

Report

Subject: Rangitīkei Youth Council Chairs Report August 2019

To: Rangitīkei Youth Council

From: Kathryn Fleming – Deputy Chair

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Tabled at Rangitīkei Youth Council
on 20 August 2019

Introduction

Tena koutou, Welcome everyone to our fifth official Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting. Thank you everyone for attending our meeting today. I know that some of us are quite busy at this time of the year, especially with derived grade exams coming up.

Festival for the Future

On the 26th to the 28th of July some of our youth council members attended Festival for the Future (FFTF). We had the pleasure of three non-council members joining us Micah from Taihape Area School along with Denzel and Lisa from Rangitīkei College. They were welcomed and fitted in with our group really well. For those who couldn't attend, the FFTF was a world class event that fitted into one weekend full of inspiring speakers, future focused panels, hands on workshops and a market place for great ideas. I know that my favourite speaker was Takunda, who through spoken word, spoke about challenges faced by her and other members of diaspora as they struggle to maintain a strong connection to their culture. The weekend allowed a chance for our youth council members to connect with emerging leaders and influencers from a diverse range of sectors, as well as being able to talk about big issues. The festival was a chance to dream big and to learn how make a difference for our future. A big thank you to Mayor Andy Watson, Karin, Maatariki and Nardia who came and experienced this with us. We are all grateful for your support and patience throughout the weekend. As well as that, we also sent a thank you card to the council for the funding of the weekend in recognition of using rate payer money. I have attached what I wrote on behalf of the youth members who attended.

Dear Mayor and Elected Members of Rangitīkei District Council,

The Rangitīkei Youth Council would like to sincerely thank you for the sponsorship to attend Festival for the Future 2019. All those who went have gained inspirational knowledge to carry with them for many years to come.

We understand that funding for all projects, youth council included, is derived from rate payers. We appreciate that you see the value we contribute back to the community as a worthy investment of this money.

Thank you for allowing us to have such an enriching experience. It has been the opportunity of a lifetime.

*Yours sincerely,
The Rangitīkei Youth Council.*

Festival for the future was a big success and I'm sure you all had an amazing time being inspired and influenced by some of those incredible speakers.

Communication

Last meeting I know we covered the importance of communication and how we as fellow members have to keep up to date. I'd just like to say you have all really improved your communication whether that's through what's app or email. Keep up with this, as we have events like meet the candidate's night coming up, so please make sure your aware of current updates with what's happening.

Kathryn Fleming

Rangitikei Youth Council Deputy Chair

Memorandum

TO: Youth Council

FROM: Blair Jamieson

DATE: 20 August 2019

SUBJECT: Local Body Elections

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Following the closing of nominations at 12pm on 16 August, the following is the list of candidates running for Council at this election.

Mayor (1 Vacancy)	Watson, Andy
Northern Ward (3 Vacancies)	Bonnor, Owen (Better Value For Ratepayers) Duncan, Gill Gordon, Angus Hiroa, Tracey
Central Ward (5 Vacancies)	Ash, Cath Belsham, Nigel Dalgety, Fiona (Fi) (Strong voice for our District) Field, Sandra Hamerton, Bryan Lambert, Richard Raukawa-Manuel, Coral Wilson, Dave Woolston, Peter J. (Independent)
Southern Ward (3 Vacancies)	Carter, Brian (A strong voice for our community) Dunn, Jane Meads, Bronwyn (Here to Represent You) Panapa, Waru (For A Unified & Inclusive Southern Ward) Sharland, Paul
Ratana Community Board (4 Vacancies)	Meihana, Lequan Mete, Charlie Nepia, Jemal Rivers Panapa, Waru Rourangi, Charlie
Taihape Community Board (4 Vacancies)	Abernethy, Ann Abernethy, Emma Fannin, Michelle Yvette Larsen, Gail

In relation to the Mayor and the Taihape Community Board, there is no election because the number of candidates standing for this election was not more than the number of vacancies.

This means Andy Watson, Ann Abernethy, Emma Abernethy, Michelle Fannin, and Gail Larsen are elected to their nominated positions unopposed.

As the remaining Wards and the Rātana Community Board have more candidates than positions there will be elections. Youth Council members will be able to contribute for the three ward 'meet the candidates evenings' as previously discussed. Noting that this could not be confirmed any earlier as staff were not sure as to the number of candidates standing.

