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YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 11 May 2026
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: YC Animārie Harrison

Deputy Chair: YC Sharnah Watene - Governor

Membership: YC Ella McPherson Downes
YC La'ala'ai Simi
YC Briar Bowsher
YC Aania Paranihi
YC Maryanne Imakulaka Pio
YC Sophie Jacques
YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
YC Alice Stanbra
YC Heemi Ihaka-Candy
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Sandra Field (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson (Ex-Officio)

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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 Monday, 11 May 2026 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 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Youth Councillor Heemi Ihaka-Candy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Youth Council Meeting held on 20 April 2026** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Youth Council Meeting - 20 April 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 20 April 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



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UNCONFIRMED: YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

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 46 High Street
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Present

- YC Animārie Harrison
- YC Sharnah Watene - Governor
- YC Ella McPherson Downes
- YC La'ala'ai Simi
- YC Briar Bowsher
- YC Aania Paranihi
- YC Maryanne Imakulaka Pio
- YC Sophie Jacques
- YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
- YC Alice Stanbra
- YC Heemi Ihaka-Candy
- Cr Sandra Field

In attendance

- Ms Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi Engagement Officer
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Cr Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council
- Ms Katarina Kinloch, Sport Whanganui

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Unconfirmed

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/014

That the verbal update from Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council be received.

YC McPherson Downes/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

7.2 Katarina Kinloch, Healthy Active Learning Community Connector - Rangitikei

Moved to this item after Item 6 Confirmation of Minutes.

Ms Kinloch provided a verbal report.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/015

That the verbal update from Katarina Kinloch, Healthy Active Learning Community Connector – Rangitikei be received.

YC M Imakulaka Pio/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

7.3 Youth Wellbeing Forum

Ms Rowe, YC Watene – Governor and YC Ihaka – Candy provided an updated.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/016

That the verbal report Youth Wellbeing Forum be received.

YC Stanbra/YC M Imakulaka Pio. Carried

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Youth Week

Youth councillors discussed this item.

The meeting closed at 6:58 pm.

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

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Chairperson

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - May 26

Author: **Animārie Harrison, Chair**

1. Chair's Report

- 1.1 On the 14th of March myself and a group of college kids went to the Palmerston North fire department to learn about the common causes of fires within our communities, we then learnt about what causes them and how we can prevent them from happening we also did an obstacle course with a human sized mannequin in the dark to see what it would be feel like if we were fire fighters. After that they demonstrated how easy it is to start fire if you aren't looking while you're cooking. We then all did a demonstration in pairs on how just one simple talk could save someone's life.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – May 26 be received.

7.2 Deputy Chair's Report - May 26**Author: Sharnah Watene - Governor, Deputy Chair****1. Reason for Report**

Items addressed:

Upcoming May Youth Week

This is rapidly approaching and it's so great to see everyone has been collaborating together to get it all going!

So far our confirmed events for youth week are as follows; nighttime basketball, Arts n Crafts day, Quiz Night in Marton & Taihape and a Book Swap/Storytelling Session at the library. Such wonderful ideas for our communities!

Decisions for June Matariki Event

With June fast approaching I am pushing forward an event I'd like to run alongside you all.

The Matariki Market will be a collaboration between youth council, iwi and sport Whanganui. Daytime Ki o Rahi Competitions between schools or parents, weaving, mirimiri and kai stations and at night a youth talent quest opened by our own Heemi (if he wants to).

As with events like this there is a lot of planning to do and decisions to make. So can we please decide this in our meeting tonight. We also need a planning team who will organise communication with iwi and sport Whanganui and also facilitate the event, we will then need our on the grounds who will be able to show where people go on the day and also a MC who can do our talent quest, we need our advertisers who will take care of the posters, videos and general advertisement of our event.

Thank you.

Recommendation

That the Deputy Chair Report – May 26 be received.

