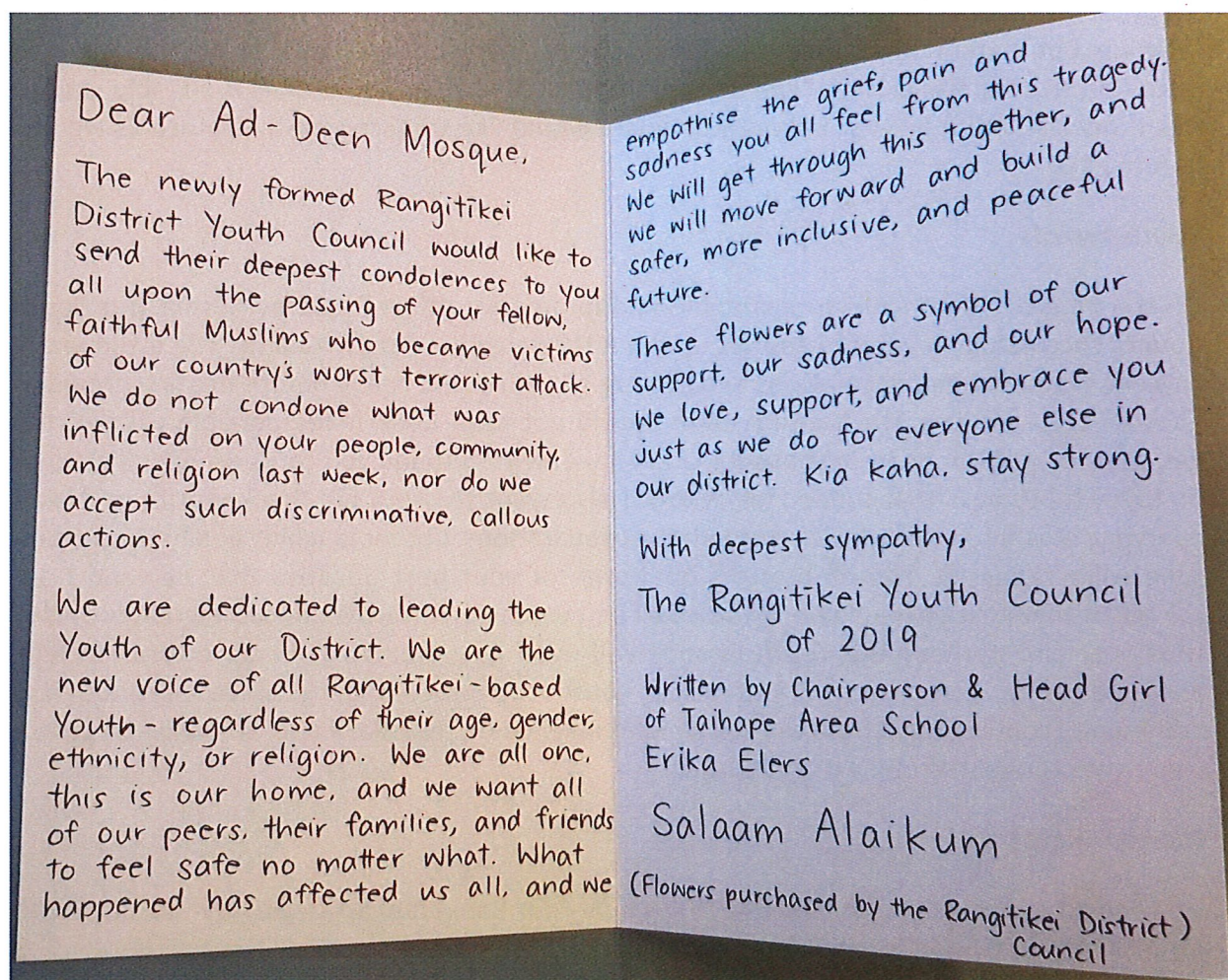


Chairs Report

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Introduction

Kia ora everyone, thank you for taking the time to come to today's meeting. Our last meeting was a success and thank you for listening and showing respect to our two visitors - Katarina from Te Ropu Ahi Kaa and the hilarious Jason Shailler from 100% SWEET Whanganui. *I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing more from the members of our public, because while we are indeed a 'Youth' Council, we are young leaders and members in the district too.

I would like to quickly mention that in my first and most recent Chairperson's Report, I talked about the Christchurch shooting and the card I wrote on behalf of all of us to the Taihape Islamic Centre *many of you expressed an interest in seeing the letter. As you can see, I have attached a picture of that card in this report; *and the last time I checked, it is still being displayed on the front window of Ad-Deen Mosque. If you have not read it yet, please do when you can because I included words and messages that I felt best described everyone's feelings about the tragedy but also our hopes for the future.

Meeting schedule

Thank you all for coming today, this is our third official Youth Council meeting but I know it came sooner than we expected. As a reminder, we are now aiming to meet at least every four weeks here in Council Chambers in the hopes of strengthening our communication and progress. Nardia kindly created our new calendars and shared them out with us at the last meeting, but if you did not receive a copy or need a new one - please ask for the schedule once this meeting has closed. *I want to see you all here at every meeting if possible, and as this is my last and only year in Youth Council I would like to accomplish as much as we can before 2020.

Youth Awards

On the 23rd of May thanks to incredible and impressive effort made by Nardia, our Youth Council successfully organised and set up the 2019 Rangitikei Youth Awards. The event was a success, with catering, decorations and seating all set up and ready before the first crowd of guests began arriving. The Youth Awards would not have been made possible without the generous contributions from sponsors, and I have written thank you cards on behalf of all of us to each business that funded an award. I also want to say a big thank you to each and everyone of you for not only helping with the preparations, but for laughing and having a good time while doing so. You all brought out some of your best qualities that day and I am confident that next year's Youth Awards will be even better. Nardia has some great ideas for next year and perhaps the Youth Council will even be nominated for an award. So let's continue being conscientious, optimistic youth that encourage positive progress and community contributions from our fellow Rangitikei youth. Nardia, if you would like to please share your thoughts from last Thursday.

Marton Skate park

Last Saturday, just days after the Youth Awards - our Rangatahi Strategic Advisor and Youth Council member Paige attended the grand opening of Marton's new skate park. Nardia was heavily involved in the construction and planning of the new skate park, and I would like to acknowledge her in front of you all for yet another amazing project she completed for our youth.

Council meetings

As Chairperson of the Youth Council, I would like to highly encourage you all to attend at least one District Council meeting chaired by the Mayor this year. I have listed the dates of upcoming meetings down below (sent by Nardia):

- Thursday 30 May 1 pm
- Thursday 27 June 1pm
- Thursday 25 July 1pm – this is just before Festival for the Future
- Thursday 29 August 1pm
- Thursday 26 September 1pm

Recommendation

That the 'Chairs Report' to the Youth Council on 28 May 2019 be received.

Erika Elers
Chair

