

# WHERE'S IT @ RANGITĪKEI



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**RANGITĪKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Misty

## Key Choice 1

### Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Ngā Iwi o Mōkai Pātea Services Trust Governance Board

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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**  
Not Applicable

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**  
Not Applicable

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**  
Not Applicable

### Further comments:

Nga Iwi O Mokai Patea Services Trust have been working on a collaborative project with Whanganui Regional Health Network, Taihape Health Limited and Taihape Health Trust to improve the current Taihape Rural Health Centre / Old Taihape Hospital site and bring the Taihape Medical Centre/health Limited together with the Mokai Patea Services Whanau Ora Unit and other interested health providers under one roof.

We put forward the following submission:

- That council considers supporting this initiative by providing manpower and resource to maintain the grounds and gardens of the new site
  - o That the provision of these services be factored into year two of this current long-term plan and be implemented
  - That council consider offering support via a loan system
- IF NEEDED to help given all parties (Taihape Health Trust, Mokai Patea Services, Taihape Health Ltd and Whanganui Regional Health Network) are Community Trusts and not-for-profit organisations.



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## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Nicole Greensides

**Organisation/Tōpūtanga (if applicable):**

Nga Tawa School

### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

This is useful for schools.

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Penny Daddy

**Organisation/Tōpūtanga (if applicable):**  
Nga Tawa Diocesan

## Key Choice 1

### Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

#### Comments about opening the Marton Pool:

swimming is such a good exercise and the health benefits are amazing for all the public ensuring people can train all year round and recuperate after surgery or if over weight as the exercise is non weight bearing. Students can also develop fitness to compete in chosen field at national level or else they have to drop it as a sport. This will have benefits for all the schools in the area. As NZ is surrounded by water it is imperative all kids learn to swim. Hence i strongly urge the pool be open all year. it also helps those working there to have stable employment.

## Key Choice 2

### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

#### Comments about Kerbside Collection:

## Key Choice 3

### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

#### Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:

#### Further comments:

#### Attachments:



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## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Peter Kipling-Arthur

**Organisation/Tōpūtanga (if applicable):**  
TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD

### Key Choice 1

#### Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

#### Comments about opening the Marton Pool:

The TCB thought that having at least one pool open in the region would be good. AT present many of our residents who would swim or participate in classes have to look at arranging use of the Waiouru pools.

### Key Choice 2

#### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

#### Comments about Kerbside Collection:

Although many residents have in the past felt that the use of bins on the hill was difficult, there are other small towns such as Thames where the 3 bin system is used. Therefore the Board agreed that as it was a central government directive, the sooner the district committed to the system the better. Especially as the current recycling stations are staying open.

### Key Choice 3

#### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

#### Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:

The TCb recognises the need to for revitalisation of the Marton Main Street and that this is more easily done as it not impinged by Waka Kotahi regulations, unlike Bulls and Taihape.

#### Further comments:

Additional submissions.

4 / Roading in the region: The TCB recognises that the District has been struggling with the cost of roading and also persuading Waka Kotahi to invest more efficiently in the State Highway network through the region. Both Bulls and Taihape as well as the smaller settlements need a more rapid and adequate response from Waka Kotahi to their needs. The RDC is to be commended for the action taken to prioritise the slip zone south of Utiku. We would ask that RDC staff assist the local boards and committees in communication with Waka Kotahi.

5/ Capital Works: The TCB notes with pleasure the progress being made both on the earthquake proofing of the Memorial Park Grandstand and the overhaul of the Town Hall/ Civic Centre. The fact that the RDC is not seeking to demolish and rebuild but to use the existing buildings is to be commended as these have both a strong historical significance and also form the basis for much of the wider community interaction.

#### Attachments:





# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

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## Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**



## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Raheera Ingle

**Organisation/Tōpūtanga (if applicable):**  
Mokai Patea Services

### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 1\* - The Marton pool would remain only open on a seasonal basis.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

This does not apply to me as I do not live in Marton

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

This does not affect me as I do not live in Marton

**Further comments:**

It would be appreciated if the council would support the Taihape Wellness project by providing ongoing maintenance and greenkeeping of the future site of the Wellness Hub. Furthermore, if there were any additional financial support the Council could provide towards this project, it would be welcomed.

**Attachments:**



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

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## Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

Please refer to the attached document

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**

Long Term Plan 2024 -2034 Submission R D White.pdf, 0.16MB

**Speak to submission:**

I would like to speak to my submission.

Submission to the Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan

Key choice 3 - Marton Mainstreet Upgrade



**I support Option 1 being the Streetscape revitalization for Marton**

I appreciate the opportunity to submit the proposed Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, in particular the Key Choice 3 option referred to as the Marton Main Street Upgrade (MMSU).

**INTRODUCTION:**

My name is Richard White and I have worked for Property Brokers Real Estate Limited in both the Marton and Whanganui Branches since 2012, covering a huge area through the Rangitikei and Whanganui. I was the Rangitikei Branch Manager for Property Brokers from 2019 to 2022, based in the Marton office. I have stepped back from the management role to focus on my Commercial real estate work and now have established a strong foothold in the Rangitikei, particularly in Marton. I have a passion for Rangitikei and Marton in particular. My Mother was born and raised in Marton and my grandfather farmed in Taihape. I am a founding member and treasurer of the Business Rangitikei Incorporated Society, collaborating and liaising with local businesses in Marton.

**PERSONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:**

I reside in Whanganui and hold a reasonably substantial Commercial Property portfolio in my own right. This first-hand experience adds to my knowledge of the industry and gives me empathy towards the needs and wants of tenants and their businesses. It is very instrumental in my real estate and business dealings and gives me confidence in my analysis and opinions.

I also have considerable experience in Whanganui from similar projects as the MMSU, which I feel are very comparable and worth detailing, as the successful outcomes of these projects should give huge encouragement to RDC adopting this. I touch on the details of these further through my submission.

**LOCAL EXPERIENCE:**

Through my real estate work I come into contact with many people looking to invest in Marton. I have been the agent instrumental in the successful outcomes of many commercial property deals in the Mainstreet retail sector and further throughout the Rangitikei. The most recent successes of note within the Town Centre are the "Property Brokers" building at 266 Broadway, the "Fat Rabbit" building at 272 Broadway, the "Ballentynes" building at 268 Broadway and the former "Post Office" building at 249-253 Broadway. In addition, I have negotiated sales of 216 and 226 Broadway and 175 Broadway. A notable building sale was the former BNZ building in High Street. Within the wider Main Street sector, I currently have 224 Broadway (opposite Wards Furniture) on the market. In addition to these properties, I have negotiated further property sales and leases, within Marton but outside of the "Streetscape" providing more contact with clients and customers. I mention this work as I feel the experience has exposed me to a huge amount of feedback and opinion on our Main Street.

**FEEDBACK:**

The following comments reflect the common feedback on the Main Street sector:

- a. The Main Street looks 'tired and neglected'.
- b. The retail sector doesn't look overly busy.
- c. We have a lot of potential in the obvious strong heritage as displayed in our buildings.

Some of these comments are disappointing to hear and difficult to deal with and to defend, particularly when trying to encourage people to invest in our region. First impressions stick and have a strong bearing on decision making. The Main Street is our town's "Shop Window" and sadly it

currently doesn't tell a good story. Revitalising and refreshing the Town Centre will address these criticisms. This project needs RDC leadership, as it will encourage our wider community to get behind our local owners and businesses. And in turn it will energise our owners and businesses to see what they can contribute.

The positive message from the feedback though is about the potential there in the existing infrastructure and the reference to our strong heritage. I know we all agree with this within our community and showcasing this will reflect positively.

#### COMPARABLE PROJECTS:

I alluded at the beginning of this submission to Whanganui projects I have had experience in and there have been positive outcomes achieved from these. I mention these as the proven success of these projects should be seen as a form of real encouragement for the RDC to progress with the Main Street Upgrade.

1. Wilson Street in Whanganui had a significant upgrade in street curbing and drainage and as part of that, long established trees were removed and replaced with more suitable species. Wilson Street is now regarded by businesses as one of the "prime" commercial/light industrial areas to be in and has an aesthetically attractive aspect for customers to visit. And it is not hard to attract businesses into vacancies due to this reputation.
2. Another project I have had involvement in and one which I consider has a direct correlation to the RDC, MMSU is the Whanganui "Streets for People" initiative and particularly the Guyton Street Project. This is a collaboration between Waka Kotahi and the Whanganui District Council (WDC), with proportionate funding provided from both parties. As a property owner I have been quite involved in attending public workshops where we have been able to have a personal input into the design and planning. This project is spread over 2 blocks in Guyton Street and is quite advanced in the construction phase. Already we are experiencing positive feedback from businesses and customers. There has been the usual negative feedback from some ratepayers, mostly from those who chose not to be involved in educating themselves in the details. However, we are finding that product is answering those critics already. The RDC should take heed of these lessons and adopt accordingly.

