



**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

Kaupapataka Agenda

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD

Date: Tuesday 15 September 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1

MEMBERSHIP

Chair

Mr Collins

Members

Mr Gilmour

Mr MacMillan

Ms Rothwell

Cr Brown

Quorum

3

**Andrew Moraes
Chief Executive**

ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS

Type of Committee	Independent Board
Subordinate Committees	N/A
Legislative Basis	Schedule 7 s30, Local Government Act 2002
Purpose	The purpose of the Community Board is to: • Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community • Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board • Maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community • Prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community • Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community • Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.
Membership	4 elected representatives 1 Council representative
Quorum	3
Meeting frequency	Monthly
Delegations	• Make submissions (as a Community Board) to any organisation relating to matters of interest to the Board in respect of the Board's area (a copy of any such submission is to be given to the Council's Chief Executive); • Represent the interests of the community at Council, Committee or Subcommittee meetings when a motion under debate relates to a matter that the Board considers being of particular interest to the residents within its community; • Consider matters referred to it by Officers of the Council, the Council, including reports relating to the provision of Council services within the Board's area, and make submissions or recommendations in response to those matters as appropriate. This will include: a) monitoring and keeping the Council informed of community aspirations and the level of satisfaction with services provided; b) providing input to the Council's Long-term Plan and Annual Plan; c) providing input to proposed District Plan changes; d) providing input to strategies, policies and plans that impact on the Board's area; and e) Providing input to bylaw changes that impact on the Board's area. • Council shall consult with the Board on issues that impact on the Rotorua Lakes Community Board's area and allow sufficient time for the Board's comments to be considered before a decision is made

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1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Tūtawa Mai

Tūtawa mai i runga

Tūtawa mai i raro

Tūtawa mai i roto

Tūtawa mai i waho

Kia tau ai te mauri tū

Te mauri ora, ki te katoa

Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Tūtawa Mai

I summon from above

I summon from below

I summon from within

I summon the surrounding environment

The universal vitality and energy to infuse and enrich all present

Enriched, unified and blessed

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Rotorua Lakes Community Board; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 TE PAPA KŌRERO MŌ TE TUAWHENUA HAPORI – LAKES COMMUNITY FORUM

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Rotorua Lakes Community Board Meeting held 18 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Minutes

**Rotorua Lakes Community Board meeting
held Tuesday 18 August 2026 at 1:00 pm
Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr Collins (Chair)
Mr Gilmour, Mr MacMillan, Ms Rothwell, Cr Brown

APOLOGIES: Cr Brown (lateness)

IN ATTENDANCE: Tina Rose
Susan Fairgray, m.e consulting Ltd, via Zoom

NO ATTENDANCE: n/a

STAFF PRESENT: D Cossar, Governance & Democracy Lead
R Dunn, Senior Governance & Democracy Advisor
Damon Mathfield, Manager – Spatial & Policy Planning
Simon Thurston, Senior Policy Planner
Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Recreation Partnership Advisor

The meeting opened at 1.00pm.

The Chairperson welcomed elected members, staff and members of the public.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Gilmour opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

“That the apologies from Cr Brown for lateness be received.”

Moved: Mr Collins
Seconded: Mr MacMillan
CARRIED

3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

The Chair ruled that the late item 7.6 “Eastern Tikitapu Circuit Track Upgrade” be heard next.

7.6 EASTERN TIKITAPU CIRCUIT TRACK UPGRADE
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report ‘Eastern Tikitapu Circuit Track Upgrade’ be received.

Moved: Mr Collins

Seconded: Ms Rothwell

CARRIED

Simon Alefosio-Tuck, Recreation Partnership Advisor overviewed the report and commented on the following points:

- The purpose of the track upgrade was to provide a quality, safer alternative to walking on the Tarawera roadside by upgrading the existing track, resurface the track to make it usable to a wider range of users, consolidate multiple track options and ensure the route is flood resistant.
- The upgrade work has been divided into three areas 1) Roadside work 2) Flood area 3) Steps by-pass area.
- Two of the three contractors have completed their work. i.e. roadside work and steps by-pass area. The flood area is due to be completed by the end of August 2026.
- The upgrades are in the section of the track from the Blue Lake Top 10 Holiday Park to the Tarawera Road carpark.

1) Roadside work

- The path next to the road had its original bench reinstated and raised with compacted gravel.
- This provided an improved walking surface wide enough to allow users to walk three abreast.

2) Flood area

- There are multiple track sections subject to flooding.
- The main track has been resurfaced to remove trip hazards e.g. rocks and roots.
- Walkers can now walk side by side.
- Where there were multiple sections of track these have been rationalised into flood proof alignment.

