



I give notice that
Notice of Tūrangī Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee
meeting will be held on:

Date:	Wednesday, 6 May 2026
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Te Mataapuna Tūrangitukua Park Hirangi Road Tūrangī

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson

To be elected

Members

Mayor John Funnell
Cr Sandra Greenslade
Ms Bernice Te Ahuru
Mr Te Wharau Walker
Cr Yvonne Westerman

Quorum

3

Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive

Auditory Announcement

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Karakia Timatanga – opening prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Tuia ki te mauri o te whenua	Connect to the life essence of the land
Tuia ki te mana o te tangata	Connect and respect to all
Tuia ki te pono, te aroha	Be honest and compassionate
Kia piki, kia eke	(As we seek) to improve, to exceed
Ki te taumata	Expectations
Hui e, Tāiki e	To aim/reach for the summit
	(As we) come together

Karakia Whakamutunga – closing prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Unuhia te rito o tēnei hui	Remove any angst/stress that may have arisen during this gathering
Kia wātea i runga	To be free of anything that impacts your wellbeing
Kia wātea i raro	
Aro ki te tika	That we will act with integrity
Aro ki te pae	As we pursue our goals
Hui e, Tāiki e!	(As we) come together

Order Of Business

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Nil

5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To elect the chairperson of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Following the local elections held on 11 October 2025, His Worship the Mayor, John Funnell exercised Mayoral powers set out in s 41A(3) of the Local Government Act 2002, to establish committees and appoint chairpersons to those committees (refer Council meeting agenda 25 November 2025, item 5.2).

At the meeting held on 25 November, Council appointed councillors to committees and noted that the chairperson of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee would be formally elected at the first Committee meeting.

Clause 25 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 sets out the process to be followed for appointment of a chairperson to a committee and is **attached** for members' information.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee elects a Chairperson for the 2025-28 Triennium.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Confirms that System ___ will be used to determine the election process for the Chairperson; and
2. Elects _____ as the Chairperson of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Clause 25 to Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5.2 APRIL 2026 - TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Author: Bryre Forlong, Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor

Authorised by: Tania Russell, Community Engagement and Development Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To consider applications and allocate funding from the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee has \$25,780 excluding GST available to allocate in this funding round.

Funding may be allocated to individuals, community groups and organisations who meet the eligibility criteria, align with the assessment framework and show how their community projects, events or initiatives positively impact communities.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year; and
2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND

This item is presented to the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee as the committee responsible for allocating the fund to communities in the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward.

Applications must align to the Community Funding Policy (2024) (“the policy”) and the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024) (“the funding framework”). These documents were adopted by Council on 1 August 2024. The next review date for the policy and the funding framework is scheduled for 2030, or unless otherwise agreed to by Council.

The committee has \$25,780 excluding GST available to allocate to individuals, community groups and organisations who meet the eligibility criteria, align with the funding framework and show how their community project, event or initiative positively impacts the community.

All applications have been assessed by council officers for eligibility and alignment with the funding framework. A summary document including officer recommendations has been provided to support decision makers. The assessment summary is provided as attachment 1.

A decision makers guide providing background on Council’s community funds, and guidance for committee members when allocating funds has been included as attachment 2.

NGĀ TONO | APPLICATIONS

23 applications requesting a total of \$87,839 were received from 2 March – 30 March 2026, 4.30pm.

Applications were shared securely with the committee from 9 March 2026, to allow time for decision makers to review requests and to support the decision-making process.