#### SIGNIFICANT PLAYERS:

Marton boasts a number of significantly large-scale businesses, who could easily operate from adjoining neighbouring towns. We don't want to risk giving them any excuse to consider relocating. By investing in our Main Street we are displaying pride in our own back yard.

#### TOWN CENTRE PLAN 2014:

RDC commissioned a Town Centre Plan back on 12 December 2014 which was prepared by Creative Communities Creative Pty Limited. This could be a great foundation document to rebuild an initiative upon. I understand only part of this Plan was adopted, but there are exciting ideas within that document, which could be adopted today, or modified to suit.

#### SUMMARY:

I encourage the RDC to adopt and approve MMSU and applaud the initiative. This show of leadership will give great encouragement to our community and our businesses and will be a very tangible and visual return on investment. It will go a long way to "meeting the Community needs and expectations both now and into the future".



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## Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

Only that there should be maintenance done. The area Broadway to High Street has some beautiful iconic building facades but they are in need of cleaning up - not necessarily painting, just cleaning. I query the need for earthquake strengthening - I live in a 150 year old house which has stood just outside Marton and has never been damaged by any earthquake. Same with those building facades. I guess many are privately owned - you can come to an arrangement with the owners.

Too many people are facing cost of living struggles and they do not need rates increases for new and fancy surroundings.

**Further comments:**

However, I deplore that ugly band stand that has been erected on what you call the Village Green - where the Christmas Tree stood. Could you not have built a decent, attractive band rotunda, or perhaps just hired a nice marquee for each event held there. I am not party to costs for Council, but I am party to costs for ratepayers. Let us have quality without big spends on "modernising" or "streetscape revitalisation". Look after what you have got. Those building facades are the soul of Marton. And do something about that ugly band rotunda. Remove it and plant some gardens at least.



I have done a lot of walking around Marton, every street, more than once. The lack of footpaths in many places is very bad. I pity young mothers trying to steer strollers down a lot of our streets. This is typical of shortcuts which should not have been taken. Building missing footpaths would be a very good aim - might even help some people to take more pride in their gardens.

**Attachments:**



## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Rod & Anna Hardy

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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

As a keen morning swimmer [albeit slow] I would love to be able to access the pool throughout the year. However with so few using it I understand this is seemingly not feasible. The Rangitikei deserves a broad MARKETING approach with the magnificent Marton Pool the overwhelming drawcard. I assume the Dudding Trust has already been approached in respect of local funding? As a health professional I see enormous benefits for marketing our pool as a health improvement tool...and also of course as a pleasurable activity. Our local school pool was dismantled a few years ago and this was very disappointing for the locals who had supported it in many ways. School children need to be encouraged to learn to swim and this can be done all year round in our 50 m heated pool.

I believe the Marton Pool is the Jewel in the Rangitikei's Crown and as such should be open all year.

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

Not Applicable

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

As it hasn't been shown with anything but a vague wish list of what the \$2.1 million is to be spent on it is impossible to be in favour of revitalisation. Is this a rehash of what was proposed in 2014?

The problem with Broadway is not the layout but the rundown buildings lining the street, the worst of which is owned by the council. It would be far better to focus on the buildings and their upgrade. What the council has done with property owners to encourage building upgrades in the past has obviously not worked and needs a fresh approach.

Broadway has had a makeover in the past and the wooden seats and decking are in need of maintenance to keep them fresh and appealing. Look after what we have got before embarking on a new project.





The proposed revitalisation is unaffordable in the present economic climate.

**Further comments:**

I would like to see a very strong and contemporary MARKETING CAMPAIGN which would reflect the Rangitikei as a proud Stand Out district of undisputed beauty, industry and lifestyle.

**Attachments:**



## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Hot pool

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

If we had a heated pool, even if its not large it could be open year round and bring in income, other areas have a hot pool and its always popular, its something that has over the years regularly been asked about on facebook

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 2 - We use staggered approach and rollout the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

let the staggered approach also reflect staggered prices, some do not need bigger bins and only still need could bags

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

I'd like to see the hedges removed at the roundabout so drivers can see pedestrians, it would be safer with a smaller garden, I'd like to see restrictions on over sized vehicles parked in the high street as it is also a safety issue.

I'd also like to see more seating along the main shopping road as there are many elderly and young families. I'd like to see the green area have picnic tables and areas for people to sit and eat and socialise, some permanent weather round furniture, please.

Please fix the wall to Cooks to make it more attractive as this is the first view some see of our main street.

I would love to have a seat in my fathers name, as a former mayor who did much good, there is nothing in town named for him (John Wilson) Wilson Place is not named for him.

When do we get our town clock back? This could be at the village green also as its central.

Regular nights where food trucks are invited to the green would be good especially if there is seating.



**Further comments:**

Some of the empty shops could have fake window dressing to look more used and attractive, making the main shops look more.

**Attachments:**



## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Shirley R Russell

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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 1\* - The Marton pool would remain only open on a seasonal basis.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

Concentrate on the status quo. i like the pros listed .

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

We need to hold on .Keep spenditure on such things to a minimum .Keep our neighbourhood neat and tidy without more big debts.

**Further comments:**

Our Ohingaiti Village has extreme need for a makeover from the basics of sections with no sewerage to rubbish ,metal, concrete ,vehicles, burnt out machinery ,uncontrolled dogs and need for more effluent dumping tanks so it doesnt come out of the trucks as they come North up the Makohine run down into the drains into the stream and then into Rangitikei River.

A bouquet for YOU is the OHINGAITI CEMETERY.

**Attachments:**



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

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Administrator & Boarding assistant

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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**  
Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**  
We would love to be able to use the pool in the colder months as its a great option for kids when the weather isn't so great for outdoor activities.

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**  
Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Susannah Revell

## Key Choice 1

### Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

Option 1\* - The Marton pool would remain only open on a seasonal basis.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**



## LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Zlata Shapran

### Key Choice 1

#### Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

#### Comments about opening the Marton Pool:

On behalf of the Nga Tawa student council, and the rest of the school, I sincerely hope that the Marton Pool will stay open year-round. I believe that it is imperative for the Marton Pool to be open year round- not only does it give the opportunity for people in the local community to learn and practice swimming (as it is a skill that requires practice), it is useful as well to the local schools, such as my school, Nga Tawa. Many of our boarding students enjoy the pool on the weekends, and we all make good use of it for our swimming sports, and the school's competitive swimmers. In Aotearoa, it's incredibly important for all who are able-bodied to know how to swim, and this is backed up by the sheer amount of water related injuries, and drownings in the rivers, lakes, and on beaches. Thank you for your consideration.

### Key Choice 2

#### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

#### Comments about Kerbside Collection:

### Key Choice 3

#### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

#### Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:

#### Further comments:

#### Attachments:



# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Gregory Smith

## Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

### Further comments:

How do I provide my information on the other 5 items in the LTP that are being consulted on?  
This is bad and not democratic as it steers people towards the efforts you want people to be distracted by.  
Debt needs to be kept lower than allowed.  
There is zero need to keep building vanity projects and the ridiculous building program and stupidly naive decisionmaking is costing the ratepayers an inordinate amount.  
It is easy to spend other people's money but it needs to stop, NOW.  
You indicate there is a Key Choices for debt, but provide no voting method.  
The two "choices" are equally harmful and no effort appears to have been made to look at long term mitigations.  
I vote ZERO increase in debt. Live within our means and look at long term solutions to rates increases.  
The slave to carbon taxes and "manmade Climate Change" is equally ridiculous, and we must NOT allow ourselves to be tied to this stupidity and unscientific foolhardery.  
The word limit here is undemocratic.

### Attachments:





# LTP 2024-2034 - Submission Form

**Name/Ingoa:** Gregory Smith

## Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

See my other submission

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

## Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

See my other submission

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

Basically, there is no legal requirement and it beggers belief that your material suggests otherwise. While it DOES refer to forthcoming legislation, which will NOT happen now that the far lefties are out, the MftE is only recommending that kerbside recycling be effected. The suggestion and options presented strongly suggest we MUST do this. We DO NOT.

## Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

The other 6 consultation documents do not read like consultation, but presentations. This is undemocratic. The material is massive and not enough time was provided for detaied analysis and presentation of detailed mitigations for the hefty rates increasaes suggested. There is much to say, but on one subject, Development Contributions, I cannot see how developers are able to get such a sweet deal, and while they do provide (on larger, and even small projects) improvements in infrastructure, this generally ties into existing council facilities, which are not always capaable of taking the extra load without mitigation. Part of allowing no Development Contributions should mean there are mitigations for influent into the infrastructure, and some other form of improvement, say to roading and streetscape. Mitigation of stormwater, for one is MOST REQUIRED for ALLL developments. Detention MUST be a requirement to ALL future developments and where causitive of flooding, retrospectively demanded.

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Keep the pool open and renegotiate the contract. Use our own staff again, as the pool will provide permanent employment

### Comments about opening the Marton Pool:

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The contract is a bad contract and needs exiting. There MUST be an exit clause and we can then hire our own staff for all year opening of the pool.

## Key Choice 2

### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

We do NOT need to do anything. The MotE has only recommended, and there is ZERO legal requirement to do this.

### Comments about Kerbside Collection:

We do NOT need to do anything. The MotE has only recommended, and there is ZERO legal requirement to do this.

It is ridiculous and very disingenuous to suggest otherwise. Boerding on misinformation.

## Key Choice 3

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### Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:

### Further comments:

I wish to provide further information about other aspects of the LTP, such as the ridiculously high rates increases.

There appears to be a lockstep which suggests LGNZ has required all councils to engineer the same or similar high rate increases. It is extremely suspicious that all councils are similar increases, and the reasons are exactly the same.

This does not suggest the causes are equivalency, but suggests there is a conspiracy from councils and LGNZ. No effort appears to have been done to determine if returning to local resources, not reliance on contractors, would in the long term reduce the need for stupidly high rates increases.

I would love to speak to my submission, in order to expand on the suggestions, but cannot as I have a day job. The timeframe for submissions is also ridiculously short, and bears no equivalency to other councils that seem to have provided weeks more time.

### Attachments:



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**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

### Further comments:

The maori wards need to be disbanded and returned to properly democratically elected councillors.

There is no benefit from them so far and the incumbents appear to have little interest in campaigning or doing things for the community as a whole, and instead appear to be milking the hapu for income and mana and not doing much of anything at all.

These undemocratic positions were created without public consultation because the public said we did not want them but council formed them in some misguided foolhardy idea that they needed them, or were required by the left leaning govt of the day. Maybe there was more to the process than was admitted and some threat to funding was inferred if the council did not initiate the positions. While this may sound harsh, it is the thinking of the critical public.

The critical public do not support the maori wards. Full stop.

Shut them down and return seats to democracy. I just wish there was more space to explain, and I cannot speak as I have a day job

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Basically, this is NOT a legal requirement and we are being fooled by the suggestion that it is.

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**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

### Further comments:

The overall services provided are reasonable considering our rating base, but the increase in rates over the past decade and the projected rates increases do not provide confidence that our \$\$ are being well spent and management of services is under control. There appears strongly to be an attitude over the past, and forthcoming from the LTP material, that a fool is in charge of spending. From badly written contracts letting us into stupid setups, to poor consultation on buildings leading to overspending, then blatant lying about the costs by miststaing the way the costs are allocated publically.

This must STOP now.

And we the public NEED to have a closer say in how our monies are spent. ANd ZERO debt raising without public consultation in detail.

While we have councillors, the consensus if that they are old, retired or unemployable otherwise, and hence cannot make reasoned decisions and are under the control of an agenda and bullying to agree with the flow.



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#### Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:

#### Further comments:

The roading capital program is ambitious and we really need to renegotiate our suppliers (contractors). I was recently fortunate enough to see the quality of some other council roads, and our contractors are overcharging and very underperforming.

We are fortunate with the 3 waters decision and we should look at the possibility of ensuring Horizons do their fair share .

The only thing that needs looking into deeper is your pathetic stormwater modelling. I, as a trainee, could do better and am frustrated by the constant flooding of the Tute due to high influent loading with ZERO mitigation. All new homes SHOULD be required to contain (detent) thier stormwater for a period before slowly releasing.

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**Name/Ingoa:** Nigel Belsham

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## Key Choice 1

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## Key Choice 2

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**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

## Key Choice 3

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Option 1\* - Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**  
Please see attachment to this form.

**Further comments:**

**Attachments:**  
Business Rangitikei LTP Submission.pdf, 0.19MB

**Speak to submission:**  
I would like to speak to my submission.



6<sup>th</sup> April 2024

LTP Submission

Rangitikei District Council

46 High Street

Private Bag 1102

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Kei te rangatira, tēnā koe

## REF: Business Rangitikei - Long Term Plan 2024-34 Submission

Tēnā koutou for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Long Term Plan 2024-34 (hereafter referred to as the LTP) as per your consultation document "Where's It @ Rangitikei". Please note that Business Rangitikei wish to speak to our submission at the Council Hearings on 18 April 2024.

Business Rangitikei was founded in 2024 with the intent to support local businesses through partnerships, a strong community, and valuable resources. Business Rangitikei currently consists of **52 members** across the Rangitikei District and is rapidly expanding and diversifying in its membership base. Therefore, we believe it imperative that we have input on shaping the future of the Rangitikei District.

We believe that by working together, businesses will thrive in the competitive market of the future. We actively collaborate with government entities, industry leaders, and fellow entrepreneurs to create a supportive ecosystem that promotes growth and innovation. Through networking events, knowledge-sharing platforms, and essential resources, we aim to empower businesses, drive sustainable growth, and contribute to the economic prosperity of our locality. Together, we are committed to building a vibrant and resilient business landscape in Rangitikei.

Our founding principles are outlined below:

*Collaboration – Mahi Tahi*

Highlighting the importance of working together and fostering partnerships among local businesses in Rangitikei.

*Growth – Whakatipu*

Emphasizing the aim of Business Rangitikei to support and promote the growth and development of businesses in the region.

*Community – Hapori*

Highlighting the creation of a strong and thriving business community in Rangitikei, where businesses can connect, collaborate, and support each other.

*Empowerment – Whakamana*

Emphasizing the goal of Business Rangitikei to empower local businesses by providing resources, support, and a platform to voice their needs and concerns.



## Key Choice 3 – Marton Main Street Upgrade

Business Rangitikei are in full support of undertaking Option 1 of streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

We believe that a thriving town centre is essential in order to maintain and encourage economic development and community wellbeing. Marton is one of the main service hubs for the Rangitikei and its businesses provide essential services to suburban and rural residents alike. As housing developments continue to establish and the population grows, it is crucial that Marton town centre can keep up and service this growth.

In a time of economic uncertainty, Business Rangitikei are conscious that local businesses are carefully considering their options in order to keep afloat. This includes considering the location of their business and where is most likely to generate the returns required. We can advise that if Option 2 (status quo) is adopted in the LTP, there is a significant risk of business loss from Marton or Rangitikei altogether. Therefore, whilst some expenditure may be saved in the short-term, not undertaking this project could result in significant economic losses and negatively impact community wellbeing. Town centre revitalisation would reward existing businesses who have invested and drive them to continue to put their best foot forward to support the look and feel of Marton.

The proposed Main Street upgrade would not only support the existing businesses but would also attract new businesses or local innovation. This is extremely important to encourage and foster as the Rangitikei continues to grow.

Whilst Business Rangitikei are supportive of utilising new ideas and features as part of the streetscape revitalisation, we are also keen to utilise and upgrade existing infrastructure. This is not only from the perspective of cost-saving but also in order to retain the unique identity of Marton. Marton has a rich heritage and this should be central and celebrated in any streetscaping. This not only keeps the community connected to their town but encourages visitors and tourism.

This is not the first time that town centre upgrades have been proposed for Marton, with the Marton Town Centre Plan being introduced by Council in 2014. Despite an implementation plan forming part of this, Marton is yet to see any real movement on this almost 10 years on. Business Rangitikei believe that ratepayers deserve to see physical returns on their investments thus far and the streetscape revitalisation forms a part of this.

Business Rangitikei were disappointed in Council's decision to not move forward with the siting of a new council administration building, library and information centre within the buildings on the corner of High Street and Broadway. We wish to remind the Council that these buildings were purchased by Council in 2016 as an opportunity to centralise services and revitalise the main streets. These buildings now remain vacant and any town centre regeneration also needs to consider how derelict buildings can impact this.

Rangitikei District Council have the opportunity, through this project, to be the catalyst for town centre regeneration and economic well-being. Business Rangitikei note that having Council leadership and resources will generate greater buy-in from the community and local businesses. Therefore, we believe it important that Council moves forward and champions this option within the LTP.

