

Eketāhuna Community Board

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board will be held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on **Monday 12 May 2025** commencing at **10:00 am**.

Bryan Nicholson
Chief Executive

Agenda

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening

2. Apologies

3. 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 5 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 Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the Chairperson, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

4. Presentation

4.1 Presentation - Sport Tararua

Raylene Treder, of Sport Tararua, will be in attendance to introduce herself to the Board and speak about her role of Tararua Community Connector within the Tararua District.

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 Board 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 Board 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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 14 April 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 Report from Tararua District Council

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Recommended

That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 9 April 2025, and the meeting held 30 April 2025 be received.

- 9. Reports
- 9.1 Portfolio Programme Project Report

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9.2 Management Report

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- 20. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities
- 11. Correspondence
- 11.1 Eketahuna Our Town AGM Minutes March 2025

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32. Public Excluded Items of Business

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award

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.

General subject matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution	
Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award	To protect the privacy of natural persons	<section (1)(a)(i)<="" td=""></section>	

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)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.

- 13. Chairperson's Remarks
- 44. Items not on the Agenda
- 15. Closure



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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 14 April 2025 commencing at 10:00 am.

1. Present

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), T M Carew (via Teams), E E Chase, and Cr M F Long

In Attendance

Councillor S Gilmore

Mrs K Tani – Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing

Mrs A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Member L J Barclay be approved and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Chase/Carew Carried

3. Public Forum

3.1 Public Forum - Pūkaha Team - Garden Tour

Emily Court, General Manager, accompanied by Julie xx, Manager of the Wananga were in attendance to speak about the planned fundraising garden tour for Pukaha Mt Bruce. They noted that this year would be the 15th year that the tour had been held, and would be held on 22 and 23 November 2025. They spoke about how it would be an opportunity to promote the town, and showcase what Eketahuna had to offer, and promote businesses.

They noted that two local gardens had committed to opening their grounds for the tour. They asked that Board Members help to spread the word

about the tour, and encourage members of the community to get in touch with them if they wished their garden to be included on the tour, as they would like to have a number of gardens in Eketahuna for people to visit. They talked about how their last tour had over 2,500 people buy tickets from across New Zealand, noting that there are a number of groups that enjoy participating in garden tours. They also noted that many participants like to stay locally, so would be an opportunity for local accommodation providers to be involved.

They asked that other events, such as the Eketahuna market, be held to coincide with the date of the garden tour.

Board members advised that they would put them in touch with the market organiser.

For anyone wanting to be involved in the garden tour, the Pukaha team could be reached via email on booking@pukaha.org.nz.

The Board also asked that the organising team also present to the Our Town Committee meeting being held in July 2025.

3.2 Presentation – Sports Award to Ben Johnstone

On behalf of Sports Tararua, Chairperson Steen McGhie presented a Sports Award to Ben Johnstone.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Update on Radio Station

Cenotaph Clean Up

Tennis Courts

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

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 10 March 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Long/Chase Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Report from Tararua District Council

That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 26 March 2025 be received.

Chase/Carew Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Consultation on draft Annual Plan and Supporting Information

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 09 April 2025 that provided information to the Board on upcoming consultation on the draft Annual Plan and supporting information.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 09 April 2025 concerning the Consultation on draft Annual Plan and Supporting Information be received.

Carew/Long Carried

8.2 Management Report

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 8 April 2025 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest from the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee and Community Development and Wellbeing Committee.

The Board discussed a need for an additional ashes wall at the Eketahuna cemetery, and agreed to lodge a CRM to this effect.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 07 April 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Chase/Carew Carried

8.3 **Eketahuna Millennium Time Capsule**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 26 March 2025 that presented background information to the Board regarding the Eketāhuna Millennium Time Capsule.

The Board agreed to take the item to Eketāhuna Our Town meeting for discussion of holding a public event to uplift the time capsule, potentially in conjunction with

market day.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 25 March 2025 concerning the Eketahuna Millennium Time Capsule be received.

Long/Carew Carried

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

- 9.1 **Swimming Pool Committee**: Board member Chase sought an update on the power supply at the substation on Church Street, noting that the power supply needed upgrading by Powerco before the swimming pool could install equipment to heat the pool. It was suggested that contact be made by the Board with Powerco to discuss.
- 9.2 **Civic Honours**: Councillor Mike Long spoke about the two Civic Honour celebrations that he attended on behalf of Council, that honoured the significant community contribution made by Charlie Timu and by Barbara Ferguson.
- 9.3 **Eketāhuna Our Town**: it was noted that minutes from Eketāhuna Our Town needed to be sent to the Manager Democracy Services so that they could be included in the Eketāhuna Community Board agenda.

10. Correspondence

Nil

11. Discussion Items

Use of Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall as a Civil Defence Management Hub

It was agreed that the Chairperson would talk to the Emergency Management Advisor about the Board's proposal to use the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall as a Civil Defence Management Hub. It was agreed to have further discussion on this item once Board member Carew returned in September.

11.2 Update on Kiwi Artwork

Board member Chase noted that the two business owners were going to remove the artwork, and had been in touch with both the artist and with Eketāhuna Our Town committee.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson McGhie noted that local couple Margaret and Mark Chapple had celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and had received a letter from the

Prime Minister.

13. Items not on the Agenda

Radio station: Board member Chase noted that a committee had been formed, and discussions had been held with Eketāhuna Our Town regarding assistance with funding for rent until October 2025. In response to a question about funding availability from the Main Street account, members were reminded that funding for these accounts ceased in the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and were no longer in existence.

Councillor Mike Long left the meeting at 10:57am

13.2 **Cenotaph**: Chairperson McGhie noted that he had lodged a CRM for the cenotaph to have mould cleaned off, and plaster repairs done, so that the cenotaph was ready for Anzac Day commemorations, however there was still green mould in evidence and the plaster repair to the entranceway not yet complete.

Councillor Mike Long returned to the meeting at 10:58am.

- 13.3 **Tennis Courts**: in response to an enquiry about whether the nets were up at the tennis courts, it was advised that the Tennis Club had folded. It was agreed that contact would be made with the former President to ask about the location of the nets, and also to make contact with Raylene Treder of Sport Tararua.
- 13.4 **Recruitment of Community Engagement Officer**: it was advised that Sarah Fountaine had been appointed to the role of Community Engagement Officer, starting 28 April 2025.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:01am.

Chairperson	



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 9 April 2025 commencing at 9:30 am.

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, S A Wallace and S M Wards

In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson - Chief Executive

Mrs K Tani - Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing

Mr H Featonby - Group Manager - Infrastructure

Mr P Wimsett - Chief Advisor

Mr K van der Oord - Communications Team Manager

Mrs S Walshe - Finance Manager
Ms F Chase - Facilities Manager

Mrs A Dunn - Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillors Kerry Sutherland and Mike Long be accepted and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Crs Peeti-Webber/Wards

Carried

3. Reports

3.1 Adoption of Council's Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Plan 2025/26

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Finance Manager dated 4 April 2025 that sought to adopt Council's Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Plan 2025/2026, being year two of the 2024/2034 Long Term Plan, for consultation with the community.

The meeting discussed the review of the rents for Pensioner Housing which had been undertaken with a view to presenting a fair and equitable proposal for council consideration. The Facilities Manager advised that an increase in rents was needed to bring the activity back into a self-funding model. A mixed model

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was proposed, rather than a flat charge across the district, given the differing states of rental properties through the district. Consideration was given to potential household income, where some but not all of the tenants may be eligible for Government subsidies such as the accommodation supplement. It was noted that the proposed increase would push the rate outside Council's self-imposed ratio of rent:superannuation and consideration was sought for Council to remove the self-imposed cap on level of rent.

In discussion, it was noted that although the rent was proposed at a rate that would bring the activity out of deficit to a self-funding model, it was asked whether the rent could be set at a lower amount so that the activity came out of deficit at a slower rate, and limited the impacts on the tenants. In response it was noted that the proposed rents were below the market rate and noted the risk given the age of the units, and the requirements for renewals to comply with healthy homes requirements.

It was asked whether the proposed increase could be graduated over the next three years to lessen the impact. In response it was advised that the reserve balance would still be in deficit after three years. Another suggestion was to withdraw some of the additional services provided at these properties such as rubbish removal and lawn mowing. It was noted that this would make it difficult for maintenance of the common spaces around the units.

With regard to the proposed removal of the cap, it was noted the Council had introduced the cap to recognise the level of need in the community. In discussion it was asked what the risk could be should the cap be removed, and whether there would be some form of control to ensure the rents were not increased too high in the future. In response it was recognised there would be value in further investigations into how costs could be reduced, for example insurance that could provide savings. It was noted that the final approval for fees and charges sat with the Council, which would provide a level of protection.

