

# ORDER PAPER

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 April 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Ohakea Room  
Te Matapihi  
4 Criterion Street  
Bulls

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**Chair:** Sophia Lewis

**Deputy Chair:** Charly Ward

**Membership:** Lisa Cruywagen  
Atawhai McDowell  
Jessie Lee Ellery  
Denise Pio  
Zoe Hayward  
Leymar Saili  
Sofie Kendrick  
Waiaatatia Ratana-Karehana  
Lily Bartlett

**Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at 5.30 pm.**

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**1 Youth Council 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, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

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# MINUTES

**Youth Council Meeting  
Sunday, 21 March 2021**

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**MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**YOUTH HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 46 HIGH STREET, MARTON**  
**ON SUNDAY, 21 MARCH 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

**Membership:** Lisa Cruywagen, Sohpie Lewis, Atawhai McDowell, Jessie Lee Ellery, Denise Pio, Zoe Hayward, Leymar Saili, Sofie Kendrick, Waiaatatia Ratana-Karehana, Charly Ward Berry, Lily Bartlett,

**In Attendance:** Cr Gill Duncan, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Kelly Widdowson, Gaylene Prince

Meeting opened 10am

A round table informal introduction of everyone present.

Present: Charly Ward, Lily Bartlett, Sophia Lewis, Lisa Cruywagen, Zoe Hayward, Jessie Lee Ellery, Sofie Kendrick, Denise Pio, Atawhai McDonnell, Clare Manners, Kelly Widdowson, Gaylene Prince, Cr Gill Duncan, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson.

## **1 Youth Council Prayer**

Denise Pio read the Youth Council Prayer

## **2 Welcome and Introduction from Mayor Andy Watson**

His Worship The Mayor welcomes everyone to the meeting. Congratulate those who have been elected for RYC 2021. RYC models what happens on full council. Setting in place rules and informing youth council of processes within council. A great learning experience. It will be what you make it. Youth being the driving force. Commends the Impressive workplan set this weekend. Special thanks to the staff who make this whole process happen, and to Cr Gill Duncan who has attended in support.

## **3 Apologies/Leave of Absence**

That the apology for the absence of Waiaatatia Ratana-Karehana, Leymar Saili, Cr Nigel Belsham, Chief Executive Peter Beggs be received.

Atawhai/Lisa. Carried

## **4 Public Forum**

## **5 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

His Worship the mayor explains what conflict of interest means within council. If there is anything on the agenda that a councillor or their family members will directly benefit from, a conflict of interest must be declared.

There were no conflicts of interest for items in the agenda.

## **6 Confirmation of Order of Business**

## **7 Reports for Decisions**

The Mayor explains the declaration process. All councillors read and signed their declaration.

### **7.1 Declaration by Members**

All members are to make their declaration in either English or Te Reo Māori.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as a member of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Ko ahau, ko \_\_\_\_\_, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua ūhia ki runga i a ahau kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o Rangitikei hei Kai-kaunihera rangatahi.

## 7.2 Election of Chair

The Mayor explains the election process. Nominations need a seconder and a carrier.

Atawhai nominates Sophia seconded by Lisa.

Sofie nominates Charly seconded by Zoe.

Charly nominates Lily seconded by Sophia.

The Mayor calls for a vote.

Sophia Lewis is named Chairman for 2021.

The election of the chair will be by open ballot vote. Meaning that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and

- I. there is only 1 round of voting; and
- II. if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by coin toss.

## Recommendation

That Sophia Lewis be appointed Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Atawhai/Lily. Carried.

## 7.3 Declaration by Chair

The Chair read her declaration.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Ko ahau, ko \_\_\_\_\_, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua ūhia ki runga i a ahau kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā hei tiamana o Rangitikei hei Kai-kaunihera rangatahi.

The Chair now leads the meeting.



#### **7.4 Election of Deputy Chair**

The Chair calls for nominations for Deputy Chair.  
Leymar nominates Waiatatia seconded by Atawhai.  
Atawhai nominates Charly seconded by Sofie.  
Sofie nominates Jessie seconded by Lily.  
The Chair calls for a vote.  
Charly is named as Deputy Chair.

The process for electing the Deputy Chair is the same as for electing the Chair.

#### **Recommendation**

That Charly Ward be appointed Deputy Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Lisa/Jessie. Carried.

#### **7.5 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes from the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held 13 October 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-19-3

#### **Attachments**

##### **1. Minutes 13 October 2020**

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 13 October 2020 [without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair asks for movement of minutes.

Atawhai/Charly. Carried.

## **8 Reports for Information**

### **8.1 Guidance for Youth Council**

The Memorandum is Attached.

