		
27-Aug-26	Assets/Infrastructure Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR
27-Aug-26	Risk/Assurance Workshop	PR	PR		AT	PR	AT						PR
27-Aug-26	Risk/Assurance Meeting	PR	PR		AT	PR	AT						PR
27-Aug-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	PR	PR	AP	AT	PR	AT					AP	PR
1-Sept-26	Erewhon RWS	PR		PR									PR
3-Sept-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR
10-Sept-26	Council Workshop	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AB	PR	PR
17-Sept-26	Council Workshop - Induction	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR
22-Sept-26	Chief Executive Performance	PR	PR	PR		PR			PR				
24-Sept-26	Assets/Infrastructure Workshop	CB	PR	AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
24-Sept-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AT	PR						PR	PR
24-Sept-26	Community Grants Committee	PR		AT	AT	PR						PR	PR
28-Sept-26	Youth Council Workshop	PR					PR				AP		
1-Oct-26	Council Workshop	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR

Present (and is a member of the committee) PR
 Apology AP
 Absent - no apology received AB

 Not a member of the committee
 Not a member of the committee (but still attended) AT
 Not present as on Council business CB
 Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used] ZM

8.2 Central Districts Water Update – October 2026**Author: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the establishment of Central Districts Water and key work underway ahead of the organisation becoming responsible for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services in Rangitikei from 1 July 2027.

2. Background

- 2.1 Central Districts Water is the new council-controlled organisation jointly owned by Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council.
- 2.2 From 1 July 2027, Central Districts Water will be responsible for delivering drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across the three council areas. Until then, each Council remains responsible for delivering water services to its communities.
- 2.3 Work is continuing across the three Councils and Central Districts Water to prepare the organisation, its people, systems and assets for the transition.

3. Transfer of Assets

- 3.1 A current priority for the three Councils has been progressing draft transfer schedules. These schedules document the land, resource consents, infrastructure and other water-related assets that will transfer to Central Districts Water.
- 3.2 This is an important part of preparing for the transition, ensuring there is a clear and agreed record of the assets and responsibilities Central Districts Water will take over from each Council.
- 3.3 On Tuesday 29 September 2026, staff from Central Districts Water and Rangitikei District Council hosted Central Districts Water Board members on visits to key water sites across Rangitikei, including Taihape, Mangaweka, Marton and Bulls.
- 3.4 The visits gave Board members an opportunity to see the water infrastructure in Rangitikei first-hand, speak directly with the staff who operate and maintain it, and better understand the different challenges and complexities across our sites.
- 3.5 The visits were successful and provided useful local context as the Board continues preparing Central Districts Water for operation.

4. Significance and Engagement Policy

- 4.1 The Central Districts Water Joint Shareholders' Committee meets/met on Friday 9 October 2026 and will provide any final feedback on Central Districts Water's draft Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 4.2 The Significance and Engagement Policy sets out how Central Districts Water will decide when an issue, proposal or decision is significant, and how and when it will engage with the community. The Policy is important because it will provide clarity about when communities can expect to have a say on decisions that could have a significant impact on water services, infrastructure or the people who use and pay for those

services. It will also help ensure engagement is considered from the beginning of significant decision-making processes.

- 4.3 The Policy is required under the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025. The Act also requires water organisations to engage with their shareholders, consumers and communities when preparing the Policy.
- 4.4 Following consideration by the Joint Shareholders' Committee, the draft Policy will be released for public engagement either in late October or early November. This will provide Rangitikei residents and other Central Districts Water communities with an opportunity to provide feedback. When the feedback period is live, the Committee will be informed. Central Districts Water can also meet with the Committee during November if desired.

5. Preparing for Change

- 5.1 Over the upcoming summer period, a Central Districts Water awareness campaign will begin to help residents and water customers understand the upcoming change.
- 5.2 The education will focus on explaining:
 - 5.2.1 who Central Districts Water is and why it has been established;
 - 5.2.2 what services will transfer to Central Districts Water;
 - 5.2.3 what the change means for Rangitikei residents and property owners; and
 - 5.2.4 how people will pay for water services once Central Districts Water begins operating.
 - 5.2.5 That in March 2027 there will be a consultation on pricing and projects.
- 5.3 Until 1 July 2027, customers will continue to pay for water services through Council rates. From 1 July 2027, Central Districts Water will charge Rangitikei customers directly for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services, and these charges will no longer appear on Council rates bills.
- 5.4 Communications will increase as the transition approaches so residents know what is changing, when it is changing and where they can go for information or support.
- 5.5 This will include coming to Committee meetings for the consultation in March, and again closer to 1 July 2027.

6. Discussion and Options Considered

- 6.1 This is a report for information. No options requiring a decision by the Committee are presented.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from receiving this report for information.
- 7.2 The establishment of Central Districts Water will result in a significant change to how water services are funded and charged in Rangitikei. Until 1 July 2027, water services will continue to be funded through Council. From 1 July 2027, water charges will be billed directly by Central Districts Water rather than forming part of Rangitikei District Council rates.

- 7.3 The detail of Central Districts Water's charging approach will be developed through its Water Services Strategy ahead of commencement of operations. Central Districts Water will consult on its draft Water Services Strategy in early 2027.

8. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 8.1 The transition of water services to Central Districts Water involves a number of risks including continuity of service, accurate transfer of assets and information, compliance and ensuring customers understand the changes that will occur.
- 8.2 The Central Districts Water establishment programme currently underway is intended to manage these risks ahead of 1 July 2027.
- 8.3 No additional strategic risks arise from receiving this report for information.