Another suggestion was to split the proposed increase over two years, and clarification was sought over when the increased rents would take effect.

Councillor Chase left the meeting at 10:08am.

It was noted that any increased rents would take effect on the tenant's anniversary date for their tenancy agreement.

It was asked that this matter be left lying on the table for consideration later during the meeting for decision, following further modelling of options for the proposed rental levels.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16am and resumed at 10:30am.

The meeting discussed the consultation document and supporting information, including the draft Annual Plan and fees and charges. The Finance Manager spoke to the report, noting the proposed rates increase in the draft Annual Plan

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was at a lower level than that indicated in the Long Term Plan. The meeting's attention was drawn to the portion of the proposed increase that related to costs of the three waters activities. It was advised that the changes from the Long Term Plan that were being consulted on were the change in partially funding depreciation, the proposal to increase spending on the footpath activity due to NZTA Waka Kotahi not providing funding towards this activity through the Long Term Plan, and the request from Tararua Aquatic Community Trust for assistance with purchasing a property to extend their car park.

With regards to the Financial Strategy, it was noted that the proposed rates increase at 7.71% was lower than the 12% maximum set in the Financial Strategy. It was noted that the 2% of dedicated debt repayment was retained. The balanced budget requirement was also met through this Annual Plan.

Councillor Chase returned to the meeting at 10:35am.

The Finance Manager detailed the changes to the capital programme.

The changes in the operational costs was explained, noting the main drivers being inflationary increases and regulatory costs imposed on Council through regulatory fees. The Chief Advisor explained the deviation from the Long Term Plan for funding of depreciation due to the affordability for ratepayers, and spoke about the uncertainty of ownership of the three waters assets until the completion of the Local Water Done Well decisions. If there was a need to take the depreciation rate lower this could be done following the consultation period, when the impacts on the economy from current world events was better known.

It was noted that with regards to Fees and Charges, the Animal Management Fees and Charges had been amended to fall within an 80:20 split instead of 85:15 split (portion of cost from user fees vs rates contribution). It was noted that information on how fees and charges were made up could be added to the frequently asked questions to explain how user fees did not cover the full cost of the activity, requiring contribution from ratepayers for the balance.

Attention was drawn to the consultation document, noting a change would be made to the submission form to include a postal address. Also within the supporting document, the Mayor and Chief Executive introduction would be updated to relate it to the Annual Plan document.

With regards to consultation, it was noted that was consideration being given to how the consultation would be undertaken to provide opportunity for people to discuss and provide feedback, noting the large number of consultations that had been undertaken recently. The Communications Manager spoke about proposals for engagement, including going to events where people would be gathered such as local markets, and noting that they were rethinking how the consultations were undertaken.

In response to a question about maintenance of trees in cemeteries, it was

advised that a programme for tree maintenance across the district was included.

Pahiatua Heritage Fund – it was asked whether that had been spent, as the draft Annual Plan included a balance in this account. In response it was noted that the opening balances were based on the Annual Report, and the fund had been spent in the current financial year.

Wai Splash Car Park proposal – it was asked that references within the consultation document be consistent with terminology, e.g. Tararua Aquatic Community Trust.

With regards to the information on Wastewater, it was asked whether this level of information was needed and how much of the work was possible. The Group Manager - Infrastructure noted that they had gone through their capital project list and withdrawn items that were not necessary in this financial year, and the focus was on inclusion of projects that were necessary, and were being reviewed in accordance with the proposed changes to standards.

With regard to the chart on page 26 of the agenda, it was asked that this chart be used extensively in advertising and communications for the consultation.

With regard to the District Plan, it was asked whether the proposed changes by the Government would require the Council to redo its District Plan. It was noted that a meeting would be held to discuss the impacts of the new legislation in 2026. An item would be brought back to Council once more information was available. It was noted that there would be no impact on the Annual Plan.

Councillor Johns left the meeting at 11:13am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13am and resumed at 11:45am.

The Facilities Manager and Financial and Management Accountant attended via Teams and shared three further options for pensioner housing rental levels, that would provide lower level of rent increases but still lift the activity out of deficit, albeit at a slower rate, and begin building reserves to fund the activity.

The Facilities Manager presented three further options, showing different rates compared to superannuation, which was run through the finance model. She noted the issue was with the rental for one bedroom units that was currently at too low a level. It was noted that Council would need to take into consideration that no major event take place for renewals or unplanned refurbishment. In discussion the risk of not planning for unforeseen events, such as cleansing orders, burst hot water cylinders, needed to be taken into account.

Councillor Wallace left the meeting at 12:06pm and returned at 12:07pm.

Following discussion on the further three options provided, the Council agreed to take the motions separately, and separate out the proposed options for rentals to

allow these to be debated and put to the motion separately.

That the Tararua District Council approves the proposed amendment to the selfimposed rent cap position to reflect:

Market Rents and / or Rental Appraisals
Property Condition
Household Income
Additional Services - Solid Waste & Grounds Maintenance

Crs Wards/Wallace

Carried

A motion was moved by Cr Peeti-Webber, seconded Cr Wallace as follows:

Dannevirke 1 Bedroom Unit - \$215

LOST

A motion was moved by Cr Wards, seconded Cr Chase as follows:

Dannevirke 1 Bedroom unit-\$225

LOST

A motion was moved by Cr Gilmore, seconded Cr Franklin as follows:

Dannevirke 1 Bedroom unit-\$205

LOST

A motion was moved by Cr Gilmore, seconded Cr Franklin as follows:

Dannevirke 1 Bedroom unit-\$210

LOST

Dannevirke 1 Bedroom unit-\$220

Crs Peeti-Webber/Wallace

Carried

Councillors Gilmore and Franklin recorded their votes against the motion.

Dannevirke 2 Bedroom unit - \$305

Crs Peeti-Webber/Wallace

Carried

Councillors Gilmore and Franklin recorded their votes against the motion.

Dannevirke Contribution 2 Bedroom unit - \$155

Crs Peeti-Webber/Chase

Carried

Councillors Gilmore and Franklin recorded their votes against the motion.

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Woodville, Pahiatua and Eketahuna 1 Bedroom unit - \$215

Crs Peeti-Webber/Chase

Carried

Councillors Gilmore and Franklin recorded their votes against the motion.

That the report from the Finance Manager dated 25 March 2025 concerning the Adoption of Council's Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Plan 2025/26 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Wallace

Carried

That the Tararua District Council approves the proposed Pensioner Housing fees and charges for the 2025/2026 financial year as follows:

- Dannevirke 1 Bedroom unit- \$220
- Dannevirke 2 Bedroom unit \$305
- Dannevirke Contribution 2 Bedroom unit \$155
- Woodville, Pahiatua and Eketahuna 1 Bedroom unit \$215

Crs Chase/Wards

Carried

Councillors Gilmore and Franklin recorded their votes against the motion.

That the Consultation Document and Supporting Information including the draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 and Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2025-2026 financial year as amended to include the fees set by resolution at this meeting, be adopted for consultation with the community.

That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to make any required minor amendments and corrections to the draft Consultation document and supporting information prior to finalisation for consultation with the community.

Crs Wards/Wallace

Carried

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12:47pm.

Mayor	

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Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 30 April 2025 commencing at 9:30 am.

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 D Batley - Evergreen Consulting
Ms J Avery - Riverstone Law

Mr B Nicholson - Chief Executive

Mrs K Tani - Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing

Mr H Featonby - Group Manager - Infrastructure

Mr P Wimsett - Chief Advisor

Ms K Stevens - Communications Engagement and Social Media Lead (via

Teams)

Mr J Single - Regulatory Services Manager

Mrs S Walshe - Finance Manager

Ms A Charmley - Planning Services Manager
Ms A Rule - Policy and Planning Advisor
Mrs A Dunn - Manager - Democracy Services

2. Council Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Council Prayer.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

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4. Public Forum

4.1 Tararua Aquatic Community Trust

Stephanie Duff and Tatum Kingon of the Tararua Aquatic Centre, Wai Splash, were in attendance and spoke about their request for funding. They sought funding of \$70,000 from the Council's Recreation Fund to go towards the planned Splash Pad for the Tararua Aquatic Centre, Wai Splash.

They highlighted the need for more fun activities for children at the pool.

They spoke about the fundraising undertaken to date, and have raised approximately \$20,000, applied through Eastern and Central Community Trust who had conditionally approved \$50,000 conditional on raising remaining funds. They would like to apply for lottery funding however would need to have raised one third of required funds prior to making application. They sought Council's funding assistance to help them reach the one third requirement of funding.

