



Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Tararua District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on **Wednesday 29 May 2024** commencing at **1:00pm**.

Bryan Nicholson
Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Opening**
- 2. Council Prayer**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Public Forum**

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting may speak for up to five minutes.

Standing Orders may be suspended on a vote of three-quarters of those present to extend the period of public participation or the period any speaker is allowed to speak.

With the permission of the Mayor, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the Mayor, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

4.1 Public Forum - Linda Manning

Linda Manning will be in attendance to speak to Council regarding a proposed "Child Smile" programme for the Tararua District.

4.2 Public Forum - Leonie Belmont

Leonie Belmont will be in attendance to speak to Council about risks to infants and mothers associated with the fluoridation of water.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at this meeting if so resolved by the Council and the chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the Council may be discussed if the chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

7. Confirmation of Minutes

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports

8.1 Minutes Dannevirke Community Board

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meetings held 15 April 2024 and 20 May 2024 be received.

8.2 Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 13 May 2024 be received.

8.3 Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 1 May 2024 be received.

8.4 Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 7 May 2024 be received.

Note: Any of the Community Boards and Community Committees may send a representative to address the Council on any issues within the agenda or matters of interest to them.

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	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the Tararua District Council receives the report on the Cyclone Gabrielle recovery journey.</i>	
10.	Correspondence	
10.1	Letter from LGNZ Mayors and Chairs on Maori Wards	75
	<i>Recommended</i>	
	<i>That the Tararua District Council note the letter sent to the Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders from the LGNZ Mayors and Chairs on Māori Wards dated 22 May 2024.</i>	
11.	Portfolio Reports	
	Councillors assigned the responsibility to undertake the portfolio for a specific activity can report back on any of these matters.	
12.	Mayoral Matters	
13.	Items not on the Agenda Accepted in Accordance with the Procedure Outlined as per Agenda Item 4	
14.	Public Excluded Items of Business	
	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:</i>	
	<i>Sale of Birch North Forest</i>	

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

<i>General subject matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under Section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Sale of Birch North Forest</i>	<i>To protect commercial and industrial negotiations</i>	<i><Section (1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

s7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect commercial and industrial negotiations.

15. Closure



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 24 April 2024 commencing at 1:00pm.

1. Present

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards

In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Mr J Single	- Regulatory Services Manager
Ms G Nock	- Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager
Mr P Sinclair	- Emergency Management Officer
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Council Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Council Prayer.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Public Forum re Fluoride

Dr John Jukes outlined his views on fluoridation, and his observance of fluorosis in teeth during his forty years of practice as a dentist. He spoke about his views of fluoride as a toxin and its ineffectiveness in preventing tooth decay, and the negative health impacts of fluoridation.

Dr Matt Shelton outlined his background as a doctor initially in anaesthetics and intensive care, but mostly in general practice subsequently, and in teaching at

tertiary academic level in nutrition and environmental medicine. He outlined his views about fluoridation going against the principles of medical ethics, reform, consent, bodily autonomy and the right to refuse medical treatment. He spoke about the research that showed the negative impacts of fluoridation. He noted the oath of office taken by elected members to uphold the relevant legislation, but stressed their obligation to the community they serve. He noted that New Zealand was one of only eight countries worldwide that mandated fluoridation of the drinking water supplies. He implored Council to be part of the solution.

Cr Gilmore sought clarification regarding whether his views were supported by his peers, given he was not currently practising as a doctor. It was responded that environmental science constituted only a small proportion of study in his field which most doctors would not be familiar with. Cr Gilmore further questioned the motive surrounding why, if the biotoxicity of fluoride was indisputable and could not be considered a complex scientific issue, medical associations would continue to endorse water supply fluoridation. It was answered that it was best to ask them, and that it was likely indicative of a lack of education on nutrition and environmental science within New Zealand medical school curricula. He emphasised that until these subjects were considered foundational elements of medical training, the support of fluoridation would continue.

Debbie Webster thanked elected members for attending the public meeting and presented the petition from Fluoride Free Tararua, noting that 494 residents signed the paper copy of the petition, with a further 146 signing the online petition. She noted a further 66 people signed the petition at the public meeting held 23 April 2024. She noted that a resolution on the high court case was not expected until September 2024, however the Judge had ruled that the directive still stood. She expressed concern that the Council could open themselves to legal ramifications should it start fluoridating while the legal uncertainties remained.

She spoke about an extension granted to Nelson City Council on their directive and encouraged Council to apply for an extension on its directive to 31 December 2024. She spoke about how the impounded supply should take precedence for expenditure over fluoridation.

Her Worship the Mayor read to the meeting a copy of the letter she had sent to the Director General of Health, seeking the ability to delay making the plant operational until legal matters had been finalised.

5. Presentation of Petition

5.1 Presentation of Petition to Stop Fluoridation of Tararua Drinking Water

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 17 April 2024 that presented a petition submitted from Fluoride Free Tararua to the Tararua District Council.

Her Worship the Mayor spoke to the report on the agenda, noting the number of

signatories, statement of petition and options available to council under the requirements of standing orders.

That the Tararua District Council receive the petition from Fluoride Free New Zealand and forward a copy to the Director General of Health noting point 1 of the petition where she is the decision maker.

Crs Gilmore/Johns

Carried

6. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

7. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 March 2024 (as circulated)) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Crs Sutherland/Wallace

Carried

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with a correction to show Councillors Gilmore, Wards, Franklin and Wallace as recording their votes against the motion.

Crs Gilmore/Wards

Carried

9. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports

9.1 Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee

That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 2 April 2024 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Johns

Carried

9.2 Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 3 April 2024 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Johns

Carried

9.3 **Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board**

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 8 April 2024 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Johns

Carried

10. Reports

10.1 **Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Regulatory Services Manager dated 17 April 2024 that sought approval to publicly notify the draft Tararua District Council Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024. The report included the review and replacement of the Tararua District Council Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2017, and the statement of proposal and draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 for public feedback. The Regulatory Services Manager noted that currently there were no buildings classified as Dangerous Buildings within the Tararua District.

That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 17 April 2024 concerning the Tararua District Council's Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 be received.

That the Council approves the Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and s132 of the Building Act 2004.

That the Council agrees that the Chief Executive be delegated the power to approve any minor amendments to the draft policy or statement of proposal that he considers appropriate, prior to consultation starting.

Crs Wallace/Johns

Carried

10.2 **Regulatory Services Update - 1 July 2023 - 31 March 2024**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Regulatory Services Manager dated 18 April 2024 that provided a regular update of the statistical information provided by Regulatory Services, for Council information purposes.

The Regulatory Services Manager spoke about the upcoming review by the Minister for Building and Construction of the seismic risk management of existing buildings and an extension of non-lapsed earthquake prone building remediation deadlines. Later this year the Council would be required to reissue physical, earthquake prone building notices and update the register showing each building's new deadline for completing the seismic strengthening work.

It was asked that comparative data for the previous year be included in the next

report for relocated dwellings.

That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 18 April 2024 concerning the Regulatory Services Update - 1 July 2023 - 31 March 2024 be received.

Crs Wards/Long

Carried

10.3 Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 16 April 2024 that provided information on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 16 April 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Wallace

Carried

11. Portfolio Reports

11.1 Rural Connectivity: Cr Franklin provided an update on Norsewood connectivity, noting that they had undergone site examination and there should be a final announcement soon.

11.2 Road Controlling Authorities conference: Cr Sutherland reported on the attendance of himself, Her Worship the Mayor, and the Group Manager - Infrastructure at the Road Controlling Authorities Conference recently held in Wellington. He noted he hoped to bring some facts and figures from discussions at that conference to a future committee or Council meeting.

12. Mayoral Matters – Correspondence

12.1 Submission - Fast Track Approvals Bill

Her Worship the Mayor noted the copy of the submission made on the Fast Track Approvals Bill that was included in the agenda.

She also noted the copy of the letter sent to the Director General of Health that she read to the meeting in response to the matters raised in public forum.

Discussion was undertaken on final arrangements for attendances at the District's Anzac Day Ceremonies.

13. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:14pm.

Mayor



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 15 April 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

1. Present

Board Members: P F Walshe (Chairperson), T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), E J Christison, R T Wallace and Cr S M Wards

In Attendance

Mr R Earp	–	Three Waters Manager
Ms K Stevens	–	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

That the apology from Councillor E Peeti-Webber be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

3. Public Forum

Brenda Lockie-Julian, a Registered Nurse, and Kim Phelps, a local Osteopath, were in attendance, and spoke to the Board regarding research surrounding the impacts of fluoridation on human health, and to advocate for health-compromised patients in the district.

Brenda Lockie-Julian spoke of her intent to advocate for health-compromised patients under her purview who expressed concerns regarding what impact fluoridation would have on their wellbeing.

She stated that much of the research surrounding the decision to fluoridate originated from studies published up to 2014, and that more recent studies denouncing its use had superseded them. She added that New Zealand was only one of 4 countries directed to mandate compulsory fluoridation, and that only 8

countries around the world had at least 50% of their population on fluoridated water, with 98% of Europe unfluoridated.

She spoke to the growing opposition within the community and the pushback observed in other mandated Councils, and stated that the Council places itself at risk for legal action should it continue not to engage in public consultation and not undergo a New Zealand Bill of Rights Analysis. She expressed disappointment that Council's response entailed asking groups in opposition to petition central government, with little support or representation from Council themselves.

She added that the New Zealand Supreme Court in 2018 ruled fluoridation as a 'compulsory medical treatment' – thus requiring a prescription to take - and therefore the amendment of the Health Act in 2021 stating that 'no discussion or debate was required with local communities regarding forced medication' was undemocratic.

She talked of how the fluoridation plant was to be installed and operational by June, but had since been extended to August, and how despite the purported pressure on Council to comply or pay a fine, if Council decided to take the Ministry of Health to Court they would likely win given the unlawful nature of the directive. She added that other Councils – most notably Nelson, but also Rotorua, Horowhenua and Waitaki - requested extensions based on the uncertainty regarding the safety of fluoridation, awaiting further research.

She finalised that the recommended level of 0.7ppm could not be ruled as safe, given its current use in toothpaste and with no reliable way to monitor its increase when water is boiled for use in formula. She called this unlawful, unscientific, and undemocratic, and implored the Community Board to advocate for the community, and to consider attending the public meeting at the hub on the 23rd at 7pm. She provided a brief programme of the event, as well as significant people in attendance, and invited Council to send a representative to facilitate a balanced discussion.

Kim Phelps added to the presentation, and talked about how previously deemed 'safe' materials were often investigated and proven otherwise by largely independent groups of researchers and concerned individuals. He spoke about his own research into the topic, stating that studies from Europe had regarded fluoridation as an unsafe practice, and that several review articles and studies elsewhere had also recommended against it, speaking of the numerous potential health effects resultant from excessive fluoride consumption. He recommended the fluoride free NZ website as a good resource to learn more.

Board Member Christison talked of Norfolk Island residents who had no chlorine nor fluoride in their water.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Board Member E Christison – Dannevirke High Street footpath slippage concerns, Adelaide Road walkway need for maintenance.

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Councillor S Wards – Armstrong road information site – was asked to contribute as a resident of the area.

Board Member T Hynes – part of the organising committee for the information site to be constructed Armstrong road.

Board Member E Christison – pricing the construction of Armstrong road information site.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 18 March 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Christison/Hynes

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Tararua District Council minutes

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held 28 February 2024 be received.

Wards/Walshe

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Funding of Town Hall Hire for Anzac Day Concert 2024

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 20 March 2024 that considered making an allocation of funding towards the cost of hire of the Dannevirke Town Hall, for the proposed Anzac Day Concert 2024. It was clarified that the hall hireage would last for only half the day.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 20 March 2024 concerning the Funding of Town Hall Hire for Anzac Day Concert 2024 be received.

AND

That the Dannevirke Community Board makes available funding of up to \$276.00 towards hire costs of the Dannevirke Town Hall for the Anzac Day Concert 2024.

Christison/Hynes

Carried

8.2 Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 08 March 2024 that presented to the Board the applications for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme, for consideration and decision.

Cr S Wards advised that as an Elected Member of Council that if any organisations listed had received funding from council, she would abstain from voting on those applications.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 08 March 2024 concerning the Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024 be received.

That the Dannevirke Community Board make the following grants from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Dannevirke Gallery of History, \$1000 towards administration costs for the museum

Walshe/Hynes

Carried

Cottage Quilters Dannevirke, \$350 towards hall hireage for club days

Hynes/Walshe

Carried

Tararua Aquatic Community Trust, \$500 towards life jackets for water safety lessons.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

Cr S Wards recorded her vote against the motion.

Pongaroa Craft Group, \$500 towards group running costs.