FILE REF: 3-CT-19-1

#### **Attachments**

##### **1. Guidance for Youth Council**

#### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Guidance for Rangitikei Youth Council' to the Rangitikei Youth Council at the 21 March 2021 meeting be received.

### **8.2 Standing Orders**

A copy of the current 2019 Guide to Standing Orders Standing Orders is attached.

Youth Council will be provided with a copy of the full Standing Orders, it will be the responsibility of the Chair to make it available to any committee member. Staff will also have a copy at each meeting.

#### **Attachments**

##### **1. The 2019 Guide to Standing Orders**

### 8.3 Meeting Dates for 2021

The proposed meeting dates and location for 2021 Rangitikei Youth Council meetings are

- 13 April – Bulls
- 11 May – Marton
- 08 June – Taihape
- 13 July – Bulls
- 10 August – Marton
- 14 September- Taihape
- 12 October – Bulls
- December - Final Dinner (TBC)

### 8.4 Work-plan for 2021

Discussion item.

The work plan was explained to those who were not present during its brainstorm.

Atawhai has requested adding careers advisors to be initiated within school.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council receives the amended workplan document. Kelly will formalise the plan to be adopted at the next meeting.

Jessie/Sophie Carried.

### 8.5 Appointments of Other Positions in Youth Council

The Rangitīkei Youth Council may like to consider the appointment of other roles and responsibilities with the committee. This include but are not limited to:

- Administration Officer – Jessie Ellery
- Social media liaison officer – Lily Bertlett

Sofie/Atawhai. Carried.

### 8.6 Late Items

As agreed at item 11.

There were no late items.

### 8.7 Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 April 2021 – 5.30 pm, Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls

The Meeting closed at **enter time**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 13 April 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON

## **7 Chair's Report**

**Author:** Sophia Lewis, Chair

### **Reason for Report**

The Chair will table a report.

### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's tabled report be received.

## 8 Mayoral Update – March 2021

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

Things have been exceptionally busy lately and I will try and deal with the major items in front of us at the moment.

1. Last week we had a series of meetings with communities to discuss the LTP (Long Term Plan). This consultation process is essentially about what Council's vision is for the next 10 years, what work will be done and how will it be paid for. As previously reported this is the most difficult process, I have been involved in. Covid and the potential aggregation of the Three Waters (to be discussed later) have taken their toll on the limited staffing resources we have. Finalising the budgets for our Long Term Plan document has been difficult within this environment, all of which needs to be adopted by Council and approved by Audit. AuditNZ has also been challenged by its resourcing.

The consequence is that the Long Term Plan discussions have been held without the formal LTP Consultation Document which has not been ideal. I have offered to return to the communities to carry on the conversation over the final document once it is available. However, the Long Term Plan meetings have been about direction and assumed positions and I urge you to engage with your communities wherever possible over the LTP.

2. On 11 March several Councillors and staff had meetings in Palmerston North with the Zone 3 Councils. These are the Councils essentially representing the central North Island. At those meetings we were told more around the Three Waters. The Three Waters is the aggregation model possibilities for the supply and delivery of drinking water, waste-water and stormwater. I have reported on this previously and my comments at the time were that there was a need for public consultation within the LTP timeframes, however we didn't have the information available as to what it may look like. The meeting on 11 March was the most informative of what has been a very long process so far. Unfortunately there are still many essential parts of the model that need to be developed. Some of the changes that we are now aware of are that instead of it being an "opt-in" model for Councils, it is now an "opt-out" model. In other words, we agree to the aggregation and if we don't like it we have to formally opt out. This may seem like a very subtle distinction but the implication is that it will be nearly universally adopted. For the first time we got a look at where the boundaries of each new entity could lie and there was much discussion around whether those boundaries be territorial, catchment (i.e. river system boundaries) or aligned also to Iwi boundaries. One of the tentative models put forward interested me because it showed Northland as a standalone district. My personal interpretation of that would be that Government has been given a very clear steer that Auckland City may opt out. Auckland is of course our largest metropolitan authority by a very significant way and to gain efficiencies of provision of these services I would have thought it was essential that Auckland was part of it. However I am musing on my thoughts rather than established fact.

We do now know that Government has said that the timeframes could be slightly longer than first indicated which could allow for some consultation in an Annual Plan process next year. We also know that if an authority has spent significant money to upgrade their plants and has a debt that if they offer not to opt out then the debt, along with the plants, would be transferred to any new authority. Government went to some length at the meeting to provide protection around any new entity, stating that it could not be privatised and there would be a shareholding base.