3. Step by pass area / lookout carpark

- A new section of the track has been built that passes behind the beach and continues up the hill to the carpark which makes it flood proof.
- The new section of the track gives access to and from the carpark/beach via a wide path free of steps.

Mr Collins asked if the improvements had change the DOC rating of the track.

Mr Alfresio-Tuck commented on the following points:

- The western side of the track also needs upgrading and this will be looked at in the next financial year. The rating of the track could be assessed when this work is completed.
- There has been a lot of positive community feedback received regarding the track improvements.
- The devolved funding allocated by the Lakes Community Board towards the track upgrades is much appreciated.

Action Point

That Mr Alfresio-Tuck create a communication package outlining the track upgrades/improvements to share with the Rotorua community.

4 TE PAPA KŌRERO MŌ TE TUAWHENUA HAPORI – LAKES COMMUNITY FORUM

4.1 LAKES COMMUNITY FORUM
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report ‘Lakes Community Forum’ be received.

Moved: Mr Collins

Seconded: Mr MacMillan

CARRIED

Head Start Pathway

At an Extraordinary Council meeting held on 7 August 2026, Council resolved to not enter into the Head Start Pathway and to not support entering into the Back Stop pathway.

Mr Collins commented on the following points:

- If a Head Start proposal was not submitted then the Council would fall into the Back Stop process.
- The board needs to look at different models to understand how a sub-unitary model could impact community boards.

Cr Barker commented on the following points:

- The Mayor has applied for an extension of time.
- The initial proposal was to create three unitary authorities e.g Western, Central and Eastern.

- There was an option to submit a proposal together with Tauranga City Council.

Mr MacMillan asked that a workshop on the Head Start Pathway been held prior to the boards meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2026.

Action Point

That Mr Collins and Mr Dunn schedule a combined Head Start Proposal workshop with the Rural Community Board before Tuesday 15 September 2025.

Tarawera Road Speed Review

Mr Collins commented on the following points:

- There are concerns around road safety with the new subdivisions being developed off Tarawera Road.
- A straw poll was conducted to get feedback around the current speed limits along Tarawera Road with the following results:
 - Option 1 – Retain current speed limit - 10% (19ppl)
 - Option 2 – Reduce the speed limit to 50kph to Forest Place - 86% (163ppl)
 - Option 3 - Reduce the speed limit to 50kph for the length of Tarawera Road. - 4% (7ppl)

Action Point

That the Lakes Community Board provide the RLC Transport team with the results from the straw poll and take these results to the next speed limit review.

Moved: Mr Collins

Seconded: Mr Gilmour

CARRIED

The Chair explained that the next community meeting will be held at Rotoiti.

Action Point

That Mitch Collins schedules the October Lakes Community Board meeting at Lake Rotoiti and that the northern lakes including Hamurana be invited.

The Chair ruled that item 7.7 “Lake Tarawera Community Group Proposal – Tarawera Community Hall” be heard next.

7.7	LAKE TARAWERA COMMUNITY GROUP PROPOSAL - TARAWERA COMMUNITY HALL
RECOMMENDATION	
1.	That the report ‘Lake Tarawera Community Group Proposal - Tarawera Community Hall’ be received.

Moved: Mr Gilmour

Seconded: Ms Rothwell

CARRIED

The Chair commented on the following points:

- The Tarawera Community Hall being used as an Emergency Management Hub.
- That Council and RLCB help out with the following:
 - Tarawera Sewerage Scheme installation cost targeted rate of \$36,600.
 - Support the connection of gas and the installation of a fireplace through the consent process.
 - Provide emergency planning and preparedness support (already underway)

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Rotorua Lakes Community Board Meeting held 16 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mr Gilmour

Seconded: Mr MacMillan

CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF THE ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Rotorua Lakes Community Board Meeting held 24 July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record as amended.

Amendment: In Attendance: Chris Gilmour (Chair, Hall Committee) amend to read Eden Gilmour (Chair, Hall Committee)

Moved: Ms Rothwell

Seconded: Mr Gilmour

CARRIED

6 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA - PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS

7.3 ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD - ACTIONS LIST AUGUST 2026
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report ‘Rotorua Lakes Community Board - Actions List August 2026’ be received.

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Ms Rothwell

CARRIED

Mr Dunn overview the item. The board asked that the following items be removed from Action List table:

- Recommend a suitable location to install a swimming pontoon at Lake Tikitapu – funding window closed.
- Hamurana Freedom Camping Parking – no funding allocated.
- Hamurana & Trout Pool roads/road marking & potholes– exact locations not identified.
- Rotomā/Rotoiti Climate Change Working Group/Mitch to become a member – completed.