Walshe/Christison

Carried

Dannevirke Basketball Association, \$500 towards assistance with hall hire costs during school basketball season

Christison/Wallace

Carried

Phil Lamason Heritage Centre Trust (Inc), \$1000 towards the creation of an information site for the WW1 Glengarry Soldiers Settlement on Armstrong Road, Dannevirke

Wallace/Walshe *Carried*

Dannevirke Community Patrol, \$800 towards 2024/25 operational costs

Hynes/Wallace *Carried*

Herbertville Hall and Community Incorporated, \$1000 towards legal costs to align ownership of the hall with the new incorporated society

Christison/Hynes *Carried*

Dannevirke Squash Club Inc, \$1000 towards upgrade of court 1 & 2 lighting to LEDs, and installation of sensor lights in changing rooms

Wallace/Christison *Carried*

Alzheimers Manawatu, \$1000 towards staff travel costs to and from Dannevirke

Wallace/Christison *Carried*

DMC Dannevirke Multisport Complex Group, \$239 towards town hall hireage for the skate park fundraising ball

Walshe/Christison *Carried*

That the Dannevirke Community Board declines the following grants from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Central and Southern Hawkes Bay Showjumping Group, towards costs for the January Equestrian Event

Hynes/Wallace *Carried*

8.3 Management Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 08 April 2024 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 20 March 2024. Concerns were raised regarding the amount of recycling committed to landfill, where recycling was shipped to, and the costs to Council associated with recycling processes.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 08 April 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Hynes/Walshe

Carried

8.4 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 08 April 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 20 March 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 08 April 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Hynes/Walshe

Carried

9. **Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

9.1 **Dannevirke Brass Band:** Board Member Wallace reported that he had been unable to attend the previously held meeting, and that the most recent scheduled meeting had been cancelled due to the organiser being ill.

9.2 **Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member Hynes noted that the next After Fives event would be held at the Tui HQ in Mangatainoka, Pahiatua. The event would be a collaboration with both the Manawatu and Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce.

9.3 **Community Vehicle Trust:** Board Member Hynes noted that the Vehicle Trust was working well with its new management structure, with few issues to report.

9.4 **Tararua Community Youth Services:** Board Member Hynes advised that the holiday programme was now underway. He also raised an issue to the Board regarding the Food Bank, and the now limited number of organisations providing food to struggling families and individuals within the community. He stated that the Ministry of Social Development had pulled back on providing food, and that Tararua Community Youth Services were one of the few organisations that reliably provided food and supplies to struggling youth and families, alongside St Vincent de Paul who ran the food bank, and both Iwi. He emphasised this as a pertinent issue, especially as he had spoken to volunteers who professed the need to now buy the food themselves.

10. **Correspondence**

Nil

11. **Discussion Items**

11.1 **Vandalised Signs:** An issue was raised regarding vandalised signage around the area – most notably the Viking welcome signs – wherein perpetrators would

'lasso' the signs and pull them from their foundation. Recommendations were made surrounding further fortification of the sign foundations, and the usage of heavier-duty material as opposed to the typical weather-resistant plastic. It was also advised that ongoing maintenance would likely be required, particularly due to the recent increased general frequency of sign vandalization.

It was noted that the Council was responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the signage, and that leaving the signs in disrepair was indicative of a lack of pride in the town. The Manager – Democracy Services urged if any damage to signs was observed, that a CRM be submitted to notify Council.

11.2 **ANZAC Wreath Laying:** Board Member Hynes and Board Member Wallace expressed interest in laying the ANZAC wreath.

11.3 **Domain Gardens Maintenance:** Board Member Wallace raised concerns regarding the current state of the Domain gardens. He reported to the Board on the impact of the lack of light owing to the large trees in the area on the rose gardens and were in need of ongoing maintenance.

The Manager – Democracy Services encouraged the Board to make a submission to the Long Term Plan regarding their views on funding needs in the community and noted that an item would be included in the next Community Board agenda to regarding the Board's role in making a submission on the Long Term Plan.

11.4 **Impounded supply:** The Three Waters Manager provided a verbal update on the current status of the impounded supply.

He noted that the dam was being continually monitored with alarms and physical inspections. Overall, the dam was indicated to be stabilised, with only some minor movement and leakage observed.

Board Member Hynes enquired into the results of the Geotech report. It was responded that a full interpretation and analysis was still ongoing.

Board Member Christison enquired into the procurement of an underwater drone camera. It was responded that it was being waited on, and that subcontractors were still being used at this point.

It was noted that the dam was considered to be stabilised with no water restrictions necessary over the summer period. Should there be further tears observed, it was stated that it would be possible to be notified within 30 minutes, and divers could be dispatched for repair. It was stated that the Geotech analysis and report was still in progress.

With regard to the search for alternate water sources, it was stated that investigations at Alliance meatworks had been halted, and that a test bore had been put down at Tamaki River nearby Laws Road.

- 11.5 **Umutaoroa hall:** It was noted that no staff were available to provide an update on the tree removal at the hall.
- 11.6 **Wackrow awards:** Consideration was given surrounding upcoming planning for the Wackrow Awards, as well as the Market Day.
- 11.7 **Business Owners meeting:** Board Member Hynes reported to the Board his attendance at the Business Owners meeting, wherein the primary item discussed was actions to take in regards to earthquake-prone buildings. He noted that there were approximately 30 individuals were in attendance. In the meeting, a general consensus was given concerning a need for more information from Council and central government regarding next steps to take, and Board Member Hynes discussed current government intentions to review earthquake-prone building legislation.

It was noted that most building owners did not have the funds to undertake the required investigations and repair of earthquake-prone structures. Additionally, any structures including a common boundary wall would be problematic to take down. It was stated that a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the issue would be desirable.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

13. Items not on the Agenda

- 13.1 Board Member Christison reported to the Board regarding the number of people slipping on pavers in town. He stated that several CRMs had been put in that had yet to be acted upon. He also reported on the lack of maintenance of the Adelaide road walkway, noting that people were observed walking on the road as opposed to the walkway itself.
- 13.2 It was asked to include an item be included in the Board's next agenda to provide an update on proposed repairs for Otanga Road.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:39am.

Chairperson



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 20 May 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

1. Present

Board Members: P F Walshe (Chairperson), T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), E J Christison, R T Wallace; and Crs E L Peeti-Webber and S M Wards

In Attendance

Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Mr C Yonge	–	Team Leader Community and Economic Development
Ms K Stevens	–	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

4. Presentation

4.1 Presentation - NZ Police

Sergeant G McKernon from New Zealand Police was in attendance to discuss boy racers and observations of dangerous driving around Dannevirke. He spoke of an increase in burnouts and boy racer activity over the last few months, and that the activity seemed to consist of town visitors and both known and unknown locals. He noted that burnouts smoothed road surfaces thereby reducing traction on intersections and compromising driver safety, that road signage was often damaged by the reckless activity, and that the noise caused a large disturbance to residents.

Board member Christison joined the meeting at 9:02am.

He asked the Board to get the word out and encourage the community to inform Police immediately when boy racer activity was occurring, and to supply names and registration numbers should they be known.

It was asked whether the emergency number (111) or Police number (105) would be necessary for this, and it was responded that 111 was best, as it was advisable to get Police on the scene as soon as possible to catch activity as it occurred. It was also advised against intervening as a member of the public, as boy racer activity was crowd-motivated. Instead, evidence would be gathered and perpetrators followed up with by the Police – for this, registration numbers and names were most helpful.

Board Member Christison identified the perpetrators of burnouts at the Laws Road / Top Grass Road intersection as a different group from those who originally frequented his burnout pad when it was available. He enquired as to whether bringing back a similar burnout pad set-up would curb the activity, as it initially seemed to have an effect. It was responded that it likely wouldn't, as the activity also included non-local people.

It was queried whether the installation of CCTV in popular hotspots would help, and a community-based response was advocated for. Police also stated their intent to visit tyre shops throughout town, as they were aware some outfits were possibly allowing access to used tyres and workshop facilities after hours.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 15 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Tararua District Council Report

That the reports from the meetings of the Tararua District Council held 10 April 2024, and 24 April 2024, be received.

Wards/Christison

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Funding of Town Hall Hire for Anzac Day Concert 2024

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 14 May 2024 that discussed funding a shortfall in the cost use of the Dannevirke Town Hall for the Anzac Day Concert 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 14 May 2024 concerning the Funding of Town Hall Hire for Anzac Day Concert 2024 be received.

That the Dannevirke Community Board agree to fund the \$193.00 shortfall required to meet the costs of hiring the Dannevirke Town Hall for the Anzac Day concert held 25 April 2024.

Christison/Hynes

Carried

8.2 **Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 that presented to the Board applications for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme, for consideration and decision.

Board Member Hynes and Board Member Christison declared conflicts of interest for the application from the Dannevirke Rotary Club, and did not participate in voting on that item.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 concerning the Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund be received.

AND:

That the Dannevirke Community Board make the following grants from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Tararua REAP, \$1,638.26 towards the costs of running the Schools Kapa Haka Festival being held 17-20 September 2024 at the Dannevirke Town Hall.

Hynes/Christison

Carried

Dannevirke Rotary Club Charitable Trust Inc, \$1,150 towards costs for completion of the Dannevirke Walkway;

Walshe/Wards

Carried

8.3 **Management Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held 15 May 2024, the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 8 May 2024, and Regulatory Services items presented to the Tararua District Council meeting held 24 April 2024. An extract from the management report to the Finance and Performance Committee's meeting on 21 February 2024 was also included, which provided details on funding for the solid waste services provided by Council.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Wallace/Walshe

Carried

8.4 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 13 May 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 8 May 2024 and the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 15 May 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 13 May 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Peeti-Webber/Hynes

Carried

8.5 **Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 that provided copies of the Draft Long Term Plan Consultation Document, for consideration by the Dannevirke Community Board in making a submission with respect to the draft Long Term Plan.

It was noted that the Board members would meet separately to this meeting, without the two councillor members, and discuss the content to include in their submission on the Long Term Plan consultation.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 be received.

That the Dannevirke Community Board note its delegated responsibility for facilitating consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district issues, including input into the Long Term Plan.

That the Dannevirke Community Board note its delegated responsibility for making a submission on the draft Long Term Plan and that the timeframe for

making a submission on the Long Term Plan closes 30 May 2024.

Wallace/Walshe

Carried

9. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

- 9.1 **Chamber of Commerce** – Board Member Hynes attended the Chamber of commerce combined After-Fives meeting, and commented on the high attendance, calling it a successful event. He added that there were further After-Fives planned down the line.
- 9.2 **Community Vehicle Trust** – Board Member Hynes commented on the growth of the Community Vehicle Trust, and that things were going well with no issues.
- 9.3 **Brass Band** – Board Member Wallace stated that the Brass Band did not hold a meeting last month, but was otherwise going well.
- 9.4 **Information Centre** – Board Member Wallace raised concerns regarding the future of the Dannevirke Information Centre, given its dwindling volunteer numbers. He stated he would be attending a meeting with staff there alongside Her Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive at 4pm to discuss this.
- 9.5 **Dannevirke Multisport Complex Fundraising Ball** – Councillor E Peeti-Webber promoted next Saturday's skatepark fundraising ball to the Board, and advised that only 30 tickets remained for purchase. She stated that items submitted for the auction on the night had increased in value, including a Warriors jersey and some signed gloves. A raffle was also available to enter, with gift baskets donated by supporting businesses. She looked forward to a great night on Saturday.
- 9.6 **Road Safety Committee** – Chairperson Walshe noted the next meeting of the Road Safety Committee would be held in June 2024.

alongside Her Worship the Mayor attended this month's Road Safety Committee meeting, and stated there would be another next month. A particular concern remarked upon was regarding a stretch of fixed road along Ruahine St, which Her Worship the Mayor agreed to take on board.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence

Board member Wallace provided background on the approach from the Toy Library for assistance with having a directional sign placed at the intersection of York Street with SH2 to show the location of the Toy Library. It was noted that there would be a cost associated with placing a such a sign, which would be invoiced to the applicant. Chairperson Walshe advised he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Road Safety Committee.

That the correspondence as listed be received:

- ☐ ***Dannevirke Toy Library request for a Road Sign***
- ☐ ***Message of thanks re grant to Dannevirke Multisport Complex Inc***
- ☐ ***Message of thanks re grant to Dannevirke Community Patrol***
- ☐ ***Message of thanks re grant to Tararua Aquatic Community Trust***
- ☐ ***Message of thanks re grant to Glengarry Settlers Memorial***

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

11. Discussion items

11.1 **SH2 Bypass:** advice was provided that road count markers had been placed on the detour route to collect data on the number of vehicles using the detour routes while SH2 was recently closed to enable bridge repairs to be undertaken. The road count markers remained in place to collect comparative data of number of vehicles using those routes post completion of the works and reopening of SH2, and the results would be discussed with Waka Kotahi. Following comments on the maintenance levels for Laws Road and Top Grass Road, Her Worship the Mayor noted she would request information on the Level of Service for those two roads.

11.2 **Urban Growth Strategy:** advice was provided that following the close of the community feedback period on the draft Growth Strategy, a number of changes had been made to the wording in the Urban Growth Strategy and the recommended re-zoning maps. The updated Urban Growth Strategy would be presented to Council for adoption at its meeting on 29 May 2024. Once adopted, the Urban Growth Strategy would provide a basis for the District Plan Review.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Walshe thanked members Wallace and Hynes for laying the wreath on behalf of the Board on ANZAC day. He spoke about the 2024 Wackrow awards, assigning responsibility to members to contact the local High Schools and out of school under 19 years of age category. Chairperson Walshe was assigned to Totara College, Board Member Hynes to Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tamaki-Nui-a-Rua, Board Member Wallace to Dannevirke High School, and Board Member Christison to the out of school under 19 category.