Questions of clarification were asked regarding the impact on the Beach and ability to hold birthday parties in that area, and any limitations on operational activities. They clarified how the beach area would fit within the proposed development and noted there would still be sufficient space for other activities.

A question was asked about additional operational costs that might come from operating the splash pad and in response it was noted that growth in patronage was expected to outweigh additional costs.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

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

Councillor Gilmore – noted for clarification in regards to item 9.1 there was a letter of support from Tararua Reap of which he is a Board member, however he noted the letter was from an operational perspective and not from the Board.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 March 2025 (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 9 April 2025 (as

circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Crs Sutherland/Wallace

Carried

8. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports

8.1 Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 02 April 2025 be received.

Crs Franklin/Gilmore

Carried

8.2 Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee

That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meetings held 4 March 2025 and 1 April 2025 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Peeti-Webber

Carried

8.3 Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 14 April 2025 be received.

Crs Long/Gilmore

Carried

8.4 Minutes - Dannevirke Community Board

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held 22 April 2025 be received.

Crs Peeti-Webber/Johns

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 Request for funding by Tararua Aquatic Community Trust

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 28 March 2025 that presented a request for funding assistance received from Tararua Aquatic Community Trust towards the costs of constructing a Splash Pad at the Wai Splash Community Pool in Dannevirke.

It was noted that approving the full amount requested would leave only a small balance remaining, and it was asked whether approving a lower amount would enable the Trust to reach the required one-third of project funding to enable the Trust to apply for Lotteries funding.

It was noted that the Recreation Funding requirements included a requirement for applicants to have raised 50% of the funding required. However it was

clarified that there could be some flexibility and the funding commitment could be conditional upon other funding being raised.

It was noted that the northern part of the district did not have the same funding opportunities as the southern part of the district, where there were additional community funding agencies operating.

A suggestion was put forward of contributing \$39,000 from the Recreation fund as this would enable sufficient seed funding for the project, whilst leaving funding available for other projects expected to come forward.

It was noted that another organisation had previously indicated their intention to apply to the fund for up to \$50,000 once they had raised 50% of the cost of their project.

MOVED Councillor Johns and SECONDED Councillor Long

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 March 2025 concerning the Request for funding by Tararua Aquatic Community Trust be received.

That the Tararua District Council approves the request from Tararua Aquatic Community Trust for funding towards the costs associated with constructing a Splash Pad at the Wai Splash Community Pool in Dannevirke, and makes a contribution of \$39,440.55 from the Tararua District Community Recreation fund towards this project, subject to the remaining funding for the project being raised.

LOST

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 March 2025 concerning the Request for funding by Tararua Aquatic Community Trust be received.

That the Tararua District Council approves the request from Tararua Aquatic Community Trust for funding towards the costs associated with constructing a Splash Pad at the Wai Splash Community Pool in Dannevirke, and makes a contribution of \$44,720.00 from the Tararua District Community Recreation fund towards this project, subject to the remaining funding for the project being raised.

Crs Sutherland/Wards

Carried

Councillor N L Chase recorded her vote against the motion

9.2 Proposed District Plan Review Update

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Planning Manager dated 16 April 2025 that provided an update on the proposed District Plan project team's response to two key pieces of government reform relating to Pillar 2 of the Going for Housing Growth Programme, in particular development levies, and Resource Management Act reform and replacement with National Environment Act and Planning Act.

Concern was expressed about the delay of two years until development levies could be implemented. An explanation of the impact of the proposed changes on Council's ability to take financial contributions was provided, and the reason for continuing development of the District Plan without including financial contributions in the meantime.

It was noted that work was underway to cost the required infrastructure investment to enable growth so that the Council would be prepared for when the legislative changes come into effect.

With regard to the Government's intention to make changes to enable targeted rates instead of financial contributions, it was asked that information be provided on what may be possible under the existing regime with targeted rates.

That the report from the Planning Manager dated 16 April 2025 concerning the Proposed District Plan Review Update be received.

Crs Wards/Chase Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:48am and resumed at 11:02am

9.3 Proposed Dog Registration Fees for the 2025/2026 financial year.

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Regulatory Services Manager dated 26 March 2025 that sought approval and adoption of the proposed dog registration fees for the 2025-26 financial year.

In discussion it was asked how much variation compared to previous year's fees, and how the working dog fees compared to other Councils. It was noted that the there was a slight increase in order to comply with the requirement of 80% funding from fees and charges, and 20% from rates. With regard to working dog costs, a comparison was undertaken in the previous year and this showed Tararua District Council's working dog fees were slightly lower than other Councils.

It was asked what ability for consultation or engagement with interested parties was undertaken, noting that other fees and charges would be included in the Annual Plan. In response it was noted that dog registration fees under the Dog Control Act were able to be set without consultation.

In response to questions, clarification was provided that the definition of a

working dog was specified in the Dog Control Act 1996. Clarification was also provided on requirement for certification of disability assist dogs.

That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 26 March 2025 concerning the Proposed Dog Registration Fees for the 2025/2026 financial year. be received.

That pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996, the following dog registration fees (including GST) for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 be adopted:

Animal Control Advice

Application and compliance advice	No charge	
Dog Registration		
Urban Domestic Dog Fee if paid on or before 1 August Late fee if paid after 1 August	\$160.00	\$
Urban Domestic Dog (Desexed) Fee if paid on or before 1 August Late fee if paid after 1 August	\$125.00 \$187.50	
Preferred Owner Dog (Entire) Also includes current members Zealand (formerly NZ Kennel Club).	of Dogs Ne	w
Fee if paid on or before 1 August	\$85.00	

Fee if paid on or before 1 August \$85.00
Late fee if paid after 1 August* \$127.50

Preferred Owner Dog (Desexed) Also includes current members of Dogs New

Zealand (formerly NZ Kennel Club).
Fee if paid on or before 1 August 75.00

Over 65's Canine Companion (available to Over 65's that do not qualify for Preferred Owner).

Fee if paid on or before 1 August	\$93.50
Late fee if paid after 1 August*	\$139.50

Rural Domestic Dog

Late fee if paid after 1 August*

Fee if paid on or before 1 August \$85.00 Late fee if paid after 1 August \$127.50

Dogs NZ Rural Domestic Dog, (Current members of Dogs New Zealand, (formerly NZ Kennel Club).

Fee if paid on or before 1 August \$60.00 Late fee if paid after 1 August* \$90.00

*may be revoked if paid after 1 August. If revoked, the applicable dog registration fee will apply.

\$112.50

^{*} Preferred owner status may be revoked if paid after 1 August. If revoked, the applicable dog registration fee will apply.

Working Dog*
(First 5 Dogs full fee then additional dogs are registered at tag fee only)
Fee if paid on or before 1 August \$65.00
Late fee if paid after 1 August

*Providing a false statement when registering a dog is an offence subject to a \$3000 fine on conviction.

Dangerous Dog - as classified under the Dog Control Act 1996
Fee if paid on or before 1 August
Base fee plus 50%
Late fee if paid after 1 August
Additional 50% fee

Disability assist dog with organisation certificate

No charge

Any new dog that is less than three months old after 1 August in any calendar year will be charged a pro rata of the dog registration for that year.

All other fees and charges relating to Animal Control will be presented later this year for adoption, included in the Tararua District Council Fees and Charges schedule.

Crs Johns/Sutherland

Carried

9.4 Adoption of Bylaws - Traffic and Road Use, Waste Minimisation and Management, and Trade Waste

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 24 April 2025 that sought adoption of the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw, Waste Minimisation and Management Bylaw and Trade Waste Bylaw, noting a change to the effective date to 12 May 2025. It was noted that an additional resolution was required to remove clause 3A of Schedule 3 of the Public Places Bylaw.

That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 24 April 2025 concerning the Adoption of Bylaws - Traffic and Road Use, Waste Minimisation and Management, and Trade Waste be received.

That the Tararua District Council's Traffic and Road Use Bylaw, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Trade Waste Bylaw be adopted, with an effective date of 12 May 2025.

That Clause 3A of Schedule 3 of the Public Places Bylaw be removed upon the coming into effect of the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw.

Crs Gilmore/Chase

Carried

9.5 **Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and Statement of Proposal for Consultation**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 27 March 2025 that presented the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and Statement of Proposal for adoption for consultation with the community.

It was noted that funding was provided by Central Government for development of this bylaw. The driver behind this proposed bylaw was to manage the nuisance that we have been experiencing from some freedom campers, whilst still encouraging responsible freedom campers to the Tararua District.