So where are my principle concerns? They centre around the lack of knowledge but also the timeframes to allow consultation. Councils are routinely requested to attend meetings and briefings and our Chief Executive and staff are well informed as information becomes available. My principle worry is Iwi. They are very much part of this mix and it appears to me the consultation with them has been incredibly poor to date. Council has an engagement process with Iwi through Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa where representatives of each Iwi sit at the Council table. I suspect that they will end up saying that they don't have a mandate to make a decision on behalf of their Iwi and that this consultation needs to back to the marae base or rohe base engagement process.

3. On 21 March the new Youth Council was put in place. I welcome the new Youth Councillors and unfortunately this year, while I was able to go to their Foundation Meeting, was not able to spend the entire weekend with them. I wish them well and it is up to Council and the community to involve them wherever we possibly can.
4. At the moment we are asked routinely to submit to a number of Regional Plans and Government positions. This is challenging with the resource base that we have available but incredibly important because if we don't have our say at the time of submissions we are not party to the ongoing discussions that come out of those submissions. One example has been the need to submit to the Regional Transport Plan which sets priorities for the approval of Government funding within the greater region. I have asked the Chief Executive to submit to this, highlighting the Napier-Taihapa Road, bus and commuter transport and the rail hub that we are developing in Marton. This submission will form part of the reports to Council and I would endorse its adoption.
5. There have been a large number of community type events at this time of year with planning of several more to come. I have attended the Rural Games in Palmerston North and been to events in Taihape such as the duck race. I commend organisations such as Matt Hobbs Plumbing that are using these events to raise funds for organisations like St Johns.
6. Lastly, I will finish with reporting on an 8am meeting held on 1 March on the Kuripapango boundary bridge between us and Hastings. To give an idea of scale of our district, for me to attend that meeting I needed to be on the road by 5.45am. The process around the bridge closure has not been perfect. Council was unaware of contracts that were put in place by Hastings District Council resulting in the road closure of the Gentle Annie for an extended period of time. My apologies go to the farmers and station owners on especially the Gentle Annie Road. The summer is of course the time when most of the transport related farm work takes place. The alternative route for a station like Ngamatea or Timahanga involves hundreds of extra kilometres of transport. A resultant Zoom call prior to the bridge closure organised by Hastings District Council Deputy Mayor Tania Kerr was appreciated by the

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owners and they focussed on “Where To From Here?” rather than seeking to place blame. I thank them for their attitude.

Andy Watson

**Mayor**

## Mayors Engagement

March 2021

1	Kuripapango Bridge Powhiri for commencement of works
2	Online Climate Change Risk Assessment Workshop LTP Consultation Meeting with Pasifika Groups
3	Attended a Traffic Safety Meeting with residents around a subdivision Online TUIA Mayoral Training Workshop
4	Online Zone 3 Meeting Meeting re noise complaint issues on local worksite Onsite meeting at Ratana Playground
5	Zoom – Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Opened an exhibition in Palmerston North
7	Met with ratepay in Sicely Street Attended Kohitangata Trust Meeting
8	Zoom – Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Meeting Meeting with Taihape Area School Principal Meeting with Susan at Hautapu Pine Meeting with ratepayer at Taihape Town Hall Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting Rotary Meeting
9	Fortnightly Teleconference Regional Chiefs’ Transport Matters Meeting with Oceania Healthcare LTP Consultation Meeting with Business Groups at Bulls Community Centre



10	Worked from Bulls Community Centre Te Matapihi Green Space Artwork Working Group Meeting LTP Workshop – Consultation Document Met with local business to discuss Marton Rail Hub project Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
11	Attended Three Waters Reform Programme Workshop in Palmerston North Attended a meeting in Taihape to update on Memorial Park Amenities Facility
12	Attended Duck Race in Taihape
15	Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended judging of Bulls Community Centre (finalist in NZ Commercial Project Awards – as entered by Wells & Wadsworth) Attended monthly Marton Health Networking Meeting Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee
16	Attended George Street Subcommittee Meeting Attended Marton Long Term Plan Consultation Meeting at Rangitikei College
17	Attended Makirikiri Flood Control Scheme Catchment Community Meeting Attended Marton Rail Hub – Project Board Meeting #3 Attended Bulls Community LTP Consultation Meeting at Bulls Community Centre
18	Attended Online Live Video LTP Consultation Meeting #1
19	Attended an MSD meeting in Whanganui to discuss MSD's focus for the year Attended Mangaweka Community LTP Consultation Meeting Attended Central Districts Feilddays Connections VIP Event with Ministers
20	Attended Outstanding Women in Sport Function in Palmerston North
21	Attended Rangitikei Youth Council Meeting – Pukeokahu (as part of Youth Council weekend) Attended Scotts Ferry LTP Community Consultation meeting
22	Attended Pukeokahu Community LTP Consultation meeting
23	Attended Fortnightly Teleconference – Regional Chiefs' Transport Matters To attend UCOL Manawatu Graduation Ceremony Awards in Palmerston North Attended Koitiata LTP Community Consultation Meeting
24	To attend online North Island Regional Passenger Rail Services Workshop Attended Hunterville LTP Community Consultation Meeting

