

ATTACHMENTS

**Mangakino-Pouakani Representative
Group Meeting**

22 April 2025

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TIROHANGA SETTLERS HALL, 839 TIROHANGA ROAD, RD 1 ATIAMURI
ON TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (J Charteris), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 3 members of the public

1 KARAKIA

All present at the meeting said the opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202503/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That apologies from Ms Charlene Campbell, Mayor David Trewavas, Mr Whitu Karauna and Ms Sapphire Tanirau be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2024

MP202503/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**5.1 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Chanel Houahan explained that he lived at Pokuru Road North in a community of 50 people at Waipamu Station working farm. On this road was also Moana Awa Stud farm and a ski club, this meant the road was a high traffic road with residents, visitors and contractors using the road often. The issue was there were two very large pine trees hanging roughly 20 metres above the road which were leaning precariously over the road. There were a lot of branches leaning out on to the road and he had noticed that over the past two years that the lean of the trees had become more pronounced. On the farm they had noticed that the mature pine trees could drop their boughs without any warning. This was a concern because these trees could fall on a passing vehicle causing injury or possible fatality. Another concern was it would block the access to the road as there was only one way in and out, meaning residents, visitors and contractors would not be able to enter or exit nor would emergency services have access if needed. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that the trees were on Council land and the transport team had been advised that these trees were an issue. He advised that it was good Mr Houahan had brought the issue to the representative group and officers' attention again. He agreed it would be better to get the work completed proactively with traffic management and a plan. In answer to a question, it was clarified that there were no powerlines going through the trees. Members requested this issue was included into the action sheet on the snapshot to follow up.

Mr Houahan explained that the ratepayers on the farm paid roughly \$200,000 of rates per year and each lot owner was charged \$154.70 for rubbish disposal however they did not receive any help with this. He estimated in total they spent roughly \$20,000 per year to dispose of rubbish. They had done a lot proactively around the settlement regarding rubbish including setting up a recycling collection with a trailer taken to the refuse station regularly. He proposed that households could bring their rubbish to the end of the gate on the road to be collected by Council. A member clarified that the \$154.70 charge on rates paid was for the Mangakino Transfer Station and not rubbish disposal. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that the rubbish collection would be easier for the contractors if it was placed near the letterboxes as the area by the gate had limited turning for the rubbish truck. The General Manager Strategy and Environment took an action to have officers contact Mr Houahan directly and see what options were available.

MP202503/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/03 above.

5.2 RENEWAL OF GRAZING LICENCES

The Parks Advisor – Planning and Operations introduced herself and explained she was working through the expired leases and licences throughout the district, with two grazing licences up for renewal in the Mangakino area.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- She was working on bringing licenses into alignment and these two renewals would do this.
- Work was occurring to update the Mangakino Reserve Management Plan with the Policy team.

MP202503/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Subject to the outcome of public consultation, the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group agrees in principle to:

1. Grant a licence to L P Martin to occupy part of Whakamaru Recreation Reserve for the purpose of grazing under section 74 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977, for a term of 5 years commencing 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 with a right of renewal for 5 years commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029;

and

2. Grant a licence to P R & K M Hilhorst to occupy Tirohanga Recreation Reserve for the purpose of grazing under section 74 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977, for a term of 5 years commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2029.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/04 above.

5.3 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT**Community Engagement and Development**

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District introduced herself and explained that the mural unveiling at the Mangakino Basketball courts went very well. She thanked everyone that attended and she valued the input that the community had with these projects. She said a special thank you to the Walker whanau, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Sapphire Tanirau, Noelene Reti, Marama Morgan and Gary Baines for their support on the day.

The Mangakino Pool had a successful season, the pool was well used by the community and the team enjoyed welcoming them each day. Feedback received from the community had been passed on to the manager.