That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 27 March 2025 concerning the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and Statement of Proposal for Consultation be received.

That the Council determines, pursuant to s11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, that a bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing perceived problems identified for freedom camping in Tararua district and is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

That the Council approves the Statement of Proposal and the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 for public consultation in accordance with s83 and s86 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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

Crs Johns/Peeti-Webber

Carried

9.6 Election 2025 - Order of Candidate Names on Voting Papers

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 31 March 2025 that sought a decision on the order in which the candidates' names would be shown on the voting documents to be used at the 11 October 2025 elections.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 31 March 2025 concerning the Election 2025 - Order of Candidate Names on Voting Papers be received.

That the Tararua District Council uses the random order of candidate names in the voting documents to be used at the 11 October 2025 elections.

Crs Johns/Long

Carried

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9.7 Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2025

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager Democracy Services dated 15 April 2025 that sought discussion and decision on the attendance at the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Conference and appointment of 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.

That the report from the Manager Democracy Services dated 15 April 2025 concerning the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2025 be received.

That Her Worship the Mayor – Mrs T H Collis, and Councillors Chase and Wallace be registered to attend the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Conference.

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 2025 Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.

That Councillor Chase and Councillor Wallace be appointed as the alternate delegates to vote on the Council's behalf in the absence of the presiding delegate.

Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber

Carried

9.8 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 24 April 2025 that provided information on requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 24 April 2025 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.

Crs Gilmore/Wallace

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Letter from Hon David Seymour Associate Minister of Education re School Attendance

The Council noted the letter from the Minister that had been included in the agenda for information.

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11. Portfolio Reports

- Her Worship the Mayor advised that she would meet the new Head of Mission for Poland at Parliament tonight in preparation for flag day.
- 11.2 Councillor Wards spoke about the Rural Health Network meeting that Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Franklin and herself attended recently. She spoke about the background of how the Associate Minister of Health had been requested by the Rural Health Network to do a road show, and the closest meeting held that our representatives could attend was in the Horowhenua. They attended as part of a contingent and listened to a robust presentation from the Minister, with a panel responding to diverse questions from the group. She noted the Mayor spoke about the requirement for health services in the Tararua District and that there was great value in having representation from local government attending that forum. Her Worship the Mayor added that it was important for the Minister to hear that while those were the plans the Government had, that this was the impact on the ground in the rural areas and stressed the importance of improving access to health care in rural areas. She noted that Councillor Wards would be attending the upcoming rural health alliance meeting in Wellington.

12. Mayoral Matters

Nil

13. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

14. Public Excluded Items of Business

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Confirmation of Minutes

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.

General subject matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confirmation of Minutes	To protect information provided	<section (1)(a)(i)<="" td=""></section>

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)(c)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Crs Chase/Wallace

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11:33am and resumed open business session at 11:34am.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance	and
contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:34am.	

Mayor



Report

Date : 5 May 2025

To : Chairperson and Board Members

Eketahuna Community Board

From : Allie Dunn

Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : Portfolio Programme Project Report

Item No : **9.1**

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 05 May 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.

2. Reason for the Report

2.1 This report is to provide an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 16 April 2025.

3. Capital Portfolio Report

3.1 This report has a new focus to bring in all the projects and programmes into one report and will require some additional adjustments.

Portfolio Heal	th Status	Forecast	General Comment
Gr	een	1	Overall, we are maintaining forward momentum on the programmes and projects.
Schedule	Green		The weather will affect further construction timeframes and delivery. Resourcing changes and reporting are being worked through to maintain momentum.

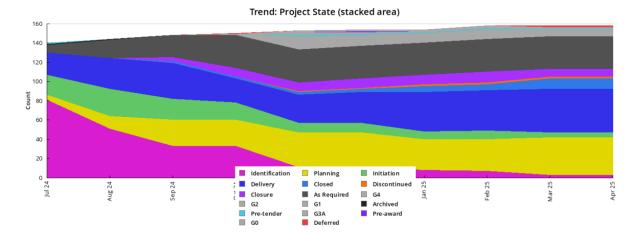
Portfolio Heal	th Status	Forecast	General Comment
Budget	Green		Budget risks are primarily concerning the Dannevirke Impounded Supply works, and Pahiatua Stormwater. With the revision of the Annual Plan, attention now turns to the identification of committed projects of work and completing the work required for the last quarter.
Risk	Green		Project risks to note are the ongoing concern with the Dannevirke Impounded supply, Norsewood flushing for compliance and the Wastewater programmes. All of these are currently being effectively mitigated.
Resourcing	Amber		Resourcing constraints are still a challenge as we continue to navigate our projects alongside our operational requirements. We are still navigating some resource limitations, continuity issues, specialised skills and contractor availability.

Legend

Status					
On track against baseline plan	Green	Corrective action required	Amber	Critical state - needs urgent attention	Red
Forecast	ı		ı		
Green - the forecast for the next period is that this area will remain in a positive status or will improve from current reported state.					
Red - the forecast for the next period is that this area will remain in a negative status or will deteriorate from current reported state.					
Amber - the forecast for the next	period is that	the current status may change.			

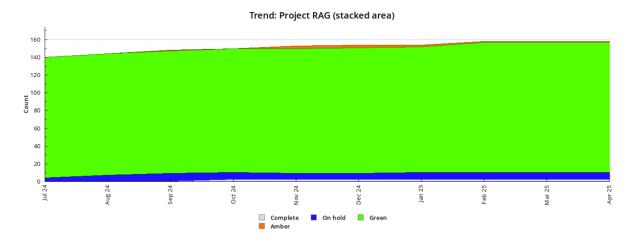
4. Capital Projects by State

4.1 Our project management framework stipulates Gates for approval processes as depicted by G0, G1 etc. Monitoring the overall inflight project states is crucial as this enables greater oversight and ensures transparency and accountability throughout the project's lifecycle.



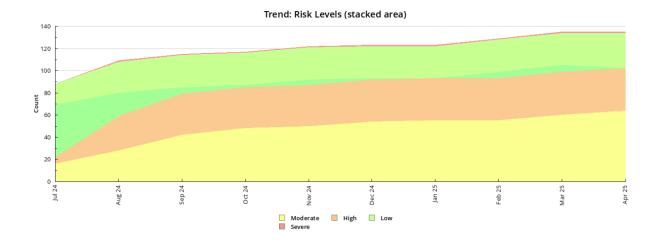
5. Capital Project by Status

5.1 By tracking the above project status indicators over time, stakeholders can identify emerging patterns, assess the portfolio, and proactively address potential issues. A consistent green status indicates progress according to plan, while amber signals caution, suggesting potential risks or delays that require attention. Red status indicates critical issues that demand immediate action to mitigate negative impacts. Regular review of RAG status trends enables leaders to make data-driven decisions, allocate resources strategically and optimise project outcomes.



6. Portfolio – Projects Risk levels

6.1 The below graph displays our efforts to start compiling project risks into our project management software to better mitigate, manage and report on our risk registers at a portfolio level.



7. Project Updates

Complete	On Hold	On Track	Revised but on	Off Track
			track	

Infrastructure

Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
District Town Signs	Ray Cannon	NZTA gave previous approval. Frangible bases – looking at best price for this work. Planning to start installing some next month starting with Woodville.	
Land Stabilisation Project	Mitchell Guile	RFP has closed for planting, doing evaluations. Alliance and Horizons doing site visits for civil engineering works. Finalise work plan for the planting.	