He wished Councillor E Peeti-Webber luck for the skatepark fundraising ball on Saturday.

He noted the article in the Bush Telegraph regarding progress with road works

such as the Otanga Roadsite.

In closing, he talked about the Community Board itself, noting the need to be professional and dedicated and his feeling that they could as a Board pick up the pace more to ensure they were undertaking the role they were responsible for.

13. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:15am.

Chairperson



Eketāhuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on Monday 13 May 2024 commencing at 10:00am.

1. Present

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), L J Barclay, T M Carew (via Teams), E E Chase, and Crs S M Gilmore and M F Long

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Mrs T H Collis

Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mr C Yonge	–	Team Leader Economic & Community Development
Ms K Stevens	–	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Update on Progress with Community Plan

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillors S Gilmore and M Long - Long Term Plan draft consultation

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 8 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chase/Carew

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Tararua District Council Report

The Chairperson enquired about the fluoridation timeline and its relation to Eketāhuna. It was responded that the directive only applied to Dannevirke at this juncture; the Ministry had indicated Pahiatua and Woodville water supplies may be directed in the future, but less likelihood for Eketāhuna due to the lower number of connected properties.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meetings held 27 March 2024, 10 April 2024 and 24 April 2024 be received.

Barclay/Carew

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 that presented an application for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme for further consideration and decision.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 concerning the Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024 be received.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board make the following grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Eketāhuna Golf Club Inc, \$2500.00 towards replacement of the rear fire exit doors in clubhouse, and the refurbishment of the changing room doors

Chase/Long

Carried

Board member T Carew recorded his vote against the motion

8.2 Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 3 May 2024 that provided copies of the draft Long Term Plan consultation document for consideration by the Board in making a

submission in respect of the draft Long Term Plan.

Her Worship the Mayor noted the consultation engagement timeline, and consultation events scheduled for Eketāhuna residents and provided an outline of the consultation items contained in the consultation document. Councillor Gilmore spoke as a Councillor, noting the Board's responsibility for providing a submission on behalf of the community on the Long Term Plan, and encouraged the Board to meet separately without the Council appointed members to work through their submission.

The Board asked that information be provided to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee and subsequently to the Board to help them understand the issue of Infill and Infiltration from stormwater into the wastewater system.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 be received.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board note its delegated responsibility for facilitating consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district issues, including input into the Long Term Plan.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board note its delegated responsibility for making a submission on the draft Long Term Plan and that the timeframe for making a submission on the Long Term Plan closes 30 May 2024.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

8.3 Management Report

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 3 May 2024 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest.

The Board requested an update on stormwater and the stormwater system in Eketāhuna to help them understand how it operates.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Chase/Barclay

Carried

9. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

- 9.1 **Civil Defence Meeting:** Chairperson S McGhie provided an update on his attendance at the recent Civil Defence meeting, noting the number of organisations involved and the learnings gained through Cyclone Gabrielle

response and recovery. He advised that he had booked to attend the one day foundation training. It was noted that although this course was now full, future courses would be arranged that Board members could book to attend. Board Member Chase noted that the Marae Committee would also be interested in attending the training.

- 9.2 **Food Banks:** Board Member Carew expressed concern regarding the decline of food bank organisations within Eketāhuna due to reduced funding.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence

That the correspondence as listed be received:

☐ **Message of thanks from Eketāhuna Tennis Club.**

Barclay/Gilmore

Carried

11. Items not on the Agenda

11.1 Update – Eketāhuna Community Plan Development

The Economic & Community Development Advisor was in attendance, and spoke about progress on development of the Eketāhuna Community Plan. It was noted that an update had been provided, as well as the wording for the history of Eketāhuna / Mellemskov. This would be checked to see if any further information was required, and provide feedback to members.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson S McGhie noted that the locks on the community centre had recently been changed, however Board members and emergency services were unaware and the Civil Defence equipment could not be accessed.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:52am.

Chairperson



Minutes of the Explore Pahiataua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre 136 Main Street, Pahiataua on Wednesday 1 May 2024, 7:00pm

1. Present

- 1.1. Committee Members: Ali Romanos (Chair), Louise Powick (Deputy Chair), Raylene Treder (Secretary), Marie Kissick (Treasurer), Ingrid de Graaf, Richard Hansen, and James Devoe.
- 1.2. Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Alison Franklin and Cr Scott Gilmore, Mayor Tracey Collis, Kimberley Stevens and Colin Yonge (Economic and Community Development).
- 1.3. Members of the public: Nil

2. Apologies

- 2.1. Georgina Morrison

Louise Powick/Richard Hanson **Carried**

3. Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1. James Devoe and Georgina Morrison to advise of any perceived conflicts to Raylene Treder for them to be added to the Conflict-of-Interest Register.
- 3.2. Raylene Treder and Marie Kissick will abstain from voting or participating in discussion on the application for a grant received from Tararua College CACTUS program.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder **Carried**

4. Notification of Items not on the agenda

- 4.1. CACTUS grant
- 4.2. Community Plan

5. Confirmation of Minutes.

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiataua meeting held Wednesday 6 March 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the below changes:

- 6.3 Correction – Lorraine Stephenson is happy to support the community with a public meeting once the developers have submitted the plans for the proposed wind farm at Makomako.
- 12.6 Correction – Bush Aquatic Trust meeting with a representative from Sprung had been held.

Ali Romanos/Ingrid de Graaf **Carried**

6. Matters Arising

- 6.1. Ali Romanos liaised with Council to update committee members names and details on the Tararua District Council website.
- 6.2. Georgina Morrison and Ali Romanos to meet before the Explore Pahiatua June meeting to set up Google docs.
- 6.3. Ali Romanos purchased a restaurant voucher for Rhys Punler.
- 6.4. Civil Defence – Georgina Morrison to attend course on 5 June 2024 at Tararua District Council.
- 6.5. Louise Powick updated the website with the necessary changes.

7. Correspondence

Inwards

From: Email: Shirley Hull – re Civil Defence training course.

From: Email: Joanna Sheridan re application for grant from Tararua College’s CACTUS programme.

From: Email: Tararua District Council – Invoices for the use of the Service Centre March/April.

From: Email: St John’s – AED Information Form received.

From: Email: Kimberley Stevens – Tararua District Council – Debut of the Tararua District Community Development Newsletter.

From: Email: Jarryd Clutterbuck \$500 Buy a Block for the Swimming Pool.

From: Email: Tararua Refrigeration – Heat Pump quote for Youth Centre.

Outwards

To: Email: St John’s to register AED.

To: Email: Joanna Sheridan re application for grant from Tararua College’s CACTUS programme.

That the inwards be received and outwards noted.

Marie Kissick/Louise Powick

Carried

8.0 Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1. Cr Alison Franklin informed the committee the consultation document was out for submission for the Long-Term Plan. Explore Pahiatua Committee to submit a submission in favour of the new pool for Pahiatua, and will address the other issues canvassed.
- 8.2. Louise Powick and Raylene Treder gave a brief overview from the Bush Aquatic submissions.

- 8.3. Cr Alison Franklin informed the committee that the Earthquake strengthening criteria maybe be extended by an additional two years.
- 8.4. On 4 May 2024, the Polish Ambassador to visit Pahiataua before returning to Poland. Ali Romanos to attend on behalf of the Explore Pahiataua committee.
- 8.5. Cr Alison Franklin shared the submission sent to Central Government for the Fast-Tracking Consent.

That Cr Franklin's Council Report be received.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder **Carried**

9. Financial Report

9.1. That the financial report from Marie Kissick (Treasurer) for the preceding month be received and identified invoices approved for payment.

- NZME – Bush Telegraph Feature – \$513.19
- Freedom Designs – Committee Feature – \$151.80.
- Freedom Designs – Dog Park Signs – \$558.90
- Freedom Designs - Design for Polish Flag Day Celebration – \$328.90
- Mitre 10 – Community Garden \$1,242,31 (less previous credit of \$214.56)

Marie Kissick/Louise Powick **Carried**

9.2. Tagged Funds

Swimming Pool – \$30,000.

Explore Pahiataua Signage – \$20,000.

Harvard Plane photo attraction – \$20,000.

Carnival Park – \$6,568.08.

Youth Centre Refurbishment – \$3,000.

9.3 Meeting fees

Meeting fees for Committee Members to be included in the tagged funds. Marie Kissick to action.

9.4 Other Financial matters

Discussion was held on the CACTUS discretionary grant application received. Ali Romanos to telephone Jo Sheridan at Tararua College to inform the CACTUS committee what can and can't be funded through the Explore Pahiataua grant funding. If the CACTUS group requires funding for equipment Explore Pahiataua are happy to help. Ali Romanos will inform the committee by email if there is equipment needing funding to seek approval.

10.0 Portfolio Reports

10.1 Pahiataua Districts Business Group (PDBG) (Ingrid de Graaf)

- Promoted CEDA event at Digital Spaces on 17 April.
- Combined Chambers Event on 15 May advertised.
- Canva Workshop, in collaboration with Digital Spaces, is booked for 12 June in Pahiataua.
- Expressed interest in being considered for a Reserve Bank money trial.
- Promoted the Polish National Flag Day celebrations in Pahiataua.

10.2 Explore Pahiataua Marketing (Ingrid de Graaf)

- Posted “Who’s Who” advert on FB, with wording by Louise Powick, regarding Rhys Punler and Karolyn Donald’s contributions to Explore Pahiataua
- Facebook posts regarding Tararua Sports Awards, Antenno app, PDBG Combined Chambers event, Polish Flag Day, “Who’s Who” on the committee and the new AED device installed on the public toilets.
- May Bush Telegraph – Advert for the Pahiataua Pool Submissions.

10.3 Youth Centre (Ali Romanos)

- Funding application to Eastern and Central Community Trust nearly completed and will be sent during the month of May.
- Funding application to be submitted to Central Energy Trust for the heat pump for the Youth Centre due 1 May 2024.

10.4 Carnival Park (Richard Hansen)

- The quote for removing pine trees on western boundary is \$150k. Moving to Plan B, we wo;; approach forestry companies rather than fundraise. A work in progress.
- DOC is talking with neighbours about the fence on the North boundary. Work hasn't started yet.
- Fundraising applications from Fonterra are being submitted for works along the eastern boundary near the playground of Carnival Park Campground and for the remainder of the weed management costs for this year.
- Richard provided images of about 1,000 manuka and kanuka seedlings at marae. Some are 60cm tall and most need repotting very soon.
- All known ‘old man's beard’ in CPSR is now dead, with no seed production since 2022. Great to see native seedlings coming up amongst the decomposing vines.

10.5 Community Garden (Emma Elliott)

- Two committee-only working bees held to start work on the edging the in-ground beds. This project is the final part of the infrastructure build funded by DIA.
- Gate has been locked this past month to prevent early harvesting of produce that just needs time to mature. Produce drops to community Kai shelves will continue while the gates are locked.

10.6 Swimming Pools (Louise Powick)

- Nothing to report.

10.7 Rotary Dog Park (Raylene Treder)

- Signs for the dog park have arrived and will be installed during the month of May. Thanks to Louise Powick for liaising with Freedom Design to get this completed.
- Meeting with Grant Kauri and Cr Alison Franklin to discuss the removal of the mound and trees at Rotary Park.
- Awaiting to hear from Ben Luders when Lions will start the pathway.

10.8 Road Safety Committee (Marie Kissick – new portfolio holder)

- Nothing to report.

10.9 Harvard Plane Photo Attraction (James Devoe – new portfolio holder)

- James Devoe contacted Capture Signs to introduce himself as the new point of contact for this project, previously held by Rhys Punler.
- James Devoe to have a discussion with Waka Kotahi to see if approval will be given to put a photo opportunity in front of the Harvard Plane.
- If project not viable, a discussion to be held at the June meeting for other options.

10.10 Polish memorial / 80th Reunion (Gilda McKnight)

Information Boards

- The Pahiataua and Districts Museum is working with Explore Pahiataua to upgrade the Polish Layby area and the information boards, in time for the 80th Polish Anniversary in November. The present Information panels were erected 30 years ago, are dated, in poor condition and do not inform the public of the three different eras of the camp. The museum is working with designers of Polish descent from Wellington to create modern information boards. The display panels will consist of an introduction panel, and three hut-shaped panels on thick aluminium to represent buildings from the camp.
- The Polish Embassy has contributed \$1500. A request from the museum has been made to see if Explore Pahiataua can contribute money towards the project. Once a second quote has been received Explore Pahiataua will apply to Council for funding through the Pahiataua Community Arts/Heritage fund that was bequeathed to the Tararua District Council. Ali Romanos to write an application.

Hope Statue

- Explore Pahiataua have been asked if it they will be the commissioning agent/manager once all funding has been secured for the project. Explore Pahiataua require more information before confirming that they will be the commissioning agent. Explore Pahiataua informed that there has been two funding applications submitted to funders for \$83,000 each.

11.0 Item not on the Agenda

Community Plan

Further to discussion between Ali Romanos and Kimberley Stevens, it is recorded the next steps are to:

- Wait for 2023 Census data to be released on 29 May 2024.
- Review data and update the Community Profile section of the Plan.
- Update information on the individual projects.
- Insert new pages re committee profile.
- Final committee review.
- Adopt, publish, and print.
- Present to Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm.