The next round of community grants opened on Monday 3 March and closed 31 March, more funds were available this round due to no funding round held in September 2024. There was \$40,000 in total available and people could apply for up to \$5,000 in their application. The team were spreading the word and expecting a lot of applications. In answer to a question, she explained that the funding team had run a drop-in session at the Mangakino Library on 12 February 2025 for applicants. She reminded members that the community funding policy and how funding would be assessed and administered had changed. Following on from this conversation, the team would distribute the funding applications to members and provide a post-assessment summary and would send a funding distribution guide after the application period had closed. The Community Funding Team would attend the meeting scheduled on 22 April 2025 for funding allocation.

Taupō District Council has established Building Communities for the Future which focused on building strong resilience for communities. This involved a series of free workshops that started from mid-March. All workshops would be recorded and available online.

The topics included:

- Governance of a not-for-profit organisation
- Governance 101
- Trustee (Including Board/Committee member) Development
- Understanding the Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Strategic Planning

There was a survey open until Friday 14 March 2025 for the Mangakino Library Refresh Project. There had been previous engagement with the children in the local schools and the team were currently engaging with the wider community. Officers wanted to hear from current users of the library and had ideas on how the space could work including enhancing the children's area. Once the feedback had been gathered, the plans

would be finalised.

Local Water Done Well

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District explained that the project team was working on finalising options for how we deliver water services. Updated information was regularly being placed on Council's website. At this stage consultation was scheduled to open end of March or start of April.

Local Government Elections

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that local elections were later this year and reminded people to be enrolled to vote. Members expressed it was good that the local newspaper had been saved because it was vital for things like local elections.

Mangakino Lakefront Development

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that a steering group had been established and Cr Kirsty Trueman was on it as well as key members of the community. The tender for the design architect had begun incorporating community feedback provided. This was the beginning of a three year project.

Dump Station Relocation

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained he had investigated two more options for the relocation for the dump station. The first was the Mangakino Refuse Transfer Station. This was on TDC land however it had limited hours. It would require tank storage and payment would need to be arranged with contractors. He had not advanced any discussions yet for this option.

The second option was at the Whakamaru Wastewater Treatment Plant. He had spoken with the manager about access and they explained there was limited room on the site for vehicles to manoeuvre. They suggested the neighbouring property as an option to investigate however they were unsure if there was enough fall for the material that would be dropped to get back into the plant. Both of these options would require a considerable amount of money.

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained he had spoken with NZMCA and they were not aware of any public dump stations on holding tanks. NZMCA had two parks with holding tanks, the first being Warrington that was \$5 per night and an extra cost to use the dump station and the second was Weddons which was free for their members to use. NZMCA would support the installation of a dump station provided that the dump station would be free of charge to their members. NZMCA were establishing campgrounds throughout New Zealand by doing deals with landowners or purchasing land. He wondered if there was an opportunity to lease a piece of land to them for them to establish a campground and dump station. They had campgrounds where they would like them to be so it would likely be land in Mangakino close to the lakefront but not on it. There was a strong sense that a lot of the local community did not want it in Mangakino however there were some locals that used the dump station. A member believed there might be a NZMCA site going on the other side of the Whakamaru Dam on the South Waikato side and they asked the Parks and Reserves Manager to reach out to South Waikato District Council regarding this.

MP202503/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in the Mangakino Pouakani snapshot report.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/05 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Mr Mark Seymour

- The Tirohanga Settlers Hall Committee was working on its incorporated society documentation.
- The Committee's education grant had opened the previous day for applications. The purpose of the

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grant was for further tertiary education, this grant opened two times per year and applications had been received this round.

