

Rotorua Rural Community Board Update

Rotorua Rural Community Board – Plan on a page 2025-2026

Our purpose

To represent rural people and places, and to work with Council to achieve positive outcomes for rural areas

Our Vision

Rural communities that are prosperous, well-connected, and valued for their contribution to the district

Infrastructure is resilient & meets current and future needs

FY 2025 /26 initiatives

- Rural & Urban street improvements - investigate funding & workplan
- Roadside mowing schedule – is it fit for purpose and addressing safety concerns
- Road surfaces - Seal extension budget, resealing program
- Rural drainage & stormwater management

Safe rural communities with access to quality facilities & services

FY 2025/26 initiatives

- Our Community Halls are fit for purpose and well managed - work with council for positive outcomes for rural communities
- Regular RFS reporting to the board
- Further additions to CCTV network in rural areas where possible

Our natural & built environment is healthy & retains its unique rural character

FY 2025/26 initiatives

- RLC rating model – more information provided. Is it fair? (UAGC, targeted rates, etc)
- Rural zones – what are they and what are the rules.
- Rural character - Define/articulate this.
- What does a well-functioning rural environment look like?

Rural communities are resilient, connected, and well-informed

FY 2025/26 initiatives

- Prepare a communication & engagement plan for the board and build relationships with key stakeholders.
- Prepare a relationship accord between Council & board
- Natural hazards and flooding maps – who are affected communities?

Devolved Funding

- Review the funding Terms of Reference and allocation process annually
- Investigate the program of work planned for the rural area for the upcoming financial year

IDEAS OPEN FOR RURAL COMMUNITY FUNDING!



**THE ROTORUA RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD HAS FUNDING
AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS.**

**Got an idea about something that could benefit
your community? It needs to be ...**

- ▶ In a rural area within the Rotorua District
- ▶ Free and open to all members of the community
- ▶ Improving a council-owned asset (eq reserve, playground, council building, local road)

Devolved Funding

- First introduced in 2018.
- Funding transferred from Council to Community Boards to distribute, to support aspirations of Rural communities.
- \$125,000 distributed each financial year, per Community Board.
- Can only be used for Council owned assets

Devolved Funding 25/26 – Community Halls

- Waikite Valley Hall – 148 chairs (\$17,000)
- Mamaku Memorial Hall – 120 chairs & 12 tables (\$15,500)
- Kaharoa Community Hall – 60 chairs & sound system (\$8,500)
- Ngakuru Hall – blue tooth microphone (\$200)



Devolved Funding 25/26 – CCTV Cameras

- Mamaku – 1 camera (\$15,000)



Devolved Funding 25/26 – Parks and Reserves

- Public Safety & Rescue Equipment – Lake Rerewhakaiteu(\$1,410)
- Picnic tables - Rerewhakaiteu Domain (\$7,000)
- Picnic tables - Okaro Reserve (\$7,000)



Devolved Funding 25/26 – Reporoa Squash Club

- Levelling and metaling of carpark & removal of garden (\$15,000 + \$11,315)



Devolved Funding 25/26 – Unallocated

\$27,075 of the Devolved Fund was unallocated for this financial year.

We had two projects that were in progress for the period:

- one was too complex and had ongoing costs to council so was abandoned
- the other is still ongoing with community consultation underway, and may fall into this financial year.

The unallocated amount cannot be rolled over into the next financial year and remains unspent.



Questions?