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2026

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

1. Having just returned from a family holiday, this report will be a little disjointed with the noting of things over the last few weeks that may have already had coverage by Comms or Council. My appreciation to Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson for very ably standing in for me is foremost in my mind. While I was away our district faced the possibility of a weather declaration, the new Central Districts Water Board was put in place and major decisions were made by Council on the Marton Pool and Marton Water project. These were big decisions and I was able to Zoom in to the Council meeting on the day and support them. We now have a future with the Marton Pool and while the water strategy project is frustrating in the delay, the money spent on the new bores is not wasted and what we are wanting is the best option for treatment processes. I and Council are committed to keeping you updated on progress over the next few months. The run-up to Council on these decisions takes time and skill answering questions raised and checking that the right information is available to Councillors. It was a pity that the Harvest Festival had to be cancelled but it was the right call. Dave handled all of this incredibly well – thanks.
2. Central Districts Water is now live and will take effect 2027. I have included some photos from the establishment of the new Board and it was a pity that I was away for the powhiri to welcome the new Board. The next milestone will be the setting of what is known as the Statement of Expectations set by the Shareholder Committee representing the three Councils and Iwi aspirations and direction to the entity. The performance of the entity will be held to account through both this process and the Commerce Commission.





3. Like so many others in our district I took part in ANZAC Day services. It is a time for us to reflect on the sacrifices made by young men and women who left our shores, so many of them not to return. My thanks to all of those who took part. The Rangitikei has a proud military history. With Waiouru to the north of us, and Base Ōhakea and Linton Military Camp to our south, many defence force staff call our district home. We're incredibly grateful for their service to our country, and the contribution that they make to Rangitikei. As part of the day I attended the Ohingaiti service at 10am. The young students from Hunterville School and locals read excerpts from letters sent home from the front which I found particularly moving. We will remember them.
4. Local Government New Zealand have initiated regular Zoom Meetings for members with the Minister of Local Government Simon Watts. The 17 March session was Chaired by LGNZ President Rehette Stoltz and the salient points were -
 - 200 members of LGNZ were on the call including our CE Carol and Councillor Diana Baird.
 - Minister Watts thanked the sector for their work and made the point that Senior Ministers were aware of the scale of reforms that the sector faced.
 - The Minister gave assurance that New Zealand is in a good space around fuel security.
 - He then wanted to highlight several of the reforms before engaging in a Q&A session.
 - i) Simplifying Local Government legislation
 - Consultation/Submission process now closed and under review
 - Regarding timeframes proposed at 2 years – the Minister said that several councils want Government to move with pace, so timelines are currently being reviewed.
 - There was the comment that “one size doesn’t fit all” and there will be regional differences.

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- Government wants to move at pace was repeated.
- ii) Rates Capping
 - Government is looking at a range-based model
 - Feedback to Government is supportive of the direction for the rates cap
 - The Minister said that final design is not there yet, but legislation should be in place before the election
- iii) Ratepayer Assistance
 - A Steering Group has been set up to look at this.
- iv) Dog Control Legislation
 - Current status is not acceptable
 - Notes the three fatalities in Northland resulting from dog attacks
 - Multi-ministers involved in this review and there will be more on this later
 - The Government is keen to work with the LGNZ sector here
- v) RMA Reform
 - Ministers Bishop and Watts are working closely on this
 - Fewer consents will be required perhaps halving the need
 - Reform process is on track
 - The reforms will help councils to meet rates cap

- Q&A Session –

- Timelines for Regional Councils? *No further comment and it had been referenced earlier.*
- Boundary issues for authorities aligned to reform? *Minister Bishop has responsibility in this space.*
- The issue of compensation to property owners over land reclassification – has this been factored into rates pegging? *No clear answer.*
- The question of the costs of audit amidst the backdrop of rates pegging? *Being looked at by Government was the response.*

5. On 21 March I attended the final tribute to 50 years of operation of the Marton OpShop - a High Tea at Rangitikei College. Over the preceding week there was a series of events celebrating this. Rangitikei is built on voluntary organisations, often started by church groups, service groups and our communities and the OpShop is a classic example of this. It has been a remarkable progression over the 50 years lead initially by Ted Calkin, Betty Corballis and Clifford Brown and carried on through Marton Christian Welfare and the current team headed by Mike O'Regan. Our community has benefitted by over \$50m worth of community support, made possible by the huge number of volunteers at the OpShop and by the gifting of the community who supply it. Recently the OpShop was named in 2nd place nationally as the Best OpShop in the country – congratulations, this is well deserved. I have included a photo of the cutting of the cake.



