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**For our District**

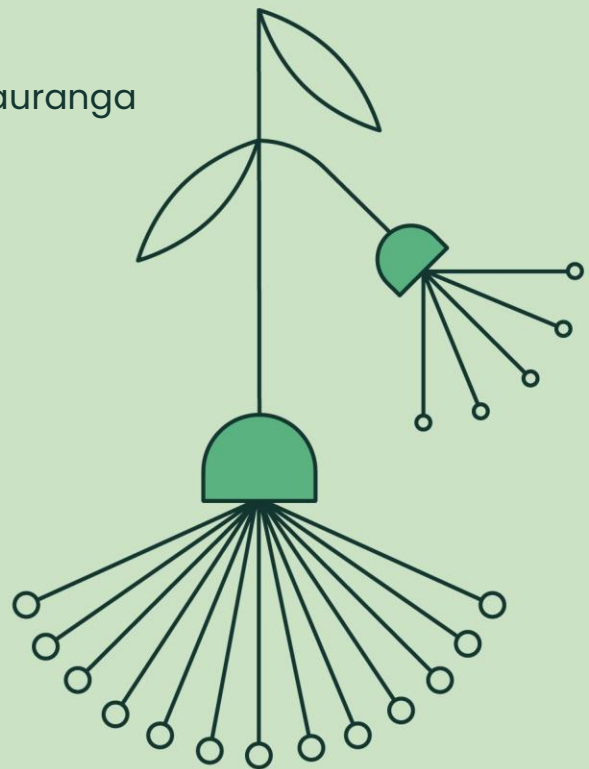
## Community Committee

Kōmiti ā Hāpori

CM24-2

Tuesday, 18 June 2024, 9.30am

Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga



# Community Committee

## Membership:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Margaret Murray-Benge
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Grant Dally
<b>Members</b>	Cr Tracey Coxhead TBC Mayor James Denyer Cr Murray Grainger Cr Anne Henry Cr Rodney Joyce Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour Cr Allan Sole Cr Don Thwaites Cr Andy Wichers John Clements (Chair - Katikati Community Board) Laura Rae (Chair - Maketu Community Board) Peter Presland (Chair - Ōmokoroa Community Board) Kassie Ellis (Chair - Te Puke Community Board) Ross Goudie (Chair - Waihi Beach Community)
<b>Quorum</b>	Nine (9)
<b>Frequency</b>	Quarterly

## Role:

### Subject to compliance with Council strategies, policies, plans and legislation:

- To maintain an overview of Council's community-led outcomes delivery, with a focus on the social, economic, cultural and environmental work programmes, as set out in the Long-Term Plan.
- To maintain an overview of Council's local housing systems plan delivery, and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters.
- To maintain an overview of local climate change plans and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters.
- To receive reports from Convenors of Community Forums and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters arising from Community Forums.

- To administer specific funds of Council that contribute to improving community wellbeing.

## Scope:

### Social Wellbeing

- Monitor progress on Council's community safety programme.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to social wellbeing.
- Receive updates on the Community Events Fund allocations.
- Receive updates on the progress of local housing system plans.
- Receive updates on community emergency response planning and community resilience work.
- Consider and decide applications to the Community Matching Fund.
- Consider and decide applications to the Facilities in the Community Fund.

### Environmental Wellbeing

- Receive updates on the Natural Environment and Sustainable Living Programme.
- Receive updates on the progress of local climate change plans.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to environmental wellbeing.
- Consider and decide applications to the Community Matching Fund – ecological component.

### Cultural Wellbeing

- Receive updates on the Creative Communities Scheme funding allocations.
- Receive updates on the cultural events supported by Council.
- Monitor progress on the Welcoming Communities programme and prioritise actions and activities.

### Economic Wellbeing

- Receive updates (annually) from Priority One and Tourism Bay of Plenty.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to economic wellbeing.

## Delegations:

To receive the priority matters arising from Community Forums and make recommendations to Council and its Committees.

## Power to recommend:

To Council and/or any Committee as it deems appropriate.

**Power to sub-delegate:**

The Committee may delegate any of its functions, duties or powers to a subcommittee, working group or other subordinate decision-making body subject to the restrictions on its delegations and provided that any sub-delegation includes a statement of purpose and specification of task.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Community Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga on:  
Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at 9.30am

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**1 KARAKIA**

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

**2 PRESENT****3 IN ATTENDANCE****4 APOLOGIES****5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS****6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest that they may have.