- He asked that the outside of Tirohanga Hall be cleaned.
- The roadworks improvements on Tirohanga Road were great.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Outside of Whakamaru School there were some potholes that needed to be looked at and filled in correctly.
- Whakamaru village was getting fibre and she thanked Council for getting them selected for this, Waitahanui were also getting fibre installed.
- Work had been completed in Whakamaru which was a partnership between Council and the Lines Company. The work had been completed but there were still some signs up, she had followed up through email and this was a Lines Company issue that they needed to follow up on.
- Community member Kelly Brindle had organised a Rudd competition for the kids, and this first time event was very popular.
- Community Grants were open and Council wanted to have as many people as possible apply for the money available.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that they were currently working through options to repair the pothole on the boat ramp. The best option was to have the lake level lowered to fix it however this required working with Mercury who had operational requirements. A quote for an underwater pour was \$50,000. Another option was the lakefront development and build a bigger boat ramp further down. The section on the current ramp with the potholes had barriers in place so people could not use it. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that they wanted to keep the section of the boat ramp that was built in 1950s and it was the newer section that continued to fail, it was likely that in the future, a new big boat ramp would be developed down the southern end and this new section of the current boat ramp would be removed. In answer to a question, the Parks and Reserves Manager explained that there were different options to install a new boat ramp regardless of the lake level. One option was pre-cut slabs with holes in them, these would get flipped out. A second option was sheet piling which could be expensive but it would be one and done. Mercury need to stay within its consent and operating limits, the project had been priced for the worst case scenario however a lot of money could be saved if the lake level was lowered.

MP202503/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202503/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.04am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 22 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025

15. Public Forums | Ngā Matapakinga a te Marea

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of an ordinary meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters of their choice, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee, subcommittee, local or community board, any issue, idea, or matter raised in a public forum, must fall within the terms of reference of that body.

15.1 Time limits | Ngā tepenga wā

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled local authority meeting. Requests must be made to the chief executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

15.2 Restrictions | Ngā Herenga

The chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

15.3 Questions at public forums | Ngā pātai i ngā matapakinga a te marea

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

15.4 No resolutions | Kāore he tatunga

Following the public forum, no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. (See the LGNZ Guide to Standing Orders for suggestions of good practice in dealing with issues raised during a forum).

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025**9.1 Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed | Ngā take kāore i runga i te rārangi take e kore e taea te whakaroa**

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

- (a) The reason the item is not on the agenda; and
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

LGOIMA, s 46A(7).

Items not on the agenda may be brought before the meeting through a report from either the chief executive or the chairperson.

Please note, that nothing in this standing order removes the requirement to meet the provisions of Part 6 of the LGA 2002 with regard to consultation and decision-making.

9.2 Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda | Te kōrerorero i ngā take iti kāore i runga i te rārangi take

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision, or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

LGOIMA, s 46A(7A).

March/April 2025 - Mangakino Pouākani Community Fund

Amount Requested: \$58,169.00

Amount Available for Distribution: \$40,000.00

Document purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide decision makers with a summary of how applications have scored against the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024). This framework outlines that each application will be assessed, and scored from 0 – 5 according to the below elements:

- Clear purpose
- Strategic alignment
- Capacity and experience
- Evidence – based budget
- Success measures
- Project benefit
- Community support

*The scores are presented on a defined scale; a higher score indicates a stronger alignment with the framework. All scores have been presented within a range. For example, applications that scored between 4 and 5 points are presented as 4 – 5.