Whilst the proposed Main Street upgrade is a great start, we hope that successful implementation of this will generate interest and buy-in for wider Marton and side streets that are also in desperate need of revitalisation and support.

Business Rangitikei encourages Council to “think big” with regard to economic development and how local businesses can be supported moving forward. We understand that Council’s policy on reducing or waiving fees for internal consenting costs, adopted in 2015, was a way to help establishing new businesses. However, in an increasingly complex regulatory environment, businesses need more support in order to get underway.

Finally, Business Rangitikei would like to acknowledge the existing relationships we have with Rangitikei District Council at both a Governance and Officer level. Business Rangitikei are committed to further developing these and offer our support and expertise. We are committed to supporting economic development and community wellbeing and see Council as a key partner in this.

As previously stated, Business Rangitikei would be pleased to have the opportunity to speak to our submission. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information in the meantime.

Ngā mātou noa, nā Business Rangitikei

5 April 2024

Kevin Ross  
 Chief Executive  
 Rangitikei District Council  
[info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe Kevin,

### **HORIZONS' SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34**

Thank you for the opportunity to engage with Rangitikei District Council (RDC) through the Long Term Plan consultation process. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values ongoing opportunities to work with RDC through a wide range of projects and processes, particularly those relating to environmental wellbeing and transport.

#### **Three waters**

We are writing to all the territorial authorities in the region as part of the long-term plan consultation process, to acknowledge the challenges regarding management of three waters during a period related to national policy reset. We recognise this creates challenges and uncertainties in preparing long term plans. However, as a regulator, we wish to highlight the importance of long-term investment in infrastructure that is compliant with regulations and improves the health of the environment. We will look to stay closely in touch as the reform package rolls out.

In particular, we remain concerned that a number of your wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) are now operating on existing use rights, or have regular breaches of their consent conditions. We urge RDC to make progress on gaining consents for all of your WWTP, and operating those plants within consent conditions. We encourage you to ensure that adequate provision has been made for this in your LTP and infrastructure strategy.

#### **Dam safety**

Under the **Asset Management Plan** there is mention of dam safety for the Marton water supply dams. See snippet below (page 156).

The document mentions that a comprehensive safety review in 2020 was conducted, however, there is no mention that this will be required to be completed under the new dam safety regulations by a recognised engineer (at the cost of the dam owner which is RDC). The dam safety regulations have a number of different requirements than what was recommended in the past.

On 12 May 2022, new dam safety regulations were made by the Government to improve the safety and resilience of New Zealand's dams. On 13 May 2024, the regulations will commence which gave dam owners 2 years to prepare for their dam safety responsibilities. Although the new dam safety regulations take effect on 13 May 2024, dam owners in our region have until 13 August 2024 to submit potential impact classification certificates to Horizons. Please note that the certificate will need to be signed off by a **recognised engineer**.

If the recognised engineer assesses the dams as high potential impact classifications (PIC), RDC will be required to submit a dam safety assurance programme (DSAP) within 12 months of the PIC certificate been approved by Horizons. The DSAPs and related activities could be quite costly which will need to allowed for in the RDC LTP. There is also an annual compliance certificate for medium and High PIC dams.

Horizons staff are willing to assist if you require additional information regarding complying with dam safety regulations.

The Building Act 2004 (Sub Part 7 Sections 133 to 162) places numerous obligations on dam owners in relation to [dam safety](#). Rangitikei District Council has conducted a Comprehensive Safety Review of the earth dams that form part of the Marton water supply in 2020. This Review classified the two dams as a High Potential Impact Category (PIC). PIC is a function of the Population at Risk (PAR), as well as the impact upon residential houses, critical or major infrastructure, the natural environment and the community recovery time. Due to the dam locations in relation to the center of Marton, the consequences of a potential dam break is significant. The PIC defines the necessary standards to be adopted for the dam investigation studies, design, construction, commissioning and operational phases. In accordance with Section 139 of the Building Act 2004 the dam classification requires review every 5 years.

### **Climate change**

Impacts of climate change pose a great risk to the wellbeing for the environment and communities of the Manawatū-Whanganui region. Whether its increase risk of drought, inland or coastal flooding, heatwaves or other impacts of climate change, no district is immune. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in their sixth assessment report stated that there is a narrow and closing window to secure a liveable future. An urgent, coordinated response is required if we are to make a step change transition to a low emission regional economy and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Like Rangitikei District Council, Horizons are considering and implementing actions recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee through the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan. The 2024-34 LTP represents a critical period for climate change. Through that action plan, the Climate Action Joint Committee has provided a pathway for each council towards a coordinated and effective regional response to climate change

We encourage provision through your Long Term Plan for initiatives that increase resilience to natural hazards and a changing climate, including recommended actions from the Joint Action Plan.

### **Environmental Education**

Horizons is grateful for your ongoing support and funding commitment to our Enviroschools Programme. The programme aims to equip young people with the competencies they need to be leaders in sustainability resulting in long term behaviour change. As such there is a strong focus on themes such as living landscapes, water for life, energy use, ecological building and zero waste. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with your staff and to grow the relationships between RDC, Horizons and participating schools and centres, as well as the community to deliver this mahi.

Horizons does not wish to present this submission at the hearings.

Nāku noa, nā,



Michael McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

# SUBMISSION FORM

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He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitikei?

Submissions close at 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2024.



### Your Details

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Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 18 April 2024. Someone will contact you to confirm this.

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👉 Should we open the Marton pool all year round? (see page 14)


*I prefer...*

**Option 1\***   
The Marton pool would remain only open on a season basis.

**Option 2**  
From 2024/25 the Marton pool would open all year round.

**Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Please include more pages if required.

## KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

👉 How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements? (see page 16)


*I prefer...*

**Option 1\***   
We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

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We use a staggered approach and roll out the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.

**Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Please include more pages if required.

\* Councils preferred option

## KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

➡ Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre? (see page 18)

I prefer...


**Option 1\***   
Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Option 2**  
Status quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Something else**


**Comment:** Benefits the whole community.

Hopefully other towns will be next?!

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

Would really like to get the playground in Taihape as a priority project. As above - it benefits the whole community when projects like this happen, attracting people to our towns to stop & support local businesses.

 Please include more pages if required.

# KŌRERO MAI

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Sunday, 7 April 2024

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**Something else**

**Comment:** In this current economic climate I think the council should be very careful about spending. Having a swim pool open all year round is a luxury not an essential.

Please include more pages if required.

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**Something else**

**Comment:** I think this should be staggered so the cost could be spread over a period of time - to ease the burden to rate payers.

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**Comment:** This is a luxury and not an essential. Council must show restraint in luxury spending. Every Rate payer is feeling the pain of Inflation at the moment. ~~Do not~~ Please show ~~and~~ caution when spending rate payers money.

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

Do not increase rates for non-essential items. I recently heard that five of the biggest councils in New Zealand are trying to push to increase their borrowing caps even higher. We have had a 30% increase in Rates over the last 3 years. We are told to expect another forecasted Rates increase of 30% over the next 3 years. This is totally unsustainable. Councils must show restraint and only spend on core-essential services

 Please include more pages if required.

**KÖRERO MAI**

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Jedith McDonald will speak to this submission

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Look to the future - Tirohanga Whakamua

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# Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan Submission 2024

## Taihape Wellness Project

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To the Rangitikei Mayor & Councillors

Nga Iwi O Mokai Patea Services Trust aka Mokai Patea Services wish to put a submission into the Rangitikei District Plan via your Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 submission process for Council support to the Taihape Wellness project.

Mokai Patea Services have been working on a collaborative project with Whanganui Regional Health Network and their subsidiary group, Taihape Health Limited and the Taihape Health Trust over the last 3 years to look at revitalizing and improving the current Taihape Rural Health Centre / Old Taihape Hospital site into a remodelled space that will bring the Taihape Medical Centre/health Limited together with the Mokai Patea Services Whanau Ora Unit and any other interested health providers together under one roof.

A presentation was made at the Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2023 by the Whanganui Regional Health Network Chief Executive, Judith McDonald to inform and also garner council support and endorsement for this project as one of the leads of the Taihape Development Steering Group.

Things have been steadily progressing in this time and we would like to put forward the following submission:

- That council considers supporting this initiative by providing manpower and resource to maintain the grounds and gardens of the new site
  - o That the provision of these services be factored into year two of this current long-term plan and be implemented
- That council consider offering support via a loan system IF NEEDED to help with any shortfalls of funding given all parties (Taihape Health Trust, Mokai Patea Services, Taihape Health Ltd and Whanganui Regional Health Network) are Community Trusts and not-for-profit organisations.