Applications have been assessed by officers against the funding framework. An assessment summary was circulated previously and has been provided as attachment 1.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Amount Requested
1	Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group	To support operating costs for the Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group	\$5,000
2	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc	To support operational costs at the Tūrangi Foodbank	\$5,000
3	Life Education Central Plateau	To support costs of delivering the Life Education programme in Tongariro and Tūrangi schools	\$3,500
4	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust	To support costs of undertaking free fortnightly lawn mowing for Kaumatua	\$2,363
5	Tokaanu-Tūrangi & Districts Memorial RSA	To support costs for roof maintenance and painting	\$3,290
6	Pregnancy Help Taupō	To support operational costs and resourcing for Tūrangi pregnancy help mahi	\$5,000
7	Tūrangi Blue Light Ventures	To support costs for a rangatahi day trip to Auckland	\$3,000
8	Tūrangi Aero Club	To support costs of repairing and upgrading club kitchen facilities	\$5,000
9	Tūrangi Men's Shed	To support costs of establishing a Men's shed for the Southern Lake Taupō Rōhe	\$3,006
10	Tūrangi-Southern Lakes Probus Group	To assist in the operational costs of the Tūrangi Probus club supporting its continued viability	\$3,811
11	Tongariro Sports (Junior Rugby)	To support members with affiliation fees	\$390
12	Tongariro National Trout Centre	To build programmes which focus on freshwater conservation and understanding.	\$5,000
13	Motuoapa Residents Association Inc	To support delivery of a Motuoapa Community Wellbeing and Safety programme	\$2,537
14	Tūrangi Toy Library	To support operational costs and purchase of toys for the toy library servicing Tūrangi and surrounding areas.	\$1,945.41
15	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Incorporated	To support operational costs and essential veterinary care at the centre	\$5,000
16	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support costs of internet at the hall for public use	\$1,260
17	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support costs for an air-conditioning replacement	\$5,000
18	Tūrangi Swimming Club	To support costs of the annual membership at the Tūrangi Aquatic Centre for Tūrangi Swimming Club members	\$5,000
19	SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc	To support operating costs (internet connectivity)	\$1,392
20	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support costs of a day trip for the Tūrangi Social Connection group.	\$1,567
21	Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc.	To support operational costs of the Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation	\$5,000
22	Brain Injury Waikato Inc	To support delivery of Brain Injury Support, Connect and Education Groups	\$5,000
23	Darlana Hayes	To support costs of a stitching club	\$4,778

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS

Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations

The Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund is \$50,000.00 per annum excluding GST. The fund has two funding rounds per financial year, generally each of \$25,000 excluding GST. \$780 remained unallocated from the first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year and will be allocated in this funding round.

The expenditure is currently budgeted for under the Long-term Plan 2024–2034. If there are any funds remaining following the distribution meeting, these may be carried over to the next funding round.

Please note, as outlined in the policy, a maximum of \$5,000 excluding GST may be allocated per application.

Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social, economic, environmental and cultural well – being are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

The requests have been evaluated against the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, the policy, and the eligibility and assessment framework.

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over taonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with iwi, and hapū of our district.

There are no specific issues related to iwi / hapū / Māori in this decision.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

There may be concerns that ratepayer money will not be used correctly by these organisations. This is mitigated by the criteria, requiring all applicants to provide evidence (e.g. invoices and quotes) of what funding is to be spent on, funding purpose clauses entered into contracts, as well as recipients to report and provide evidence to Council annually to account for spending.

This fund is oversubscribed, which is not unexpected with many grant funders also experiencing similar demands. This will mean some groups will miss out on funding. We have made steps to mitigate the impact of this by working with previous recipients to develop diversified funding plans and by providing a range of resources and support opportunities for organisations to develop their funding approach.

With recent changes made to Council's community funding programme, it is possible that some organisations were unsure or did not fully understand the changes. This may mean that applicants may feel dissatisfied with decisions made. We aim to mitigate this by providing rationale back to applicants on the outcome of their application.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders and wider communication will be carried out with the community.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications through our funding portal and high-level details of decisions made will be posted on Council's website (purpose and amount). Following completion of the project, officers may choose to highlight the work of an organisation or individual through a good news story as part of our work to highlight positive impact.

Please note: applicants' financial statements and other potentially sensitive information will not be released publicly.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee is required to allocate the second round of funding for the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund for the 2025 – 2026 financial year, in line with the policy and the funding framework.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. March 2026 - Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund - Summary Sheet
2. Community Funding Decision Makers Guide