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments
REF250302872	Kino Combat	To support delivery of the Kino Combat programme into Mangakino communities. This includes operational costs, equipment costs, venue rental, and outreach efforts.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	Approval has been provided to operate in the Mangakino Community Gym.
REF250308988	Marotiri School	To support the costs of engaging an experienced tutor and member of the Mangakino community to work with classes at Marotiri School to develop mita o te reo, pronunciation, Karakia, pepeha (toku whanau) and kapahaka, waiata, poi and te raku skills.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership	Arts, Culture and Nga Toi	\$5,000	4 – 5	Application states support from MOE for delivery into the school, however this is not currently an activity that is funded by MOE, therefore is eligible to receive funding through Council's community funds. Previous accountability report outstanding as at 31/03/25.
REF250314399	Mangakino RSA	To cover operational cost for meals on wheels to elderly return Veterans on a weekly basis	Vibrant places and connected communities	Social Services	\$1,716	4 – 5	
REF250349646	Tirohanga School	To purchase school sunhats (to remain with the school)	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sports	\$452.81	4 – 5	In line with the eligibility criteria, the group have confirmed that the hats are to remain with the school and not individuals.
REF250357284	Reconex NZ	To operate the Reconex Rangatahi programme in Mangakino School	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership, flourishing environment	Kaupapa Māori Organisation	\$5,000	4 – 5	The community development team met this organisation at a conference in Rotorua in Nov 2024, they were both impressed with the organisation's approach to tackling youth engagement.
REF250324210	Mangakino School	To purchase resources to support the implementation of the new Literacy and Science curriculum.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing Environment	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	MOE will not fund this request, it is for additional equipment that is not funding by grants/the school, the young people won't have access to
REF250340864	Pouānaki Marae	To purchase new mattresses	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Kaupapa Māori	\$5,000	4 – 5	

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments
			Resilient communities working in partnership	Organisation			
REF250336729	Waikato River Trails Trust	To support costs for a safety improvement project	Vibrant places and connected communities, Innovative Thriving Economy, Flourishing Environment	Environmental	\$2844.54	4 – 5	There is a need to enhance barrier fencing on sharp corners on MTB trails, so this work would enhance the safety of the tracks for all users.
REF250332039	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To contribute towards operational costs (wages) of delivering the Healthy Harold programme and deliver into Whakamaru and Mangakino schools.	Tangata Whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$2,000	4 – 5	Please note: Applicant has also applied to the Taupō/ Taupō East Rural and Tūrangi Tongariro funds. Provide update on outcome of those applications if necessary. TDC officers emailed on 27/3 asking for clarification on what application(s) the group would like to prioritise, they would like to prioritise their applications to the Taupō/Taupō East Rural Fund and the Tūrangi/Tongariro Fund.
REF250349166	Tirohanga/Mokai Childcare Centre - Country Kidz	To purchase a heat pump	Resilient communities working in partnership, Flourishing Environment	Social Services	\$5,000.00	4 – 5	Only eligible to receive \$5,000 under this fund, the amount requested has been updated to reflect this.
REF250356587	Mangakino Festival Crew	To support costs of purchasing a candy floss machine to fundraise for events.	Resilient Communities working in partnership, Innovative Thriving Economy, Flourishing Environment	Social Services	\$1089.85	4 – 5	The costs are eligible to be funded under our criteria - the item will be purchased and stay within the group and will enable the group to raise money at their events to work toward sustainability.
REF250332121	Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato	To support operational costs for salaries/wages of the Kiwi Can leader	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	3 – 4	The proposed programme is to be delivered into two schools only.
REF250312656	Mangakino Golf Club	To purchase and install new carpet in the Mangakino Golf clubhouse.	Vibrant places and connected communities Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Sports	\$5,000	3 – 4	Greater explanation around the wider redevelopment works, including a budget for the whole project (not just carpet replacement) would have been useful.
REF250353561	Mangakino Water Sports Camp Inc	To support costs for an AED machine	Vibrant places and connected communities, Resilient communities	Sports	\$2803.95	3 – 4	Following clarification from officers in terms of maintenance of the machine if successful, the group responded: 'MWSCI are happy to maintain the AED once onsite – 'I used to have to get the services done when I worked with the rescue helicopters.' The application states only one AED is available locally, however according to the