**He Whakatauki!**

***"Kotahi Te Haumarua mo a tatou katoa"***

***Working towards the one shelter for the betterment of us all!***

Governance & Management of Mokai Patea Services

Governance & Management of Whanganui Regional Health Network

Governance of Taihape Health Trust



**MOKAI PATEA Services**



**Whanganui Regional  
Health Network**

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**Comment:** But inform residents - of costs first  
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**Comment:** More should be done to promote households to recycle at local transfer station. Households opt in or out on recycling bin  
Keep landfill waste collection going - fortnightly.  
Organic bin - good idea for households without a compost bin. Households without a compost to opt in or out on an organic waste bin

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Again a much cheaper option. We use the recycling centre at the transfer station.  
A suggestion - Could we perhaps place some recycling bins around town, maybe one down Wilson Park. Not everybody can access the transfer station.

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**Comment:** We have some amazing historic buildings in Marton.  
IF you look overseas, Australia for example they treasure  
the architecture and create some really funky spaces.  
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**TIM MATTHEWS**  
**SUBMISSION on 2024-2034 LONG TERM PLAN**  
**RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 6 April 2024  
**ADDRESS for SERVICE:** 316 Ohaumoko Road  
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 Wanganui 4577  
 Email: [matthews.tj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:matthews.tj@xtra.co.nz)

**SUBMISSION**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this year's Long Term Plan document. This is my personal submission and may not represent the views of other organisations I may represent from time to time.
2. The Plan summary document outlines the issues the Council and District are facing in terms of the challenges facing District businesses and farmers, despite recent good returns. The Council has been forced to make hard choices in terms of what it can afford, and the unprecedented level of rate rises proposed for the next year. The 10 year projections are alarming in that most Council cost centres will require more than double the rates or user-pays sums budgeted for this coming year in 2033-34! Added to this is the Three Waters Saga and its ongoing implications for Council.
3. The District Revaluation has added its usual curved balls in terms of 20 to 30% rate rises for some ratepayers, myself included, and reinforces that property valuations on a 3 yearly basis is becoming less and less correlated with a rate-payer's use of Council services. Despite three Government enquiries in my lifetime, we are no further forward in terms of matching Council spending with ratepayer ability to pay, but returning GST on rates to each Council would be a good start.

**SPECIFIC SUBMISSION POINTS**

4. **KEY CHOICE 1. Marton Pool Opening Hours**
  - 4.1 The Marton pool should remain open on a seasonal basis, as determined by a usage threshold versus daily cost of remaining open, given that pool admission charges do not cover the full cost providing the facility. Option 2 is not realistic given the marginal cost of opening daily could exceed \$357 000 each year. It would be more practical to assist with a mini-bus hire to Feilding or Whanganui on a thrice-weekly basis during the "off-season.



5. KEY CHOICE 2. Kerbside Collection

5.1 Once again the Wellington bureaucrats have overstepped their ability to understand small town dynamics and imposed unnecessary costs on Districts such as Rangitikei. Surely we can come up with a scheme that achieves the same result with far less cost than what is proposed. That might acknowledge that most people can access cars to purchase groceries and other local goods, and where products are delivered the resulting waste could be “back-loaded” to where they originated from, which might also help retailers to minimise waste in the first place! Of course there will be situations, usually nearer the centre of towns, where transport assistance is needed, but a controlled skip-bin arrangement might suit within walking distance of most users. It is difficult to see why the Council should have to invest \$1.5 million in bins plus the collection system necessary to achieve something that might work in Auckland or Wellington.

6. KEY CHOICE 3. Marton Main Street Upgrade

6.1 This choice does challenge the Revenue and Financing Policy in terms of beneficiaries and exacerbators, and who should pay. It could be solved by rerouting State Highway 1 through Broadway but that is not going to happen, just as Taihape and Bulls benefit. I understand that co-funding using “encouragement funds” from the 3 Waters minister from the previous Government might be available for this purpose, but that might better be used removing the restrictive aspects of the Heritage Designations on the properties fronting the same area, if Heritage New Zealand is unwilling to put their money where their mouth is. The fact remains that buildings have a useful life depending on their designer’s ability to allow future modification or change of use, while meeting relevant building regulations, and some buildings, no matter how pretty, cannot achieve that sufficiently to generate an economic return for their current owners, particularly where the rentals do not achieve Lambton Quay levels.

7. OTHER SUBMISSION POINTS

8. **Introduction of a Forestry Differential.** I applaud the introduction of the Forestry differential, but the level of the current differential is insufficient to remediate or fully acknowledge the damage that loaded forestry traffic is imposing on the District’s ratepayers. Most of the District’s roads which provide access to the larger forests have not been designed, constructed or up-graded to carry the same loads or volumes of traffic as State Highways are required to handle. The Wairoa District Council court decision justified the imposition of a 4.0 times Rooding Rate differential and being familiar with many of the Wairoa District’s roads, they have very similar rooding construction materials, costs and geology compared to Rangitikei’s roads.
9. I would have expected that the Revenue and Financing Policy would have included a more specific reasoning for its use in Rangitikei, but that opportunity has not been utilised this year. More particularly, the purchase and conversion of large tracts of

production forest to “Carbon Farming Forest” may cause a re-examination of the policy in the near future, because depending on government treatment of carbon credits, and market prices, those forests could be converted back to timber production.

**10. I urge Council to set a Production Forest differential at least 4 times to more fairly acknowledge the impacts that forest development and harvesting causes on the roading budget of the Council.**

**11. Roothing Service Decline**

The current year has seen a significant reduction in contractor service yet we continue to pay significant roading rates. There appears to be an unwillingness for the Council’s roading contractor to share the pain that its residents are experiencing, and my impression is that the contractor is receiving the same payments for less performance. In other words there is a significant decline in Service Potential as our roads suffer. Can we be assured that the Contractor is being held to the agreed performance standards and that Fletcher Group is not profiting from our rougher roads?

**12. Roothing Measure Of Performance**

This LTP introduces a unsealed road measure of performance for the first time, being the volume of metal applied annually – 12 000 m<sup>3</sup> . Unfortunately this is somewhat meaningless, as depending on the metal quality much can be lost by weather events or just being graded into the water tables. What would be better is to measure depth of metal cover over culverts or complaints regarding metal cover and traction loss or corrugations due to heavy vehicles. A better standard is needed to measure unsealed road condition, and more accurately define whether roads are actually being maintained.

END of SUBMISSION

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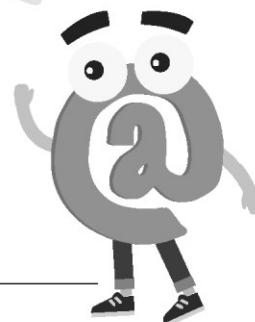
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Name/Ingoa: Antonia Metz

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**Comment:**

In the current economic climate, I feel, it is unnecessary to start opening the Marton Pool all year round. I would like to suggest that the pool personnel are re-deployed into other positions during the winter months when the pool is not in Use

If re-deployment is not possible, maybe council could utilise university students during the summer months to operate as lifesavers and pool staff under the jurisdiction of one permanent pool manager.

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Before launching any new kerbside services, I think council should wait to see what the new government are proposing. The legislation requiring kerbside food removal may be repealed. Also, rate payors, such as ourselves here in Hunterville

do not throw away food scraps, we have several compost bins, chooks and a dog, providing us with a food waste bin would be a waste of rates. Perhaps a better option could be to provide households, which have the space, with composting bins, and provide a general composting food waste bin in areas where residents do not have the space for an individual bin. There are also options such as Bokashi composting.

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**Comment:** I do not feel the Marton town centre needs revitalisation - it does however need the toilets to be re-opened.

Providing the existing garden areas are maintained and occasionally revamped - which I assume is already in the parks and gardens budget - I feel the Marton Town Centre is looking quite good.


I really like the new green space on the corner of Broadway and High Streets and feel it would be a shame to build on it - any further than the covered stage presently there. Perhaps a few shade trees and seats for people wishing to eat lunch.

 Please include more pages if required.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

It seems to be a local council "thing" to give themselves fancy new offices and buildings - in the current economic climate, I don't feel council should be even considering upgrades to the Marton Council offices or the library. As the Taihape Town Hall requires earthquake work - that is undoubtedly necessary to strengthen the historic building, concentrate on that.

Exponential rate increases year upon year of over 11% are not acceptable - RDC is going to have to look very carefully at spending - especially on "nice to have" but not necessary items. ie: town centre upgrades and council office upgrades. Preference should be given to concentrating on the basics and borrowing as little as possible.

 Please include more pages if required.