The Chair explained that due to illness the item “Plan Change 8 Natural Hazards Decision” could not be heard at this meeting. The item has been moved to the next meeting being held Tuesday 15 September 2026 which the Rural Community Board have been invited to attend.

7.4 PLAN CHANGE 8 NATURAL HAZARDS DECISION
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report ‘Plan Change 8 Natural Hazards Decision’ be received.

7.5 REGIONAL SPATIAL PLANNING
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report ‘Regional Spatial Planning’ be received.

Attachments	
1	BoP Regional Spatial Plan & Rotorua Rural Socio-economic Assessment - Lakes Community Board - August 2026

Moved: Mr Gilmour

Seconded: Ms Rothwell

CARRIED

Damon Mathfield, Manager – Spatial & Policy Planning spoke to the presentation titled “BoP Regional Spatial Plan & Rotorua Socio-economic Assessment – Lakes Community Board – August 2026” (Attachment 1) and commented on the following points:

- A new Resource Management System is to be applied using a top down approach with national policy direction and standards at the top setting clear objectives and expectations. As directions are applied at regional and local levels the scope of the matters that can be regulated are intended to narrow.
- A combined regional and local government plan around spatial, natural environment and land use.
- The outcomes include a) Management of land and natural resources b) Concise policy direction c) Fewer plans that are focused on Regional level d) Fewer consents and permits.
- Regional Spatial Plans fill the gap in the planning hierarchy between national instruments and implementation.
- Spatial planning across the Bay of Plenty includes Rotorua Future Development Strategy, Smart Growth Strategy and Eastern Bay Spatial Plan.
- Commissioned to undertake a socio-economic assessment and trend analysis of Rotorua’s rural environment.
- Objective to produce a robust evidence base to inform the RSP process.
- Assessment identifies key areas for the RSP.
- Engage stakeholders as part of the process to share and verify findings from the assessment and incorporate key insights and knowledge from these groups.
- At a high level, structure can be broadly grouped into three key components – land use assessment, residential assessment and business activity.

Susan Fairgray, m.e consulting Ltd commented on the following points:

- Developed a spatial framework to divide rural environment into logical areas of analysis.
- Recognise differences between areas and how they may function in different ways.

Damon Mathfield commented on the following points:

- As expected, primary sector land uses make up most of activity across rural area. Similar portions in commercial forestry and dairy. Large amounts of other agriculture.

- District level map can see differences between southern areas (dairy and other agriculture focus plus commercial forestry) vs. northern areas where influence of proximity to urban environment is greater.
- As expected, primary sector land uses make up most of activity across rural area. Similar portions in commercial forestry and dairy. Large amounts of other agriculture.
- District level map can see differences between southern areas (dairy and other agriculture focus plus commercial forestry) vs. northern areas where influence of proximity to urban environment is greater.
- Significant amount across southern catchment, but more scattered and development patterns are different (1-2 dwellings at a time and different parts of the market).
- Residential uses will generate important trade-offs and have implications for RSP.
- Map shows high concentrations in areas around the lakes (greater than 50% of land area in some sub-catchments)

Mr Collins asked what does the Community Board need to contribute to.

Mr Mathfield commented on the methodology, next steps and are the right questions being asked

Action Point

That the Lakes Community Board hold a combined workshop with the Rural Community Board to discuss Regional Spatial Planning rural assessment.

7.3 LAKES REPORTS
RECOMMENDATION 1. That the report 'Lakes Reports' be received.

Moved: Mr Gilmour

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

The Chair tabled a letter from Neil Oppatt, Chairman, Lake Ōkareka Community Association asking for the Lakes Community Board's support and assistance in working with Rotorua Lakes Council to secure a suitable area of land within the RLC Works Depot in Vaughan Road for the proposed Rotorua Certified Biosecurity Decontamination Centre. (Attachment 1)

The request was forwarded to Stavros Michael, Group Manager, Infrastructure & Assets who explained that the Vaughan Road Depot sight is in the process of being evaluated to look at options to optimise its use and at this stage a Decontamination Centre can not be considered.

Action Points

- 1) That Neal Oppatt present to the next Lakes Community Board meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 and ask staff to suggest another suitable location that meets Council requirements.
- 2) Mr Dunn to follow up with Stewart Brown, Manager – Museum & Heritage to confirm a date that the Tarawera signage will be repaired.
- 3) That Rachel Doelman arrange maintenance work to be undertaken for the Unsworth Road bus shelter.
- 4) Mr Dunn to report back to the board with the name of the chairperson of the Dama Wallaby Eradication Group.

Mr Collins hand over the Chair to Mr Gilmour at 2.55pm.

8 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Gilmour closed the meeting with a karakia.

The Meeting closed at 2.56pm

To be confirmed at the Rotorua Lakes Community Board meeting on 15 September 2026.

