

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Rachel Shepherd (in the Chair), Cr Kylie Leonard (until 4.20pm), Cr Christine Rankin (from 11.21am until 12.48pm), Cr John Williamson, Ms Anneke Dinnington, Ms Hollie West

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Community Development Advisor (G Smith), Community Development Advisor (A Hendricks), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 17 members of the public

- Notes: (i) Cr Christine Rankin entered the meeting at 11.21am and left the meeting at 12.48pm. She was not present for resolutions TTER202504/01-08.
- (ii) Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 4.20pm. She was not present for resolutions TTER202504/03-08.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TTER202504/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas (for absence) and from Cr Christine Rankin (for lateness) be accepted. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared and members abstained from voting on resolutions distributing funding to these organisations:

Cr John Williamson – Life Education Trust and Taupō School of Music

Ms Anneke Dinnington – Citizens Advice Bureau

Ms Hollie West – Taupō Concert Band Inc, Taupō School of Music, One Taupō Trust, Bay of Plenty Music School – Taupō Committee

Cr Rachel Shepherd – Trustee of Taupō Timebank

Cr Kylie Leonard – Board member of Taupō-nui-a-Tia College (concerning 24/7 support)

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 MAY 2023

TTER202504/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the minutes of the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 APRIL 2025 - TAUPŌ AND TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor thanked those that had attended the meeting, and applied for funding. She reiterated that the committee had \$150K to distribute as per the report, and that applications had been scored according to the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework as shown in the Application and Assessment Summary attached to the agenda.

Applicants present at the meeting introduced themselves to the committee and answered questions:

#6 Awhina Society Trust – Ms Simone Gibson

Ms Gibson clarified the following:

- There had been a large increase in people using the service over the previous 12 months.
- Funding and support from Council was needed because there was a lot of demand from the community for food parcels to individuals and also organisations.
- The Trust was growing food rescue operations.
- The Trust operated in a different way to the other Taupō foodbank in that it offered a week's worth of three meals per person per day. The Trust did share resources with the other foodbank.

#10 Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc – Ms Rebecca Robertson

Ms Robertson advised that demand for the service had increased over the previous 12 months.

#54 The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) – Ms Donna Urquhart

Ms Urquhart confirmed that the SPCA worked with CARE by sharing resources to collect animals and sharing foster parents for animals.

#31 Taupō Community Gardens

The following was confirmed:

- Anti-social behaviour had been mitigated by increasing the hours when people were onsite, and installing cameras. Signage explained the purpose of the gardens and the damage had stopped.
- New people were joining all the time and there was now a cross section and spread of ages for future proofing and succession planning.
- The Taupō Community Gardens had a relationship with Budget House and local schools and worked well with them.
- The Taupō Community Gardens collaborated with a community garden in Nukuhau and gave any excess products to them on Mondays. They also shared compost equipment.

#22 Kinloch Village Golf Club Incorporated – Ms Carolyn Hedley

Ms Hedley confirmed that the Kinloch Village Golf Club was a community facility and well used. A local group used it once per week, and a farmer's group used it regularly. Membership at the golf club had risen to over 400 members.

#13 REAL Southern Lakes – Ms Olivia Beck

Ms Beck confirmed that events had been run before and were successful so with additional funding, they would be done better. She confirmed that REAL Taupō and Southern Lakes were the same organisation and operated district wide.

#11 Taupō Timebank – Mr Blair Cameron

Mr Cameron explained that there were 2 different age groups for the Upskillz programme and that they worked with schools, groups and homeschools. They taught them how to build things, giving them the experience of using tools and gardening. By the end of 3 or 4 lessons they would have built a garden bed and planted it with vegetables. Some went home and built garden beds for family members. Tools were provided to those attending workshops to build garden beds and Taupō Timebank was supported by Mitre 10 and roofing industries for materials.

#3 Towncentre Taupō – Ms Julie McLeod and Mr Ken Harris

Ms McLeod and Mr Harris confirmed that there was a mixture of new art and replacement art each year. Art students were not usually able to participate due to the timing with exams but some that volunteered went on to become artists.

