

ORDER PAPER

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

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Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 at 5.30pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / 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 Reports for Decision

6.1 Declaration by Members

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 All members to the 2025 Youth Council are to make a declaration in either English or Te Reo Māori.

2. English

- 2.1 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 Rangitīkei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as a member of the Rangitīkei Youth Council.

3. Te Reo Māori

- 3.1 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 Rangitīkei hei Kai-kaunihera rangatahi.

Recommendation

That the report 'Declaration by Members' be received.

6.2 Election of Chair

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. The role of the Chairperson

1.1 Each Committee and Sub-Committee is headed by a Chair. During a meeting, it is the Chair's responsibility to:

- Open the meeting and welcome all attendees.
- Lead the Committee through the agenda, as per the pre-meeting Order Paper.
- Advise the order of speakers on any given topic.
- For recommendations: verbally state who has 'moved' the recommendation, who has 'seconded' it, and after any discussion has ended tally the vote ('yes', 'no' or 'abstain'). The Chair should then state if the recommendation is carried or lost.
- Rule on procedural questions and points of order.
- Close the meeting.

1.2 More information on the Chair's role in meetings can be found under section 14 of the Standing Orders.

2. Electing the Chair

2.1 The candidate will be elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate. This Committee vote is subject to the following rules:

- There is only one round of voting; and,
- If two or more candidates are tied for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot (i.e., coin toss or tie breaker vote).

Recommendation

That the report for 'Election of Chair' be received.

Recommendation

That _____ be appointed as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2025.

6.3 Election of Deputy Chair

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. The role of the Deputy Chairperson

- 1.1 Is it the Deputy Chair's responsibility to stand in for the Chair when he or she is unable to attend a meeting.

2. Electing the Deputy Chair

- 2.1 The candidate will be elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate. This Committee vote is subject to the following rules:
- There is only one round of voting; and,
 - If two or more candidates are tied for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot (i.e., coin toss or tie breaker vote).

Recommendation

That the report 'Election for Deputy Chairperson' be received.

Recommendation

That _____ be appointed as Deputy Chair for the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2025.

6.4 Appointments of other positions in Youth Council

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Committee may wish to consider the appointment of other roles. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Administration Officer
- Social Media Liaison Officer
- Creative Communities Scheme panel

1.2 Staff will be in attendance to answer any questions on this item.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Appointments of other positions for Youth Council' be received.

Recommendation 2

That _____ be appointed as Administrator for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2025.

Recommendation 3

That _____ be appointed as Social Media Liaison for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2025.

Recommendation 4

That _____ be appointed to the Creative Communities Scheme panel.

7 Reports for Information

7.1 Standing Orders

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A copy of Councils standing orders is attached.
- 1.2 Each council writes their own unique Standing Orders document, and it can be thought of as a type of 'rule book'. The purpose of a Standing Orders document is to guide Chairpersons in their running of meetings. The document should be easily understood and not violate any legislation (i.e., the Local Government Act 2002 or Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).

Attachments:

1. Standing Orders (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the report 'Standing Orders' is received.

7.2 Mayor's Report - February 2025**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor****1. Reason for Report**

Good Morning,

Our present Chief Executive Kevin Ross's resignation takes effect from 28 February. I take this opportunity to thank Kevin for the skill, knowledge and compassionate style he has brought to the position. Kevin, staff, councillors and myself have appreciated working with and for you. There have been a number of complex carry-over situations that you have had to deal with, most of which are now resolved. Kevin, enjoy your retirement again and I know that there are some issues that staff will call on you for assistance with from time to time.

The new year was touched with sadness for our district when Dame Tariana Turia passed away after a short illness at her beloved Whangaehu Marae, a marae that Tariana and her husband George helped rebuild. Our district and New Zealand lost a remarkable statesperson/politician who had the courage to follow her beliefs even if it meant crossing the floor in Wellington resulting in her setting up the Maori Party. This tangihanga was probably the largest gathering of remembrance that we will ever see in the Rangitikei with thousands of people attending each day across many political divides. My thanks also go to Ratana and their kitchens for the ability to provide food for this scale. Tragically it was only weeks later that we were back on the marae to receive Pakaitore Turia, Pahia's son and Dame Tariana's mokopuna – our thoughts are with the Turia whanau.

In between these two tragic events there was the annual gathering at Ratana to recognise the birthday of Tahupōtiki Wiremu (TW) Ratana founder of the Ratana Faith. This event always heralds the start of the political year with all political parties including the Prime Minister visiting. This year also saw the first official visit of the new Maori Kuini, Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, to Ratana. With the Maori Queen's visit the stressed relationship between Iwi, Government and the large number of attendees was always going to be a challenge. As expected the Prime Minister immediately said that the Government did not support the Act Party's Treaty Principles Bill and quickly acknowledged support for the existing Treaty settlement process. He also acknowledged the \$10m that Government has granted to the building upgrades. Maoridom, in particular Ratana, Tainui and the Maori Queen speakers stated that the relationship between themselves and Government needs to improve and that the build is only part of that process.