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments
							https://aedlocations.co.nz/ website, there appear to be x5 AEDs in Mangakino area, with 2 of the current AEDs located within 300m of the camp.
REF250349767	HRUNZ Charitable Trust	To help fund operational costs to deliver the service at no cost for whanau who are unable to attend.	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	3 – 4	Please note: The applicant applied through the Taupo/Taupo East Rural Portal which was not the appropriate fund. It has been re-directed here. While not significant widespread benefit, the benefit this has to individuals who need the service is considered significant. It is also recommended that the team connect the group to the capability and capacity building workshops. It would have been beneficial to understand level of demand from Managakino school.
REF250359527	Morgan Haakma	To help cover costs of representing NZ at the World Games in Chengdu China	Vibrant places and connected communities, Resilient communities, Innovative Thriving Economy	Sports	\$5,000	3 – 4	Individuals are eligible to receive funding - this individual is representing New Zealand, and Mangakino at the world wakeboarding event. Growing exposure of this sport at an international level could be beneficial for the area.
REF250315229	Mangakino Club Incorporated	To support costs of shifting the location of current fire doors (to an entrance) and replacing the existing fire doors with French doors to provide a safe and secure environment for the club's patrons.	Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$4,000	3 – 4	



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Welcome

Thank you for your continued support and distribution of community funds. We appreciate the time and expertise it takes to consider funding applications.

The purpose of this document is to support you and your fellow committee members to make decisions when allocating Taupō District Council's (TDC) one – off community funds.

This document will be provided to decision-making committees to outline what funds are available and the process taken to distribute funding.

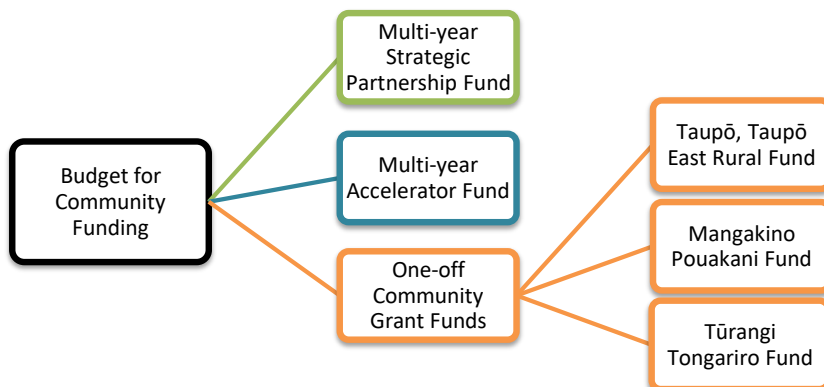
Background

Council decides to allocate a budget to its community funding programme every three years, as part of its long – term planning process.

During this process, Council also adopts a funding policy and eligibility assessment framework to guide what types of contestable funds are available for communities, their purpose, and how applications will be considered, assessed, and prioritised. These documents are reviewed every six years, or as otherwise decided by Elected Members.

The Community Funding Policy (2024) and Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024) were last adopted on 1 August 2024. Both documents are available to view at [Taupō.govt.nz/grants](https://taupo.govt.nz/grants).

What types of funds are available?

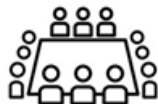


1. Strategic Partnership Fund

The strategic partnership fund is a multi-year contestable fund that can be accessed by community groups or organisations who will support Council to achieve key strategic outcomes and/or provide advice on business – as – usual activities, programmes, and projects.

In the current funding round, Council sought interest from groups who would support in the below areas:

Council Priority	Outcomes sought through the fund
Sport, recreation, and reserves planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan for the future of our district's sport and recreational facilities, reserves, and parks. - Support recreation and sports organisations to collaborate and to be sustainable.
Arts, culture and ngā toi and cultural well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan for the future of our district's cultural art facilities, venues, and opportunities for communities. - Support the development and capability of resilient arts, culture and ngā toi communities across the district.
Climate risk and environmental well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect our district's natural ecosystems. - Connect people to and educating them about nature. - Plant trees and undertake native revegetation programmes.
Community well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide social service networking opportunities. - Facilitate opportunities that build capability and capacity for community organisations. - Support social service community organisations to collaborate.
Sustainable transport choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Taupō to be the most cycle friendly place in New Zealand. - Educate and encourage people, including rangatahi, to use sustainable transport options. - Maintain cycling tracks across the district to provide economic opportunities for the district.