6. Taihape Health Update – this has been and still is a roller coaster ride. The collaboration between Otaihape Health Trust and Mokai Patea Services to take over, by way of a longterm “peppercorn” lease, the old hospital at Taihape currently run under Te Whatu Ora initially seemed to be straightforward and a fantastic solution for Taihape and the Rangitikei. Progress has been slow but a Zoom meeting with Minister Simeon Brown in June seemed to provide ministerial direction that it should proceed quickly. Effectively he instructed officials to proceed, the key element being the sale of the buildings for \$1, roof replacement and the ground lease at the peppercorn rental. Since that time, health officials have reneged on that direction especially by asking for a huge unrealistic rental cost. I wrote to the Minister in April and have written again this week asking for an urgent meeting. I know that our MP Suze Redmayne is actively supporting us. If this is not dealt with quickly, we as a community need to take action and politicise it as loudly as possible. Jude MacDonald and Piki Te Ora Hira and all involved need our support.
7. The 2026 Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games took place in Palmerston North on 15 March. Once again a hugely successful event with many of the competitors coming from the Rangitikei. Normally I would attend the welcoming powhiri which this year unfortunately clashed with another event, however I did support the Awards Night on 13 March where Marton’s own fencer Tim Stafford was a finalist in the NZ Rural Sportsman of the Year. Tim’s year was defined by a stunning treble of major titles – the Silver Spades, the East Coast Fencing Rivalry in the USA demonstrating NZ standards on the world stage and the Golden Pliers, NZ’s premier solo fencing competition. Tim is more than a champion fencer – he is a leader and stands for skill, integrity and passion in NZ’s rural sports community. Winning the Golden Pliers twice in one decade defines a career – congratulations on your achievements Tim!

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8. Last weekend I attended the 2026 Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge event in Turakina. This annual event has been running since 2015 and the number of people there, I believe, was a record this year. The combination of wet weather the week preceding to make the driving obstacles difficult and two days of dry weather just prior provided a very successful mix. I can't tell you who won the event but I can say that as a parking attendant the crowds absolutely loved it and I understand that a large number of people travelled from around the country to watch, many of whom took up local accommodation options – a huge plus for our district.
9. The winners of the 2026 Community Volunteer Awards have now been notified and published on our website and social media pages. Thank you to everyone who took the time to put in nominations recognising the extraordinary work so many volunteers do within our district. Myself and Elected Members are visiting each of the 5 winners to present their awards at separate personalised ceremonies starting on 1 May. Pictures and more information will be available on our website following those events.
10. On a final celebratory note, just before I went away I attended the Ballance Farm Environmental Awards where Jarred and Bronwyn Clode and the Te Hou Farms team were named the 2026 Supreme Winners, an achievement that they should be justifiably proud of. Te Hou farms is two-thirds owned by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Developments Ltd in partnership with Ātīhau Whanganui Incorporation. I have included a link for further details - [Jarred & Bronwyn Clode | New Zealand Farm Environment Trust](#)





Deputy Mayor's Engagements

During the Mayor's annual leave absence, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson attended the following engagements

- 27 March – Central Districts Water Joint Shareholder Committee Meeting with all three Councils. I attended on Zoom and Cr Fi Dalgety attended in person. These are important meetings as we continue to form our relationships with CDW and our three Councils.
- 4 April - Bulls Rugby Club 150th Jubilee
- Met with Chief Executive regularly including making the unfortunate decision to cancel the 2026 Harvest Festival due to predicted Cyclone Vaianu.
- Zoom meetings with CDEM Regional Mayors and CE's regarding potential impact of Cyclone Vaianu. This was useful in understanding Council processes and while I have confidence in them, confidence can lead to complacency and we should never be complacent when events like this arise. I am confident we have a robust system in place. I thank the Chief Executive for keeping Elected Members well informed during the weather event.
- 11 April - Gumboot Day in Taihape – thanks to the organising groups for a very well run event myself and my wife enjoyed a great day out. P.S. Thanks for the pickled onions!
- 13 April – tangi of Thomas Curtis, former longstanding member of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti and well respected for his work on iwi matters in our district.
- 14 April – Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting.
- 14 April – Rangitikei Rural Support Group meeting – discussed opportunities to work together with their significant networks in Civil Defence. This is a very well respected group with good network connections.
- 15 April – Coroner's Court Hastings – inquiry into the Cyclone Gabrielle deaths, in particular Mr George Luke who died on the Taihape-Napier Road. I attended mainly out of respect to the family and in support of our Chief Executive and Roding Manager who was called upon to give evidence.