Ali Romanos (Chair): _____

Treasurer's report for May 2024

The balance of the main account is \$108,112.98.

The balance of the Business Group account is \$1,147.44.

The balance of the Harvard Plane account is \$13.20.

We have the following invoice to be approved for payment on 20 May:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1.	NZME	Bush Telegraph feature	\$513.19
2.	Freedom Signs	Design for Bush Telegraph (Committee feature)	\$151.80
3.	Freedom Signs	Dog Park Sign	\$558.90
4.	Freedom Signs	Design for Polish Flag Day celebration	\$328.90
5.	Mitre 10	Community Garden (Various) (Note, total expenditure for the month was \$1,242,31 less previous credit of \$214.56)	\$1,027.75*
		TOTAL	\$2,580.54

* Note, I am still waiting for the statement from Mitre 10 but I expect this should be the total based on the invoices for the month to date.

We have received invoices from TDC for March and April for the hire of the service centre for our meetings (\$41.00 each), but this has been clarified as Council is no longer charging for our use of the building.

The following amounts are tagged funds:

	Project	Amount
1.	Swimming Pool	\$30,000.00
2.	Explore Pahiatua signage	\$20,000.00
3.	Harvard Plane	\$20,000.00
4.	Carnival Park (originally \$9,289.33 but reduced by \$1,736.25 for Jan invoice and \$985 for seedlings)	\$6,568.08
5.	Youth Centre refurbishment	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$79,568.08

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held 7 May 2024, 7pm
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room

1. Present:

J Kopa, C Wilton, B Swenson, S Silvester, Cr S Gilmore, Cr P Johns, M Stuart, V Tomlinson, R McMillan, P Cox, A Hapuku, P Tayler, K Stevens, J Preston

2. Apologies:

B Hutton, J Lovett, N Lovett, D Henman

That the apologies be accepted

P Johns/ V Tomlinson

Carried

3. Conflicts of Interest:

None declared.

4. Notifications of other General Business

- Lamp posts
- Pool Report
- Woodville Animal Welfare report

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

That the minutes are confirmed as a true and accurate record with the following amendments

- *AIPA weekend at Athol Sowry's is AOPA*
- *The visit to the stud should have read next month, not next year*
- *11d – the \$7000 is not for town beautification*

Ç Wilton / B Swenson

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the minutes.

6.1 P Johns gave thanks for the sympathy card

6.2 Community Plan Day

Joy gave an update. Went well but further consultation with the community is needed. Kimberley and Joy have put a pamphlet together. There was some discussion regarding a letterbox drop and providing a QR code so that feedback can be given online. A gallery of photos of projects will be put on PW Facebook page

6.2.1 That PW organise a letterbox drop

P Johns / A Hapuku

Carried

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6.2.2 That \$250.00 is ringfenced for the cost of the printing of brochures
J Preston / P Johns Carried

Many thanks to Joy and Kimberley, and others for giving their time on 27 April.

7. Correspondence

Inward: TDC – Invoices
CC of letter to Council re complaint

Outward: Nil

That the correspondence be approved.
C Wilton / V Tomlinson **Carried**

8. Financial

A report was presented by V Tomlinson.

That the financial report be accepted and accounts paid
V Tomlinson / P Johns **Carried**

9. Grant applications

NIL

Name		Project	Amount	Approved

10. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore

Council is currently consulting on the Draft Long-term Plan.

The Mayor, councillors and staff attended the Wonderful Woodville Market on Sunday to discuss the draft plan and have two further meetings scheduled, the first on 20 May at the site, between 3 and 5pm and the second on 21 May, here in the Stadium Supper Room, between 5:30 and 7:30pm.

We have a number of consultation items we'd like feedback on, including:

- Rates smoothing
- Proposed Pahiatua Swimming Pool
- Changes to how we deliver Economic and Community Development (including a reduction in grant funding)
- Increase in roading funding to take advantage of more government money in the National Land Transport Programme
- Differential Roding Rates
- Rates reviews for town centre refurbishment and Non-contiguous rating units.

If you have a view on all or any of these items, please take the time to do a submission so all councillors can consider your opinion before we adopt a final

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plan. You can find the Consultation Document, and all supporting documents on the council website, or at any of our Service Centres.
We're also keen to hear any other thoughts you have on the Draft LTP.

I also encourage Positivity Woodville to provide a submission

11 Reports

11a Community Noticeboard

Awaiting consents for laundromat before erecting noticeboard

11b Skatepark

Committee has been re-established and met today with actions underway soon.

That \$5000 is ringfenced for the skatepark for administration, consents etc

V Tomlinson / P Johns

Carried

That funding applications can be made and reported back to the full meeting

V Tomlinson / S Silvester

Carried

12 General Business

12.a Constitution

The draft Constitution has been circulated and was discussed.

That the Constitution be approved with the amendment of changing the committee composition to 5 instead of 7.

P Johns/ M Stuart

Carried

12b Lampposts

There has been an offer to donate two original gas lamps that came from Woodville from a Masterton resident who used to live in Woodville.

That Positively Woodville agree to investigate approximate costs to have these renovated and installed and report back to the next meeting.

P Johns / B Swenson

Carried

12c The meeting agreed that the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and M Stuart will meet to prepare a submission to the LTP on behalf of Positively Woodville as there is not enough time to report it back to the main meeting

The Pool Report and Woodville Animal Welfare report will be added to the June agenda

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm

Chairperson

Date

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Positively Woodville Treasurers Report April 2024

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Discretionary Fund**			\$ 1,958.62
General Working Account			<u>\$ 122,403.61</u>
	Income	Expenditure	
			Opening Balance
			<u>\$ 122,403.61</u>
Apr-24 Subs - J McNeur	\$ 5.00		
Interest	\$ 110.67		
Reimbursement - J Kopa - Travel to Mtg with CE TDC		\$ 46.80	
TDC - Printing		\$ 28.00	
Reimbursement - V Tomlinson ANZAC M/Tea		\$ 151.40	
	Closing Balance	\$ 115.67	\$ 226.20
			<u>\$ 122,293.08</u>
Invoices to Pay			
Fab Flowerz - ANZAC Flowers		\$ 120.00	
TDC Hall Hireage 2&27 April		\$ 87.00	
NZME Advertising Community Planning Day		\$ 621.00	
Committed Funds / Projects			
Ongoing 150th celebrations			\$ 5,892.95
150 Celebrations - 150 Years Farming			\$ 2,600.00
Skate Park (Brought over from WCC)			\$ 1,000.00
Mad Hatters Day 2024 (confirmed at Feb Mtg)			\$ 8,000.00
Community Garden (DIA Funds)			\$ 5,599.12
Tararua Trust donation - Defibrillator	balance left		\$ 246.01
Dis Grant for Woodville School (approved)			\$ 1,720.00
Dis Grant Fund			\$ 1,958.62
		Total Committed:	<u>\$ 27,016.70</u>
Potential Available General Funds 2024/25			<u>\$ 94,448.38</u>
Saver Account:			
Walkway Fund			\$ 6,023.84

Note

** - This will increase and the total available funds decrease once % is known.



Report

Date : 24 May 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council

From : Aimee Charmley
Team Leader Planning Services

Subject : **Tararua District Council - Urban Growth Strategy 2024 - 2054**

Item No : **9.1**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Team Leader Planning Services dated 20 May 2024 concerning the Tararua District Council - Urban Growth Strategy 2024 - 2054 be received.*
- 1.2 *That Council adopt the Tararua District Council – Urban Growth Strategy 2024 – 2054.*
- 1.3 *That if Council determines any changes to the strategy are required, the Chief Executive be delegated the power to make such amendments.*

2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 This report presents the reviewed Tararua District Council – Urban Growth Strategy 2024 – 2054 for adoption by Council.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Tararua District Council – Urban Growth Strategy was developed in 2023 to establish clear, effective direction for the management of projected residential, commercial and industrial growth within our District over the next 30 years.
- 3.2 The Urban Growth Strategy has been developed to help us understand our growth requirements for our District, outline the challenges faced with increased housing demand, and provide recommendations for how we can meet these demands efficiently and effectively.

- 3.3 The Draft Urban Growth Strategy was adopted by Council for the purposes of public consultation on 18th December 2023.
- 3.4 The Draft Urban Growth Strategy was open for public consultation and comment from Monday 5th of February 2024 until Tuesday 5th March 2024.
- 3.5 The Tararua Growth Strategy Team worked with the directly affected parties, our Iwi Partners and key stakeholders throughout this month-long period of public consultation.
- 3.6 The Urban Growth Strategy Consultation feedback response and subsequent changes were Workshopped with Council on 18th April 2024. This workshop outlined the recommendations and changes to the Urban Growth Strategy document.
- 3.7 The direction provided by the Council regarding the reviewed Strategy and Consultation was that officers prepare a final draft and present this to Council for adoption at the next full Council Meeting. The Council feedback also directed the team to consult and provide an update to submitters, Iwi partners, key stakeholders and directly affected parties.
- 3.8 On 14th May 2024 Tararua Growth Strategy Team met with our Iwi Partners separately to discuss the recommendations and changes to the Urban Growth Strategy document and maps.
- 3.9 On 17th May 2024 Tararua Growth Strategy Team sent an update to public, directly affected parties and key stakeholders with a copy of the subsequent changes to the Urban Growth Strategy document and maps.
- 3.10 The Growth Strategy Team have identified a future growth opportunity at the Oringi Scanpower site and have documented this change in the text of the final strategy.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The final draft of the Tararua District Council - Urban Growth Strategy 2024 – 2054, is presented to the Council for adoption. Any final amendments made by the Council will be incorporated into the Strategy.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Changes to Strategy Document & Maps Following Public Consultation

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CHANGES TO STRATEGY DOCUMENT AND MAPS FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MAY 2024

This document sets out the changes that have been made to the Growth Strategy (including the maps) following the public consultation process.

Changes to Document:

Page	Changes Made	Reason
Title	Updated the date.	
3	Updated Tracy's blurb to include public consultation and feedback.	
8	Updated table of contents to reflect changes in the document.	
12 Para 9	Changed reference to Design Guidelines to be "development policy recommendations".	Agreed not to prepare a Design Guidelines document but rather a set of recommendations for policy within DP so that outcomes are embedded rather than referenced.
14 Para 5	Added the word "primary" before "focus" and added a note to say community feedback is incorporated.	To reflect that some changes to the document have occurred because of community and individual feedback.
14 Para 7	Added a sentence referencing that rezoning may impact rates.	This was brought up by many people in the community, so it's important to acknowledge in the document.
14	Added a paragraph that more clearly outlines the link between the Growth Strategy and the District Plan.	Discussion with the team that this wasn't as clear as it could be.
15 Para 5	Added paragraph about the consultation process and how feedback is integrated. Have suggested that the feedback be contained in a separate document (this memo) which can be circulated as requested, rather than setting out a whole new page.	
16	Various updates to terminology.	

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20/21	Significant updates to legislation, introducing Fast Track Legislation and reducing descriptions of NBA and SPA.	Changes being made by National Government. The Fast Track Bill is relevant because it relates directly to housing and development growth.
23	Added definition about urban environment as defined by NPSUD and added reference to Plan Change 3.	Requested by Horizons.
22/23	Pages Removed.	Legislation changes mean this page spread was no longer required.
NOTE: BELOW THIS LINE PAGES ARE REFERRED TO AS THEY NOW APPEAR IN THE REVISED DOCUMENT		
24	Changed reference to Horizons preparing LUC maps to NZLRI.	Requested by Horizons.
24	Added paragraph to indicate current Government intentions to remove LUC 3.	Promoted under current National Government policy.
25	Changes to Freshwater Management to indicate will be considered under DP review.	Requested by Horizons.
25	Changes to NPS ET.	Requested by Transpower.
26	Changes to text around the One Plan.	Requested by Horizons.
31	Removed reference to Water Services Act and changed to tracking changes.	Act has been repealed.
40	Updated net migration figures to 126,000.	New information released by StatsNZ.
48	Added paragraph on Mixed Use zones to introduce this concept earlier in the document.	The concept of Mixed Use was widely talked about during consultation and the project team agreed it would be a useful zone for each of the towns.
52	Corrected reference to the Ruahine Ranges not the Tararua Ranges west of Dannevirke.	
56	Changed reference to Horizons as authors of LUC maps to NZLRI.	As requested by Horizons.
56	Changed reference to LUC 3.	National Party policy is widely published now to indicated LUC 3 will be removed from the HPL restrictions.
60	Added surface water takes to description of water supply and noted supply is already at allocation levels.	Requested by Horizons.