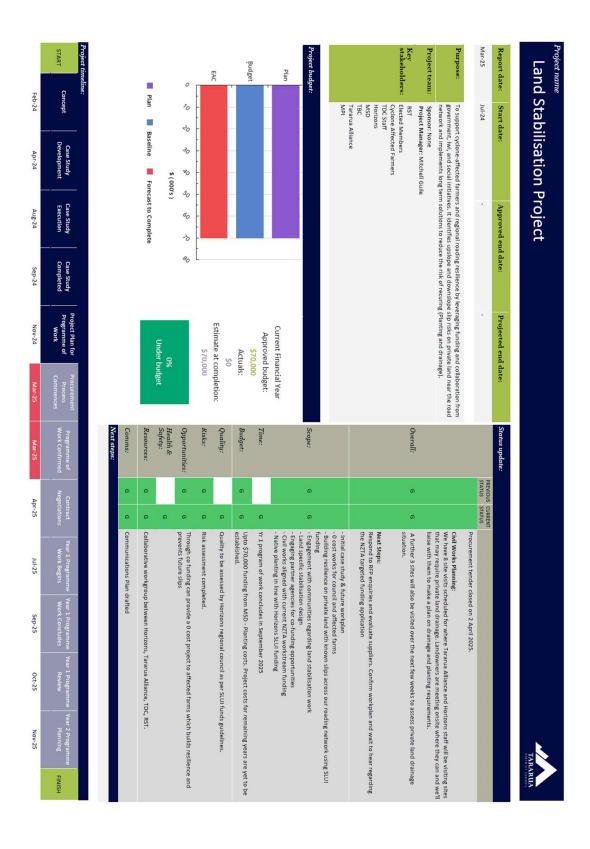
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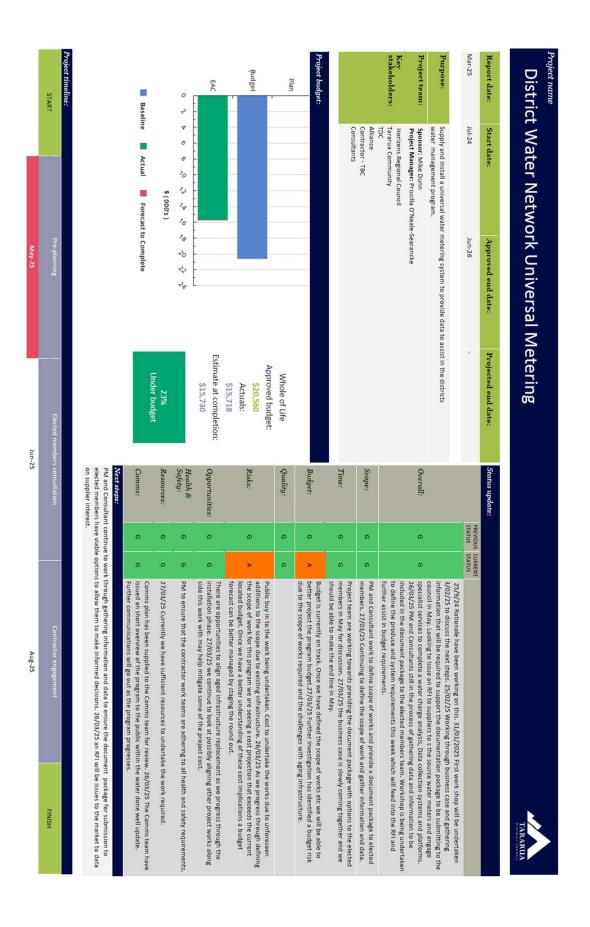
Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
Cemeteries extensions	Robert Hood	7. New berms at Woodville and Mangatainoka and minor finishing still to do and new ashes berm at Mangatera.8. Awaiting design for new development at Mangatera.	
MPI Emergency Hub Fund	Mitchell Guile	Community Hub Project has been completed. Final report submitted on 29 June.	

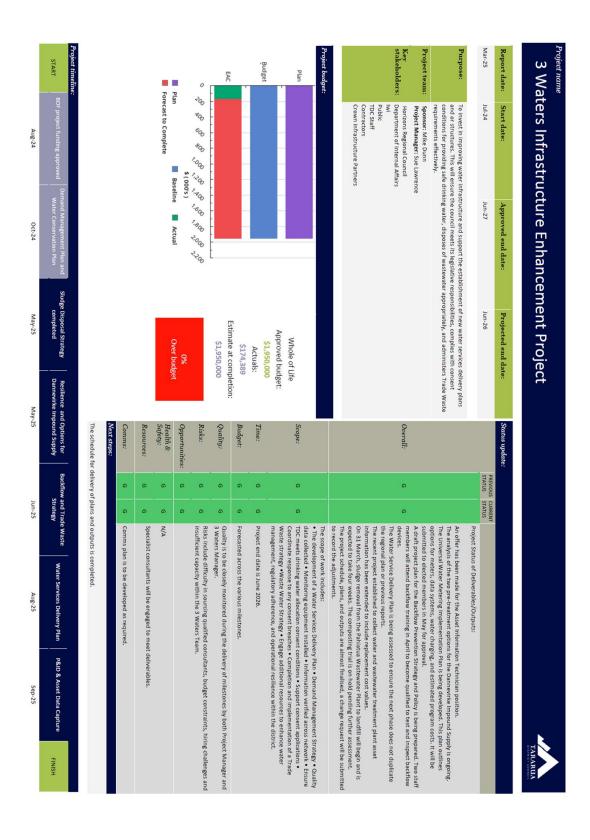
Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
IOT Door Counters	Chantelle Smit	All sensors are now installed and configured. Data from the libraries and service centres are now being collected in real time.	
Mobile Regulatory Solution	Chantelle Smit	After testing, review and consideration the team have decided to not proceed with the Actus app. The app has limitations that were unknown prior to implementation. Users are unable to perform all the necessary actions they would typically do in the office which was the primary objective. The app does not deliver the expected value. Another option is current being investigated and will feature in future reports.	

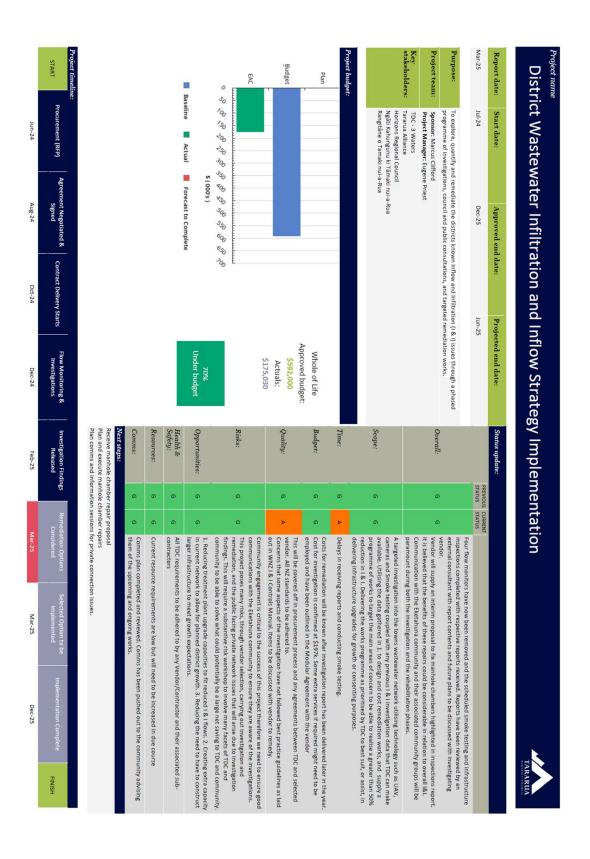
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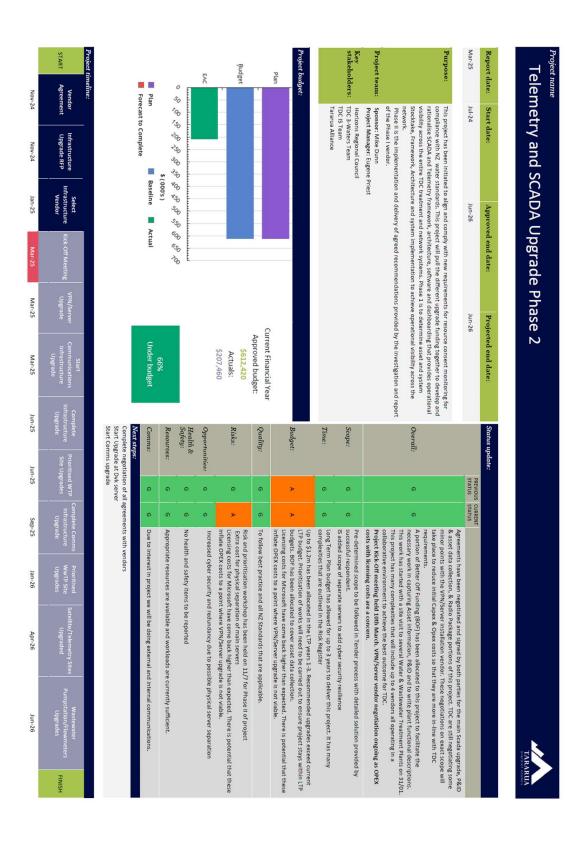
- 1. Land Stabilisation Project 16 April 2025
- 2<u>↓</u>. District Water Supply Universal Metering 16 April 2025
- 3. Three Waters Infrastructure Enhancement Project 16 April 2025
- 41. District Wastewater Infiltration and Inflow Strategy Implementation 16 April 2025
- 5. Telemetry and SCADA Upgrade Phase 2 16 April 2025
- 6<u>↓</u>. Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 16 April 2025
- 7. Building Iwi Capacity 16 April 2025
- 81. Digitisation of Council Records and the Introduction of E-services 16 April 2025
- 9<u>J</u>. Future Community Urban Design 16 April 2025