Mayor’s Engagements

March 2026

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| 13 | <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Quarterly Regional Relationship meeting with NZTA</p> <p>Attended Central Districts Water Joint Shareholder Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended NZ Rural Games Awards Evening</p> |
| 14 | <p>Attended NZ Ford Ranger Rural Games</p> <p>Attended Child Cancer Red Bucket Appeal Mayoral Challenge</p> <p>Attended Marton OpShop 50th Celebrations</p> <p>Attended Bulls RSA AGM</p> <p>Attended Alistair Stewart’s Gold Star Celebration with Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade</p> |
| 17 | <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LGNZ zoom with Minister of Local Government</p> <p>Attended Citizenship Ceremony</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> |
| 18 | <p>Attended monthly comms meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Bulls Town Centre Projects walkabout</p> |
| 19 | <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Balance Farm Environmental Awards</p> |
| 20 | <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended National MPS Accelerate35 Meeting</p> <p>Attended Central Districts Field Days Event</p> |
| 21 | <p>Attended Annual Plan Public Meeting in Bulls</p> <p>Attended Marton OpShop 50th Celebrations – Function for Past/Present Volunteers</p> |
| 23 | <p>Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā Hui in Ohakune</p> <p>Attended Youth Council Meeting</p> |
| 24 | <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly online meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Town Centre Projects walkabout and Annual Plan Public Meeting</p> <p>Attended RCA Forum Special General Meeting online</p> <p>Attended Taihape Wellness Development Hui</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> |
| 25 | <p>Attended Community Volunteer Awards Meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with MSD Regional Commissioner</p> <p>Attended Federated Farmers meeting with Mayors</p> |

April 2026

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| 22 | Attended Mokai Patea Services Kaumatua Ora Wananga Attended LGNZ Zoom on Fuel Crisis Attended Taihape Grandstand Community Meeting |
| 23 | Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Council Workshop Attended Marton Town Centre Projects walkabout Attended Local Government sector meeting with Ministers re fuel response |
| 24 | Attended Rural Communities Chapter Hui online |
| 28 | Attended Marton ANZAC Day Dawn Parade Attended Ohingaiti ANZAC Day Function Attended Marton ANZAC Day Ceremony at Cenotaph Marton Park |
| 26 | Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge in Turakina |
| 28 | Attended Mayors Briefing before Council with staff Attended meeting with Minister Peters at Parliament Attended logging meeting with Daran Ponter Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor |
| 29 | Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting |
| 30 | Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop Attended Finance/Performance Committee Workshop Attended Central Districts Water Joint Shareholders Committee Workshop Attended Campaign Launch of surgical robot at Palmerston North Hospital |

May 2026

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| 1 | Attended presentation of Community Volunteer Award to Katie Deere |
| 4 | Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended presentation of Mayor's Recognition Award to Jo Rangooni Attended meeting with TUIA Rangatahi |
| 5 | Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Hui Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor |
| 6 | Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Council Meeting – Annual Plan Hearing |
| 7 | Attended Council Meeting and Council Workshop Attended meeting with FRV Chief Executive re Solar Farms Attended Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers AGM |

Attachments:

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- 1. LGNZ four-monthly report December-March (under separate cover)**
- 2. Zone 3 - March 2026 - Elected Member Report - Cr Fi Dalgety (under separate cover)**
- 3. Zone 3 - March 2026 Elected Members Report - Crs Baird & Sharland (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That That the Mayor’s Report – May 2026 be received.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Tamariki/Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer April Report

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report provides Youth Council with an update on key activities I am doing.

2. Easter School Holidays

2.1 April has been a busy month. Starting with the Easter school Holidays. School Holidays are always a fun time, with a bit of prep work behind. It's always fun working alongside our community hubs, iwi and other community groups to bring fun free activities for youth and their whānau.

2.2 Youth Head Quarters (YHQ) had a few collaborations for the community to enjoy.

3. ANZAC Day

3.1 RSA president Alan Buckendahl came to speak to the Youth HQ tamariki about the history of Marton RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall. He shared about the history and mana that it holds. This was special, as it highlights how the sacrifices of previous generations have contributed to creating a space that youth can now access and enjoy today.

3.2 Te Kotuko Houora staff/kaimahi from Te Rūnanga O Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa brought their knowledge and Harakeke skills to YHQ, Teaching the tamariki how to weave putiputi (Flowers) which was made into a wreath for the Marton ANZAC parade.