On a more positive note the Rangitikei continues to be the event centre of the wider region. The Marton Country Music Festival this year saw over 700 motor homes over the 4 days, an increase of nearly 200 on the previous best to my knowledge. The music festival is high on a national perspective but augmented this year by the first public appearance of the Topp Twins in, I think, three years.

As always the Gumboot Day in Taihape, the district shearing sports, Turakina Highland Games, Kiwiburn and the Bulls Fest-a-Bull all attracted strong support. I would like in particular to congratulate Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Mokai Patea Services for hosting the Waitangi Big Day Out event on 6 February in Taihape. This day highlighted the support services available in Taihape and gave the chance for an interactive Q&A session with the Mayor and Councillors to the community. I also appreciated that Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and Councillor Simon Loudon travelled up to support our Northern Ward Councillors Gill Duncan, Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Jeff Wong at this event.

At the start of this council meeting Nyssa Nepe the young rangatahi I mentor through the TUIA programme gave a reflection of her experience during 2024 and I have attached her report. I am also introducing to council this year's TUIA rangatahi, Faenza Hiroti.

Transport and the deterioration of our roading network continues to keep me awake at night and there are several things I need to comment on here -

- With the closure of the forestry mills at Tangiwai nearly 1000 tonnes of logs a day were being carted over the Gentle Annie Road to the Port of Napier. We successfully brought all interested parties together - being NZTA, KiwiRail, road haulage contractors, forestry owners, the Ports of Napier and the respective Councils – to send a clear and simple message, that these logs needed to go via rail as the road could not sustain the damage over a period of time associated with this cartage. I want to thank all of the parties for reaching a resolution especially KiwiRail who significantly lowered their pricing with other parties also contributing. The deal is only for one year and hopefully in that time the mills are sold, people re-employed and the logs further processed in New Zealand.
- The benefit of this discussion has also been an increased willingness from NZTA to enter into discussions around further support for the maintenance of the Gentle Annie Road.
- Forestry will continue to use the road in spite of the success of the log train and we need to continue with this fight.

This Council meeting will see a decision paper on MTFJ (Mayors Taskforce for Jobs). This programme is one of the huge successes for our district. Our team headed by James Towers and Louise McCoard is the most successful in the country for finding employment for people. There are 37 councils that have the MTFJ programme, the top two councils lead by us account for 25% of the national job placements. The contract MTFJ has with MSD (Ministry of Social Development) is \$18m over 2 years, something that we need to lobby Government for its continuation.

As a Council we need to continue engaging with Government, especially where our assets are most at risk. The classic example of this is in roading. Everyone within the Local Government and NZTA sectors now accept that under current policies and funding from Government our roads will continue to deteriorate or fall into disrepair. I am one of a small group of Mayors that sit on a Transport Forum engaging directly with NZTA. Recently there has been a change of senior Government ministers with Minister Chris Bishop taking over Transport and the Hon. Winston Peters taking over Rail. Both appointments are helpful for us I believe. Through the Transport Forum group we can talk with them and the Board of NZTA around our roading concerns. We believe that it is essential that at least both leading political parties, Labour and National, can come to a cross-party supported position on transport priorities spanning many years rather than the repeated changes with the three year electoral cycle. Progress is, I think, being made here and if we can help as a forum facilitate this then the gains are enormous.

Late last year Zone 3 (all councils from Gisborne to Taranaki, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all those in between) met in Napier. My previous reports provided the agendas and discussion summaries of that meeting. The next Zone meeting, which I co-Chair with the Wairoa Mayor, will be held in the South Taranaki in April and I attach the agenda as it stands now, subject to change. I encourage councillors to attend a Zone meeting at some time to understand the pressure we are all under and to hear the Government's positions explained. Similarly the Rural & Provincial councils across New Zealand will meet on the 27th and 28th of this month in Wellington. As our council meeting is the day before, my report on this meeting will be in next month's Mayor's Report but I enclose the agenda for those interested.

Local Water Done Well (aka Three Waters)

ITEM 7.2

LWDW continues to dominate council and staff time. We as council have decided that our preferred option is to form a Regional CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) with Ruapehu and Whanganui. The work ahead this year to look at this is huge and I refer to some of the actions required below –

- The three full councils will have a series of meetings, the next one to be held on 20 February to discuss the way forward.
- Staff and council will need to understand the setup and operation costs of the new CCO compared to how we currently deliver water, waste-water and stormwater (three waters services).
- We will then consult with our community on those costs and the benefits/disadvantages of working together.
- That consultation, which is happening soon, is similar to our Long Term Plan consultation processes and will involve meetings in our leading communities.
- If any community, or Iwi/hapu wish to have a visit as part of this consultation I will make it happen but it would be useful to advise council and/or myself at the earliest possible time.
- Any CCO set up across New Zealand will be owned by the councils by way of shareholding. That shareholding will need to be worked out and explained to communities.
- Any CCO will also have a governance board that appoints the operational arm and sets the strategy. This still needs to be set up.
- Our council will still be responsible for delivering the three waters until at least 2027/28 at which time the CCO, if put in place, comes into effect.
- Government still has the power to over-ride local consultation and council decisions to force CCOs into place.