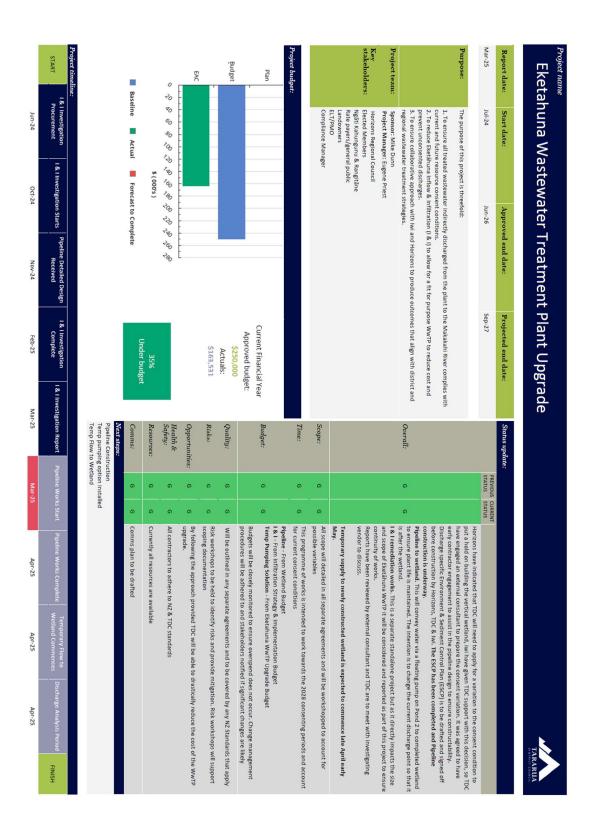


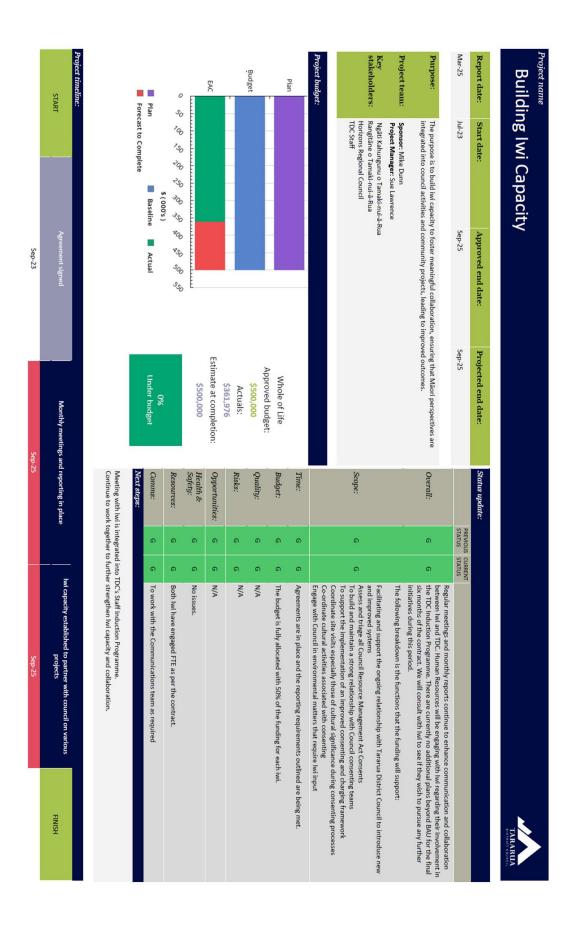




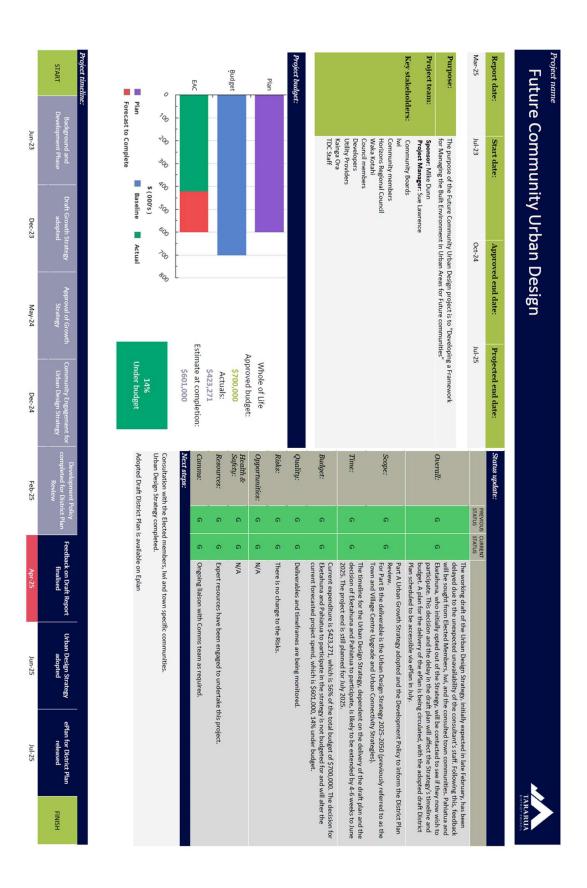














Report

Date : 7 May 2025

To : Chairperson and Board Members

Eketahuna Community Board

From : Simone Anthony

Democracy Support Officer

Subject : Management Report

Item No : 9.2

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 07 May 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

2. Reason for the Report

2.1 This report is to update to the Board on key activities and items of interest from the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee over the period 8 March 2025 to 4 April 2025.

3. Transport

3.1 Alliance Management Overview

As we come to the end of the construction season, the Alliance team have been focusing on completing the renewal programme before the weather turns.

The reseal programme has been completed with 65kms of road resealed. With the funding approved for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme, this year's reseal programme was the largest programme to be completed in the last 10 years with an average of 50kms sealed per annum over that time.

The entry the Alliance prepared on behalf of TDC for the Route 52 project is a finalist in the Āpōpō Asset Management Excellence Awards, in the Community category. Ten finalists were selected from entries from mainly roading and wastewater projects around the country. Alliance and TDC representatives will be attending an awards ceremony in Christchurch on 15 May.

Blake Hedley has been appointed to the Delivery Manager position. The Alliance is now recruiting to replace his previous position as the Recovery Manager and is also in the process of recruiting for the Asset Manager position.

3.2 <u>Transportation Network Management Overview</u>

3.2.1 Targeted Fund for Resilience

1. Improve Existing Infrastructure

This component seeks to address common infrastructure issues that can lead to extensive Emergency Works repairs. With increased high-intensity rainfall events recorded across the district, it is recognised that the current culvert infrastructure is no longer fit-for-purpose. The following initiatives have been identified to improve the resilience of our existing culvert infrastructure.

- (a) Undersized culverts proactively identify and address undersized culverts in vulnerable areas. Storms through 2022 and 2023 have proven that the root cause of a number of large and costly dropouts is the over-topping of undersized culverts.
- (b) **Culvert outlet protection** uncontrolled release of water on erosion prone downslopes can lead to scouring and culvert outlet failures. Upgrading culvert outlets by the addition of low-cost culvert socks, flumes, bunding, rock outlet structures etc (based on priority) can prevent costly under-slip repairs.
- (c) **Protect vulnerable roadside downslopes** through the creation of Earth Bunding or Asphalt bunding, allowing us to manage uncontrolled discharges.

2. Improve Roadside Drainage

This component seeks to address issues created by the Tararua District's Highly erodible soils. High-Intensity rainfall regularly causes slips which block our roadside drains. The blocking of roadside drains often contributes to dropout on as water flows uncontrolled down the downslopes of road. Through improvements of roadside drainage facilities, we can protect these downslopes from erosion and proactively prevent dropout failures.

(a) **Installation of additional culverts** in highest risk areas – Slips often block roadside drains, which in turn pushes the water across the road, leading to underslips. The addition of a culverts in vulnerable areas can limit the volume of water passing slip zones, therefore limiting the volume of water crossing the road.

(b) Add capacity to surface water channels in highest risk areas. The progressive development of decades has resulted in shallow roadside drains. Improving/Deepening roadside drains will assist in controlling water and improve their ability to manage high-intensity flows.

3. Land Stability Slope Improvement

This component seeks to support the Horizons Regional Council and Ministry of Social development initiative to address Land Stability issues within the Road Reserve, or activities not able to be funded through the other entities.