**7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS****8 PUBLIC FORUM**

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for a public forum. Members of the public may attend to address the Board for up to five minutes on items that fall within the delegations of the Board provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, or to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chairperson by members, but questions must be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker. The Chairperson has discretion in regard to time extensions.

Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting, a brief record will be kept of matters raised during any public forum section of the meeting with matters for action to be referred through the customer relationship management system as a service request, while those requiring further investigation will be referred to the Chief Executive.

## 9 REPORTS

### 9.1 COMMUNITY FORUMS OUTCOMES

**File Number:** A6308273

**Author:** Ella Logan, Governance Advisor

**Authoriser:** Greer Golding, Governance Manager

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council's Community Forums provide informal opportunities for members of the public of bring topical, community issues to the attention of Council, for discussion in an open forum. This report is to summarise the outcomes of these forums as provided by the convenors.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 18 June 2024 titled 'Community Forum Outcomes', be received.

#### TE PUKE – MAKETU COMMUNITY FORUM

##### Attendees:

- Cr A Wichers
- Cr G Dally
- Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour
- Major J Denyer
- Cr D Thwaites
- Chairperson Maketu Community Board L Rae
- 16 members of the public

##### Issues Raised

- Concerns about intensification in the Paengaroa area.
- Regional population growth and the impacts on current residents.
- SmartGrowth is unnecessary.
- Concerns about proliferation of CCTV camera.
- Cost to Local Government from imposition of Central Government Legislation.
- Concerns about Tauranga City Council imposing boat ramp fees and the potential of this being introduced into the Western Bay District.

- Concerns about regular boy racer groups skidding at the No.1/No.2 Road intersection.
- Concerns about ongoing psychological effects of gang houses and on-going gang activity in the neighbourhood.
- General concerns about crime up rural roads, including fuel and equipment theft.

### **Boy Racer Groups at No.1/No.2 Road in Te Puke**

- Concerns were raised about regular boy racer groups skidding at the No.1/No.2 Road intersection. This disturbs the peace, terrorises neighbouring residents, frightens grandchildren, and can have PTSD effects.
- There has been debris strewn over the road and racers have been blocking the road to other traffic.
- The Te Puke Police station is not manned after 1.00am, and Police intervention has not been respected with bottles being thrown at their cars and the officers themselves.
- There is no accountability due to unmonitored escape routes and easy evasion.
- A car was skidding straight towards a resident who came out to look.
- The skidding often occurs several times in a night and sometimes during the daytime.
- Residents are wanting to have CCTV cameras installed in this area.

### **Recommended Action – Request for assistance to deter boy racers at No.1/No.2 Road Intersection**

- CCTV camera installation.
- Roading design changes to No.1/No.2 Road Intersection and surrounding areas. The following suggestions were made:
  - Raised concrete median strip;
  - Perimeter bollards;
  - Concrete blocks or water-filled plastic barriers;
  - Put a proper roundabout in;
  - Lower the speed limit;
  - Coarser chip surface; and
  - Extend property boundary fences into the road reserve.
- Stronger Police Response (Increased Police numbers required).
- Ability to seize and destroy offending vehicles.



- Compulsory Military Training for youth offenders.

### **Pukehina Managed Retreat**

- An update on the Managed Retreat was requested.

The Mayor provided an explanation of how Council's submission was misinterpreted, subsequent media publicity and concerned residents.

### **General Issues – Pukehina**

- Issues have been raised in Pukehina but nothing has been actioned.
- Sketches and concepts have been provided to Council for the State Highway 2 Pukehina turnoff, have had back and forth emails with Council but no action has been progressed.
- There was a road fatality a few months ago due to speeding. The 50km/h speed limit needs to be pushed out into the 100km/h zone on Pukehina Beach Road and Speed Indication Device should be installed.
- No action ever seems to be followed through. This is a bad look for Council and Councillors.