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60	Changed last paragraph to reflect changes to water services.	Government has repealed Water Services Act.
62	Changed last paragraph to reflect changes to water services.	Government has repealed Water Services Act.
66/67	Introduced two new pages (a double-page spread) that covers existing zoning under the existing District Plan.	There were comments from the community about why we were proposing areas which they thought were already zoned for certain activities. In addition, we have determined to proceed with a Mixed Use zone and need a place in the document to clearly discuss this.
NOTE: BELOW THIS LINE PAGES ARE REFERRED TO AS THEY NOW APPEAR IN THE REVISED DOCUMENT		
72/73	Various changes where there are references to Design Guidelines to change this to Development Policy.	No longer preparing Design Guidelines.
72	Changed last para under land ownership to reflect that consultation has been done.	
73	Added "National Grid" to site constraints	Requested by Transpower.
76	Changed wording to reflect development policy rather than design guidelines.	No longer preparing Design Guidelines.
76	Discuss Mixed Use zone concept under design for resilience – change the focus to overall resilience rather than just climate change.	
80	Various changes where there are references to Design Guidelines to change this to Development Policy, including deleting section on District Plan as this is incorporated into the Development Policy section.	No longer preparing Design Guidelines.
80	Expanded on the Mixed Use concept to indicate how this will be applied.	
82 Para 4	Changes to reflect the consultation that has been undertaken.	
82 Para 4	Discuss Mixed Use zone	
82 Bullets	Added reference to National Grid	Requested by Transpower.

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84	Various changes where there are references to Design Guidelines to change this to Development Policy., including deleting section referencing District Plan.	
84	Outlining Mixed Use zone.	
86	Removed reference to Fonterra as satellite because this is now going to be rezoned as Industrial.	Fonterra submission and also community concerns about industrial in Pahiatua. Will change the maps to rezone Dairy Plant as industrial (see below).
86	Noted impending changes to LUC.	Government is progressing changes detailed in policy.
87	Removed reference to District Plan, design guidelines and NPSHPL as these are now covered in the overview.	Rewording.
88	Changed references to Papakaianga.	Discussed that we will no longer have Papakaianga Guidelines, but rather embed the details of this within the DP.
89	Removed reference to Papakaianga guidelines as these will become embedded in DP policy.	Covered in the overview.
92	Changes to reflect introduction of Mixed Use Zoning, and identifying that we don't have data for all Maori land parcels. Have also made changes to reflect that feedback has already been obtained, and that there remains a process for opposing the changes. And signalled we understand there will be implications on rates.	
94	Added text to recognise issues and opportunities around the waterways within the residential zoning area.	Community comments (written and verbal) concerned about the development of this area.
94	Significant changes to the text under Industrial and Commercial to combine these and set up the Mixed Use Zoning.	
95	Removed Industrial area to the south of town.	Community opposition to the recommendation for industrial activity in this location.
97	Maps to be updated – see below.	



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98	Added a note under residential about the racecourse.	Community opposition to including the racecourse as an opportunity so have changed text.
98	Significant changes to the text under Industrial and Commercial to combine these and set up the Mixed Use Zoning.	
98	Added more commentary around the Industrial Hub concept indicating this needs to be confirmed through the District Plan Review.	Land owner submission from the original site indicated it would not be suitable, but alternative sites could be. Further work is needed to determine whether this is suitable for rezoning.
99	Removed reference to Racecourse	Community opposition to including the racecourse as an opportunity.
101	Maps to be updated – see below.	
102	Significant changes to the text under Industrial and Commercial to combine these and set up the Mixed Use Zoning.	
103	Removed reference to industrial area in town and added dairy plant option.	
105	Maps to be updated – see below.	
108	Changes to reflect no design guidelines.	
111	Changed to Revision E	
All References	All references to Rangitāne-o-Tamaki-nui-a-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua have been checked to ensure they are correct, and all references to Waka Kotahi have been changed to the NZ Transport Agency.	

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Changes to Maps:

The below table provides an overview of the submission requests and what has been carried through to the final revision of the document.

Location	Changes sought	Why/Who	Recommendation
Eketahuna	Investigate more residential along SH1 and golf course.	Tom & Tamara Williams submission	Have reviewed this request and do not think the change is appropriate to adopt due to other locations being more suited. This submitter can still use the satellite development route if they wish to undertake more intensive development than zoned. No changes made.
Eketahuna	Consider more residential zoning near Alfredton Road and school	Linda Osborne	Small area with minimal effects and had previously been considered appropriate. Have added this zoning to meet the submitter requirements.
Dannevirke	Review residential by the stream, concerns of flooding.	Samantha McIntosh	Reviewed area and increased the size of residential rezoning to allow future development to have adequate buffers around the streams. Have also strengthened wording in report (Page 94).
Woodville	Show National Grid.	Transpower	The maps now show the national grid.
Pahiatua	Remove industrial zoning in town, consider rural residential extension.	Various submitters	Changed proposed industrial zoning to rural residential to meet residents concerns and requirements. Rezoned Fonterra Dairy Plant and surrounding land as industrial. Also changes made to document wording in this regard (Page 102).
Woodville	Remove industrial satellite hub.	Zoning not sought by landowner – Fern Renewables.	Have altered size of industrial zoning in this area and indicated that it is subject to further investigation.
Dannevirke	Remove industrial south of town.	Rangitane and others	Removed as requested.
Pahiatua	Change dairy plant to industrial.	Fonterra	Added industrial to Dairy Plant and small area adjacent.

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Norsewood	Remove sheed paddock from Mixed Use and added Dairy Factory.	Verbal request	Small change made to correct an error.
All towns	Consider areas for Mixed Use zone	Various	Have changed all commercial areas to Mixed Use.
Pahiatua	Check boundaries on residential area as small mistake picked up on boundary.	Verbal submission	Small change to ensure zoning is aligned with boundaries.
Dannevirke	Check boundaries on stream as small mistakes picked up	Noticed in discussion	Small change to ensure zoning is aligned with boundaries.
Pahiatua	Stormwater/Flood Modelling needs updating	Horizons	Have increased the zoning area to allow for future buffer around water. Can be addressed through DP and future development.
All towns	Check fault zones are showing correctly, appears they may not be	Horizons	Updated as required.
New Maps	Prepare new maps showing existing zoning.	Noticed in review – will help support Mixed Use zoning.	Updated as required.
Woodville	Change zoning opposite rail station to Mixed Use.	Verbal discussion with landowners in this location.	Updated as required.
All Maps	Update Area Tables	Consequential changes.	The area tables in all maps have been updated to reflect new areas and now also include area of existing zoning.





Report

Date : 24 May 2024
To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council
From : Peter Wimsett
Three Waters Transition Manager
Subject : **Three Waters Reform Update**
Item No : **9.2**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 **That** the report from the Three Waters Transition Manager dated 22 May 2024 concerning the Three Waters Reform Update be received.

Executive Summary

- 1.2 The Government's intention is to develop a new class of financially separate council-controlled organisations (CCO).
- 1.3 A new Bill setting out this process is expected to be released for consultation in the coming few weeks and this will provide an opportunity to engage with Government.
- 1.4 Councils of the Manawatu-Whanganui Region are jointly preparing an "options report" for the respective councils for the delivery of three water services through a possible CCO model. This work has been authorised by the chief executives of the Region and through the Mayoral Forum.
- 1.5 Tararua District Council has also initiated consideration of association with East Coast/ Wairarapa councils.

2. Reason for the Report

2.1 The Government has indicated that Councils will have minimal support from them in respect of funding three waters into the future. There currently remains no Government acknowledgement of how migration policy and population growth affect three water services. This affects infrastructure by needing investment in additional capacity, brings forward replacement work and can lead to failure of aged pipelines. Nor does it address the increasing regulatory requirements and environmental pressures, including climate change and the need to increase resilience.

2.2 Current regional work includes assessment of establishment of a jointly owned and controlled Council Controlled Organisation. Focus to date has been on developing a business case based on years 1 to 10 of the draft Long-Term Plans of councils.

Scenario modelling is now underway with focus is on Years 11 -30 and key conclusions from modelling to be able to inform Mayors and councillors of each respective council.

- A baseline report is being prepared by three water transition managers noting: Updated Consents Analysis
- Gap Analysis of investment
- 'Affordability' assessment
- A risk register has been developed.

3. Background

3.1 Three Waters reform represents one of the most significant challenges to local government. The then-Labour government's policy reset in April 2023 brought the proposed Entity into alignment with the Horizons boundary, making the Mayoral Forum an appropriate place to consider this issue of regional importance and facilitate collaborative work to respond to this regionally significant challenge.

3.2 In December the Mayors wrote collectively to the Minister for Local Government setting out their commitment to exploring a regional approach in line with the Local Waters Done Well policy.

3.3 In December the Mayoral Forum endorsed continuing to explore a regional approach to water services delivery to understand its options and receive regular reports to consider the issues in relation to the possibility of a regional or sub-regional approach. Work to assess those options has been delayed as the National Transition Unit has only begun to release information and analysis of Entity E data in mid-March.

- 3.4 In February the government repealed the Three Waters reform legislation and provided further information regarding the development of its new policy ‘Local Water Done Well’. This includes the intention to introduce a new class of financially separate council-owned organisation, and the timing of the introduction of two pieces of replacement legislation over the next 18 months. The replacement framework will move from 10 mandatory entities to Councils having the control to choose how to manage water services as well as streamlining process for Councils to regionalise if they choose to.
- 3.5 Councils across the region are now in a phase of appraising our options, both as individual councils and as a region or sub-region. Any eventual recommendation to proceed with a regional or sub-regional approach would be subject to Council oversight and approval.
- 3.6 This options appraisal work is expected to conclude in July. We are moving at pace to minimise uncertainty for staff and be ready to respond to the government’s planned changes. The shape of any possible change and the timing of it, is expected to be clearer in the second part of 2024, but the government has stated its intention is to pass legislation in the middle of the year which will require Councils to develop a Water Services Delivery Plan by mid-2025. The regional work is intended to inform the decision-making of each individual council as to whether it would like to proceed on a (sub-) regional basis or not.

4. Developing and Assessing a Regional Approach

- 4.1 The Mayoral Forum is facilitating the consideration by all seven councils of the options for establishing a (sub-)regional approach to water services delivery to understand our preferred approach and inform future discussions with government and evidence-based decision making by Elected Members.
- 4.2 Three Waters Transition Managers from the seven councils have formally established a ‘Regional CCO Feasibility Project’ and developed a project brief which recognizes that the priority is to give effect to the Government’s new requirements and strike a balance between high level overview and sufficient detail to enable evidence-based decision-making. The Chief Executives are providing joint operational oversight of the project team.
- 4.3 The purpose of the Manawatu-Whanganui Three Waters – Regional CCO Feasibility Project (“Regional CCO Project”) is to *“equip Chief Executives and Elected Members with sufficient information to make an informed decision as to whether they would recommend to their individual Councils to proceed with some form of regional asset-owning Council Controlled Organisation for the future delivery of Three Waters services, or not.”*
- 4.4 It is intended that the bulk of the work will, where possible, use existing data sources, in particular the analysis of Entity E carried out by the DIA/NTU, and not recreate data or analysis.

- 4.5 The Project has four short phases which will establish the feasibility of setting up a (sub-)regional asset owning CCO, consider how similar are the charges, asset condition, and debt levels of each of the seven councils, and establish what it could look like and what would need to happen for it to come into being. How iwi across the region might wish to be engaged will form part of the appraisal. The phases are:
- 4.5.1 Establishing and agreeing the decision-making criteria to assess the suitability of a regional CCO.
- 4.5.2 Baseline assessment of the seven Councils and the regional position in relation to water service delivery
- 4.5.3 High Level Modelling of what a regional CCO model might look like; this would identify the efficiency savings and impact of normalisation of charges, high-level costs to establish, and sensitivity test sub-regional options; it will also develop options for Governance arrangements and outline the high-level establishment programme. It will only consider the existing CCO model expected to be streamlined by the first Bill; it won't consider the option of setting up a new 'Financially Separate CCO' as details of this are not expected to be available before June.
- 4.5.4 Decision-Gate on proceeding in-principle with recommending to individual councils some form of regional CCO, and the form of that. Individual Councils are and will remain the decision-makers when it comes to them joining any (sub)-regional CCO.
- 4.6 We are considering sub-regional variations to sensitivity test the viability of a regional approach if one or more of the councils was to choose not to pursue a regional approach within the Manawatu-Whanganui region. The scenarios being assessed are:
- M-W minus Horowhenua
 - M-W minus Whanganui
 - M-W minus Tararua
 - M-W minus Ruapehu
 - M-W minus Horowhenua, Whanganui, Ruapehu and Tararua
 - Two halves: a) Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Whanganui; and b) Horowhenua, Manawatu, Tararua and PNCC
- 4.7 It is expected that each Council would want to consider the impact on their own operations of choosing to pursue a Regional CCO model and other options for working with neighbours outside the Manawatū-Whanganui boundary. That work is out of the scope of this project, and each individual Council is expected to

consider for themselves the options that sit outside a M-W Regional or Sub-regional approach to ensure they can make a recommendation to their own Councils at the decision gate that concludes this project.

- 4.8 In this respect, Tararua is exploring with Wairarapa councils to ascertain if there are any synergies in working together. The geographical divide of the Ruahine and Tararua ranges results in quite different weather conditions which is an important consideration when planning and managing the delivery of three water services.
- 4.9 The project is expected to take until July. Progress with this work will be reported back to the next meeting of the Mayoral Forum in June and the final report will be presented at either a Mayoral Workshop or an extraordinary meeting of the Mayoral Forum in mid-July. CE's will retain oversight of progress through the previously established Three Waters CE meeting.
- 4.10 If Mayors choose to recommend a (sub-)regional approach to their individual councils, and they choose to pursue this, there would be time for approximately three months of formal decision making, and nine months for Councils to develop a joint Water Services Delivery Plan by the likely deadline of end of June 2025, or their own, dependent on the decisions made.