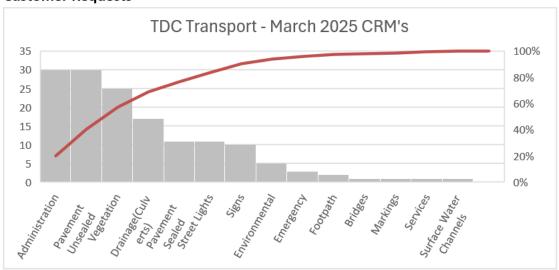
- (a) **Implement upslope drainage solutions** to support the Horizons funding above the road to divert water away from vulnerable locations Better management of water above the road can reduce soil saturation, and stop upslope erosion, leading to improved resilience of roadside infrastructure.
- (b) Reinstate vegetation on roadside erosion prone slopes it is proven that vegetation can reduce erosion of slopes. This is evident on areas of the network where the natural vegetation has not been removed. Reinstatement of vegetation on erosion prone embankments reduces slips and erosion leading to under-slips.

3.2.2 SH3 Revocation & Detour Roads Hand-back

Limited progress has been made throughout March, as NZTA's Business Case for the Gorge Revocation is still not available. We have been informed that it should be ready in three weeks. Following its release, a workshop is proposed between NZTA staff and TDC/TA staff to establish a clearer scope, budgets, timeframes, and lines of communication.

3.3 <u>Transport Operational Delivery Management Overview</u>

Customer Requests



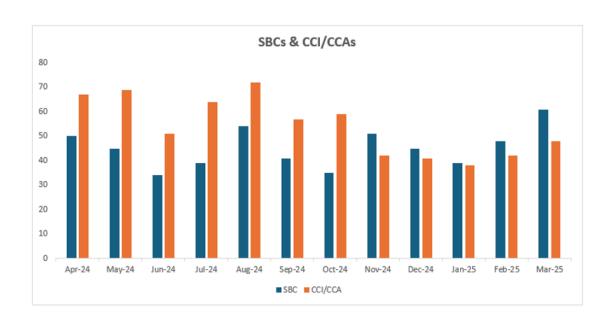
148 CRMs were received for the month of March with 32% resolved. 32% of CRMs required no action.

Tararua Alliance Zero Harm Performance Summary

ltem	March 2025	FYTD
Total Incidents Reported	2	20
Near Misses	2	2
HiPo/Serious Harm	0	1
TRIFR	0	-
Recordable Injuries	0	0
Cardinal Rule Breaches	0	1
Incidents Involving a	3	18
Critical Risk	3	10
Working Hours	36481	428071

The two incidents reported in March were minor. One involved a TTM truck getting stuck when pulling onto the shoulder of a road. The other involved a telecom line being struck when hand digging for a water leak.

There were two near misses. One was a logging truck was on the wrong side of the road causing an employee to brake suddenly. The logging truck was on the wrong side as it was pulling into a gateway. The other was a third party vehicle that drove through a TTM site while it was under a stop/go and the TTM worker was attempting to stop traffic.





In March, the Tararua Alliance achieved 100% of the target safety behaviour conversations (SBCs) and Critical Control Inspection/Audit (CCI/CCAs). The focus of the month's inspections and audits was mobile plant operation and traffic management.

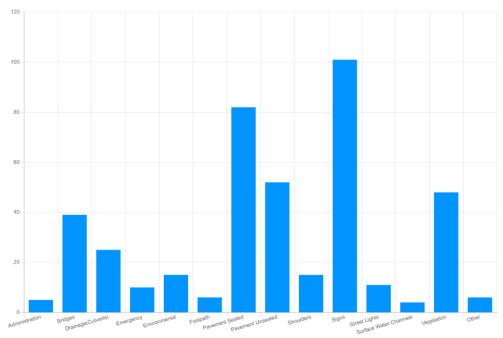
3.4 <u>Maintenance Overview</u>

3.4.1 Maintenance Delivery Overview

As we approach winter, there was a reduction of maintenance activities programmed for the month of March. What was completed was the last of the

stabilisation repairs, culvert replacements and programmed "high risk intervention required" potholes. Out of 49 total programmed activities there were 46 completed, one that was not completed is a culvert replacement on Grant Street Woodville - this project requires further scope, engineering and stakeholder engagement before the work commences.

Our maintenance teams are now transitioning into undertaking emergency work repairs from now through until the end of June. This will give these crews opportunity to branch out into different types of complex builds and will encourage growth and different skill-sets which are needed within our teams.



All Works – Dispatches Completed March 2025 – By Asset type.

3.4.2 **Routine Maintenance**

- 1984m2 sealed pavement maintenance repairs completed
- 56 potholes filled on the sealed road network
- 130 signs replaced, cleaned or repaired
- Graded 122 km of unsealed road
- 2124m2 Bridge cleaning
- 133m of new culverts installed
- 9.84km of overhanging vegetation

3.5 Renewals Overview

3.5.1 **Reseal Delivery**

The 2024/25 reseal programme has now been completed with the team completing 420,000m2 (65km) of re-seals in the 24-25 Financial year.

Rehabilitations

2024/25 Programme			
Road	Start RP -End RP	Length	Phase
Maunga Road	7439 - 7839	400m	Complete
Aerodrome Road	361 - 1650	1289m	Sealing planed for 2 nd week in April
Maharahara Road	3256 - 3657	401m	Stabilising patches starting mid- April
52-0063	16333 - 17066	733m	Work starting mid-April
	Total	2,823m	

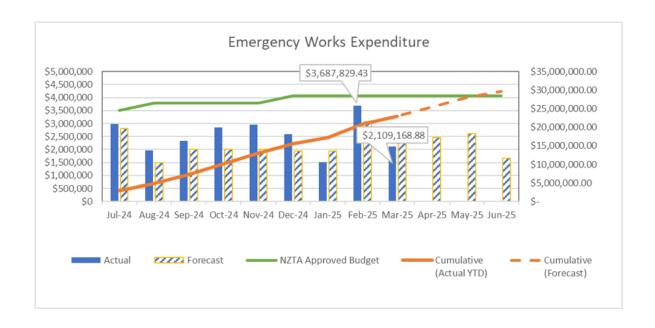
3.5.2 **Rehabilitation Planning**

We are currently ratifying next season's Rehabs. Onsite validation of historical and current faults are being assessed for severity and validation for rehabilitation and renewal. Once this is complete, the sites will be submitted to NZTA for final approval so the design phase can begin.

3.6 <u>Emergency Works Recovery</u>

2024/25 FY - Emergency Works Forecast Expenditure

The Tararua Alliance is currently liaising with NZTA to increase the Emergency Works funding for the 2024/25 financial year as it is ahead of programme. The current forecast is to deliver \$29.7m. The current approved funding is \$28.4m. If the additional funding is approved, it will be at the enhanced FAR of 97.5% until the end of 2024/25.



Total Approved Emergency Works Funding (2024/25)	\$28,423,502
(NZTA Work Category 141)	
2024/25 Spend to Date (end of March 2025)	\$22,967,621
Expenditure in March	\$2,109,168

3.7 <u>Emergency Works Delivery</u>

3.7.1 High Complexity works



Picture above: Current active worksites depicted with green tags.

Current high complexity work phase for 2024-2025 programme



Progress since February 2025 is depicted below (snapshot taken 4th April 2025). There were no jobs in approval startup during the month of March

Phase	February number	March number	Change
Scope development	9	10	-1
Detailed design	7	7	0
Approval/startup	3	0	3
Construction	8	6	2
Review	45	49	4
Complete	25	25	0
On hold	5	5	0

4. 3-Waters

4.1 Water Shortage Management Committee

The below was the outcome and communications of our last Water Shortage Management Committee.

Eketāhuna

The Makakahi River levels are steady, and there are currently no concerns for the water supply.

4.2 Wastewater Treatment Programme Upgrades

Key upgrade projects are discussed within the project sheets.

4.2.1 Proposed new Wastewater standards

Proposed Wastewater Standards would affect the WwTPs in the Tararua district.

https://korero.taumataarowai.govt.nz/regulatory/wastewater-standards/

The Wastewater Specialists provided some overall commentary for Tararua to consider.

Assuming the proposed standards are adopted:

Dannevirke, Pahiatua and Woodville would almost certainly require activated sludge plants of some sort to meet the proposed ammonia and total nitrogen limits based on the dilution available in the receiving watercourses. This would come into effect when the current consents expire (Dec-27, Jul-33, and Dec-37 respectively).