## Marton Community Committee Submission to RDC LTP 2024

<p>From: Marton Community Committee % Carolyn Bates, 7 Dalrymple Place, Marton 4710 <a href="mailto:martoncc.cab@gmail.com">martoncc.cab@gmail.com</a> / 021-342-524</p>	<p>The Committee wish to speak to this submission.</p>
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Committee Members are all concerned at the proposed increase to rates, they feel there has been little obvious efforts presented to show a determination to reduce rates.

### Key Choice 1: Marton Pool

**The Committee's preference would be Option 3 - users pay any charges / increase.**

While the majority felt the pool should be open year, members feel users should be levied to cover any increase in charges.

- Despite asking for more information from staff (since 18 March), no details have been provided to afford us an opportunity to give further input.

### Key Choice 2: Kerbside Collection

**Option 1 is the Committee's recommendation.**

It was agreed one change would be more practical than a stepped approach.

- We also feel that better education is required particularly with regard to Recycling.
- Members of the Committee are more than happy to work with RDC Staff to improve what is presently in place.
- One aspect discussed is to require clear signage that rubbish bags are from a private company, not RDC.

### Key Choice 3: Marton Main Street Upgrade

**Option 2 is the Committee's recommendation.**

We feel that with the planned sale of the property on the corner of Broadway / High Street, it would be better to wait until the sale is complete and re-address this topic in the future, at the next LTP consultation. Our reasoning is that it will take a while for any new purchaser of those properties will need time to carry out any work, then RDC will be in a better position to assess what would be appropriate for Broadway.

- We wondered, why were previous plans / proposals not further developed / built upon?
- Information was requested from staff on 18 March, at the time of writing this (5 April) we are still awaiting for that detail.
- Initiatives we consider would be helpful would be to work with existing businesses to encourage improvement to their frontages.

*If you have any queries regarding the above please feel free to contact the MCC Chair, Carolyn Bates on 021-342-524.*

## CA Bates - Submission to RDC's LTP 2024

<p>From: Carolyn Bates, 7 Dalrymple Place, Marton 4710  <a href="mailto:setabac.cab@gmail.com">setabac.cab@gmail.com</a> / 021-342-524</p>	<p>I am happy to come to answer questions regarding my submission.</p>
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### Key Choice 1: Marton Swimming Pool

I do not see any reason to have the pool open for the whole year, based on the Mayor's comments with regard to a need to close for annual maintenance. If the pool is to be open, when / how will that maintenance happen - out of hours - I don't think that is an option.

I do acknowledge a potential attraction for some, eg for recovery from surgery, but that needs maintenance to ensure facilities are available AND working; I understand the ability to enter and leave the pool has not worked for a long time (happy to be wrong on this).

An access ramp would be helpful and more easily used independently by many swimmers.

Any decision to utilise the pool for a whole year could be done for a trial period eg until the next LTP, thereby gaining a better insight as to the actual, rather than perceived need plus minimising a distortion of a higher or lower usage than anticipated.

### Key Choice 2: Rubbish / Recycling Collection

While kerbside recycling seems sensible for many, I have concerns with regard to the Organic aspects. I do not see how that will work and as usual with RDC consultation glossies and "one-pagers" the lack of detail fails to convince me that it would be good.

To me, whatever container is used for Organic, the adequate emptying in my mind will result in gunge / sludge / liquid in the bottom of the container. When the container is emptied, the contents are not likely to be fully removed (that happens with existing wheelie bins) then the resulting sediment will simply decompose with (to me) result in a greater health hazard for many of our older community unable to readily adequately clean the container to avoid unhealthy mould and growth never mind offensive aromas.

The lack of detail as to size of containers / wheelie bins is a concern to me.

What would be helpful to me is a requirement that the present providers of Rubbish Bags clearly indicate that "Official" is not approved by RDC, .

### Key Choice 3: Marton Main Street Upgrade

Dare I say I was initially confused with regard to an Upgrade of the "Main Street" definitely a failure to convey what you seem to mean. Main Street is not what was shown in the image (of Broadway). Yes I acknowledge you are councillors, but just in case you were not aware Main Street is elsewhere in Marton, at best 1.9km away.

I have concerns that what is in the consultation document presents as - let us start brightening up the town centre. What happened to regular maintenance to keep things cheerful?

David Enwicht's 2014 town centre recommendations resulted in some works which from my perspective were done, then left to deteriorate. No continuation to build on the good works commenced.

Funding doesn't seem to have continued as basic maintenance - or have I missed something?  
Town name has been damaged but not fixed (see Pics Sheet 1) - a level of professionalism which (to me) does not portray the town in a good light.

Had there been regular painting of things like the bollards, the town would continue to look inviting, or at least cared for - not as it seems to me presently.

With a lack of detail I struggle to comprehend whether Revitalisation of Marton is a sensible option when stacked up against other options eg get businesses to tidy their frontages, not leave it to RDC ratepayers. You will see images of the old Post Office building is looking much better (Pics Sheet 2).

Spending existing budgeted money on simple things like cleaning of windows of unoccupied premises and clearing / tidying up the area between the fence and the wall of Cooks would be, in my opinion, low cost effective improvements.

I would prefer the funding to go to regular maintenance, not "another new project" which, once completed will be ignored when regular maintenance would keep things up to scratch - just like I am sure you all do at your own homes.

The area outside the Council owned properties on Broadway / High Street corner - when you look at how tidier that presents as, since the uprights have had a coat of white paint, it does not take much to spruce up an area. Years ago when suggestions were put forward to use Heritage Colours - to me these are generally drab, we need brighter alternatives (as on the old Post Office Building).

Perhaps I've a distorted view on this area but improvements ought to include contributions from businesses as any re-vamp to me is part of Economic Development as more people in town is more likely to increase spending.

I've also pondered on: spend \$\$\$ to brighten the CBD vs an apparent disregard for keeping swimming pool(s) open to promote water safety for youngsters.

### **LTP Submission 2021**

Extract from the Deliberations Report (I was submitter #165):

[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/meetings/council-meetings/2021-06-09/LTP-2021-31-Deliberations-Report\\_2021-06-07-210420.pdf](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/meetings/council-meetings/2021-06-09/LTP-2021-31-Deliberations-Report_2021-06-07-210420.pdf)

- **Page 26:** Submitter #165 questions the development of a 'District Management Plan' and suggests this work had been undertaken in the past. The submitter also suggests a survey to analyse information about the district had been completed in association with rangitikei.com. I feel this still applies here and am not presently aware of any such (or similar) survey being carried out to support this proposal from RDC. I'm happy to be corrected.

- **Page 59:** Submitter #165 notes that Council is proposing more consultation and questions how much longer it will take.

And another three years on - need I say more?

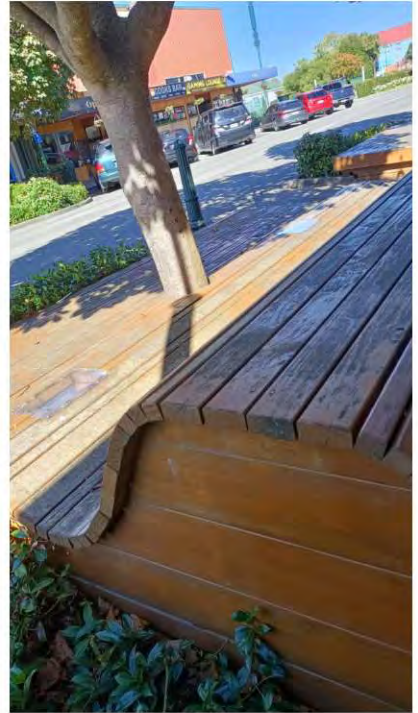
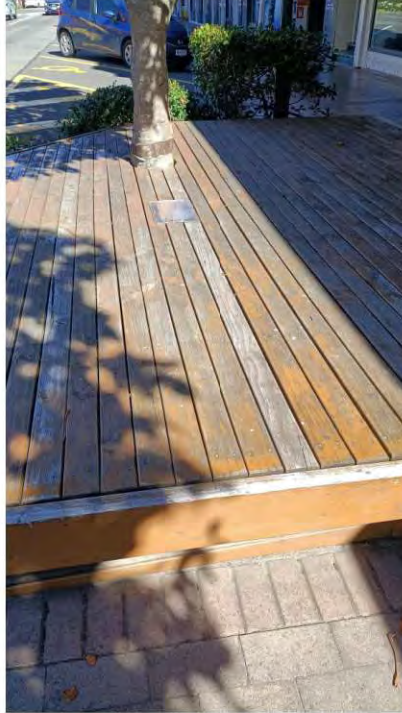
I continue to be concerned as to RDC's choices rather than being more mindful of how ratepayers are struggling.