5. Risks

- 5.1 Proceeding with the revised project approach to assessing regional and sub-regional options for future waters service delivery will enable Councils to make informed decisions as to how to proceed with developing their 'Water Services Delivery Plans'. It is expected that it will be a legislative requirement to produce these by June 2025.
- 5.2 There is a risk that proceeding with this work now will be ahead of the policy development, so is not able to consider the viability of the proposed new financially separate CCO model. The negative consequences of this are outweighed by the risk of not having sufficient time to do this work and develop a Water Services Delivery Plan by the expected legislative deadline. Each Council is expected to have several choices to make in relation to the future of its water services delivery, and these discussions and decisions will be harder without a high-level understanding of the financial and other implications and opportunities of a regional or sub-regional approach.
- 5.3 Each individual Council is expected to consider for themselves the options that sit outside a M-W Regional or Sub-regional approach and consider the impact on their own operations of choosing to pursue a Regional CCO model to ensure they can indicate a preference at the decision gate that concludes this project. There is a risk that each Council does not do this, and delays the other Mayors being able to recommend to their councils that a regional or sub-regional approach be adopted, delaying all the Councils developing a Water Services Delivery Plan.

- 5.4 There is a risk of insufficient agreement for a regional or sub-regional approach meaning each Council will need to develop its own Water Services Delivery Plan and reconsider collaboration at a future point. This could be a very uncertain strategy, as currently there is little information about what a WSDP must contain or how often it can be changed or updated. However, this might be partly mitigated if the councils agree a consistent format to develop their respective plans. This would then allow the plans to be consolidated so that the Region's councils could collaborate on common matters and develop policy recommendations to advocate as a joint voice to Government.

Attachments

Nil.



Report

Date : 22 May 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn
Manager Democracy Services

Subject : **Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2024**

Item No : **9.3**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager Democracy Services dated 14 May 2024 concerning the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2024 be received.*
- 1.2 *That Her Worship the Mayor – Mrs T H Collis, and Councillors be registered to attend the 2024 Local Government New Zealand Conference.*
- 1.3 *That the Council, being a member of Local Government New Zealand, appoint Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis as the presiding delegate to vote on its behalf at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.*
- 1.4 *That Councillor and Councillor be appointed as the alternate delegates to vote on the Council's behalf in the absence of the presiding delegate.*

Reason for the Report

- 1.5 To discuss attendance at the 2024 Local Government New Zealand Conference, and appoint the presiding delegate and alternate delegate or delegates to vote on behalf of the Tararua District Council at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Tararua District Council is a member of Local Government New Zealand – an organisation that was formed in 1988 to represent the national interests of Councils, providing a connection between central and local government to deliver the local voice at a national level.
- 2.2 As a member of Local Government New Zealand, Tararua District Council members can attend the annual conference, and the presiding delegate appointed by the Council may exercise the vote of the Tararua District Council at the Annual General Meeting being held on 21 August 2024.

3. Discussion and Options

Annual General Meeting

- 3.1 This year the conference will be held in Wellington. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 21 August 2024, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.
- 3.2 For each Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand, the Council must notify the Chief Executive of Local Government New Zealand the name of the Council's presiding delegate, and name or names of any alternate delegates appointed to exercise the Council's vote in the absence of the presiding delegate.
- 3.3 For the Annual General Meeting to go ahead, a quorum of at least 50% of the member Councils must be in attendance.
- 3.4 The constitution of New Zealand Local Government Association Inc (trading as Local Government New Zealand) sets out the rules for the number of representatives each Council may send to the Annual General Meeting. For member authorities having populations of 10,000 or over and less than 50,000, the authority may send not more than three delegates.
- 3.5 This means the Tararua District Council may send up to three delegates to the Annual General Meeting, with one being appointed as the presiding delegate to exercise the Council's vote, and up to two being appointed as alternate delegates should the presiding delegate be absent from the floor of the meeting.
- 3.6 In terms of rules G13 to G16 of the constitution, the term "delegate" includes both an elected member and an officer of a member authority.
- 3.7 In previous years the Tararua District Council has appointed the Mayor as the presiding delegate, with a Councillor appointed as alternate delegate.
- 3.8 The Council may wish to consider appointing two alternate delegates to ensure unforeseen circumstances do not impact the Council's ability to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance at Conference

- 3.9 The Local Government New Zealand Conference is scheduled to follow the Annual General Meeting, and will be held from 21 to 23 August 2024.
- 3.10 Registration of members to attend the conference is subject to budget availability. It is proposed that the Council discuss the number of members to attend the conference and gauge interest from members in attending. Note that the number of attendees to be registered for the Conference is not limited by the restriction on numbers of delegates to the Annual General Meeting.

4. Financial Considerations

- 4.1 A modest amount is set aside through the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for the costs of training of elected members and their attendance at relevant conferences. The registration cost per attendee is \$1,395 excluding GST for registrations made prior to 12 July 2024.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Each year appointment of delegates to attend the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand is required. A resolution is required to this effect, and the names and official positions of those appointed communicated to Local Government New Zealand.
- 5.2 Agreement is also sought on the number of members that the Council will send to attend the conference, and the names of those members selected.

Attachments

Nil.



Report

Date : 22 May 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

Item No : **9.4**

1. Recommendation

1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 14 May 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.*

2. Reason for the Report

2.1 To provide information on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

3. Background

3.1 The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 makes provision for public access to Council information.

3.2 The Act also details requirements for how Council must deal with any requests for access to information that it holds.

3.3 Each month a report is provided to Council on the requests received. This report details a list of requests received over the preceding month to date, timelines associated with the requests, and the subject matter of the requests.

4. Discussion

4.1 Following are tables that detail requests that were received from the start of the preceding month, up to the date of completing the report. Also included are any requests listed in the previous report to Council that have been resolved since reporting to Council. Under the Privacy Act 2020, details and information relating to individuals have been withheld.

Resolved Requests

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
28/03/2024	24/04/2024	17	The Campaign Company	Information regarding funds paid to Taituarā over 2023 calendar year
4/04/2024	22/04/2024	12	Individual	Cost per metre and guaranteed life expectancy of fibreglass liners used in wastewater pipes
4/04/2024	22/04/2024	12	Individual	Cost per metre and guaranteed life expectancy of fibreglass liners used in wastewater pipes
8/04/2024	9/04/2024	1	Te Uru Rakau NZ Forest Service	List of nurseries managed or owned by Council
9/04/2024	9/04/2024	0	Individual	Information re Drag Queen related functions hosted by Council
16/04/2024	16/04/2024	0	Fair Go	Parking infringements issued and revenue raised
17/04/2024	9/05/2024	15	Individual	Overall combined budget for planned roadworks as outlined in Facebook post Road Works Update 17-24 April 2024
18/04/2024	24/04/2024	4	New Zealand Animal Law Association	Information on Land Use Consents issued with animal welfare conditions imposed
18/04/2024	16/05/2024	19	Barrister on behalf of Individual	Information re dogs at specified address
24/04/2024	15/05/2024	14	Access Security	Electronic Office Products and Database Software Usage
1/05/2024	10/05/2024	7	Forest and Bird	Fast Track Approvals Bill
3/05/2024	20/05/2024	11	Individual	Annual costs of Iwi Consultations, Communications and Engaging Iwi in Council business
8/05/2024	10/05/2024	2	Stuff	Budget for refreshments

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
13/05/2024	13/05/2024	0	Building Consent Approvals Ltd	during long term plan hearings Additional information to their original LGOIMA request re claims against Council
22/05/2024	22/05/2024	0	Native Forest Restoration Trust	District Plan rules for Transferable Development Right Subdivisions

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Requests pending response

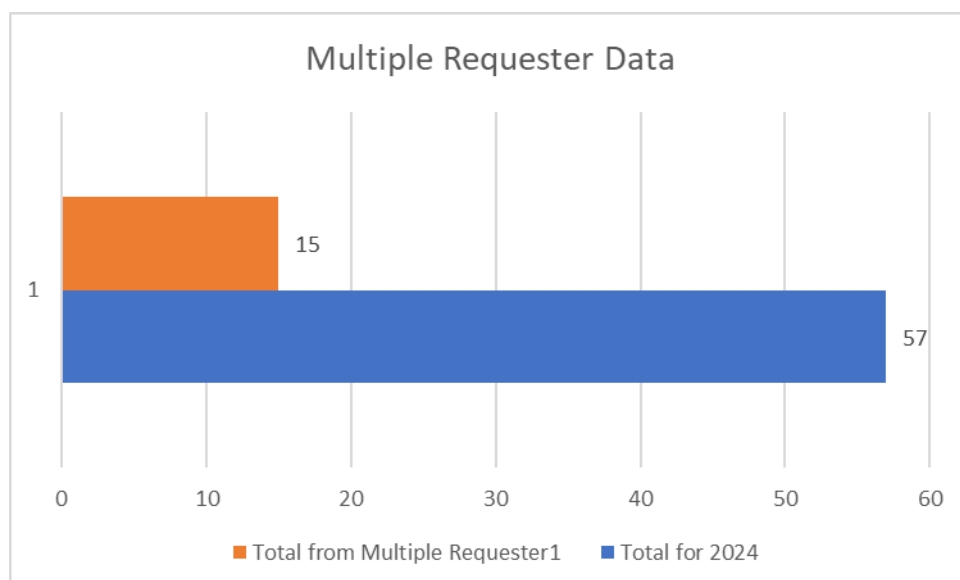
There are currently three open requests pending response.

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
30/04/2024			Smart Environmental	Complaint re refuse storage site
9/05/2024			Individual	Laundromat installation Vogel Street Woodville
21/05/2024			Individual	List of camping grounds issued licence under Camping Ground Regulations 1985

Multiple Requests from an Individual

This year we have been receiving multiple requests from one individual, which has seen a rise in the amount of officer time that has needed to be diverted from their day-to-day responsibilities, to providing answers to the questions being asked.

To date, one individual has been responsible for 26.32% of the total number of requests for information processed in 2024 (15 out of 57 requests for 2024).

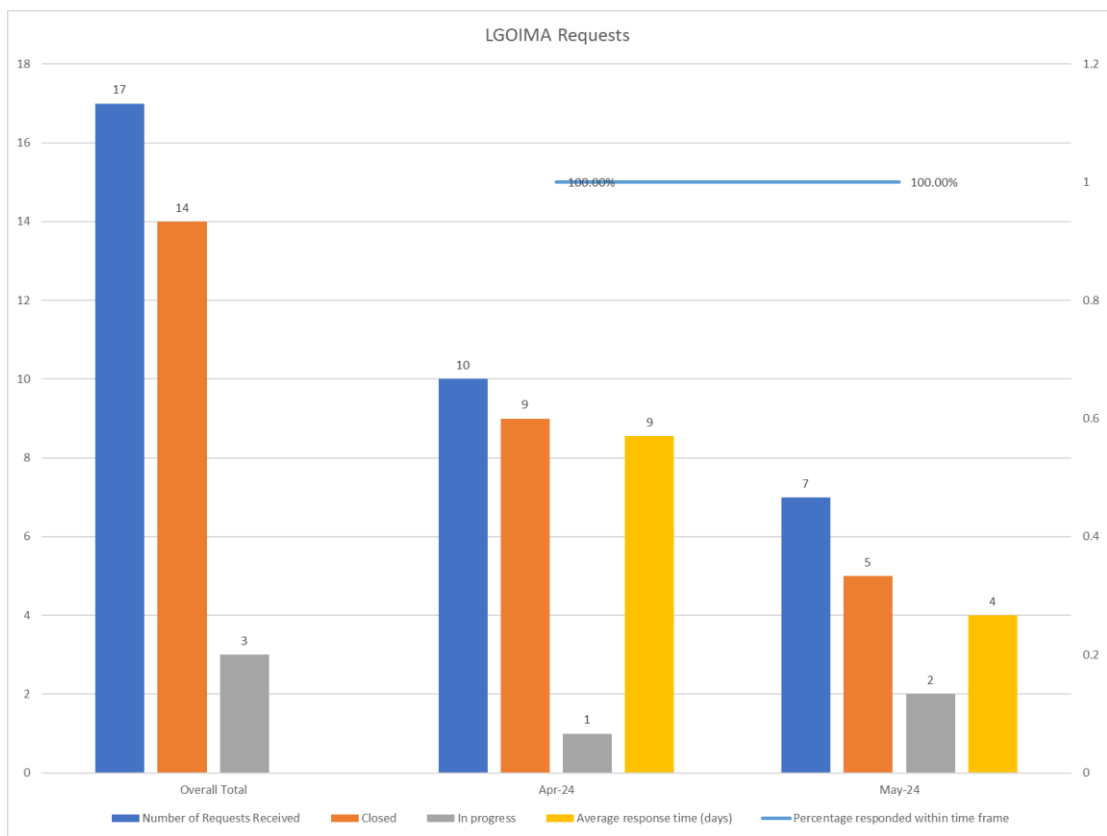


The Office of the Ombudsman provides guidance on dealing with multiple requests for information from a single person, allowing officers to consider aggregating multiple requests, and dealing with these as if they were a single request for information. The guidance also includes processes for charging for the provision of the information being requested, in order to recoup a portion of the costs incurred by the Council in providing the information being sought.