The requirements for Pongaroa, Eketahuna, Ormondville and Norsewood are less certain. As it stands, each of these would be classified as a Small Wastewater System, and a lower level of treatment would apply. The proposed standards don't indicate what treated effluent quality would likely be required for small systems, although the supporting document suggests that full nitrification would still be required except where there is a high level of dilution available in the receiving watercourse. A high level of dilution may be available at Ormondville, in which case a pond system may provide the required level of treatment, but at Pongaroa, Eketahuna and Norsewood it's unlikely that pond systems would be adequate on their own. This increased level of treatment would apply when the existing consents expire.

While the wastewater standards won't be finalised for a while, they will obviously impact on the appropriate way forward for TDC, and will have a significant financial impact.

The details of this are still being finalised and we will monitor the developments closely as we progress with our wastewater programmes.

4.2.2 Reticulation network

The renewal programme for our reticulation network is being reorganised. As a result of the changes last year that were made during the Long-Term Plan to budgets and a review of our asset renewals – we have some significant work to get through. We are reviewing the budgeting, programme schedule and resourcing.

Currently, the team is strained with ongoing callouts and reactive maintenance that redirects resources away from the full renewal programme. A future consideration is the new proposed engineering standards that indicate additional requirements for reticulation installations.

Once completed recommendations for Council to consider will be presented at a future ICCEM.

Water reticulation renewals.

1,515 m completed year to date

Wastewater reticulation renewals.

485 m completed year to date

Waste disposal incurs an additional cost for contaminated waste disposal to Bonny Glen landfill.

4.3 Consenting and Compliance

Our Compliance team submitted the Annual reporting. Following some general software issues that have necessitated an extension to the time for submission we will review our current software. All registered drinking water suppliers must ensure the water they supply is safe and that it complies with legislative requirements, including the reporting requirements of the Rules.

The current consent work has been deconflicted where needed and our pathway forward has been established. We are now working through the future pipeline of work to better resource and coordinate the work.

On the 23rd March we received the Annual Compliance Audit Report 'Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant'. As a result of the compliance audit the following actions were taken:

- A Significant Non-compliance grading was issued which detailed and explained in the Annual Compliance Audit Report for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (submitted to TDC on 28 March 2025)
- Formal Warning 655 is issued on TDC with regard to the Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The nature of the breach resulting in the formal warning is for not having the Wetland treatment system installed and operational as required by Resource Consent. Additionally, the discharge levels for DRP and E.coli exceeded limits as required by Discharge to Water condition.

The overall circumstances of this non-compliance have been considered and it has been determined that **no further enforcement action will be taken on this occasion;** however, the formal warning will be considered and may be referred to should further non-compliance be detected.

We have worked hard over the last year, since conducting handovers and programme realignment with our stakeholder groups to establish our direction and get momentum going on our wastewater programmes. Having this issued is due process and having all of our stakeholders aware of our overall works programme

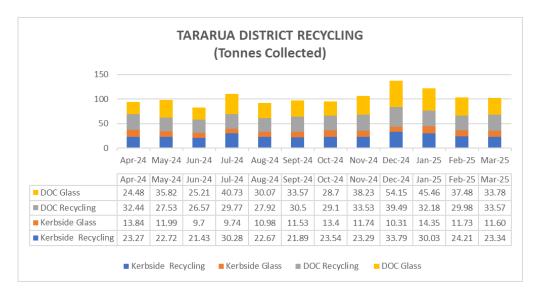
means we can continue on with our direction in order to meet our legal requirements and achieve the best possible outcomes for our district.

5. Solid Waste

5.1 Operational Activities

Budget/Activity			
Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS Sites)	March 2025: Waste diverted from landfill Contaminated recycling to Landfill	1.36 Tonne 5.61 Tonne	
Recycle Drop-off Centres (DOC Sites)	We are experiencing increased contamination in the Town Drop off Bins.		
Kerbside Recycling Services	recyclable. We did execute precautionary fire not the truck at RTS immediately in a spublic. We are about to hire a kerbside open	Hot Load in the kerbside Truck, um cleaner contents, although not mitigation procedures and unloaded safe contained area away from the erator to partner up with our main load of driving the kerbside truck erbside glass service week. Our	

5.2 Waste Minimisation



Attachments

Nil.

Minutes of the 'Eketahuna Our Town' committee AGM, held on March 13th at St Johns building, Eketahuna at 7.00pm

Present: Colin Fraser-Davies, Murray Sargison, Margaret Drysdale, Kerrie Fitzmaurice, Margaret Parsons, Chris Corlett, Mel Corlett, David Kinzett, Glynne MacLean, Everlyne Chase, Jake Holland

Apologies: Rena Tyler, Bruce Lawrence, Chris Peterson, Warren Chase, Terry Carew, Corinna Carew.

AGM 2024, minutes read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Margaret Seconded: Colin

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: Colin Seconded: Everlyne

Reports: Chairpersons report

Moved: Murray Seconded: Everlyne **Treasurer's report,** Given by Murray,

Moved: Murray Seconded: Glynn

Information Centre report, given by Kerrie,

Moved Kerrie Seconded Margaret D

Website report, Given by Glynn, Moved: Glynn Seconded: Jake

Correspondence Outward: Nil

Correspondence Inward: Letter from Council regarding the state of the old cemetery paddock in Alfredton Road, the overgrown state of it is concerning.

Election of officers:

Chairperson: Glynne nominated, Colin Fraser - Davies,

Seconded Kerrie, No further nominations, Unopposed, Elected

Deputy Chair: Jake nominated David Kinzett,

Seconded Margaret, No further nominations, Unopposed, Elected

Treasurer: Glynne nominated Everlyne,

Seconded David, No further nominations, Unopposed, Elected

Secretary: Glynne nominated Margaret Drysdale,

Seconded Everlyne, No further nominations, unopposed, Elected

Website manager / Publicity Officer: Colin nominated **Glynne MacLean,** Seconded, Everlyne, Unopposed, Elected

General Business:

down by stock first.

Action with the old cemetery block in Alfredton Road have come to a standstill following the scans of the grave site area. There were problems getting the data from the scans analysed so therefore no results

There was some talk about needing to redo the scans, but nothing has come of it.

The Eke Museum Committee at the time, arranged the imaging, with Council approval, that guy from Council has now moved on as well as the previous others involved, hence there has been no further action.

If we were to get it resurveyed, we would need to get it mowed or chewed

It probably needs to be officially recognised as a cemetery to get any support to make changes.

The many years proceeding, the area was simply treated as a domain paddock, which was privately leased, with stock grazing on it.

Certain locals felt having stock grazing in there was disrespectful to those buried there.

Colin is not keen for Eke Our Town to take on the cost of having it resurveyed.

Seats for the Jubilee Gazebo / Pagoda. There have been requests for some seating to go in the Jubilee pagoda, up by the Eketahuna Club. Jake will seek two quotes for this and come back to us so we can look at some funding for this.

Tile like artwork outside the Library: A lot of the names on the Tile like artwork (on the Main St wall, outside the library) have faded and need to be redone again. We need to get someone who can redo them, and with something more permanent.

Margaret P has information on what names are/were on it and where. Jake or Linda Osbourne may be able to redo them. Will get onto sorting it out.

Huge thanks to Jake for putting the ANZAC flags up in Main St. They look great and your work is much appreciated.

Shade sails from the Park: Margaret received some messages asking what was happening with the damaged shade sails from the park.

Pauline and Robin currently have these. Margaret was told that TDC don't want to pay anything towards replacement or repairs, and they are not going to claim insurance due to the high excess costs.

Margaret will speak with Council to confirm if that information is correct, if they are planning to share costs for repair or replacement for the shade sails, and if not, what their expectation is.

It may well be that a community group take this project on.

Margaret will ask Pauline and Robin Wilson if she can collect the shade sails so she can take them to get quotes for repair and replacement options and report back, after which we will seek funding.

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Next meeting: 10th @ 7:00pm, at St John Hall Eketahuna

Colin Fraser-Davies Margaret Drysdale
Chairperson Secretary

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d: Email from State of old cemetery in Alfredton Road, by the Rugby grounds. She will on, Colin is not keen to take on the cost. Problems to get the data analized from the scans. Will see what comes of it. It probably needs to be recognized as a cemetery to get results. The images were done by Museum with Council approvcal. Then the Council man left and it became too hard. If we want to get it re surveyed we need to have it moved and passed at a meeting. In the mean time it needs stock to chew it down. AGM 2024, minutes read and confirmed as a true and correct record. Moved Seconded Matters arising: Nil Moved Colin Seconded Everlyne Reports: Chairpersons report Moved Murray Seconded Everlyn