Note: -Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council

6 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA – PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 William Anaru, Te Arawa Lakes Trust – “Trust Operations reset”
- 6.2 Neil Oppatt – “National Freshwater Biosecurity”

7 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PLAN CHANGE 8 NATURAL HAZARDS DECISION

Doc ID:

Prepared by: Rick Dunn, Senior Governance & Democracy Advisor

Approved by: Greg Kieck, Manager, Governance, Strategy & Compliance

Attachments: 1. Plan Change 8 Natural Hazards

1. TE PŪTAKE PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Rotorua Lakes Community Board, via a presentation at the meeting, on the Plan Change 8 Natural Hazards decision, summarising the change to the District Plan as a result of that decision.

HE TŪTOHUNGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report 'Plan Change 8 Natural Hazards Decision' be received.

2. TE TĀHUHU BACKGROUND

The changes to PC8 Natural Hazards aim to improve how we manage natural hazard risks throughout the district through the Rotorua District Plan, including in the Lakes A Zone, from flooding, active fault rupture, land stability (slope stability, liquefaction and soft soils), geothermal hazards and wildfire.

Rotorua Lakes Council is required to review its District Plan every ten years. There have also been updates to hazard mapping that mean that some hazard maps and rules in the District Plan are now out-of-date.

Plan Change 8 aims to update the District Plan to better manage risks associated with natural hazards. It also aims to ensure that natural hazard management methods are effective and do not impose unnecessary costs.

Plan Change 8 updates guiding objectives and policies for all natural hazards but only considers and proposes rule changes for the following natural hazards: flooding, wildfire, active faults, land stability from ground condition hazards (liquefaction and soft soils) and slope stability, and geothermal hazards.

Following public consultation, submissions opened 19 July 2025 and closed 8 September 2025. Hearings were held May 2026 with a decision being released July 2026.

Plan Change 8 – Natural Hazards

Decision

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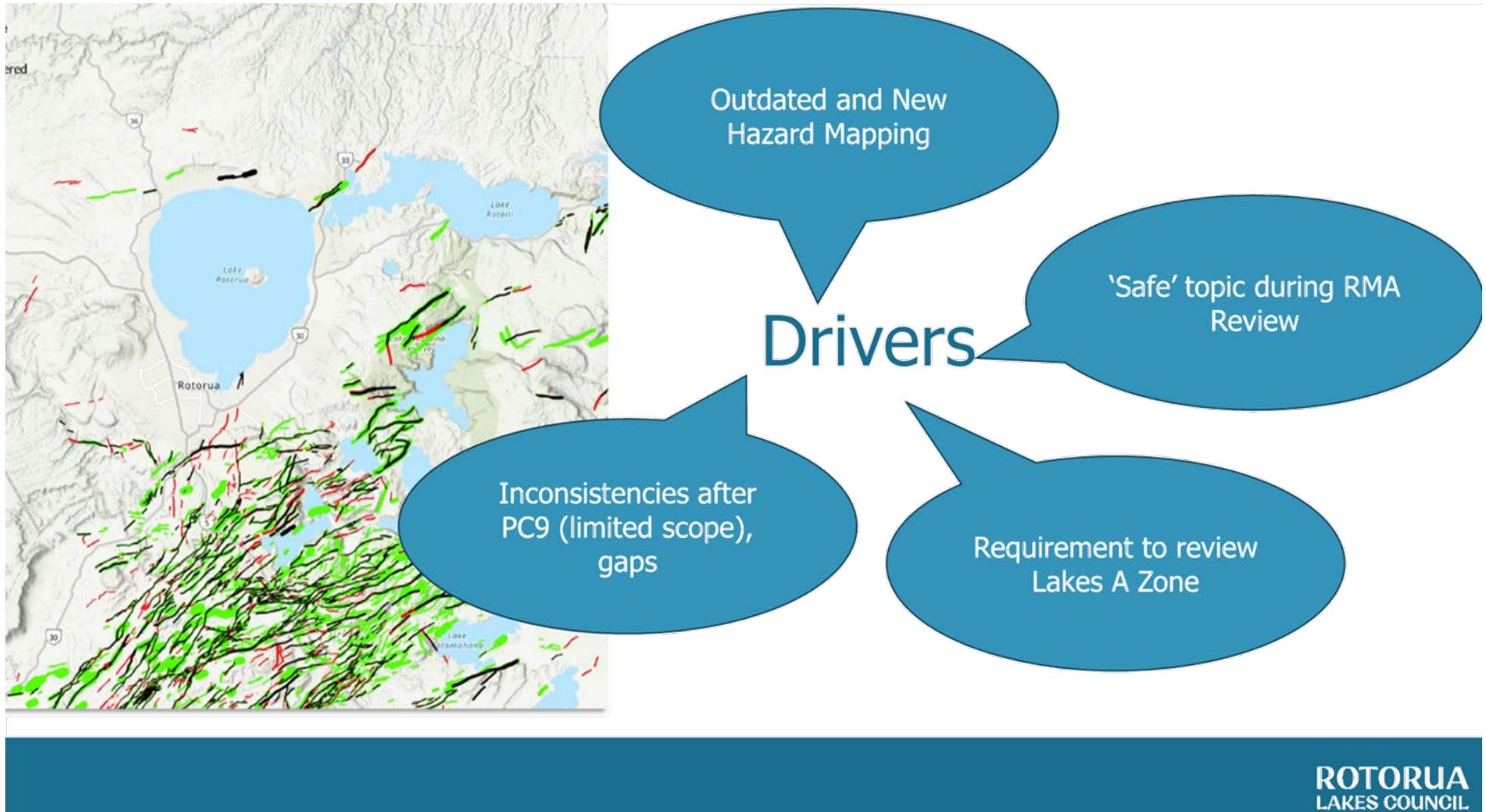