Due to the number of requests being received, this process has begun and the requester advised accordingly.

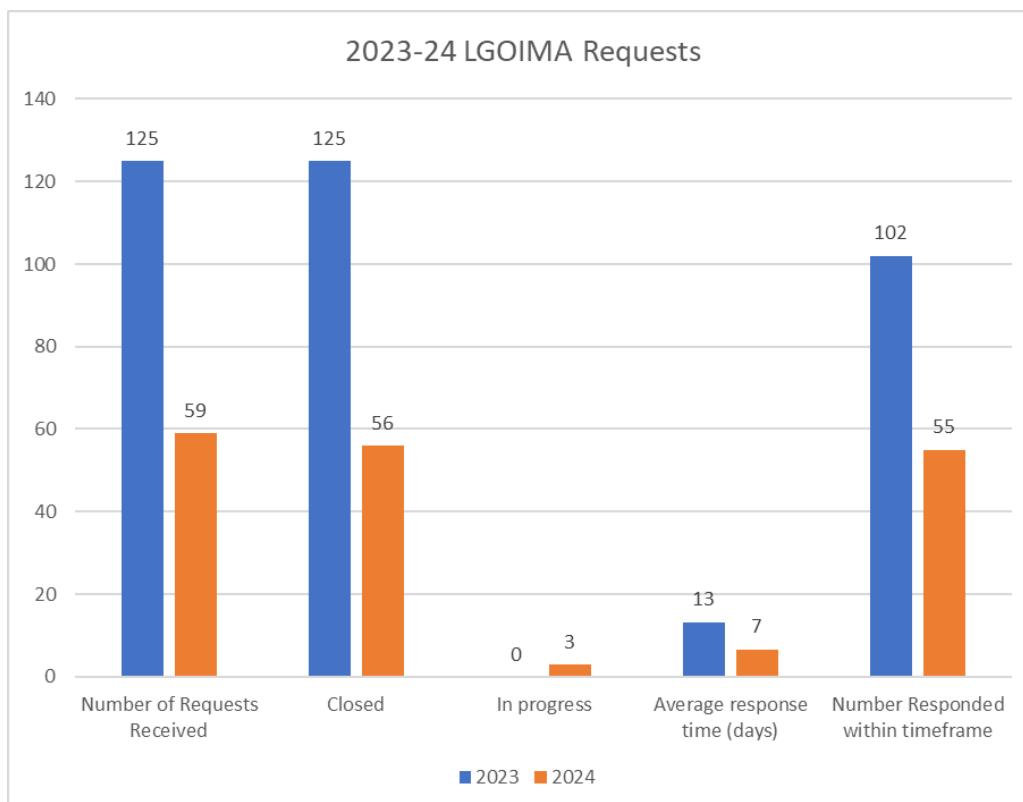
Status of Requests Received and Timelines for Response

The following graph provides a snapshot of the status of requests received and timelines for response, for the period covered by this report.



Statistics for Calendar Year 2023 and Comparative Data for 2024

4.2 The following graph provides statistics relating to the requests for information processed during the year 1 January to date, compared against statistics for the previous calendar year.



Proactive Release and Publishing of Local Government Official Information

- 4.3 Proactive publishing of official information is an opportunity for Council to increase the transparency and accountability of its operations. The Office of the Ombudsman strongly encourages Councils to engage in effective proactive release of official information, and proactive release is in line with the purpose of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which requires that information shall be made available unless there is good reason to withhold it.
- 4.4 Many of the requests for information responded to by Council could have an element of public interest, which means it would be appropriate to publish the information via Council’s website when the information is released. For example, where there is a level of interest in the information, such as numerous requests for similar or related information. Also, whether public interest considerations such as transparency and accountability would be served by publication of the information.
- 4.5 Development of processes are underway for proactively releasing information, noting that any personally identifying information for the requester would be removed. If it was not possible to redact sufficient information from the request and response to prevent identification of individuals, neither the request nor the response would be published.
- 4.6 As part of the processes being developed, the templates used for acknowledging receipt of LGOIMA requests, and responding to the requests, will be updated to include advice for the requester that their request and the response will be published on Council’s website, and that any personal identifying information will

be redacted from both the request and the response to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act 2020.

4.7 It is planned to start the proactive releasing of LGOIMA requests from 1 July 2024.

5. Statutory Requirements

5.1 The statutory requirements associated with access to local authority information, and the procedures for dealing with requests received for information held by local authorities, is set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

5.2 There are also requirements within the Privacy Act 2020 and the Information Privacy Principles within that Act to comply with.

5.3 As part of the requirements for providing access to local authority information, the Act sets out timeframes for:

- Making a decision on whether to grant a request and communicate that decision;
- Making the requested information available, which can be at a later date, after the decision to grant has been made;
- Transferring all or part of a request to another agency;
- Extending timeframes for both transferring a request, and making a decision and communicating it.

5.4 The Office of the Ombudsman also publishes a Guide to assist local authorities in recognising and responding to requests for information. The processes outlined in this Guide are followed by officers in responding to requests.

6. Conclusion

6.1 This report presents requests for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 that have been received from 1 April 2024 to 22 May 2024.

Attachments

Nil.



Report

Date : 24 May 2024
To : Mayor and Councillors
Tararua District Council
From : Tracey Collis
Mayor
Subject : **Mayoral Relief Fund Final Report**
Item No : **9.5**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Mayor dated 23 May 2024 concerning the Mayoral Relief Fund Final Report be received.*

2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To provide information on the funding provided through the Mayoral Relief Fund.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Mayoral Relief Fund was established in February 2023 in response to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Tararua District, and has been available to Tararua District residents, ratepayers or small business owners (including self-employed people and sole-traders), and not-for-profit organisations who suffered financial hardship because of damages caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 The Mayoral Relief Fund has been used to support and meet the needs of affected individuals, families, community organisations, small businesses, and marae.
- 4.2 Examples of financial support from the Mayoral Relief Fund include:
- Supporting the wellbeing of individuals/families faced with hardships as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle;

- Assisting people with basic needs, household goods and personal items where the individual/family is uninsured or underinsured;
- Essential items/essentials of daily life (e.g; food, accommodation, utilities);
- Filling water tanks;
- Dealing with septic tank overflow;
- Cleaning debris from properties where people are uninsured or underinsured;
- Assisting small businesses impacted by the emergency;
- Replacement of articles that cannot be insured by people – for example, fences, footpaths, etc;
- Assisting with insurance excess payments;
- Extra financial burden/costs not covered by insurance or other funds.

4.3 To ensure the funds were not depleted immediately and to enable fair and consistent amounts to get to a large number of people applying, the maximum amounts for grants were set as:

- \$1000 for individuals; and
- \$2000 for Community Groups, farmers, businesses including sole-entrepreneurs, and marae.

4.4 At its meeting held 31 January 2024, the Tararua District Council noted that there were still several individuals facing financial hardship due to Cyclone Gabrielle. While some had previously applied for assistance, there were still others who had not yet submitted their applications. This was attributed to various reasons, with one of the barriers being the relatively low grant amounts currently in place. To address this issue, the Council agreed to amend the criteria to:

- \$10,000 for individuals; and
- \$30,000 for Community Groups, farmers, businesses including sole-entrepreneurs, and marae, or as determined by Council.

4.5 Since making the fund available and grants distributed, the Mayoral Relief Fund has now been fully expended and this report provides details of the contributions and payments made.

4.6 Through the Mayoral Relief Fund we have been able to assist:

- 65 individuals / families;

- 73 farmers / businesses.
- 4.7 Out of 190 applications for funding, 164 were approved and 26 declined. Note that some applicants applied more than once to the fund.
- 4.8 The total amount of funding provided through the Mayoral Relief Fund, in response to the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, was \$329,572.17.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The generosity of our people, our friends, our businesses, our organisations and our neighbouring councils was humbling and meant the world in at our greatest time of need. From guides, to schools, charitable organisations like our Lions Clubs, our Churches, staff both past and present and of course our friends in the Horowhenua and Rangitikei Districts. There are so many to thank and where we could identify the donor, letters of thanks were sent.
- 5.2 Our grateful thanks to the panel Hayden Hape, Mavis Mullins, Clint Worthington, and Cr Alison Franklin for the weekly commitment considering applications. A special thanks to Cr Scott Gilmore and Don Cameron who also took part in the process.
- 5.3 The level of destruction in our rural communities was immense and these funds were gratefully received by recipients.

Attachments

Nil.

TARARUA DISTRICT CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Key Achievements

Tararua Mayoral Relief Fund

Applications Received	Pending Further Information	Declined	Total Approved	Total Allocated
117	0	22	95	\$141,711.00

The final round of applicants are currently being processed with decisions being made over the coming weeks.

Yellow & Red Stickered Properties

The Tararua District Council building team visited yellow stickered properties in September and all yellow stickers were lifted.

Also one red sticker has been successfully removed, leaving two properties still marked with Red stickers. One of these properties is Waione Hall, which is a non-residential private hall and thus considered a lower priority in terms of resolving the issue.

Impacts on Tararua District



526 Total High and Medium Road Network Faults recorded



91 High Complexity faults



435 Medium Complexity faults



4 roads closed in total across the district



Approx 200 Farms impacted (slips, flooding etc)



2 Properties red stickered
0 Homes yellow stickered

Stages of medium and high complexity faults:

- 227 Identified
- 15 Scope development stage
- 45 Detailed design stage
- 17 Approval stage
- 26 Construction stage
- 149 As built
- 24 Complete

[More information in built](#)

Natural

- Opened new rainfall monitoring sites across the Tararua District for better data collection
- Secured funding for environmental monitoring upgrades.
- Identified 6 new radio repeater sites with farmers in the Tararua
- Provided support to the Akitio beach clean up through funding and advice.
- Provided clean up support across the Tararua district
- Supported built lead through providing a dedicated resource for processing resource consents in the Tararua



Built

- A total of \$44.97 million from Waka Kotahi/NZTA was granted for Cyclone Gabrielle repairs
- Creation of a roading priority matrix to efficiently address the extensive number of roading faults
- Marainanga Gorge reopening after extensive damage to approximately 300m of road washed away by the Aohanga River: <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/news/2023/august/community-marks-opening-of-the-marainanga-gorge-road>
- River Road, Owahanga Road and Te Uri Road urgent repairs completed and roads reopened
- Cyclone Gabrielle roading fault progress:

Rural

The Rural Support Trust clean-up group had many requests for help with clean up. They were also able to distribute fencing materials to those in need. A breakdown of this activity is below.

- Completed on farm needs assessments to understand individual requirements of farmers and guide recovery efforts
- Collaborated closely with Social Lead on organisation and funding of social wellbeing events (see social).

Supported and organised rural events in conjunction with other Tararua organisations for the purpose of improving rural wellbeing. Activities included Lunches, three comedy nights, three farmers fitness programmes, Mud Sweat and Cheers - Pongaroa and the Bogged in the wamp shout.

The MSD funded Enhanced Taskforce Green Programme visited a total of 42 properties between 19 June to 1 December doing remedial work and fencing repairs.

Organised sports day with Sport Manawatu at 6 cyclone affected schools and then delivered rain anxiety picture books.

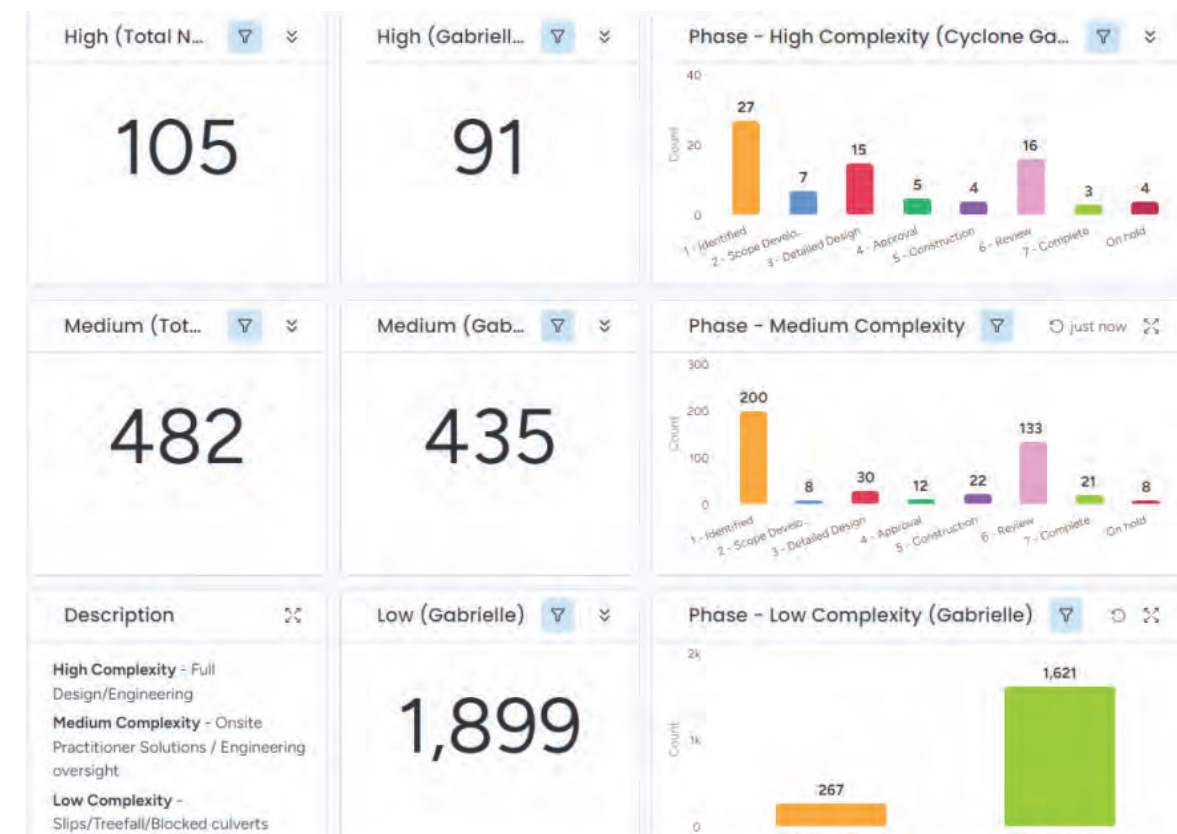
Tararua Rural Support Trust Cyclone Recovery Expo.