### **Recommended Action – Pukehina issues**

- Extend the 50km/h zone out on Pukehina Beach Road past the Pukehina Motor Camp.
- Install new Speed Indication Device and add to scheduled rotation.
- Responses to requests need to be more realistic about what is truly achievable and provide timeframes for funding and implementation.
- Provide permission and support to progress initiatives on a community-led basis.
- Consideration of social procurement for local maintenance contracts and project delivery.

### **Trucks driving through Te Puke**

- It is more economic to go all the way down the Tauranga Eastern Link and enter Te Puke from the West rather than queuing up on the Eastern side.
- The main street should never have been reduced to a single lane.
- With trucks coming through Te Puke, the pedestrian crossings are part of the problem. A restriction should be placed on them to reduce the frequency of use.
- Smart Traffic lights could be installed.

The Mayor encouraged these issues to be raised in Long-Term Plan submissions.

### **Long-Term Plan**

- The Long-Term Plan needs to be simplified.
- The consultation document gives the impression that Council has already decided on what will be included.
- Council has done a good job bringing this document together.

Councillors explained that feedback included in submissions are not limited to the specific questions that are asked.

### **Closing Comments from Councillors**

- Social media comments from the Long-Term Plan issues will be monitored by staff and provided as 'informal feedback' to councillors, along with formal submissions.
- The Long-Term Plan consultation closes 17 June 2024.
- The Te Puke Spatial Plan Review is a significant piece of work looking at what Te Puke will look like in 30-50 years. Brochures are available and engagement events are being held at the Te Puke War Memorial Hall three days a week for four weeks. This will run until 30 June 2024.
- Council is undergoing a by-election currently. Voting opens 26 June 2024 and closes 18 July 2024.

## **KAIMAI COMMUNITY FORUM**

### **Attendees:**

- Cr D Thwaites
- Cr T Coxhead
- Cr M Murray-Benge
- Cr A Wichers
- Cr G Dally
- Cr M Grainger
- Chairperson Ōmokoroa Community Board P Presland
- 17 members of the public

### **Oropi Squash Courts**

- Concerns were raised regarding the response and timeframes from Council. It was recommended that consent fees for community projects should be waived, particularly when often the funds for improvements are raised by the community.

Cr D Thwaites shared an email from Council staff that outlined next steps and progressing this forward. This email will be sent to those present for their information.

## Oropi Roads

The following items were raised in connection with the state of the local Oropi roads:

- Road centre marking past the hall;
- Give-way road markings to be reinstated on Rowe Road;
- Tar seal quality;
- Vegetation needing removal on the single lane bridge on Rowe Road;
- 1167 Ohauti Road slip has still not been remediated;
- Large potholes up the roads;
- The vegetation needs to be cleared from culverts; and
- Road either side of bridge giving way.

Cr M Murray-Benge has passed these issues onto the General Manager Infrastructure Services.

## Kaimai Issues

The following roading issues were raised:

- McLaren Falls Road markings have run over the vegetation; and
- Pori Pori & Kumikumi Road seal is loose and being used by drivers for skidding.

Service requests have been raised.

## Whakamārama

- The planned Northern Link does not allow access to and from Youngson Road and residents will have to enter/exit at either Ōmokoroa Interchange or Minden Road. It was suggested that this will also lead to more traffic heading to Ōmokoroa, coming via Youngson Road.
- Attendees were reminded that the population of Whakamārama is 2,000.

## Ōmokoroa

- It was raised and questioned why there are not any larger lights.

The Ōmokoroa Community Board Chairperson explained that the bollard lights were installed with a consideration to function and cost.

## General

- Concerns were raised about adding fluoride into the Athenree and Wharawhara water supplies.

Council is required to fluoridate by 31 July 2025, and will continue to implement, unless instructed otherwise by the Director of Health.

## 15 minute neighbourhoods

- Concern was raised that these would be introduced within the Western Bay District by Council.

This has been discussed in Council at a high level, although plans at this stage are vague around concept plans, facilities and function. Sites are being explored currently.

### **Communication of Forum Events**

- There were questions regarding how community forum events are advertised as much of the public were unaware of the location.

The following promotion platforms were suggested:

- Community Facebook pages;
- Rate Payer Associations;
- Antenno App; and
- Personal emails.

### **KATIKATI – WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY FORUM**

#### **Attendees:**

- Cr R Joyce
- Cr A Henry
- Mayor J Denyer
- 200+ members of the public

#### **The following topics dominated a large portion of the discussion:**

- Issues of State Highway 2 centre medians; and
- Water fluoridation.