*If you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call: 021-342-524.*



**Pics Sheet 1**

Examples of damaged Town name and peeling varnish.

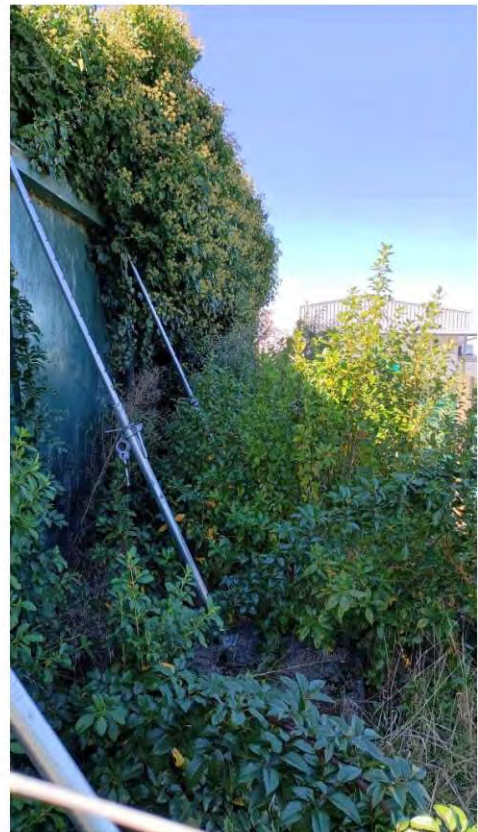


**Pics Sheet 2**

A more cheerful example with a coat of paint.



The side of Cooks Bar



# SUBMISSION



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To: Rangitikei District Council

Submission on: Proposed Long Term Plan 2024-34

Date: 7 April 2024

From: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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## **SUBMISSION TO THE RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Federated Farmers welcome the opportunity to comment on the Rangitikei District Council's Proposed Long Term Plan 2024-34
- 1.2 Rates and other local government fees and costs make up a significant portion of farm business expenses. As a result, Federated Farmers are very concerned with the transparency of rate setting and the overall cost of local government to agriculture.
- 1.3 Of particular interest to Federated Farmers are those activities which deliver value to the rural rate payers of the Rangitikei District.
- 1.4 Federated Farmers wish to be heard in support of our submission.

### **Submission**

- 1.5 Our submission covers the following points:
  - Rate Increases
  - Forestry differential
  - Civic Projects (Marton Pool opening season, Marton Main Street Upgrade)

### **2. Key Recommendations**

- That the Council reduce expenditure to avoid the need for rates increases above the rate of inflation (4.7% in January 2024).
- That the Council adopt the maximum amount of 30% of total rate revenue allowed to be allocated to the UAGC under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where rateable properties get a benefit from Council services.
- That the Council fund urban water supply and wastewater disposal services, from a targeted rate on urban properties that receive benefits from those services, and not from any general rate.
- That the Council make use of differentials less than 1.0 for rural farm properties in order to more equitably collect rates from high value rural properties which do not receive a higher rate of service from the general rates collected.
- That the Council gather evidence of plantation forestry's impact on the roading network compared with their rate revenue from that activity, with a view to establishing a rating differential on plantation forestry land to cover costs of repairs to damage of roads from forestry vehicle use. We suggest that a differential of at least 4 x would be appropriate to apply to such land within Rangitikei District to begin with (in line with our assessments submitted for previous Rangitikei District Council Annual Plans and Long Term Plans).

- That the Marton Pool remain open only on a seasonal basis (Option 1 in consultation document). The Council needs to limit expenses for the foreseeable future.
- That the Council choose not to invest in the Marton Main Street Upgrade (Option 2 in the consultation document). The touted Main Street Upgrade is an unnecessary expense that the Council cannot afford at present. At the very least, the cost of any main street upgrade should not be funded from general rates – rather, it should be entirely paid for by a targeted rate on commercially zoned properties fronting the main street(s) in question. No one else gets any commercial benefit from such upgrading. It certainly will do nothing to increase farmers revenue.

### 3. UNAFFORDABLE RATES INCREASES

- 3.1 The proposed average rates increase of 11.5% in Year 1<sup>1</sup> is quite high, and whilst increases for subsequent years are projected to be lower in the draft LTP, these are nevertheless compounding increases. Further, our experience is that the Council always revises these subsequent increases upwards in each subsequent Annual Plan.
- 3.2 Even so, the Council's projected rates increase in the draft LTP for farm owners is between 13% and a whopping 35% increase as a result of property revaluations in Year 1. One of our members who runs a 530ha single-person hill-country sheep and beef farm located within half an hour from Marton can expect a rates increase of 21.64%.
- 3.3 Yet farmer income for 2024 is not expected to increase. In fact, many sheep and beef farmers are likely to experience a decrease in income. Profit for sheep and beef farming is expected to decrease an estimated 54% compared to 2022-23 to a 15-year low<sup>2</sup> to a per-farm average of \$62,600 (before tax and debt payments). Extensive sheep and beef farms face the greatest declines in profitability mostly due to a greater reliance on sheep revenue. Many farmers will be making a cash loss and will be forced to borrow just to survive.
- 3.4 The economic impact of this reduction in income on Rangitikei's farming economy is hugely significant. Sheep and Beef farms make up 77% of farms in Rangitikei District. (Dairy farms make up only 12%, with the balance 11% of farms made up by an assortment of other farming types<sup>3</sup>).
- 3.5 Against this backdrop, the Council's proposed rates increases are not sustainable.
- 3.6 We accept that monetary inflation may mean the Council has to increase rates somewhat. And our expectation is that this would be indexed to NZ's forecast CPI inflation rate (which is 4.7% in January 2024), and certainly be no higher than this, and lower if possible.

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<sup>1</sup> P28 Rangitikei District Council Draft LTP 2024-34 consultation document

<sup>2</sup> Beef & Lamb NZ - March 2024 Mid-Season Update  
<https://beeflambnz.com/sites/default/files/2024-03/Mid-Season-Update-2023-24.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Including deer, grain, and vegetable farms.

- 3.7 If the Council is in a situation where projected expenditure is in excess of revenue, we would prefer that the Council sharpen its pencils and reduce unnecessary expenditure, rather than choosing to increase rates.
- 3.8 We are highly concerned that the Reserve Bank will resume raising the *Official Cash Rate* if New Zealanders do not curb their spending, which will have adverse repercussions for everyone.

#### **Recommendation**

- **That the Council reduce expenditure to avoid the need for rates increases above the rate of inflation (4.7% in January 2024).**

#### **4. REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY**

##### **Uniform Annual General Charge ('UAGC')**

- 4.1 Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30% of total rate revenue allowed to be allocated to the UAGC under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where rateable properties get a benefit from Council services. Where council services are in large part used by people, a uniform per-property charge at least ensures that all property owners make some reasonable contribution toward the cost of such services.
- 4.2 Use of the UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district or region. Its effect is to rectify the impact of property value rates on higher value properties, while ensuring lower value properties pay a little more. Owning a farm is not a good reason to pay hundreds of dollars towards (for example) the local library, when urban residents nearby are paying in the tens of dollars. That just isn't rational, let alone fair, and in no way complies with good taxation principles.
- 4.3 A significant trend in rating policy at many councils in recent years is a reduction in the level of the UAGC. This is usually dressed up as an "affordability" or "ability to pay" issue for urban ratepayers. However, even a small UAGC reduction shifts more rates burden onto higher value properties such as farms. It is also true that low-income families have a higher tendency to rent their homes, so any cut in the UAGC on their behalf directly benefits their landlord.
- 4.4 Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30% UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.

##### **Targeted Rates**

- 4.5 Where rates are not able to be apportioned to a UAGC, or where services are only supplied to particular properties (for example: connections to sewerage disposal or public water supply) Federated Farmers support targeted rates.
- 4.6 The cost of particular services can be targeted to those that benefit – for example hospitality businesses can pay a targeted rate for tourism promotion, or a farmer can pay a targeted rate for pest management in rural areas. Rates collected on a targeted rate should be used for that particular purpose.

- 4.7 The Council's Funding Source Analysis<sup>4</sup> describes Urban water and Wastewater as having a *General* distribution of benefit. This is incorrect. The distribution of benefit for these services is specific to those properties which receive connections to urban water supply and wastewater disposal. The rates for these services should be targeted rates on those properties. Rural properties with no connection to these services receive no benefit from them and should not be contributing to the funding for these services.