This event, created and run by Tararua Rural Support Trust, saw farmers receive a trailer load of free fencing gear which included a bundle of posts, wire, staples, and permanent strainers. Additionally the 150 farmers in attendance received a \$200 accommodation voucher, \$50 New World voucher, \$30 pharmacy voucher and more in a wellbeing package.

This was attended by the Rural Support Trust, Recovery Team, Health Centres, Rural Professionals and more.

Continuous one on one support for the rural community

Recovery Expo	
Farms in attendance	154
Lifestyle blocks in attendance	14
Stakeholders, rural professional and support service provider stalls	12
# posts	16,770
20kg bucket of staples	160
Coils of wire	173
Permanent wire strainers	160
Total value of fencing gear	\$185,000
Total value of gifts	\$256,000



TARARUA DISTRICT CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY PROGRAMME



Key Achievements

Social

Undertook a Wellbeing Survey and created a report to gain an understanding of social needs in our isolated communities

Established a Social Recovery Wellbeing Group including Iwi representative, Tararua REAP, Tararua Community Services, MPI and other social welfare agencies. The group got together every month for 6 months to ensure that all aspects of Social Recovery were covered. These meetings concluded in January.

Created a Psychosocial Welfare group including Rural Support trust and DHB Psychosocial lead – Connected every week on a Friday until February 2024 to ensure that up to date mental health information was being distributed.



Repurposed \$5,000 that was meant for an Economic Mates in Trades event to Back on Track Bingo with Te Radar. Te Radar came through to visit the Tararua Alliance and thanked them for their work on the district's roads before travelling to Herbertville to see the community and see, first hand, the impacts of the Cyclone on farmland and the communities east of Dannevirke. Finally on Friday evening, Te Radar hosted a sold-out bingo night at the packed Pongaroa Hall. Locals were treated to intrepid tales, a lot of laughs, and a real sense of empathy for what the community has been dealing with since the Cyclone.

Received \$25,000 from DIA for wellbeing events (\$6,000 still to allocate):

\$4,000 to assist RST with admin and other aspects of the RST Expo (see Rural Lead Activities)

\$10,000 Fuel your stoke event by MSFT Productions - co-funded by Rural Support Trust. A free, music, mental health and wellbeing event that was family friendly, for all ages. It was an afternoon filled with live music, inspiring talks, delicious hot food and activities for kids and adults.

\$5,000 Tararua Farming in Excellence Awards. This event was struggling to be held due to the economic climate. By supporting this event it ensured that farmers could have a night off farm at no cost – most of whom were from cyclone affected areas. They were able to come along, enjoy some food, share a drink, catch up with colleagues and neighbours and reconnect.

Economic

\$375,000 MBIE Business Support Fund administered by TDC . We received 55 applications, 28 receiving approval and 27 being declined.

Received \$75,000 from DIA for a Mobile Community Hub for the dual purpose as a mobile civil defence hub and to enable community outreach and engagement

Collection and reporting of 12 months Marketview data and Dot Loves Data

Future Plans

Finish reviewing and adopt the updated recovery plan

Finish remaining open projects and send final reports to funders

Gather and analyse local data to understand the current economic impact of Cyclone Gabrielle

Gather and analyse local data to understand the current social wellbeing state of rural Tararua

Collaboratively scope out innovative solutions for roading resilience work

Continue community hub project by exploring needs assessments in other isolated areas and Marae

Continue to support Rural Support Trust in recovery efforts

Continue promoting and applying to relevant funds for Cyclone Gabrielle recovery

Other Key Achievements

- Community Conversations (Introduction to Recovery) in Herbertville, Weber, Pongaroa, Te Uri and Akitio. Engaged directly with communities to understand their needs.
- Undertook an Impact Assessment Survey to gain an understanding of the level of damage in the Tararua District.
- Received \$8,196 from DIA Lotteries Grant for 12 Starlink satellite systems for uses in an emergency.
- Received \$44,000 from DIA Lotteries Grant for the Akitio Cell tower back up generator providing resilience in their communication network for future events.
- Received \$30,600 from DIA Lotteries Grant for three deployable generators during generators will ensure emergency operation centres, marae and communities can be powered during events.
- Received \$10,000 from MSD to hold "First Aid on Farms" training that will be delivered to the effected communities through the Civil Defence Groups to be held in May.
- Received \$16,707 from ECCT for disability ramps at Weber and Herbertville community hubs as outlined in the needs assessment for the community hub fund (see below).
- MPI NIWE Fund: 1 million for uninsured critical work.**

The Tararua District secured \$1 million to support the recovery of Primary Industry Producers around urgent maintenance and resilience works on farms, as part the Ministry of Primary Industries \$35.4 million package to support the recovery of rural communities affected by North Island Weather events, including Cyclone Gabrielle.

Applications opened between 12th September - 12th October 2023. 127 applications were received and approximately \$5.3 million in financial assistance was requested. It was a clear endorsement of the need for this kind of support for farmers and growers in the aftermath of the cyclone. Successful applicants were farms across the district, from the top of Te Uri, all the way down to Aohanga and many places in between. The positive feedback from local farmers and growers was heartening, however a clear message can still be seen that this was a drop in the water compared to the work needed.

- MPI NIWE Fund: \$250,000 for Community Hubs.**

Tararua District Council secured \$250,000 to build resilience in 8 isolated communities. Community hub groups received upgrades to their hall which included civil defence equipment, generators, hall repairs/upgrades. Weber, Herbertville, Akitio, Te Uri, Pongaroa, Kumeroa, Alfredton and Makuri all received deliveries of gear and essential items that will assist them, if necessary, in being self-sufficient for a short period of time during an emergency or future adverse weather events.

Items such as resilience boxes, chainsaws and training, detailed maps and community building upgrades have all been undertaken and distributed to Civil Defence groups in each of the communities. In most cases, items and services have been purchased locally making this project a win-win for our communities and local business.

In February training sessions were held for these communities and a member of each of the 8 Civil Defence groups had formal training in chainsaw use, a skill deemed essential in the district after emergencies or adverse weather events. Participants not only underwent a fully funded one-day Chainsaw course, with both practical and theory-based learning, but they also received a Stihl Chainsaw and complete Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear to take back to their communities. This was outlined as a key skill the community wanted during our needs assessments.



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117 approved applicants

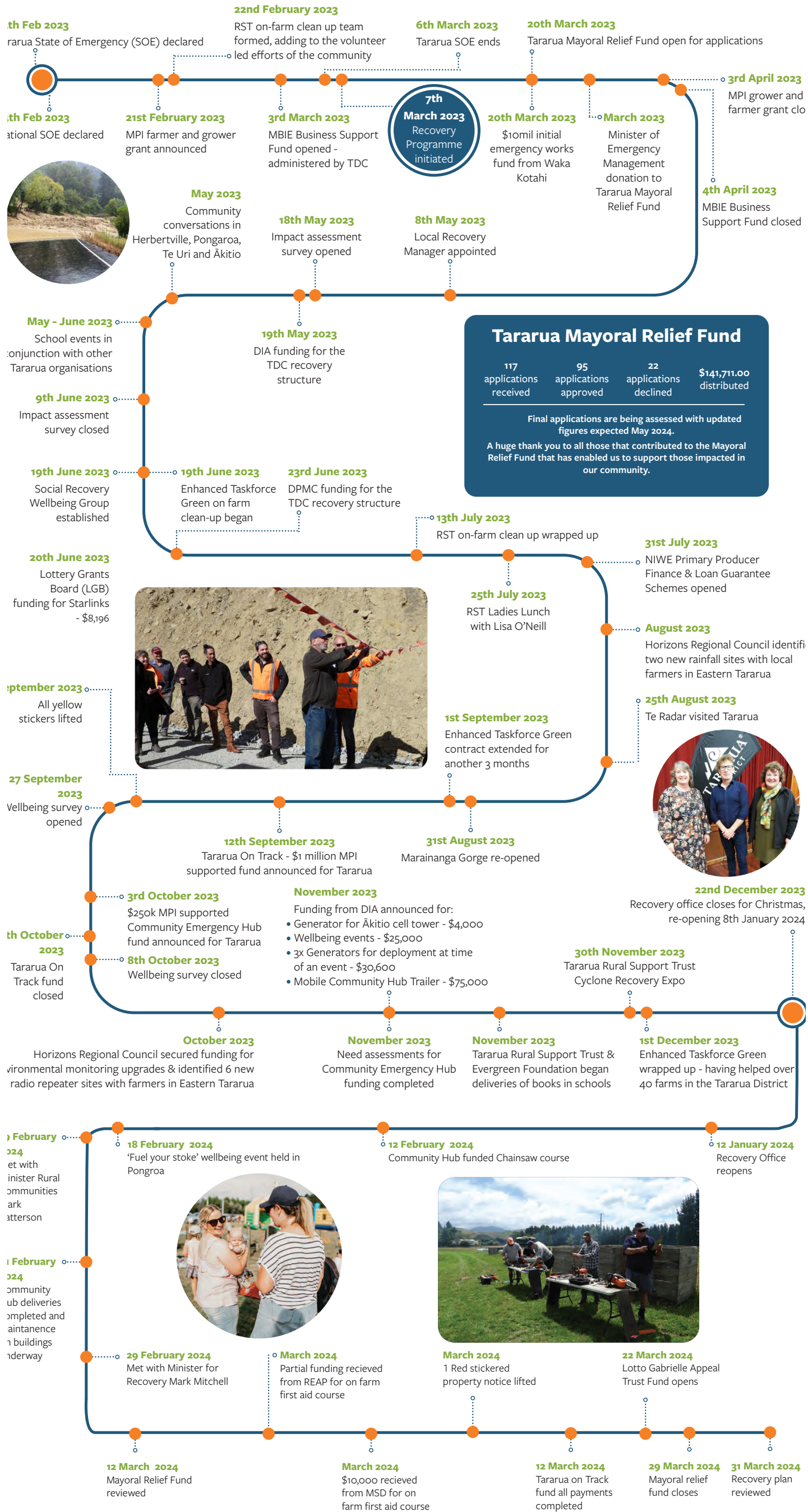


\$994,346.97 to affected affected farms

- Work alongside REAP, Iwi and Rural Support around providing events and information for affected rural areas.
- Continue working with local NGOs, Iwi and communities to progress recovery, moving towards building in resilience to handle further events. Ensuring we continue to meet regularly and identifying opportunities for our district.
- Create handover documentation for relevant internal teams regarding overlapping duties when BAU resumes
- Prepare and document SOP's for Tararua District environment leads

CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY PROGRAMME

49 roads closed in total at the time of the event
2 properties red stickered
0 properties yellow stickered
Approx 200 farms impacted



Tararua Mayoral Relief Fund

117 applications received	95 applications approved	22 applications declined	\$141,711.00 distributed
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Final applications are being assessed with updated figures expected May 2024.

A huge thank you to all those that contributed to the Mayoral Relief Fund that has enabled us to support those impacted in our community.





22 May 2024

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Tama Potaka, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader, New Zealand First
Hon David Seymour, Leader, ACT

Kia ora Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders

Changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions

Local Government New Zealand and the Mayors and Chairs that have signed this letter are opposed to the changes the Coalition Government is proposing to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

The Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Māori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. We are disappointed this is in contrast with the commitments the Government made during the election campaign to empower local government to make decisions about its own communities.

Our position – a position that has been held by Local Government New Zealand since 2018 – is that Māori wards and constituencies should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level. Polls aren't required on any other wards or constituencies, and requiring them will add increased costs to councils.

We are concerned that the Government's decision is a distraction from the hard work that councils are doing to deliver infrastructure and keep costs down for their communities. It also undermines the important contributions that Māori are making to local government.

We urge the Government to reconsider its position and leave it to local councils to make decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities.

Ngā mihi nui

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President
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Waikato Regional Council



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Cr Toni Boynton
Co-Chair Te Maruata Rōpū Whakahaere

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