Council will send an email to the Minister of Transport regarding the medians. This email will outline the communities concerns about extra travel time, emergency services access, and potential blockages on the highway.

#### **Service Requests**

- Bridge on the new Uretara walkway is very icy. The old bridge had netting on it to aid grip.
- Mathers Road was recently regraded and done poorly. Others pointed out that other Roads are now being done better.
- Hot Springs Road has camber issues with areas of lumpy Road.
- The seal is breaking up on the corner of State Highway 2 and Lindemann Road.

## 9.2 COMMUNITY MATCHING FUND – ENVIRONMENTAL FUND OPTIONS

**File Number:** A6283797

**Author:** Liesel Carnie, Community Outcomes Advisor

**Authoriser:** Rachael Davie, Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report proposes to redirect a portion of the Ecological Community Matching Fund budget to a joint environmental fund which will achieve the same outcomes in the community through a more efficient process for community and funders.

This report sets out two possible joint environmental funds to explore with other environmental funders in the region.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Community Outcomes Advisor's report dated 18 June 2024 titled 'Community Matching Fund – Environmental Fund Options' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **low** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Community Committee agrees to set the Community Matching Fund – Environmental Fund at \$40,000 for the July 2024 funding round, out of the total allocated budget of \$60,000.
4. That the Community Committee agrees to investigate contributing \$20,000 to potential joint funds with other funding partners for community-led environmental initiatives, allocated from the Community Matching Fund – Environmental Fund budget of \$60,000.

### BACKGROUND

1. Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Council) participates in an informal group of environmental funders which consists of:
  - (a) Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)
  - (b) BayTrust
  - (c) TECT
  - (d) Rotorua Trust
  - (e) Trust Horizon
  - (f) Tauranga City Council

2. One project which the group has been investigating is a joint environmental fund between the funders. The purpose of a combined fund would be to minimise process for community by providing one environmental fund for all funders. It also enables transparency across funders and ensures a collaborative approach between funders.
3. This model has already been successfully achieved with the same organisations through a variety of methods:
  - (a) Community Events Fund: A joint fund that increases the funding pool for community events and makes it easier for applicants to apply for funding. This has been a successful model creating a much simpler process for funders and applicants and achieving better outcomes for the community.
  - (b) School Sustainability and Resilience Fund: This is a BOPRC fund which provides small grants to schools to realise their sustainability projects. TECT, Trust Horizon and BayTrust have recently redirected some of their small grant funds to “top up” the overall amount to be distributed. To engage community, this fund uses a participatory budgeting model where public has a designated amount of ‘money’ to vote. Participants must vote for more than one school to ensure equity.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

4. In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy this decision is considered to be of low significance because it has no funding implications and does not change the outcomes to be achieved through the funding.

### ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

5. No consultation or engagement is required at this stage. If Council makes a decision to allocate funding to a joint fund, a full communications plan will be prepared to promote the fund and Council’s funding contribution to it.

### ISSUES AND OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

<p><b>Option A</b></p> <p>That the Community Committee agrees to investigate contributing \$20,000 to potential joint funds with other funding partners for community-led environmental initiatives, allocated from the Community Matching Fund – Environmental Fund budget of \$60,000.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment of advantages and disadvantages including impact on each of the four well-beings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Economic</b></li> <li>• <b>Social</b></li> <li>• <b>Cultural</b></li> <li>• <b>Environmental</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A more efficient process for applicants and funders.</li> <li>• More transparency and collaboration between funders.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A larger pool of funding for applicants.</li> </ul> <p><u>Disadvantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delay in allocation as only \$40,000 will be available from 1 July and \$20,000 will not be available until 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Costs (including present and future costs, direct, indirect and contingent costs).</b>	\$60,000 is an existing budget so there is no additional cost.
<b>Assumptions that relate to this option</b>	That a joint fund will be established that council can contribute to and that the BOPRC School Sustainability and Resilience Fund will continue.
<p><b>Option B</b> Council does not redirect any Community Matching Fund ecological budget and the fund remains the same.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment of advantages and disadvantages including impact on each of the four well-beings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Economic</b></li> <li>• <b>Social</b></li> <li>• <b>Cultural</b></li> <li>• <b>Environmental</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No delay in allocation of funds.</li> <li>• No council administration required to investigate and set up new joint fund.</li> </ul> <p><u>Disadvantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less efficiencies for applicants and funders.</li> <li>• Less transparency and collaboration between funders.</li> <li>• Applicants must apply to multiple funds.</li> </ul>
<b>Costs (including present and future costs, direct, indirect and contingent costs).</b>	\$60,000 is an existing budget so there is no additional cost.

