

MEETING MINUTES	
CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE	TIME
TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025	9.00 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee held on Tuesday 30 September 2025, which commenced at 9.00 am at Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Ben Caldwell Chairperson
Sue James
Kim Savage
Michelle Thompson
Cr Alison Short

APOLOGIES: Karis Evans, Cr Colin McFadzean

IN ATTENDANCE: Steph Skinner Governance & Strategy Officer

CCA 22-25/085

MEETING OPENING

CCA 22-25/086

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Karis Evans and Cr Colin McFadzean be approved.

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Kim Savage

CARRIED (5-0)

CCA 22-25/087

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held 29 April 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Kim Savage

Seconded by: Sue James

CARRIED (5-0)

CCA 22-25/088

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member Ben Caldwell – Application 4 - In Our Twenties

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PRESENTATION – APPLICATION 4 - EMBRACING THE TIDES: PROTECTING MOANA - ALISSA DYER

- Alissa's background is Marine Biology, and she is excited to bring this into schools, sparking the curiosity in youth. Student involvement is key to what Alissa is trying to achieve.
- She paints marine environments in the evening.
- Getting Marine awareness and knowledge out to the community. The front zone will be at the Feilding Art Society and the second zone building shadow boxes from marine rubbish and natural marine items. Using these resources for people to make their own creations. Transforming waste into something wonderful.
- This initiative expands on her scope and project in Levin last year.

CCA 22-25/091

PRESENTATION – APPLICATION 2 - HEIDI & SEAN SHOW

- Sarah Gilbertson from Feilding and District Promotion (FDP) was present to talk about bringing this show to the Christmas Carnival. The show hasn't been in our district for a very long time.
- There will be three shows on the parade day and there is a lot of crowd interaction and participation.
- On the day a lot of the activities are paid entertainment, so this show is FDP's way to provide something for free to the community.

CCA 22-25/092

PRESENTATION – APPLICATION 3 - BEAUTIFICATION AND IDENTIFY MURAL - KARYN GILES

- The idea is to make Kiwitea school look loved and amazing. They will be working with Joe McMenamin.
- The students will be able to design their own kiwi and put their artwork on the wall.
- Joe will also come in and do a painting day for the whole school. Indie, year 8 student talked about how excited all the students are to be painting their kiwi,

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and we showed a video of her and some friends working out where the mural and kiwis will be going.

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PRESENTATION – APPLICATION 1 - AFFORDABLE ART CLASSES - ERIS NEWSON

- Eris brought some Gumboot graffiti from her students to show the Committee.
- The art classes are about nurturing creativity, art growth and research in students.
- They will be touching up the Christmas wreaths which go on the clock tower and making Christmas themed harakeke decorations, learning basic weaving skills.
- The student's art competition coming up this term.
- She has another art teacher lined up to assist with the number of students. She also wants to mentor senior art students to build their confidence to run some of the classes. Hoping to hold a 5th art class next term, to take the overflow of students.
- Encouraging her older students 11+ to explore – that nothing must be perfect and introduced the ugly art gallery. Eris challenges their thinking and perception of perfection.

CCA 22-25/094

ROUND 1 2025 -26 CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Report of the General Manager – Community dated 1 September 2025 to assess and determine five applications which have been received for Round 1 of the 2025/26

Creative Communities Funding Scheme. Five were received in total.

- Application 1- Affordable Art Classes
- Application 2- Heidi & Sean Show
- Application 3- Beautification and Identify Mural
- Application 4- In Our Twenties
- Application 5- Embracing the tides: Protecting Moana

RESOLVED

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$1937.69 (inclusive of GST) to Application 5- Embracing the tides: Protecting Moana, to be funded by Round 1 of the 2025/26 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

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Moved by: Ben Caldwell

Seconded by: Sue James

CARRIED (5-0)

RESOLVED

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$6240.00 (exclusive of GST) to Application 1- Affordable Art Classes, to be funded by Round 1 of the 2025/26 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

Moved by: Michelle Thompson

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (5-0)

RESOLVED

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$3558.53 (exclusive of GST) to Application 3- Beautification and Identify Mural, to be funded by Round 1 of the 2025/26 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

Moved by: Sue James

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (5-0)

RESOLVED

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$2284.00 (exclusive of GST) to Application 2- Heidi & Sean Show, to be funded by Round 1 of the 2025/26 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

Moved by: Ben Caldwell

Seconded by: Michelle Thompson

CARRIED (5-0)

Due to a conflict of interest, Chair Ben Caldwell left the table and Deputy Chairperson, Kim Savage assumed the Chair at 10.07am.

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RESOLVED

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$240.00 (inclusive of GST) to Application 4 – In our Twenties to be funded by Round 1 of the 2025/26 Creative Communities Funding Scheme, subject to confirmation being received that the Manawatu Resident lives in our District and budget clarification – confirming costs v's income.

Moved by: Kim Savage

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (4-0)

Ben Caldwell resumed the Chair at 10.16am.

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CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

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PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

There is no public excluded business.

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MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.16 am.

Meeting Video

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The minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 30 September 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record by Chief Executive Shayne Harris and Chair Ben Caldwell, as required at the conclusion of the 2022–2025 Triennium.



Chair Ben Caldwell
Creative Communities Assessment Committee



Chief Executive Shayne Harris
Manawātū District Council

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