Following this, and in discussion with the organising parties, namely Rotary Taihape, Lions Marton and Bulls Rural Women, the following dates will need to be calendared for Youth Council member contributions:

- September 20 – Central Ward 'Meet the Candidates Evening' – organised by Marton Lions. This event will be held at Rangitikei College.
- September 23 – Northern Ward 'Meet the Candidates Evening' – organised by Taihape Rotary Club. The location for this event has not been confirmed at present.
- September 26 – Southern Ward 'Meet the Candidates Evening' – organised by Bulls Rural Women. This event will be held at Bulls RSA.

My Jamieson will contact Youth Council members via the Whatsapp group chat that Ms Gower has facilitated, ideally within the week. Additional information will be relayed via email as well for members.

Any questions or queries in relation to these election evenings can be made directly to Mr Jamieson on Whatsapp, or at blair.jamieson@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Recommendation

That the memorandum '**Local Body Elections**' to the Youth Council on 20 August 2019 be received.

Blair Jamieson
Strategy & Community Planning Manager

Memorandum

To: Rangitikei Youth Council

From: Nardia Gower Strategic Advisor for Youth / Kaihautū Rangatahi

Date: 19 August 2019

Subject: **Voice Box - District Youth Voice**

File: 4-EN-12-1

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Background

At its meeting held 23 July 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council (RYC) agreed to investigate and establish the use of an online platform to engage with youth aged 12 to 24 across the Rangitikei District. The purpose of the initiative is to garner a wider youth voice on topics and issues that affect or concern the youth community.

Wide Scope of Initiative

The RYC agreed to the following draft concept for further development:

- Facebook Messenger would be the most suitable platform.
- Participation would involve 50 youth aged 12 – 24.
- Feedback sought would include Central and Local Government consultation, RYC initiated conversations on life, health, community and the potential for specific agency questions.
- Data collected would be used to effect change through submissions to Council, Central Government along with agencies, educators and businesses.

Current Position

RYC member Makayla Vaa is lead for this project and has formulated the draft Participation Rules Appendix 1 and draft Elevator Pitch for secondary schools Appendix 2. Ms Vaa has approached Rangitikei College principal, Tony Booker, who is engaging with 10 potential students to participate.

The suggested breakdown of youth participating is as follows:

10 members from each of the three district high schools, 2 from each year level	30
10 from out of district schools	10
10 in the age bracket 18-24	10
TOTAL	50

Considerations

Rangitīkei District Council have to consider the potential risks to community and the organisation within any project. There are inherent risks when engaging with any community group on matters that could concern them on a personal or emotional level, with a reasonable level of care, moderation and risk management needing to be implemented. Council are currently working with external agencies to formulate an appropriate risk management and support network to sit alongside Voice Box. This will need to be established prior to launching Voice Box and explained to each participant and caregiver (if the participant is under 18 years of age) as part of the induction and participation agreement.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Voice Box – District Youth Voice' to the 20 August 2019 Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting be received.
- 2 That the Rangitīkei Youth Council [agree/do not agree] to the Participation Rules as [amended/without amendment] at the 20 August 2019 meeting.
- 3 That the Rangitīkei Youth Council [agree/do not agree] to the Elevator Pitch as [amended/without amendment] at the 20 August 2019 meeting.

Nardia Gower

Strategic Advisor for Youth / Kaihautū Rangatahi

Appendix 1



Participation Rules

Look after your well-being, always

Take care of others well-being

Engage and participate

Be solution focused

Disagree with Compassion

Allow all voices to be heard

Be generous with your story and share your wisdom

Act with confidentiality around others personal stories

Pass no judgement

There will be no tolerance for discrimination or bullying

Appendix 2



THE RANGITIKEI YOUTH VOICE

Rangitīkei Youth Council is creating an online communication platform called 'Voice Box' to capture youth Voice, Ideas and Solutions on topics that affect Rangitīkei Youth.

Feedback from a cross-section of 50 youth aged 12-24 will influence agencies, stakeholders and change makers to make meaningful impact.

We are seeking 2 students from each year level that know the value of their voice and ideas, that will be active participants, open minded, respectful and solution focused.

Feedback sought will be on a range of topics from government and council consultation, lifestyle, town facilities, health, agency specific questions and more.

Feedback will require insightful reflection and for some may be trigger topics. For this reason, participation in Voice Box will require a signed agreement and caregiver permission (for youth aged under 18) supplied by Rangitīkei District Council.

Participating youth will gain the experience of having their ideas solicited, their voice listened to and knowing that their ideas matter.

Youth are not the future of tomorrow, they are our future today.