



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

Minutes

**Rural Community Board meeting
held Tuesday 14 March 2023, 1.00pm
in Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr Ben Hollier, Chair Mr Colin Guyton, Deputy Chair Ms Rachel Clark Cr Karen Barker
APOLOGIES:	Anker Hansen Deb Cossar
IN ATTENDANCE:	Phill Thomass
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Chris Paterson, Kaharoa Community Association Rachel Mathews, Mamaku Community Association Tina Rose, Mamaku Community Association
STAFF PRESENT:	Rick Dunn, Governance & Democracy Advisor Greg Kieck, Manager Corporate Planning & Strategy Alex Barrett, Engagement & Relationships Specialist

The meeting opened at 1:02pm
The Chair welcomed Board members, staff and the public.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Barker opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 PROVERB – WHAKATAUKI

Mr Guyton presented the Whakatauki:

- He kaha ake te korero a te mahi I nga kupu – actions speak louder than words

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Tina Rose, Mamaku Community Association commented on the following points:

- Acknowledged the work undertaken to date by Rotorua Lakes Council (RFS662566)
- The open drain in Mamaku Street has large hole in it which is a health & safety and environmental risk. A request for service (RFS) has been lodged.
No response has been received.
- A RFS (664130) has been lodged for an update on the earthquake building status of the Mamaku Hall.
No response has been received.
- A RFS (RAMM #35-10442) has been lodged to seal/repair a piece of road near the kissing gate, Mamaku Street.
No response has been received.
- A RFS has been lodge for a copy/access of the Mamaku Civil Defence Plan.
No response has been received.
- The drain opposite the “rail cruising” sight is a “trip” hazard (RAMM #35-16980)
- Ref. email received from Kelly Harland:
 - To consider reducing the speed limit to 50kph into Mamaku Village from South Road & improve signage.
 - The visibility of the “stop” sign onto South Road is poor & needs improving.
 - Multiply families living in Tawhero West have children walking to Mamaku School. There are no footpaths. They are crossing the road at the “stop” sign coming out of South Road where traffic coming into the village is travelling at 100kph. The speed limit needs to be reduced.
- Have asked for feedback from Mamaku School, parents & children around speed limits around the school area.

Mr Thomass commented that there has been a “Rural School Road Safety Review” completed for RLC & Waka Kotahi.

ACTION POINT: Locate the Rural School Road Safety Review & distribute to members. (Rick)

Rachel Mathews expressed concern that review of speed limits had been pushed out to 2024/2027 & the contractors won't drive down Tawhero Street West to collect rubbish & resident have to push their bins over the road for collection.

Chris Paterson provided an update on the Kaharoa communities Emergency Management Plan and commented on the following points:

- The existing Neighbourhood Support Group network provides a comprehensive support service
- There is a community register that lists nurses & engineers etc.
- The local community are aware of where their infrastructure is located e.g. water supply.

ACTION POINT: Discuss Emergency Management Planning: Ben Hollier, Chris Paterson, Tina Rose & Linda Johnstone, Civil Defence & Emergencies Co-ordinator to respond.

Ben asked community members to forward devolved funding ideas to the committee for their consideration e.g. Mamaku Hall improvements

4 NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

That the apologies for Mr Hansen & Deb Cossar be accepted.

Moved: Mr Hollier

Seconded: Cr Barker

CARRIED

5 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 14 FEBRUARY 2023

Resolved

“That the minutes of the Rural Community Board meeting held 14 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record”.

Moved: Mr Hollier

Seconded: Cr Barker

CARRIED

7 NGĀ PŪRONGO Ā-WAHA VERBAL UPDATES

7.1 Mamaku Toilet progress.

Mr Hollier gave a verbal update & commented on the following points:

- A resource consent exemption has been granted.
- A building consent exemption is under action.
- The toilet unit is due to arrive March 2023.
- Installation will take approximately 1 week.

7.2 Devolved Funding – next steps.

Mr Kieck commented on the following points.

- The annual devolved fund of \$125k is still available to allocate.
- The board needs to decide on their funding priorities.
- Possible projects for devolved funding:
 - CCTV camera installations. An individual camera can cost up to \$50k each.
 - School road safety initiatives. The Rural Schools Road Safety Programme prioritised schools that were in most need of road safety improvements.
 - Bus shelters. There is a need for refurbishment however there is no funding available from Waka Kotahi or Ministry of Education. Ngakuru School have requested two bus shelters. Approximate cost is \$15k plus installation.
 - Community halls. There are 9 community halls, 7 are in rural areas. Installing heat pumps is an option for the board. The estimated cost for each unit is between \$5k & \$10k. New kitchen stoves is also an option.

Resolved:

“That the Rotorua Rural Community Board allocate Devolved Funding for Community Hall improvements and Rural School Road Safety improvements.”

Moved: Mr Hollier

Seconded: My Guyton

CARRIED

7.3 Annual Plan update

Mr Hollier provided a verbal update & commented on the following points:

- Both the Rural & Lakes Community Boards were invited to an Annual Plan forum held on March 2023.
- Council will discuss potential reduction in levels of service at their meeting on 22 March 2023.
- Submissions & feedback from the community from 11 April to 12 May 2023.
- The need to engage with communities and encourage participation.
- Discussion points will be brought back to the board at a future meeting.
- The consultation document will list what is proposed and why.
- The impacts of cost of living, wages, inflation & interest rates are impacting on all businesses.

8 NGĀ MAHI E HAERE TONU ANA CONTINUING ACTIONS

8.1 Schedule of Continuing Actions

a) Items raised at Rural Community Board meetings:

	Subject	For action by	Updates	Status
1	Mamaku - Speed humps	Ben Hollier Cr Karen Barker	Look at the possibility of installing speed humps in Mamaku.	Ongoing.

			Community safety issues in conjunction with Anaru Pewhairangi & Police – update.	
2	Community Support Network	Ben Hollier Chris Paterson	Host “Community Support Network” for all rural areas. Messenger group started. Shared learnings with communities. Dashboard for RFS’s being developed.	Ongoing
3	Rural School Road Safety review	Ben Hollier Rick Dunn	Locate & distribute to members & community members.	By 18 April 2023
4	Emergency Management Planning	Ben Hollier Rick Dunn Tina Rose Chris Paterson Linda Johnstone	Discuss Emergency Management Planning with a view for Mamaku community to introduce their plan.	Ongoing

9 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Hollier closed the meeting with a Karakia at 1.58pm.