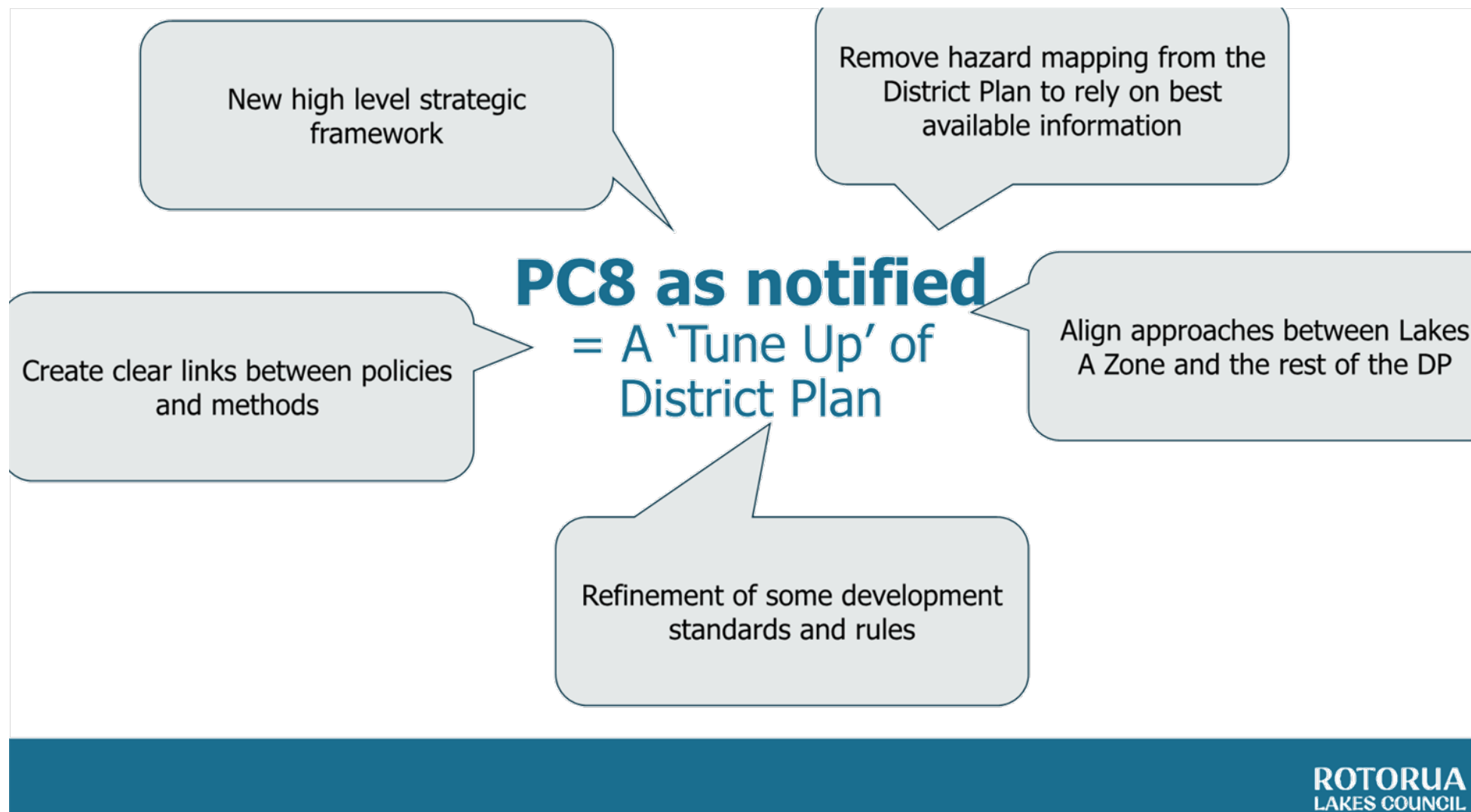
PC8 Scope

- Flooding
- Wildfire
- Fault Rupture
- Ground Conditions – Liquefaction & Soft Soils
- Slope Stability
- Geothermal