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25	Attended Audit Risk Committee Meeting Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting To attend Business Hall of Fame Awards in Auckland
26	To potentially meet with Grey Power – LTP Consultation Meeting (tbc)
28	To attend Parewahawaha Marae for LTP Consultation Meeting To attend Moawhango Marae for LTP Consultation Meeting
29	To attend Taihape Community LTP Consultation Meeting
30	To attend EM Joint Standing Committee Meeting in Palmerston North To attend Regional Transport Committee Meeting in Palmerston North To attend monthly RDC/Police Meeting To attend Civil Defence Emergency Management Declaration Exercise
	To attend Online Live Video LTP Consultation #2
31	To attend Mataroa Community LTP Consultation Meeting

**Recommendation**

That the 'Mayoral Update – March 2021' report be received.

## **9 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Maori Wards**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **Discussion Item**

What would it look like to create a Maori Ward in our district for the next election?

### **9.2 Brainstorm**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **Discussion Item**

Brainstorm activities, events and/or groups to be run out of lobbies and other fundraising ideas.

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**9.3 Rangitikei Youth Council Work Plan 2021**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

**Reason for Report**

Attached is the 2021 Work Plan for the Rangitikei Youth Council.

**Attachments**

- 1. Rangitikei Youth Council Work Plan 2021**

**Recommendation**

That the 'Rangitikei Youth Council Work Plan 2021' report be received.





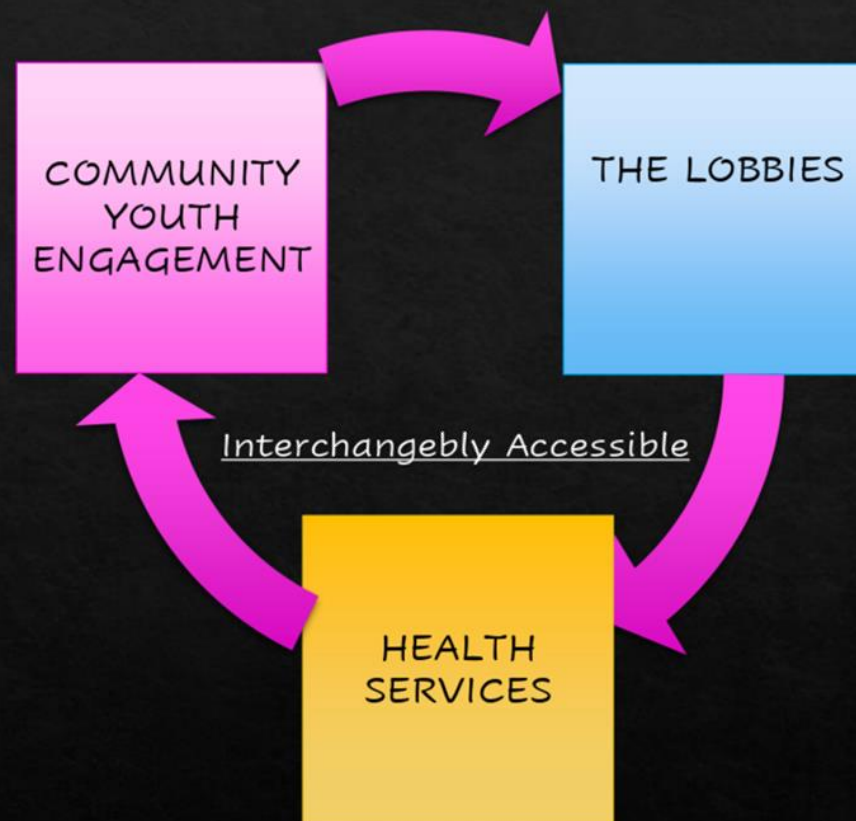


## RANGITITKEI YOUTH COUNCIL VALUES 2021

- 1. INVOLVED** Means to firstly encourage each other to share our ideas and opinions and participate freely. Secondly to be actively involved in our communities, looking for and creating opportunities for positive input/change;
- 2. OPEN MINDED** Means to agree to disagree respectfully towards one another in a safe environment, knowing and accepting every person sees the world differently, that this is a strength. Discussions not debates;
- 3. EQUAL** Means to treat others how you want to be treated. Knowing, accepting each other and moving forward as a team with equal parts;
- 4. ENCOURAGED** Means to support one another's endeavours, push each other to pursue beliefs/passions/new experiences. To back each other 100% without doubt.
- 4. UNIQUE** Means to utilise individual strengths, celebrating our diversity, not only in our team, but in our wider communities