#7 Taupō Disc Golf Club – Mr Ken Harris

Mr Harris confirmed that it was hard to know the numbers using the disc golf course because while there was an app, only some used this. Since 2021 when the course opened there had been events organised which drew more interest. The shared space with dog walkers worked really well and club members called out bad behaviour if they saw it.

Cr Christine Rankin entered the meeting at this point (11.21am).

Mr Harris confirmed that the Club were interested in adding a pitch and putt course near Nuki's Gym for practising and learning the game. The Club was in discussions with Council's Parks and Reserves team regarding this.

#27 Centre Stage Taupō Inc – Ms Kylie Dumble

Ms Dumble explained that a hazer created texture in the air and lighting changes for theatrical and musical events to create interesting effects.

#23 Taupō Community Playgroup – Ms Vera Spurdle

Ms Spurdle explained that the playgroup was aiming to improve accessibility of the toilets for the small children to use them independently. This would mean smaller toilets and push taps. The work was being done in stages and the timing meant that the flooring needed to be replaced. Funding had been received from the Ministry of Education but it did not cover the entire project.

#15 Wairakei Community Group – Ms Rachel Canning and Ms Vera Spurdle

Ms Canning and Ms Spurdle explained that this group was trying to create a connected community with community spirit and make Wairakei village a more enjoyable place to live. The group collaborated with Kids Greening Taupō on some projects.

#35 24/7 Youth Work – Ms Caitlin Hodges

Ms Hodges clarified that she would work with REAL Southern Lakes and Anamata to support what they were doing already for youth. The funding requested was to support Taupō-nui-a-Tia with a youth worker.

#4 Life Education Trust Central Plateau – Ms Robyn King

Ms King clarified that the Trust visited over 1600 children from ten schools in the local Taupō region. 85% of schools in the region had a visit either annually or biannually – they could not fit all schools in with one educator and the timetable.

#41 Kian Weston – Mr Greg Weston

Mr Weston introduced himself and explained that he was Kian's father. He had been competing in a three part youth series for triathlons and finished 2nd overall. He was selected to go to a competition and the

funding requested was to support that.

#36 Volcanic Dive Squad – Ms Sharon Graham

Ms Graham confirmed that the squad operated in Lake Taupō but occasionally went to Rotorua or Wellington for assistance with clean up dives. The squad did not charge for finding lost items but sometimes were given a koha as thanks.

#56 Taupō Lakes and Waterways – Ms Natalie Haines

Ms Haines thanked Council for funding in the previous years.

Members deliberated and allocated funding as follows:

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Pregnancy Help Inc	To support Pregnancy Help Taupō with operational costs.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
2	Taupō Parents Centre	To support costs for the child-birth education programme, care seat service and post birth classes.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
3	Towncentre Taupō	To support operational costs for the Graffiato:Taupō Street Festival.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
4	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary costs for the educator as he delivers the Healthy Harold programme in schools.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
5	Taupō Concert Band Inc	To purchase percussion equipment to be utilised by the band, Taupō School of Music, Taupō brass Academy, Taupō Brass, and Taupō Jazz Orchestra.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
6	Awhina Society Trust	To contribute to operational costs including fuel for collection and delivery vehicles, and staff wages.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
7	Taupō Disc Golf Club	To support purchasing nine new RPM Helix disc golf baskets, to be used for a pitch and putt course proposal.	Members supported this application but declined funding because the appropriate permission had not been granted. Members would consider a new funding request in the June/July funding round.
8	Citizens Advice Bureau Taupō Inc	To support salary costs for the centre manager.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
9	Great Lake Film Society	To support costs for a feature film.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
10	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
11	Taupō Timebank	To purchase timber for the Upskillz programme, run in partnership with Pathways.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
12	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support with wages for three staff members.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
13	Real Southern lakes	To support costs for Youth Week.	Members supported this application