3.3 Our Community Hubs Staff/kaimahi added to the wreath with amazing poppies made out of pipe cleaners. Very creative.



3.4 Baking! The youth enjoyed lots of yummy ANZAC slice. Same ingredients as the classic ANZAC biscuits but just pressed into a slice tin.

- 3.5 This was a great joint effort that really tied into our holiday programme. It was awesome attending our Marton Dawn service seeing so many youth pay their respects to those that have served and still serve our country.
- 3.6 Internal and external collaboration is always fun, and I appreciate everyone helping me make these awesome opportunities happen.

4. Youth Council

- 4.1 For our March Youth Council hui we had Cr Bridget Bell Manawatu Māori ward councillor come and speak to our youth. She brought an awesome vibe and really encouraged our youth with their leadership roles and giving them words of wisdom for their future.
- 4.2 I really appreciate Cr Bridget coming over and sharing her experiences. I would encourage you all to take any opportunity to hear her speak- she's great!
- 4.3 Healthy active learning community connector- Rangitikei from Whanganui Sport Katarina Kinloch came and spoke to our Youth Council.
- 4.4 Their "why" is about hauora — making sure our people are physically active, socially connected, and mentally well. It's also about creating spaces where rangatahi and tamariki feel like they belong, where they can show up as themselves, and where their identity is seen and valued. It's not just about sport — it's about building confidence, connections, and opportunities."
- 4.5 Katarina and I will continue to work on collaborations and see how we can support kaupapa/Initiatives.
- 4.6 Behind the scenes Communication Manager Sophia Sykes and I are planning better ways to upskill and give our social media liaisons confidence to post and create content. Our social media liaisons have a few tasks to do in the next few weeks, if they reach out to you please help them by providing them with what they ask.
- 4.7 Governance Advisor / Climate Change Coordinator- Kezia Spence and I are working on how to upskill our Youth Council in report writing and meetings.

5. Looking Ahead to May

- 5.1 Looking forward into May we have a few kaupapa going on.
 1. *A FREE Dyslexia workshop Helping educators to achieve educational success for learners with Dyslexia and other Neurodiverse conditions.*
 - *An interactive workshop with Mike Styles*
 2. *The one-hour workshop will cover the following:*
 - *What dyslexia is and isn't. How it relates to the other neurodiverse conditions.*
 - *How dyslexia impacts on literacy skill acquisition.*
 - *The other non-literacy components of dyslexia*
 - *The good things about dyslexia*
 - *Tell-tale signs.*
 - *Strategies to manage dyslexia in the classroom.*
 - *Answers to your questions.*

3. A *FREE Dyslexia workshop- especially developed for parents, grandparents and other caregivers to support learners with dyslexia and/or other neurodiverse conditions to manage their challenges and fully capitalise on their skills and talents.*
4. *The workshop will focus on the role that carers of all kinds have to help their loved ones navigate education.*
5. *We will cover the following: -*
 - *What neurodiversity/dyslexia are and are not.*
 - *Telltale signs*
 - *The links between dyslexia and the other neurodiverse conditions.*
 - *Positive dyslexia/positive neurodiversity.*
 - *The special role that parents/grandparents/carers have*
 - *Tips and strategies that make a difference.*
 - *Answers to your questions.*
- 5.2 If you or someone you know may benefit from this please register [Form to register](#) and for additional information <https://www.dyslexia-consulting.com>

6. Youth Week is coming up

- 6.1 Youth Week is a nationwide campaign, running from 18th - 24th May 2026, that celebrates this! It brings us all together to recognise the value, awesomeness, and impact of rangatahi, and to champion a society that supports young people to thrive.
- 6.2 The list of ideas that our Youth Council have come up is great!
 - 18/05/2026 5.30-7.30pm - Nighttime basketball for 13-18 year olds.
 - 19/05/2026 3-4.30 YHQ
 - 20/05/2026 3-4.30 YHQ and 3.30-4.30 Arts and Crafts at the Marton Library for under 6 year olds
 - a Book Swap/Storytelling Session at the Library and Quiz Night

Recommendation

That the Tamariki/Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer April Report be received.

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10 Discussion Items

10.1 Verbal Report Melanie Bovey

Author: Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Ms Bovey will introduce her role at Council

1.1.1 Multicultural Festival discussion and the involvement of Youth Council

Recommendation

If needed

11 Meeting Closed.