9. Strategic Alignment

- 9.1 The establishment of Central Districts Water gives effect to Council's decisions on the future delivery of water services and the approved Water Services Delivery Plan.
- 9.2 The transition also aligns with Council's focus on working collaboratively and maintaining strong relationships with regional partners, communities, and mana whenua.

10. Mana Whenua Implications

- 10.1 Ngā Tapuwae o Hau has been established as the mana whenua rūpū supporting iwi and hapū across the three council areas through the establishment and transition to Central Districts Water.
- 10.2 Ngā Tapuwae o Hau is represented within the Central Districts Water governance structure, providing a mechanism for mana whenua perspectives to inform the establishment of Central Districts Water.
- 10.3 The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 also requires Central Districts Water's Significance and Engagement Policy to consider arrangements for engaging with relevant communities, including iwi and hapū.

11. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 11.1 There are no direct climate change impacts arising from receiving this report.
- 11.2 Climate change and resilience are relevant to the long-term planning, investment and management of water services infrastructure. These matters will continue to be considered by Central Districts Water through the development of its Water Services Strategy, infrastructure planning and future investment decisions.

12. Statutory Implications

- 12.1 The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 establishes a number of requirements for water services such Central Districts Water.
- 12.2 The establishment and transfer work being undertaken by the three shareholder councils and Central Districts Water supports compliance with these statutory requirements.

13. Conclusion

- 13.1 Work to establish Central Districts Water and prepare for the transfer of water services on 1 July 2027 is continuing across the three shareholder councils and Central Districts Water.
- 13.2 Current priorities include confirming the assets and responsibilities that will transfer, developing Central Districts Water's Significance and Engagement Policy, preparing its Water Services Strategy and increasing community awareness of what the transition will mean for customers.
- 13.3 More information about Central Districts Water and the transition is available at www.centraldistrictswater.co.nz.

14. Decision Making Process

- 14.1 This is a report for information, no decision is required.

Recommendation

That the report Central Districts Water Update – October 2026 be received.

8.3 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2026**Author:** Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer**Authoriser:****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The 2026/27 Small Projects Fund allocation for the Turakina Community Committee is \$816.00. A request to carry over \$494.72 of remaining funds from the last Financial Year was approved giving a total fund available of \$1310.72.
- 1.2 At the August meeting \$102.45 was reimbursed to Mr D Benton for costs relating to collecting the new picnic table. A further \$250.00 was approved for costs, of which \$106.72 has been spent to date towards installing the table to purchase stain, shell rock, concrete and any other items required for secure installation on site.
- 1.3 This leaves a balance of \$958.27, noting that there is a still \$143.28 remaining earmarked for the picnic table installation which is not included in the balance.

Attachments**Recommendation 1**

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

8.4 Funding Schemes Update - October 2026

Author: Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. Council also approved carry-forward of unspent funds from 2025/26. The combined amount allocated for 2026/27 totals \$33,717.70.
- 2.3 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 24 September 26 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Bulls & District Friendship Club – \$2,750
 - Bulls and District Community Trust – \$1,500
 - The Marton & District Historical Society – \$2,500
 - The Marton and Surround ICT Hub Charitable Trust – \$2,500
 - Parkinson's New Zealand – \$2,000
 - Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Youth Trust – \$2,500
 - Whangaehu Hall Committee – \$1,500
 - Youth Services Trust Whanganui – \$500
- 2.4 The total amount allocated in Round one 2026/27 is \$15,750, with \$17,967.70 remaining for Round two 2026/27.
- 2.5 Round two for 2026/27 opens on 06 December 2026 and closes on 26 March 2027, with a decision being made in April 2027.

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. Council also approved a carry-forward of unspent funds from 2025/26. The combined amount allocated for 2026/27 totals \$26,620.

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- 3.3 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 24 September 26 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
- Bulls and District Community Trust – \$3,750
 - Hunterville Huntaway Festival – \$3,500
 - Mangaweka School Board of Trustees – \$2,000
 - Marton Country Music Festival – \$3,000
 - Rangitikei Shearing Sports Incorporated – \$3,500
 - Tūtaenui Stream Restoration Society Incorporated – \$1,500
- 3.4 The total amount allocated in Round one 2026/27 is \$17,250, with \$9,370 remaining for Round two 2026/27.
- 3.5 Round two for 2026/27 opens on 06 December 2026 and closes on 26 March 2027, with a decision being made in April 2027.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
- Demonstrate growth over time
 - Develop and support local artistic communities
 - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
 - Support diversity and inclusion
 - Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged
- 4.2 Creative NZ has allocated \$24,397.80 + GST to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round one for 2026/27 is now open until Sunday 25 October 2026, with a decision being made Wednesday 18 November 2026.

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 2026/27 round is now open until Wednesday 31 March 2027, with decision being made in April 2027.

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>

7. Rangitikei Grant Finder – Grant Guru

- 7.1 The Rangitikei District Council has joined forces with one of New Zealand and Australia's most powerful grant search engine, GrantGuru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop grants portal.

How it works

- 7.2 The Funding Finder hand-picks grants and funding opportunities specific to local businesses and community groups, encompassing all government and private sector grants available. It also provides advice and top tips for finding and applying for grants to maximise the chances of receiving funding.
- 7.3 GrantGuru is regularly updated with new information and grants. It features all council grants and initiatives. It replaces the Generosity NZ portal which previously was available through the Rangitikei Community Hubs.
- 7.4 Register via the website: <https://grantguru.com/nz/rangitikei>
- 7.5 Please reach out to our Funding Specialist if you require more information about Grant Guru, Charissa Lawlor, charissa.lawlor@rangitikei.govt.nz

Recommendation

That the report Funding Schemes Update - October 2026 be received.

9 Meeting Closed.