			and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
14	Studio42	To support operational and equipment costs for community-focussed music initiatives.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
15	Wairakei Community Group - Rachel Canning	To support costs for a Matariki celebration event at Wairakei Village.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
16	Taupō School of Music	To fund venue hire for the end of year concert.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
17	One Taupō Trust	To support operational costs for the free Light Hub that runs for 17 nights over the July school holidays.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds. They acknowledged that some funding had been granted through the Creative scheme and from Council' Events team.
18	The Girl Guides Association New Zealand Incorporated	To support the local GirlGuiding units' hall hire expenses.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
19	Bay of Plenty Music School - Taupō Committee	To aid in the costs of running the 2025 music school in Taupō.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
20	Taupō Netball Centre	To purchase a water drinking station.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
21	Wairakei Primary School	To purchase and install a map board showing directions to school areas.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
22	Kinloch Village Golf Club Incorporated	To purchase an oven as part of the Kinloch Golf Club renovation project.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
23	Taupō Community Playgroup	To support with renovation costs for the children's toilet area, including the manufacturing and installation of toilet doors.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
24	From Raw to Radiant - The Fibre Rescue Project	To support equipment, materials and operational costs for the 'Raw to Radiant' Fibre Rescue Project.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
25	Rangitaiki Community and School Association	To support operational costs for the Rangitaiki Hall.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
26	Ruth Tremain	To purchase wool and flannelette fabric so local whanau can continue to be provided with warm pyjamas and knitted goods.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
27	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To purchase a hazer.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
28	Taupō Family Centre Incorporated	To support wage costs for the Taupō Family Centre.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
29	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support wage costs for two financial mentors.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.

30	Dementia Lakes Charitable Trust	To support ongoing operating costs for a Dementia Advisor in the Taupō region.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
31	Taupō Community Gardens	To assist in covering the wages for part time coordinators.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
32	Special Olympics Taupō Trust	To support three teams of athletes (12 athletes) plus their coaches/carers/managers (6 volunteers) to attend the National Summer Games (NSG) to be held in Christchurch in December 2025.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
33	AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust	To support the operating costs of the Community Aphasia Advisor support service in the Taupō region.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
34	Taupō AFC	To purchase new equipment for the junior football teams.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
35	24/7 Youth Work	To help cover wages for a trained youth worker to be in Taupō-nui-a-tia college 10 hours per week.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
36	Volcanic Dive Squad	To support equipment and operational costs used to improve the health of Lake Taupō.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
37	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support two, one-day life and financial skills programmes facilitated by Life101.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
38	Oruanui Pony Club	To purchase a community AED device.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
39	Emma Hampson-Tindale	To support costs associated with compete in the 2025 Australian National Gymnastics Championships	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
40	Rose Prisk	To support costs to represent New Zealand overseas in the Trans-Tasman Challenge.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
41	Kian Weston	To cover the cost of flights and accommodation for the World Triathlon Championships.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
42	Esme Morgan	To assist with travel costs to compete at the Mounted Games World Championships.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
43	The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust	To support service delivery costs for people with Parkinson's and Parkinsonism conditions in Taupō communities.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
44	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support operational costs to support a programme to students with specific learning difficulties/dyslexia and undertake assessments.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
45	Brain Injury Waikato Inc.	To support operational costs (wages) for a Navigation and	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding

		Support Officer who operates in the greater Waikato region and the Lakes district.	requested due to limited funds.
46	Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Incorporated	To support operational costs for the local tournaments and the July tournament.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
47	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support partial funding of wages for the area coordinator.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
48	Taupō Pink Walk	To support advertising and operational costs for the Taupō Pink Walk	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
49	Taupō District Riding Club and Bridleways Incorporated	To support maintenance costs of the local bridleways and a mounting block.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
50	Diabetes New Zealand	To support operational, administration, travel, venue hire, and catering costs for each meeting	Members declined this application because most of the funding would go to the national office rather than benefit people in the Taupō district.
51	Good Bitches Trust	To support the operational costs associated with running the GBB programme in Taupō	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
52	International Mum's Group	To support material costs such as advertising and activities.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
53	Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club	To assist with operational costs of the club.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
54	The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)	To provide desexing vouchers to families in the area who may struggle with the costs of this procedure.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
55	Micah Wallace	To support travel and flight costs to represent NZ vs Australia at Rounds 1 & 2 of the AusCycling National Series at Lake Macquarie, NSW.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
56	Taupō Lakes and Waterways	To support operational costs of the LWAG programme.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.48pm and Cr Christine Rankin left the meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 3.06pm.