There is clearly so much to do over the next couple of years.

I want to finish this report with a very good news story. On 11 December myself and a small group of staff and councillors travelled to the Springvale Bridge on the Gentle Annie Road to formally open a new dry vault toilet. Springvale is such a beautiful spot in our district, nearly halfway between Hastings/Napier and Taihape. Years ago the Plimmer and Williams families, who own stations in the area, put in and serviced at their own expense a long drop toilet to meet the needs of the travelling public. Their generous support over many years, and their ongoing commitment, along with support from the Rangitikei District Council, MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund, and the Upper Rangitikei River Catchment Group, provided an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience, as well as provide an amenity that protects the environment and ensures long-term sustainability of the location. I also wish to acknowledge local artist, Timoti Pekamu, whose artwork features on the facility.



ITEM 7.2



Mayor's Engagements

January 2025

3 - 7	Attended Dame Tariana Turia's tangi at Whangaehu Marae
6	Attended meeting with Elected Members re CE appointment
13	Attended meeting with Comms Team
14	Attended site visit meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended catchup with Northern Councillors in Taihape
16	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended meeting with Rural Water Scheme members and Tim Cadogan Attended welcome to Country Music Festival organisers
18	Attended Country Music Festival Showcase
21	Attended meeting with Alan Piper KiwiRail Attended monthly meetings with Comms Teams Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended Ratana Pa for formal welcome of Rangitikei & Whanganui District Councils
23	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations
24	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Lament at Turakina Cemetery/Official Welcome BBQ for Turakina Caledonian Games Attended Ratana Talent Contest
25	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Turakina Caledonian Games
27	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended online MTFJ Meeting
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended NZTHA Local Planning Policy online Meeting Attended regional relationship meeting with NZTA Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended meeting and tour with Todd Dawson at Napier Port
30	Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting Attended Council Annual Plan Workshop Attended BA5 Event Marton Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
31	Attended MTFJ Online Q&A with Mayors and CEs

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	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
February 2025	
1	Attended Shearing Sports Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
2	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
3	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting Attended meetings with ratepayers Attended Taihape Town Hall User Group Meeting
4	Attended Fortnightly Update on Economic Development with staff Attended meeting with Comms Team Attended meeting with Strategic Pay regarding Job Sizing of CE Position Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly Governor's Q&A at Executive Leadership Team meeting Attended Taihape Networking Group meeting Attended National Park to view Civil Defence Building
6	Attended Mokai Patea Services Waitangi Day Big Day Out in Taihape
7	Attended meeting in Tauranga regarding Industrial Hub land
10	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum in person meeting Wellington Attended meeting with Far North Solar Farms Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
11	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Hui Attended MTFJ Online Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Ratana Community Board Meeting
12	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
13	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

	Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting
14	Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Hunterville School reopening of Library
15	Attended Fest-a-Bull
17	Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ catchup with Louise and James
18	Attended meeting with TUIA Rangatahi Attended Council agenda meeting with staff Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
19	Attended Bulls Business Breakfast Attended Tux Purina 70 Year Function
20	Attended Combined Councils LWDW Workshop Ohakune Attended Taihape Business Event
21	Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff Attended A35 Lead Team Meeting Palmerston North Attended Friendship Club meeting
24	Attended offsite meeting with Comms Team at Tutaenui Reservoir Attended Triannual Relationship Meeting with Kainga Ora
25	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended NZTHA Local Planning online meeting Attended (Dog) Hearings Committee Meeting Attended monthly meeting with Comms Team Attended Manawatu Defence Hub Meeting in Palmerston North
26	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Team meeting Attended Finance & Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
27	To attend LGNZ All of Government Meeting in Wellington
28	To attend LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington To attend MTFJ Meeting in Wellington

ITEM 7.2**Attachments:**

1. **TUIA Overview 2024 - Nyssa Nepe (under separate cover)**
2. **Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Agenda - February 2025 (under separate cover)**
3. **All of Government Meeting Agenda - February 2025 (under separate cover)**
4. **Zone 3 Meeting - Draft Agenda - April 2025 (under separate cover)**
5. **Councillor Attendance (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 26 February 2025 be accepted.

7.3 Youth Council Code of Conduct

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Attached is the Code of Conduct for Youth Councillors.

Attachments:

1. Youth Council Code of Conduct (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the report 'Code of Conduct' is received.

ITEM 8.1

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Youth Council Project 2025

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item is included to have a discussion on a youth led project for 2025.

1.1.1 This may include the Youth Council Podcast and Youth Awards 2025.

Recommendation

If needed:

9 Meeting Closed.