## 2021 FOCUS POINTS

Alongside compulsory events RYC are required to run and attend in a year (Youth Awards, Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori, Festival for the Future), these three main focus points have been identified as the most important for the youth in our district. All three overlap each other and should be easily interchangeable within each sector.





# THE LOBBIES

## WHAT WE WANT THIS TO LOOK LIKE

- Increased use of lobbies! Establishing new activities/groups & events to run regularly from the lobbies
- Moving the location of the Marton Lobby to behind the Skatepark
- Create a 'youth hub' space where youth are able to come to:
- Find out about services available to them, be referred to or given information to access
- Learn something new, try a new hobby, meet new people
- Participate in regular groups/activities
- Play games, play pool, eat, hangout in a safe and welcoming environment
- Be available to other community groups to use the space too

## WHO/HOW WILL WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Activities/events/groups to be brainstormed by RYC with support from staff
- Collaborate with Schools, churches, Iwi stakeholders such as Rotary/RSA in support
- Approach community with possible involvement opportunities
- FUNDRAISING! To be brainstormed and organised by RYC with support from staff
- Investigation and ground work by RDC staff to move the location of the Marton Lobby
- Employment for supervision of the Taihape Lobby
- Update of Taihape Lobby

## POSSIBLE BARRIERS & COMBATS

- Funding
- Advertising!!
- Investigate and apply for possible funding sources
- ADVERTISE ADVERTISE ADVERTISE! Increased social media presence, word of mouth, advertising in schools, youth groups. Create the hype



# HEALTH SERVICES

## WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

- Free Health Services in our area that are well advertised, easy to access, (available to access through the Lobbies), and held accountable for their service
- Knowing what is available
- Doctors/Nurses general health
- Family Planning, contraception, STI checks, ree menstrual/sex products, sexual health wellbeing, counselling
- Mental health services, counselling, support for whanau, intervention, referrals
- Discreet access through the lobbies or online
- Career advising services in schools 100% Sweet, Ag Challenge,
- Improved advertising!!

## WHO/HOW WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN

- RYC staff to research current available services in the area and feed back to RYC
- Collaboration with Schools, churches, Iwi to develop a wider platform for advertising and referrals
- RYC staff to investigate and apply for possible funding sources to provide products and services within community at no cost to youth or families

## POSSIBLE BARRIERS AND COMBATS

- Travel/Distance
- Timing of appointments
- Cost
- Social Stigma
- Lack of Advertising
- Networking, advertising WELL, increasing social media presence to reduce stigma and increase knowledge of services, looking for funding possibilities for services and/or reimbursement of travel cost

# COMMUNITY YOUTH CONNECTION

## WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

- Regular social events for youth
- Youth run activities for kids
- Tutoring Opportunities
- Volunteering within our communities
- Re-branding Social Media to become more well known in the community and easily identified
- Look for opportunities to be involved in community projects
- Youth Awards Event
- Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori

## WHO/HOW WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Run surveys to gather intel on youth needs/ wants in the area.
- **Us!!** Be available, involved and willing to input into the community. Brainstorm ideas around re-branding and events.
- RYC, staff. Stakeholders. Community Organisations.
- Collaborate with local youth groups, churches, iwi and schools to run events and activities for younger kids within the community.
- Collaborate with schools to find tutoring opportunities
- Increase online presence of RYC with regular updates to community pages (Social Media Liaison to oversee)
- Identify organisations that want to be involved

## POSSIBLE BARRIERS AND COMBATS

- Funding to run programmes and events
- Time to invest with current workloads
- Social Stigma for participation from youth
- Cost of activities for attendance
- RDC staff to research and apply for possible funding sources for events and programmes, keeping cost of attendance low or at \$0 where we are able
- RYC to prioritise events and activities as high importance as best possible to still manage workload commitments at school
- Stay true and hold each other accountable to decided values of being involved, open- minded, equal, encouraged and unique.

#### **9.4 Report from Strategic Advisor for Youth**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **Reason for Report**

An attachment to this report will be tabled during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Report from Strategic Advisor to Youth be received.

### **10 Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 5.30 pm, Council Chambers, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton.

### **11 Meeting Closed**