But not:

- Volcanic Hazards
- Stormwater discharge requirements
- Storage of hazardous substances
- Vegetation disturbance rules
- Dam safety design





Strategic Objectives and Policies

- New set of strategic objectives and policies
- Based on **achieving acceptable risk, resilience to climate change** and **best practice principles** for risk assessment.

Land Stability – Key Changes

- Remove soft soil and landslide susceptibility maps from the District Plan (still on Geyserview)
- Refinement to earthwork standards and exceptions.



Geothermal – Key Changes in Decision

- Kept geothermal system maps in the District Plan
- Extension of requirement for assessment of geothermal hazards and mitigation options to be submitted at BC **or PIM** stage for new buildings and larger additions to all geothermal systems.
- Now also required where change in use or conversion of non-habitable rooms to habitable rooms if building inside geothermal systems (if PIM or BC required)



Wildfire – Key proposed changes

Key proposed changes included the following:

- a. Firefighting water supply requirements for Rural Zones and Lakes A Zone were proposed to extend to land use activities in more developed areas – papakāinga, the Rural 2 and Rural 3 Zones, and the Settlement and Bush Settlement Management Areas – and to no longer apply to the Rural 1 or Reserve 1 (Conservation) zones.
- b. In these zones requirements would be made more consistent between subdivision and land use.
- c. This meant that new habitable buildings and changes of use would require firefighting water supply- this is usually water storage tanks.
- d. A new policy was developed that sought to encourage (rather than require) further consideration and mitigation of wildfire through subdivision design in rural zones and at the urban-rural fringe.
- The Commissioners accepted FENZ's rationale for extending firefighting water supply requirements beyond the Rural 2 and 3 zones to the Rural 1 and Conservation Reserve zones, and carried this through to the Lakes A Settlement provisions.

There is now a new wildfire policy to give effect to:

NH-P5

Mitigate the risks of wildfire associated with land use and subdivision by:

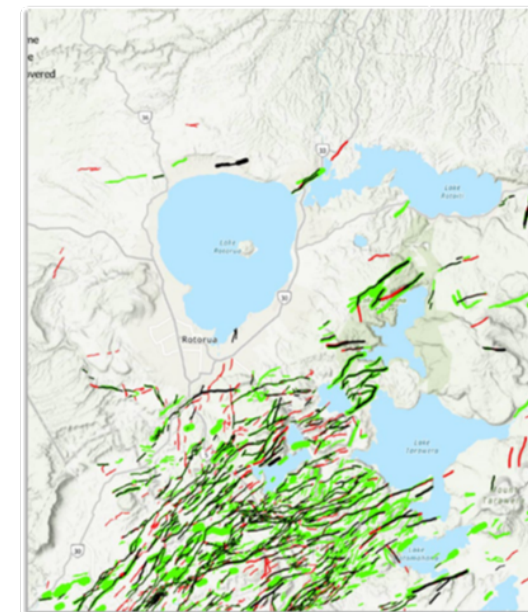
- *Requiring firefighting water supply for subdivision and activities in rural, conservation and more densely populated zones and papakāinga to reduce the risk of wildfire.*
- *Encouraging subdivision design in the above zones to consider the potential risks of wildfire and, where appropriate, include measures that may help reduce the risks. Such measures may include:*
 - *identifying suitable locations for building platforms and accessways that reduce exposure to wildfire hazards and facilitate egress;*
 - *facilitating access for emergency services; and*
 - *choice and location of plant species in relation to buildings and accessways to reduce the risk of fire spreading.*