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations comply with statutory requirements.

**FUNDING/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

6. Existing budgets will be repurposed to provide the same outcomes.

<b>Budget Funding Information</b>	<b>Relevant Detail</b>
Job Code – 352201  \$60,000	Environment – Community Matching Fund Ecological



**9.3 DELEGATION OF DECISION MAKING FOR 2024 COMMUNITY MATCHING FUND****File Number:** A6286051**Author:** Christine Sadlier, Community Outcomes Programme Coordinator**Authoriser:** Rachael Davie, Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Chief Executive Officer and selected Elected Members have appropriate powers to enable timely distribution of grants from the Community Matching Fund to successful applicants.
2. This requires the establishment of a Community Matching Fund Working Party and delegation of decision-making powers to the working party.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Community Outcomes Advisor report dated 18 June 2024 titled 'Delegation of decision making for 2024 Community Matching Fund' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That pursuant to clause 32 schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council delegates to \_\_\_\_\_, together with the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee(s), the power to make decisions in respect of applications to the Community Matching Fund 2024, including but not limited to the following powers:
  - a) To award grants according to the purposes and guidelines of the Community Matching Fund 2024, within the allocated budget of \$160,000.**And**
  - b) To make payments to grant recipients as soon as practicable after the award decisions have been made.
4. That recommendations 3a and 3b will form the terms of reference for the Community Matching Fund working party.

## BACKGROUND

4. Council has made available the Community Matching Fund, which is an annual contestable fund. This financial year \$160,000 is available. This is the same amount that was allocated in 2023.
5. The framework is such that applicant groups will 'match' any cash grant from Council, with an equivalent amount, which can be made of volunteer hours, cash in hand, donated services, and other similar matching services. The guiding principle of the fund is that of providing public benefit.
6. The Community Matching Fund will be open to receive applications from 1 July 2024 to 31 July 2024 inclusive. The panel will meet in August 2024 to make decisions, with recommendations to the next appropriate Council meeting.
7. The 2024 Community Matching Fund budget specifies that \$60,000 is available for applications with an environmental focus. The balance of \$100,000 is available for all other projects.

## SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

8. The Local Government Act 2002 requires a formal assessment of the significance of matters and decision in this report against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. In making this formal assessment there is no intention to assess the importance of this item to individuals, groups, or agencies within the community and it is acknowledged that all reports have a high degree of importance to those affected by Council decisions.
9. In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy, this decision is considered to be of low significance because it is essentially an administrative matter to appoint the Working Party members who will help ensure timely distribution of funds, which is fundamental to the purpose of the Community Matching Fund.

<b>Interested/Affected Parties</b>	<b>Planned Communication</b>
<b>Community Committee</b>	The Community Committee will receive a full report of allocations made from the Community Matching Fund.
<b>General Public</b>	The Grant availability and application process will be advertised in the media through Council's usual communication channels.  Both successful and unsuccessful applicants, through their nominated first contact person, will be advised of the outcomes in writing, within two weeks of the decisions and before final decisions are made public.

	Community Boards will be advised of the outcomes to ensure they are aware of projects that have been funded in their area.
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### FUNDING/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

#### 10. Budget Funding Information

<b>Budget Funding Information</b>	<b>Relevant Detail</b>
\$160,000	\$160,000 has been allocated to the 2024 Community Matching Fund. \$60,000 of this is available for those applications with an environmental focus, with the balance of \$100,000 available to all other projects.

## 10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

### 10.1 2024 WESTERN BAY COMMUNITY AWARDS

**File Number:** A6276957

**Author:** Jodie Rickard, Community and Strategic Relationships Manager

**Authoriser:** Rachael Davie, Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Community Committee on the 2024 Western Bay Community Awards, and the award recipients from Western Bay communities.

