

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST 2025 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Rachel Shepherd (in the Chair), Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr John Williamson, Ms Anneke Dinnington

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Community Development Advisor (A Hendricks), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 18 members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) All present recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia, led by Committee Chairperson Cr Rachel Shepherd.
 - (ii) Chair Cr Rachel Shepherd stood down from the Chair from 10.57am until 11.03am while the Taupō Timebank and Youthtown applications were considered. Cr Kylie Leonard chaired the meeting during this time.
 - (iii) The meeting adjourned from 11.36am until 11.43am.
 - (iv) The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor acknowledged this was the last community grant meeting for Cr John Williamson as he was not standing for re-election and thanked him for his contribution throughout the years.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TTER202508/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That apologies from Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Christine Rankin, and Ms Hollie West be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202508/01 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

Cr Rachel Shepherd – Trustee of Taupō Timebank, and partner was a director of Lake Local who was in a partnership with Youthtown.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 9 MAY 2024

TTER202508/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the minutes of the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2024 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 TTER202508/02 above.

4.2 TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 APRIL 2025

TTER202508/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the minutes of the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025 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 TTER202508/03 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

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

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor explained she was here to present the applications for the Taupō / Taupō East Rural Fund. She explained that the purpose of the community funds, and that organisations and individuals were able to apply to up to \$5,000.00. This funding round was typically held in September however due to local elections this was pushed forward. Applications were received from 25 June to 25 July and a total of 44 applications received. The total funds requested were \$195,209, there was \$75,000 of funding available for the committee to allocate. The committee had been given access to the applications via sharepoint on 2 July. There would be no formal presentations from groups however the committee members could ask applicants who were present any questions of clarification.

She explained the following:

- Citizens Advice Bureau – Taupō had now completed their accountability report
- Bad Ass Training were no longer applying under the business name, with Paula Gee applying to the fund as an individual
- Life Education Trust were declined in their Mangakino Pouakani Application
- Taupō Lakes and Waterways' accountability report was not accepted so they were ineligible
- ACT2 were ineligible as the organisation was operating as a business

#5 Centre Stage Taupō Inc – Ms Kylie Dumble

In answer to a question, Ms Dumble explained that the microphones were quite expensive to buy and renting

was easier. They were open to buying some microphones and renting some.

During deliberations it was explained that Centre Stage had some other sound equipment that they needed to purchase. The committee was happy to grant the funding to be used for this purchase if they could provide quotes within 48 hours.

#25 Rugby 101 Kiwi Warrior – Mr Te Atkins

In answer to questions Mr Atkins explained:

- The budget for the project was \$8,500.00 and they would self fund the difference.
- Players are aged five to forty.

#43 Wairakei Community Group – Ms Rachel Canning and Jenni Scothern-King

In answer to questions, the following was explained:

- The group was formed to bring the Wairakei community together. They began by holding public meetings to understand what the community in Wairakei Village wanted to see.
- There were minimum funding opportunities due to their location but had reached out to Contact and Wairakei Terraces.
- The group held a movie night last year which was enjoyed by all. They had held planting events.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Active Arts Incorporated Taupō	To purchase plaster and wooden moulds for the pottery studio	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
2	Act2 Visual and Performing Arts School	To support tutoring fees for external pacifica workshops	Ineligible application.
3	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support wage costs	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
4	Paula Gee (Bad Ass Training Limited)	To purchase equipment for senior exercise classes and to purchase an AED machine for the studio	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
5	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To support the rental/purchase of wireless body microphones for an upcoming collaborative project with The Great Lake Big Band.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
6	Citizens Advice Bureau – Taupō	To support wage costs	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
7	Emma Hampson-Tindle	To fund flights and accommodation to compete in the World Trampoline Championships in Spain	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
8	Epilepsy Association of New Zealand	To support operational costs and wages for the lakes educator	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
9	Equestrian Sport New Zealand – National Equestrian Centre Taupō	Operational materials to improve health and safety management of the entire facility	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
10	Family & Financial	To support wage costs for three Certified Financial Mentors, in support of	Members supported this application and approved

	Solutions Trust	the local community	part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
11	From Raw to Radiant – The Fibre Rescue Project	To support essential equipment and fibre processing services	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
12	Garth & Angie London	To support an AED defibrillator at our Whakaipo Lodge location close to Whakaipo Bay	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
13	Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Inc	To subsidise the running costs of the basketball tournaments	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
14	Heart Kids New Zealand	To support operational costs	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
15	Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council	To support part time employment for the 2025 Lake Taupō District Sports Awards	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
16	Lake Taupō Parkinson's Support Group	To purchase two spin bikes for exercise classes	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
17	Lake Taupō Woodworkers Guild – Ngā Kaihanga Rawa Rākau (o Taupō)	To purchase an air filtration unit which is not a fixed unit so can be utilised at other venues the woodworkers are exhibiting i.e Wairakei School Hall	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
18	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary for educator to deliver the Healthy Harold programme in Taupō schools	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
19	Lifelink/Samaritans Incorporated	To support operational costs and training for volunteers	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
20	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support life and financial skills programmes run at the Taupō Probation Centre	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
21	Nukis Boxing Gym	To purchase uniforms for new boxers and coaches to be used at competition and events	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
22	Pregnancy Help Charitable Trust	To support operational costs	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
23	Rangitaiki Community Association	To assist with the removal and replacement of the two broken soffits and new blinds to protect the new flooring	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
24	Rotorua and Districts Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated	To support with the Community Adviser's employment costs, vehicle running cost, transport support for members and funding support group meetings as required	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
25	Rugby 101 Kiwi Warrior	To support sports equipment and marketing materials	Members supported this application and approved