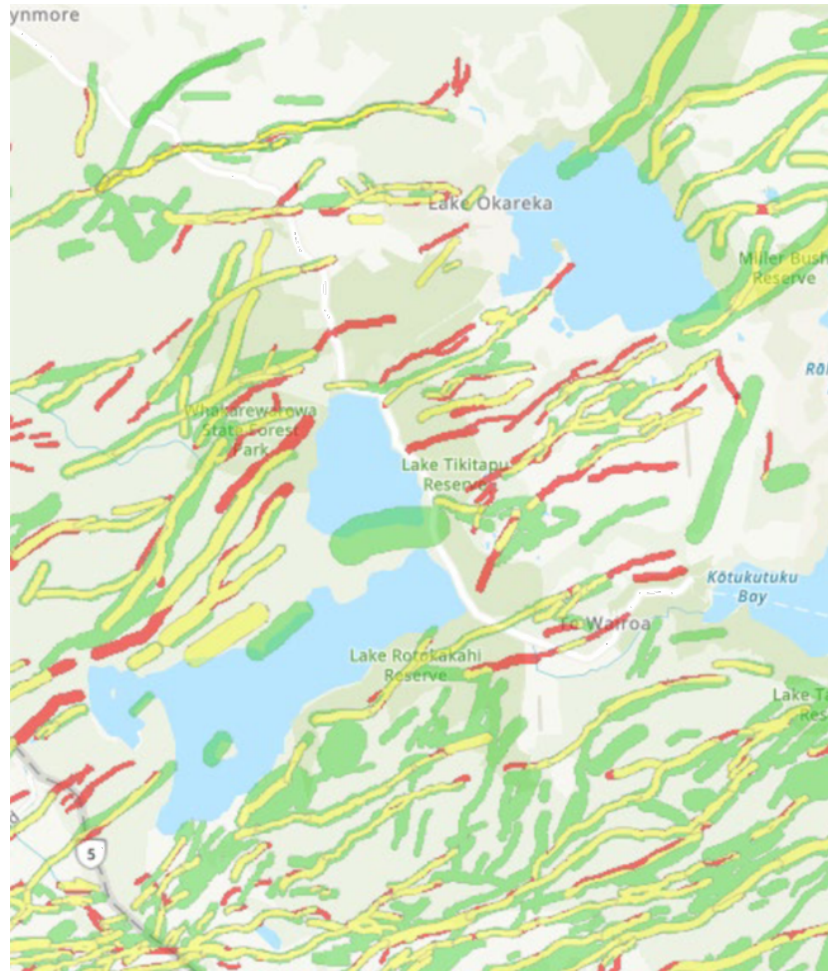
Flooding – Key Changes in Decision

- Flood maps stay outside the District Plan
- NH-R4 'tweaked' and extended to Lakes A Zone: two-pronged approach to flood-prone areas (minimum floor levels in lower flood hazard areas and risk assessment in higher flood hazard areas), uses depths in 1%AEP level with climate change for thresholds.
- New consent trigger incorporated into NH-R4: change in building importance category (e.g. garage conversion to a residential unit).
- New land use rule and earthworks standards for changing the entry/exit point of an overland flowpath or catchment size

Active Faults – Key Changes in Decision

- Remove the outdated fault maps from the District Plan
- New "defined" hazard areas: "Fault Rupture Hazard Area" and "Possible Fault Rupture Hazard Area".
- Expectation is that Geysserview/NZAFD used to identify in these areas.
- Refinement in rules – still focused on new buildings but better target risk
- Extension of approach to Lakes A Zone.





Acacia Road Peninsula

- Many submissions
- District Plan focuses on new buildings and replacements – additions and alterations a building code issue
- Parallel work to investigate RI using landform analysis then feasibility of trenching to refine RI.

7.2 LAKES REPORTS

Doc ID:

Prepared by: Rick Dunn, Senior Governance & Democracy Advisor

Approved by: Greg Kieck, Manager, Governance, Strategy & Compliance

Attachments: Nil

**1. TE PŪTAKE
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this item is to provide the Rotorua Lakes Community Board feedback from board members representing Lakes Community Associations.

**HE TŪTOHUNGA
RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the report 'Lakes Reports' be received.**

**2. TE TĀHUHU
BACKGROUND**

**3. TE TĀHUHU
BACKGROUND**

The Rotorua Lakes Community Boards Delegations identifies the purpose of the board which includes:

- To represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

The Lakes Community Board have recognised the importance of the Lakes Community Associations and the roles they play within their communities.

To assist the board in their role to represent and communicate with community organisations the board has introduced an initiative where board members have been asked to represent an individual Community Association.

This will allow a direct link between the Lakes Community Board and Community Associations which will provide a mechanism for information sharing between the organisations and to discuss potential devolved funding opportunities.

Community Board members will communicate directly with the Community Associations and attend their monthly meeting and provide feedback to the Lakes Community Board at their monthly meetings.