#### BACKGROUND

2. The Western Bay Community Awards are annual awards held to acknowledge and celebrate the community and volunteer work that happens across the sub-region. Led primarily by TECT and supported by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, BayTrust, and Acorn Foundation, the awards have eight categories. Nominations are open to anyone, with a judging panel choosing finalists and then the overall award winners. The award categories are:
  - Volunteer of the Year Award
  - Heart of the Community Award
  - Diversity and Inclusion Award
  - Sustainable Future Award
  - Event Excellence Award
  - Youth Spirit Award
  - People's Choice Award
  - Lifetime Service Award
3. In the 2024 awards, Western Bay communities were represented across the awards categories. The table below sets out finalists & winners for each category that are based in a western bay community:

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Finalist</b>
Volunteer of the Year Award	Mel Gearon, Waihi Beach
Heart of the Community Award	Katch Katikati
Sustainable Future Award	Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust Ngapeke Permaculture Project

	Live Well Waihi Beach <b>(winner)</b>
Event Excellence Award	Anzac Bay Summer Kickoff Festival
Youth Spirit Award	Isla Willacy (head girl, Katikati College 2023)
People's Choice Award	Mel Gearon, Waihi Beach <b>(winner)</b>

In addition to these nominees and winners, other organisations that have a funding arrangement with WBOPDC were also nominated. These were The Incubator Creative Hub (Heart of the Community Award), and Flavours of Plenty (Event Excellence Award). Western Bay residents also benefit from the work of other awards finalists and winners like Wish for Fish, Multicultural Tauranga, AIMS Games and Placemakers Kids Fishing Competition.

4. The 2024 Awards were presented at the official awards night held at Baycourt on Thursday 21 March. The night included performances from local community based arts & music groups, the awards presentation, followed by a supper held on the main stage.
5. The Western Bay Community Awards are a great way to celebrate and highlight the community and volunteer work that is happening across the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty districts. The 2025 Awards will present another opportunity for volunteers and community organisations to be recognised for their significant efforts, and for the value they add.

## 10.2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING ACTIVITY UPDATE

**File Number:** A6291298

**Author:** Liesel Carnie, Community Outcomes Advisor

**Authoriser:** Rachael Davie, Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report is to provide an update on the Natural Environment and Sustainable Living Activity work programme. No decisions are required.

### BACKGROUND

2. The Natural Environment and Sustainable Living Activity was developed to help council provide strategic direction, identify priorities and achieve the districts environmental goals. Council engages numerous community groups and organisations to deliver programmes which will help council achieve a clean, green and valued environment.
3. The goals for this activity are:
  - increasing indigenous biodiversity
  - protecting important natural and cultural areas
  - having a lighter footprint
  - connecting people with the natural environment
  - making decisions to address the impacts of climate change.
4. A key approach to delivering this work programme is to provide funding and support to community led organisations to realise environmental outcomes. These organisations are well placed to deliver on the ground benefits and community led change. The following organisations will be presenting to provide background and context to our current approach, the outcomes these organisations can and have achieved and the value this adds to our district.
5. Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital is a co governed flagship for the national Ko Tātou, This Is Us programme. Their purpose is to build a team of regional biosecurity champions through awareness, connection, and capacity building. Council provides an annual grant to TMBC and has a representative on their leadership team.

Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital's presentation is attached to this report as **Attachment 1**.
6. Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust is a co governed trust which evolved from decades of mahi and discussions between agencies, stakeholder groups, iwi-hapū and

community about the future of the Kaimai Mamaku ranges. Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust aims to restore the mauri of the Kaimai Mamaku ranges. They currently deliver Iwi and Hapū led conservation projects across the ranges to protect and restore the biodiversity. Council engages regularly with Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust to provide support on a range of projects as and when is required.

Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust's presentation is attached to this report as **Attachment 2**.

7. Professor Bruce Clarkson leads an MBIE funded research programme People, Cities and Nature: restoring indigenous nature in urban environments. His research has had a direct impact on Hamilton gully restoration initiatives, harnessing the collective impact of both council and community.

Professor Bruce Clarkson's presentation is attached to this report as **Attachment 3**.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital**  
2. **Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust**  
3. **Professor Bruce Clarkson**  

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