			part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
26	SPCA Taupō	To provide a further 25 community desexing vouchers for families in Taupō	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
27	Tauhara College Arts Department	To support the Tauhara College Arts Showcase	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
28	Taupō BMX	To support St John Ambulance services for BMX events	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
29	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
30	Taupō Disc Golf Club	To purchase 9 new RPM helix disc golf baskets for Spa Park	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
31	Taupō Girls Rugby	To support costs for the Taupō Girls Rugby team travelling to Hong Kong for a 7s rugby tour	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
32	Taupō Lakes and Waterways (TLAW)	To support with forum administration costs	Ineligible application.
33	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support with the partial funding of wages for our Area Coordinator	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
34	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College	To purchase sports equipment for break time sports hub	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
35	Towncentre Taupō	To support the inclusion of the skate park water tank as a site for a mural for Graffiato and to paint over some of the tagging on past mural in the CB	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
36	Taupō Timebank	To support a kai kitchen fitout, a community kitchen facility. Stainless steel benches, cooking utensils and equipment	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
37	Taupō Association Football Club	To purchase team uniforms with new goal keeping jerseys and gloves	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
38	Taupō phoenix rugby league club	To assist in costs associated with celebrating 21 years	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
39	Taupō Rodeo Club Inc	To purchase a generator, sound system and advertising costs for a Taupō Rodeo event	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
40	Te Rerewai Meihana	To support accommodation, transport and fees to attend Aims games – a national sporting competition	Members declined this application due to limited funds.

41	Tri Sport Taupō Incorporated	To support coaching costs for the junior division of the triathlon club	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
42	Ty Alexander Blake	To support travel and accommodation costs for an upcoming Tri Nationals Youth Rodeo Challenge in Australia and another challenge in New Zealand December 2025	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
43	Wairakei Community Group	Outdoor movie night community event	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
44	Youthtown	To support a mentoring program for alternative education participants in collaboration with Lake Local	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.

TTER202508/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the application for the first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 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 TTER202508/04 above. Cr John Williamson abstained from voting on TTER202508/04.

TTER202508/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the application for the first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year for:

- Taupō Timebank - \$2,400.00
- Youthtown - \$2,400.00

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 TTER202508/05 above. Cr Rachel Shepherd abstained from voting on TTER202508/05.

TTER202508/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

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 first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year; and
 - Active Arts Incorporated Taupō - \$2,000.00
 - Act2 Visual and Performing Arts School – Declined
 - Age Concern Taupō Inc. - \$2,000.00
 - Paula Gee – Declined
 - Centre Stage Taupō Inc. - \$2,291.00
 - Citizens Advice Bureau – Taupō - \$2,230.00
 - Emma Hampson-Tindale - \$2,500.00
 - Epilepsy Association of New Zealand – Declined
 - Equestrian Sport New Zealand – National Equestrian Centre Taupō - \$1,500.00
 - Family & Financial Solutions Trust - \$2,500
 - From Raw to Radiant – The Fibre Rescue Project – Declined
 - Garth & Angie London – Declined
 - Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Inc. – Declined
 - Heart Kids New Zealand – Declined
 - Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Group - Declined
 - Lake Taupō Parkinson's Support Group - \$1,065.00
 - Lake Taupō Woodworkers Guild – Ngā Kaihanga Rawa Rākau (o Taupō) - \$1,329.00
 - Lifelink/Samaritans Incorporated - \$1,000.00
 - Momentum Charitable Trust - \$4,170
 - Nuki's Boxing Gym Inc. - \$3,000.00
 - Pregnancy Help Charitable Trust - \$4,000.00
 - Rangitaiki Community Association - \$4,604.00
 - Rotorua and Districts Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated - \$500.00
 - Rugby 101 Kiwi Warrior - \$4,193.00
 - SPCA – Declined
 - Tauhara College Arts Department - \$500.00
 - Taupō BMX - \$1,000.00
 - Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc. - \$2,500.00
 - Taupō Disc Gold Club - \$2,000.00
 - Taupō Girls Rugby - \$5,000
 - Taupō Lakes and Waterways (TLAW) – Declined
 - Taupō Neighbourhood Support - \$2,500.00
 - Taupō-nui-a-Tia College - \$1,918
 - Towncentre Taupō - \$5,000.00
 - Taupō Association Football Club - \$1,400.00
 - Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club – Declined
 - Taupō Rodeo Club Inc. – Declined
 - Te Rerewai Meihana – Declined
 - Tri Sport Taupō Incorporated - \$2,500.00
 - Ty Alexander Blake - \$1,000.00
 - Wairakei Community Group - \$3,500.00
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 TTER202508/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.15pm with a karakia led by Chair Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were approved and adopted as a true and correct record by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Order 28.4.

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