The following table lists the community board members and community association they will be working with:

Lakes Community Board member	Community Association
Cr Gregg Brown	Lake Ōkāreka
George Gilmour	Lake Tarawera
Peter MacMillan & Jennifer Rothwell	Hamurana & Rotoiti
Mitch Collins	Rotomā & Rotoehu

- East Rotoiti and Rotomā Sewerage Scheme - Notice of project closure for unconnected properties - Mitch Collins

7.3 DEVOLVED FUNDING FOR THE FY2026-2027

Doc ID:

Prepared by: Rick Dunn, Senior Governance & Democracy Advisor

Approved by: Greg Kieck, Manager, Governance, Strategy & Compliance

Attachments: 1. Devolved Funding for the FY2026-2027

**1. TE PŪTAKE
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Rotorua Lakes Community Board to assist members to track the allocation of Devolved Funding for the 2026-2027 financial year.

**HE TŪTOHUNGA
RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report 'Devolved Funding for the FY2026-2027' be received.

**2. TE TĀHUHU
BACKGROUND**

**3. TE TĀHUHU
BACKGROUND**

Devolved funding was introduced in 2018 and is funding that is transferred to the community boards from Council. The fund is to support aspirations of the communities and aligns with the priorities of each community board. Each community board administers a total of \$125,000 of devolved funding each financial year. Funding can only be used for Council owned assets i.e. anything that is on Council owned land such as reserves and playgrounds, Council buildings and local roads. Funding is allocated by the community boards and then administered by Council officers who organise the purchasing and installation of any items.

The Rotorua Lakes Council "Participate" platform has been developed to allow Community Associations and individual members of the community to complete a Lakes Community Board Devolved Funding Application. The board will assess all applications and consider allocating funding if the application/s fall within the boards funding priorities.

The priorities of the Lakes Community Board are as follows:

- Infrastructure
- Civil Defence

Examples of things that have been funded in the past:

- CCTV cameras
- Playground items for a reserve
- School bus shelters
- Fridges, heat pumps, ovens, tables and chairs for community halls
- Community toilet block
- Defibrillators at community locations
- Picnic tables and benches

Any funding allocated will not go directly to a community member or group, it will be administered by council **staff**.

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Devolved Funding 2026/2027 = \$125,000pa

No.	Capital Expenditure Project	Approved (\$)	Date approved	Completed	Balance (\$)
	n/a	Nil			\$125,000

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Devolved Funding 2025/2026 = \$125,000pa

No.	Capital Expenditure Project	Approved (\$)	Date approved	Completed	Balance (\$)
1.	Lake Tikitapu Walkway Improvements	\$125,000	21 April 2026		\$0.00

Note:

- The board agreed to discuss/allocate devolved funding for the 2025/26 financial year following the 2025 Local Elections.
- Because there were less nominations received than vacancies there is currently a by-election underway. Voting opens 30 January 2026 and closes 3 March 2026. The inaugural board meeting will be held 24 March 2026.

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Devolved Funding 2024/2025 = \$125,000pa

No.	Capital Expenditure Project	Approved (\$)	Date approved	Completed	Balance (\$)
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1.	Upgrade boat trailer parking area Hamurana Reserve	\$38,000	14/10/24	Yes	\$87,000
2.	Swimming pontoon at Lake Ōkāreka	\$30,000 (21,882)	14/10/24	New board to engage with the community re. the location	\$65,118
3.	Install more bench seats at Hamurana Reserve	\$1k to \$1.5k to install. Total \$2 - \$2.5k each (3,153)	25/03/25	Under action	\$61,965
4.	Purchase & install "soft fall surfaces" under swings/slides the Oxford St & Tamatea St playgrounds at Lake Rotomā.	TBC (42,000)	29/04/25	Wiremu to update	\$19,965

Emailed Rob P whether there have been any projects identified that the devolved funding balance can be allocated to.

7.4 ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD - ACTIONS LIST SEPTEMBER 2026

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Attachments: 1. Rotorua Lakes Community Board 2026/27 Actions List

**1. TE PŪTAKE
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this item is to provide the Rotorua Lakes Community Board members updated information around the status of projects listed on the boards action items schedule.

**HE TŪTOHUNGA
RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the report 'Rotorua Lakes Community Board - Actions List September 2026' be received.**

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Rotorua Lakes Community Board 2026

Actions List:

	Meeting date	Details	By who	Comments	Completed
1.	19 May 2026	Lake Tarawera swimming pontoon – reposition closer to the shore line.	Tina Harris-Ririnui	Under action. Report back 17 September.	
2.	24 July 2026	Follow up on the trees surrounding the Community Hall and whether the community can contract an arborist to remove them or allow for the community centre to organise.	Rob Pitkethley	Under action. Report back 17 September.	

8 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Kia whakairia te tapu
 Kia wātea ai te ara
 Kia turuki whakataha ai
 Kia turuki whakataha ai
 Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Restrictions are moved aside
 So the pathway is clear
 To return to every day activities
 To return to every day activities
 Allied, enriched, unified, and blessed