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 4.20pm.

TTER202504/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Hollie West

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Life Education Trust Central Plateau - \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr John Williamson voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/03 above. Cr John

Williamson abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/03.

TTER202504/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Hollie West

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Citizens Advice Bureau Taupō Inc- \$4,480.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except Ms Anneke Dinnington voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/04 above. Ms Anneke Dinnington abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/04.

TTER202504/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the applications for the 2024-2025 financial year:

1. Taupō Concert Band Inc- \$4,000.00.
2. One Taupō Trust - \$1,000.00.
3. Bay of Plenty Music School - Taupō Committee - \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Ms Hollie West voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/05 above. Ms Hollie West abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/05.

TTER202504/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Taupō School of Music - \$643.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Ms Hollie West and Cr John Williamson voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/06 above. Ms Hollie West and Cr John Williamson abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/06.

TTER202504/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Taupō Timebank - \$4,600.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr Rachel Shepherd voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/07 above. Cr Rachel Shepherd abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/07.

TTER202504/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Hollie West

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the remainder of applications for the 2024 – 2025 financial year

as follows:

- i. Pregnancy Help Inc - \$5,000.00
- ii. Taupō Parents Centre - \$5,000.00
- iii. Towncentre Taupō - \$4,000.00
- iv. Awhina Society Trust - \$3,000.00
- v. Taupō Disc Golf Club - Declined
- vi. Great Lake Film Society - \$2,000.00
- vii. Taupō Budget Advisory Service - \$4,000.00
- viii. Age Concern Taupō Inc. - \$4,000.00
- ix. Real Southern Lakes - \$2,500.00
- x. Studio42 - \$2,500.00
- xi. Wairakei Community Group - Rachel Canning - \$1087.00
- xii. Girl Guides Association NZ - \$2,400.00
- xiii. Taupō Netball Centre - \$3,800.00
- xiv. Wairakei Primary School - \$2,000.00
- xv. Kinloch Village Golf Club - \$4,100.00
- xvi. Taupō Community Playgroup - \$3,500.00
- xvii. From Raw to Radiant - The Fibre Rescue Project - \$2,500.00
- xviii. Rangitaiki Community and School Association - \$5,000.00
- xix. Ruth Tremain - \$1,000.00
- xx. Centre Stage Taupō Inc - \$3,529.00
- xxi. Taupō Family Centre Inc - \$2,500.00
- xxii. Family & Financial Solutions Trust - \$3,000.00
- xxiii. Dementia Lakes Charitable Trust - \$1,700.00
- xxiv. Taupō Community Gardens - \$3,600.00
- xxv. Special Olympics Taupō Trust - \$5,000.00
- xxvi. AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust – \$500.00
- xxvii. Taupō AFC - \$1,000.00
- xxviii. 24/7 Youth Work - \$1,000.00
- xxix. Volcanic Dive Squad - \$5,000.00
- xxx. Momentum Charitable Trust - \$4,170.00
- xxxi. Oruanui Pony Club - \$3,500.00
- xxxii. Emma Hampson-Tindale - \$1,200.00
- xxxiii. Rose Prisk - \$1,200.00
- xxxiv. Kian Weston - \$1,200.00
- xxxv. Esme Morgan - \$1,200.00
- xxxvi. The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust - \$500.00
- xxxvii. Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust - \$5,000.00
- xxxviii. Brain Injury Waikato Inc. - \$1,000.00
- xxxix. Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Incorporated - \$1,600.00
- xl. Taupō Neighbourhood Support - \$5,000.00
- xli. Taupō Pink Walk - \$500.00
- xl. Taupō District Riding Club and Bridleways Inc. - \$4396.00
- xl. Diabetes New Zealand - Declined
- xliv. Good Bitches Trust - \$897.00
- xl. International Mum's Group - \$1,000.00
- xlvi. Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club - \$2,500.00
- xl. SPCA - \$4,913.00
- xl. Micah Wallace - \$1,000.00
- xl. Taupō Lakes and Waterways - \$4,785.00

2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/08 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 4.36pm with a karakia by all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 7 August 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON