Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

21 September 2026

7pm, McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

Present were Jennifer (Chair), Sue (Treasurer), Andrew Quarrie (Rongotea RSA), James McKelvie (MDC), Fraser (Secretary), Hilary and Annie.

Apologies were received from Sam.

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming, with special mention to Andrew.

The minutes of the last meeting (August 17, 2026) were accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by Hilary, seconded by Annie.

Matters arising included:

Library Lights

Jennifer confirmed that the lights have been installed in the library. The librarians are very pleased.

Hall cladding

The new cladding on the exterior of the hall still needs painting. Annie, Sam, Pip, and Hilary have all expressed a willingness to assist. The committee also suggested approaching Tom Walker and Ray O'Leary. Hilary will organise a time after the 7th of November.

Hall hireage rates

Currently the rate is $100 per day (based on 9am-5pm duration). Discretion is often applied for early or late access, or multi-day hires. The committee agreed to simplify the rates to $100 per day or part thereof.

Christmas Competition

Jennifer has started planning the letterbox competition. The boat club has been approached to assist with prizes. (last year there were two $350 prizes which was VERY generous). The competition will run from the 7th of December to the 21st.

Hilary suggested approaching the gun club for a prize. Annie will ask the Fire brigade.

Two items of **correspondence** were received from Hannah Tokona, the Emergency Management Officer at MDC.

> *Tangimoana School is still confirmed as one of the 12 sites included in the Community Resilience Programme. Since my last email, we have worked through the funding agreements, procurement process, technical requirements and appointment of the contractor across all the sites. Trudy has just this week met with the electrician who visited the site to confirm bits and pieces before the install occurs.*
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> *The battery system at Tangimoana School is expected to be installed by the end of October at the latest. It will connect with the school's existing solar system and provide backup power for agreed essential services during an outage.*
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> *It has taken longer to reach this point than I expected but the project is progressing and Tangimoana School remains firmly included. It is very exciting!*

Also received:

> *I am currently developing the new Community Response and Recovery Plan templates for all the villages, including Tangimoana. These will include the detailed local information the committee want in there, such as Tangimoana's risks, what could happen during an emergency, local arrangements, evacuation information, how people can prepare and where they can get trusted updates and support.*
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> *Would you be happy for me to send the Tangimoana committee the first draft of the new plan to review? I will have this ready by the end of September at the latest. This will give you the opportunity to check the local information, fill any gaps and help shape the final version. Once it has been finalised, I can arrange for it to be printed and it can be delivered to every letterbox.*
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> *The plans are reviewed every 3 years, so we are slightly ahead of schedule as Tangimoana's was completed only 2 years ago. However, this is a great opportunity to make sure Tangimoana's voice is reflected and the plan matches how things would actually operate in the village during an emergency.*

Sue delivered the **Treasurer's Report**.

The opening balance was $4615.63.

Power bills totalled $118.25.

There was a hall hire for $300.00.

The Closing balance is $4797.38.

Genesis Energy have been approached about improving the smart meter antennae.

Cr. James McKelvie delivered the **MDC report.**

At the last MDC meeting, it was decided not to proceed with a permanent town centre covered area. A marquee will be erected to assess the communities use of such a structure.

The Ōtara bridge to Ohingaiti is damaged and is open but with a 6 tonne weight restriction and a 10km/hr speed limit. There is an inspection on Wednesday.

Community Committees should be aware that issues raised in the minutes of Community Meetings will not necessarily be recorded and raised at Council meetings. James recommends increased use of the Antenno app to log issues.

There were items of **General Business**, including;

Hall upgrades

We now have our own village playgroup, and Stacey McLaughlin (Community and Youth Coordinator – MDC) has offered to assist with outstanding building compliance for the Building WOF.

A quote will be put together for outstanding items and likely involving a compliance officer, Green by Nature and TCC representatives.

Hilary noted concerns around potential future development of the hall and the undermining of these unrelated works.

Fraser reminded the committee that there were no plans for development at this stage, not from the library or the committee itself.

Jennifer noted that there is still approx. $2300 still available in MDC funding and a large portion of this will get the compliance items addressed with some money left over.

Memorial to Private Webby

Andrew demonstrated the RSA suggested memorial, a steel silhouette. Various sizes and designs are offered and the committee is encouraged to pick their own, with some recommendations on pose, uniform and material thickness.

Andrew recommends a budget of $1000, with the RSA offering $200 to get us started. The committee expressed gratitude for the donation.

The committee discussed designs and locations before agreeing that a separate meeting be held to confirm the details.

Annie noted that this idea was raised before, but consents for ground preparation stalled progress. The committee is hopeful that this won't be an issue this time.

The RSA can also provide details and contacts for a display board to accompany the memorial, and provide information about Private Webby, Tangimoana's only fallen soldier.

Andrew recommended contacting any relatives of Private Webby, and to work towards next ANZAC day (2027) for unveiling.

Newsletter History

Annie asked if there was any progress on the local history being included in the newsletter. Jennifer noted that there were so many submissions this month, there was no room for any history.

Hilary noted there was a box of old newsletters in the library.

Jennifer asked if the committee would mind using funds to print the newsletter. Sue will arrange free printing.

Hall Access Ramps

Sue has all the information regarding compliance and accessibility with regards to ramps should the development plans or library access plans come to fruition.

Tragedy and Rāhui

Fraser acknowledged the recent boat capsize and two deaths at the bar crossing, the local involvement in the rescue efforts and the subsequent Rāhui. Annie asked for a moment's silence. This was observed.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 7:52pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 19 October at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.