\$300,000 per annum excl GST, across five agreements. Elected Members set priorities and decide on Strategic Partnership recipients every three years following the long – term plan process. From July 2024 – June 2027, Council has decided to build strategic partnerships with:

- Sport Waikato (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Creative Taupō (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Greening Taupō (\$60k excl GST per annum)
- Waiora Community Trust (\$70k excl GST per annum)
- Bike Taupō (\$70k excl GST per annum)

2. Accelerator Fund

The accelerator fund is a multi – year contestable fund that can be accessed by community groups or organisations who would like additional support to grow what they do, achieve their aspirations and build vibrant and thriving communities. The fund provides financial and in-kind support from Council over three years, as part of this recipients are expected to develop long term planning practices, and develop governance and diversified funding approaches for long term sustainability.



\$160,000 per annum excl GST (\$20,000 per annum excl GST per agreement).



Elected Members decide on accelerator fund recipients and amounts following the long – term plan process.

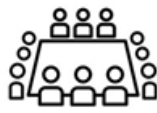


For the July 2024 – June 2027 period, Council is supporting the below organisations:

- Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub
- Safe Tūrangi
- Mangakino Central Charitable Trust
- Volunteer Great Lake Taupō
- Kids Greening Taupō
- Taupō School of Music
- Lake Taupō Sports Advisory Council
- Taupō Sculpture Trust

3. Community Grant Funds

Community grant funds are one-off contestable funds of up to \$5,000 excl GST to support community-led events, projects, and initiatives. Community groups, organisations and even individuals may apply to these funds. There are three funds split across Taupō District Council Wards.



\$150,000 excl GST available for the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Fund annually.	Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee allocate funds twice per year.	A maximum of \$5,000 excl GST may be allocated to an applicant each funding round.
\$40,000 excl GST available for the Mangakino Pouakani Fund annually.	Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group allocate funds twice per year.	A maximum of \$5,000 excl GST may be allocated to an applicant each funding round.
\$50,000 excl GST available for the Tūrangi Tongariro Fund annually.	Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee allocate funds twice per year.	A maximum of \$5,000 excl GST may be allocated to an applicant each funding round.

Funding Priorities

Council's vision is for the Taupō district to be "a district of connected communities who thrive and embrace opportunities" and Elected Members have set five community outcomes to improve the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of our communities.

During the application process, we ask applicants to demonstrate how their request aligns to at least one of these outcomes (funding priorities). The assessment summary decision makers receive will outline what funding priority (or priorities) the application aligns to.

COMMUNITY OUTCOME	GUIDANCE
Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the needs and aspirations of hapū and iwi - Promote the cultural heritage of Māori - Celebrate Māori identity - Improve knowledge of tikanga and te reo
Vibrant places and connected communities	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebrate our people, history, or culture - Support arts, culture and ngā toi activities - Support sport and recreation activities - Connect people for shared experiences
Resilient communities working in partnership	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the ability of whanau and communities to meet their needs - Establish safe places that offer support to vulnerable people in our community - Promote collaboration within the community and foster a spirit of working together - Enhance social and economic resiliency in our communities
Innovative, thriving economy	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance the image of our district - Support vibrancy and attractiveness of our public places
Flourishing environment	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the state of our natural environment and conservation efforts - Promote sustainable outcomes - Champion activities that emphasize the principles of reuse, reduction, or recycling of waste

Application Process



1. Accept Applications

Applications for community funds are accepted at different times:

- Strategic Partnership Fund – every three years, following adoption of Council’s long – term plan.
- Accelerator Fund – every three years, following adoption of Council’s long – term plan.
- Community Grant Funds – twice per year, typically six months apart.

All applications are submitted through the website at www.Taupō.govt.nz/grants.

The opening and closing dates for each fund are advertised through our website, social media, in TDC newsletters, newspaper and community – led communications. We also encourage committee members to promote funds through their networks.

Please note: In future, Council will have a centralised platform to accept, assess, decide on, and notify applicants about their request. In future, this will be the place decision makers log into to view applications ahead of decision meetings. The funding and partnerships team will provide training on how to use the system when this occurs.

2. Assess, prioritise, and recommend applications

Applications are assessed for eligibility and considered by council officers against the policy and eligibility and assessment framework. Recommendations on priority applications will be provided in an assessment summary for decision makers.

An assessment method is used to ensure a transparent and equitable approach to community funding decision making. All applicants have access to the scoring criteria to support them when making an application.

Please note:

- This assessment is based on the eligibility and assessment framework Council adopted in August 2024. Further detail around what assessors consider when assessing applications is included as appendix one.

- If an accountability report for a previous grant has not been submitted by the date of the allocation meeting, the application is not eligible to receive funding. If this applies to any applicants, an update will be provided at the decision meeting.
- If an applicant is already receiving another community fund through Council, this will be noted in the assessor comments.
- All applicants have access to the scoring criteria during the application process to support them in making an application.

3. Funds are allocated

Your role as a community funding decision maker...

- Is to work impartially as part of a committee to consider and allocate Council's community funds impartially.
- You will receive a copy of all applications, and an assessment summary to prepare ahead of each decision meeting.
- You will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of every allocation meeting.
- Where it is decided that an application will be declined, we ask decision makers to provide rationale as to why this decision has been made. This allows officers to provide support to declined applicants and where possible ensure they have the opportunity to improve on any future applications they make.

Who may attend a fund allocation meeting?

- **The public.** Applications are considered in an open forum - we ask committees to welcome those who wish to listen to the meeting. At the time of making an application, applicants may choose whether they would like to be present to answer any questions of clarification during the decision-making process.
- **Elected Members.** Where committees of Council make decisions, those elected members who do not sit on the decision-making committee are able to attend the meeting with non-voting rights.
- **TDC officers.** Will be present at allocation meetings – with non-voting rights. Officers are available for policy or eligibility queries, to provide further context, and to ensure a consistent process is upheld.

If you have questions, please reach out to TDC's Community Funding and Partnerships team by emailing funding@taupo.govt.nz

Appendix One – Assessment Framework

The below table outlines the assessment framework officers use when assessing and recommending priority of applications received to the one – off community funds.

Considerations		Scoring Weight (partial scores may be provided)
Project/ activity purpose	Has the applicant clearly defined the purpose and expected community outcomes and benefit the project, activity or service will provide?	1
	Has the applicant clearly outlined the community need that is being met and why this is important?	
Strategic Alignment	Has the applicant demonstrated how their initiative aligns to council's strategic priorities and goals?	1
	Has the applicant demonstrated that the initiative aligns to Council's community outcomes and strategic priorities?	
Capacity and Experience	Does the applicant have the capability, capacity, and experience to deliver the project, activity, or service to an appropriate standard?	0.5
	Is this evidenced by a relevant track record of successful delivery or a clear plan of how they intend to deliver?	
	Has the applicant identified areas where it would value additional support?	
Evidence Based Budget	Does the applicant present a realistic, evidence-based budget for the project, activity, or service?	0.5
	Does this budget include all elements of the project?	
	Has the applicant identified how the grant will be spent?	
	Has the applicant evidenced other funding streams in their budget if applicable?	
Success Evaluation	Has the applicant identified how the success of the project, activity or service will be evaluated?	0.5
	<i>For example, will any information be collected on the number of people benefiting from the initiative?</i>	
Project Benefit	Has the applicant identified who the project, activity or service will benefit and where in the Taupō district these people reside?	1
Community Support	Has the applicant provided evidence of community support, collaboration or involvement in the project, activity, or service? <i>For example, volunteer hours, or donated goods/services?</i>	0.5
	Has the applicant provided evidence of support from a recognised regional or national body (where relevant)?	