**Need to establish rural rate differential less than 1.0**

- 4.8 Federated Farmers has previously expressed concern that there are no rural rate differentials being applied within Rangitikei District. A change to the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy is required to achieve this.
- 4.9 The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 allows modifications to property value through use of differentials. Differentials may apply to the general rate or targeted rates. A differential is a ratio that adjusts the rateable value of property and can be used to balance the relative contributions of urban and rural properties, or to increase the contribution from the commercial and industrial sector.
- 4.10 A rural differential is the most practical way to rectify the imbalance between rural and non-rural land/capital values for the purpose of rating farmland, and the Council does have the power to set rate differentials for this purpose.
- 4.11 Differentials can be read as a percentage applied to the general rate, or targeted rates, within a rating system. For example, a 0.7 (70%) differential on rural land would mean a \$5m (CV) farm would only pay on \$3.5m of the property value, a differential of 1.0 (100%) for urban properties means a \$750,000 section would pay on the full \$750,000, and a 1.2 (120%) differential for commercial properties would see that a \$5m supermarket would pay on \$6m.
- 4.12 The Council should establish a differential of less than 1.0 for rural properties in order to offset the high proportion of general rates for rural properties that otherwise occurs from rating based on property value. Farming requires extensive landholdings but farmer ability to pay rates is based on income from farm produce (and not property value). A farm owner should not be forced sell off their farmland in order to pay rates that are higher than they can afford from farmer income – that would defeat the aim of setting a sustainable rate.
- 4.13 Furthermore, rural land that is *highly productive* cannot be subdivided under the *National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land* (unless the Council identifies it as necessary for urban development under the *National Policy Statement for Urban Development*<sup>5</sup>). As such, most farmland in New Zealand cannot be used for anything else but farming.
- 4.14 Federated Farmers strongly support the use of differentials of less than 1.0 for farmland. Property value does not reflect actual wealth, income, or benefit from services. The fact that farming is a land-intensive business (that is, you need a lot of it, unlike, say, a tech company or law firm) should not mean that farmers pay so much more than other residents for services often miles away from the farm.

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<sup>4</sup> P124 Rangitikei District Council Draft 2024/34 LTP document

<sup>5</sup> See clauses 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8 of the [National Policy Statement for High Productive Land 2022](#).

- 4.15 We support differentials above 1.0 for property types that directly benefit, or cause more cost, than residents and agricultural properties from council services. Good examples of this include exotic forestry and the impact on the roading network. For example, we have strenuously supported Gisborne District Council introducing a roading rate differential of up to 12.5 on exotic forest land (based on *Capital Value*). Forest land value tends to be quite low as such land is not valued at its *highest and best use*. Rather, it is perpetually used as forest (and trees are not included in the land or capital value<sup>6</sup>).
- 4.16 Forests (through logging trucks, metal trucks and over-dimension vehicles for heavy logging equipment) can do significant damage to a roading network at harvest time. We understand the characteristics of this issue can vary from district to district, therefore we ask the Council to gather evidence of forestry's impact on the roading network compared with their rate revenue from that activity. Repairs to road damage or road widening is needed to facilitate logging activities and preserve local road users from conflict with logging traffic. This costs ratepayers money, and forestry operators should be required to pay for the damage their activities do.
- 4.17 As the Council is proposing to continue to charge the General Rate without a differential, farms pay significantly more than residential or commercial properties for activities such as community awards, information centres, district promotions, emergency management and halls. Farms clearly do not do not receive a benefit which is proportional to the level of general rates they pay for these activities and therefore it would be appropriate to apply a differential.
- 4.18 Using information from page 141 of the draft *Long Term Plan 2024-34* we see that, the average residence in Marton (CV = \$325,000 - \$800,000) will pay \$3418 - \$5,305 in rates. Contrast this with a one family farm with a capital value of \$10.7 million – they will pay General Rates of \$26,797. From Beef & Lamb NZ's economic forecasting for 2024/25 (referred to above), we can see that for the average farm, this rate debt must be deducted from the forecast \$62,600 farm profit<sup>7</sup>, leaving \$35,803 before all the other tax and debt payments are made, and before any other living expenses can be met.
- 4.19 For farmers in Rangitikei District, there are additional compliance costs being introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 as this is when new requirements to produce Freshwater Farm Plans commences under the Resource Management Act 1991. The compliance (preparation, certification and auditing) costs for these are high. Consequently, the amount of money left over for paying rates in the coming year will be further reduced.
- 4.20 It is not sustainable for 41% of average farm owner income to go on rates payments under the proposed LTP. This is a much higher proportion than ratepayers income in urban areas. In terms of activities where the benefit accrues on a 'per person' basis, the relative contributions between rural and urban ratepayers would be highly inequitable.
- 4.21 We note that the Council has a rates remission policy for considering instances of Financial Hardship. We think that setting a differential for rural properties will be far more efficient (in terms of managing the burden on Council's available time and

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<sup>6</sup> See s.20 of the [Rating Valuations Act 1998](#), Value of trees and minerals

<sup>7</sup> Remember this is 'profit' before personal drawings can be made, and before tax or debt payments can be deducted.



resources) than having to consider endless applications for rates remissions arising from financial hardship.

- 4.22 We strongly implore Rangitikei District Council to make use of differentials in order to more equitably levy rates from rural properties.

**Recommendations:**

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**5. FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND**

- 5.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector membership organisation representing farming families and rural businesses throughout New Zealand. The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well recognised. Its direct and indirect contribution to New Zealand's economy is about 15% and land-based primary sector exports comprise about 70% of New Zealand's total exports. Any regulation or additional cost which affects farm businesses also has the potential to impact on the New Zealand economy.

**Submission Ends**

**Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of this submission**

**Thank you**

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Sunday, 7 April 2024

# SUBMISSION FORM

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR LONG TERM PLAN

He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitīkei?

Submissions close at 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2024.



### Your Details

Name/Ingoa: GRETTA MILLS

Organisation/ Tōpūtanga (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:**  
Submissions on this LTP are public information and your information and submission will be made available to the public as part of deliberations, unless you tick below requesting your contact details to remain private.  
Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the LTP process and will be held by Rangitīkei District Council at 46 High St, Marton 4710. You may access the information and request its correction, if required.

Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 18 April 2024. Someone will contact you to confirm this.

## PRIVACY ACT 2020

Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process.

Please tick here if you want your contact details to remain private.

# Long Term Plan 2024-2034: WHERE ITS@RANGITIKEI

**SUBMISSION FORM:** [Gretta Mills](#)

## KEY CHOICE 1- MARTON POOL

Should we open the Marton pool all year round?

**Option 1\***

The Marton pool would remain only open on a seasonal basis.

**Option 2**

From 20204/2025 the Marton pool would be open all year round

**Something else**

### **Comment:**

**Insufficient date and information has been supplied on which to make an informed choice on these options:**

- **Three Rangitikei pools** (Marton, Taihape & Hunterville) are managed and maintained by Council Contractors. **Total grants paid by the Council** to the contractors for operating these three pools is **\$1,163,199** per year.

Presumably each community pool has slightly different funding needs which will only increase the need for grants to pay lifeguards, pool treatment, cleaning and management staff etc. If the estimated costs to operate the Marton pool for another 6 months have increased by 61% are other pools also facing similar increases?

- Marton pool can facilitate **up to 200 people** at a time with a **staff ratio of 1 lifeguard to every 50 swimmers**.

At present the Marton pool employs 2 lifeguards per 100 swimmers?

- In **Summer** (end Sept to April) currently **108 community members use the Marton pool daily**, from babies through to senior community members, hosting a range of activities from aqua sports to swim classes.

What is the breakdown of this statistic: **108 community members**. How many babies attend with their parent/s, how many school children attend lessons during school hours, how many adults attend several days per week, how many people pay annual membership fees, what demographic attends during the weekend sessions. I would expect to see robust data re: age, gender, ethnicity, local or from other areas, times and days of the week etc etc.

- The 2021 LTP included an amount of **\$222,000 from 2024/25 onwards** (i.e. Year 1 of the new LTP) for opening the pool year round. These costs are now estimated to have increased by \$135,000 to **\$357,000**.

Using the information that 108 community members use the Marton Pool daily over the 6mth Summer period, am I correct in calculating that each person using the pool costs the ratepayer: **\$18** (my calculations below)

$\$357,000 \div 26 \text{ weeks} = \$13,730.77 \text{ per week}$

$\$13,730.77 \text{ per week} \div 7 \text{ days} = \$1,961.54$

$\$1,961.54 \text{ per day} \div 108 \text{ community members per day} = \mathbf{\$18 \text{ per person per day}}$

- Summer usage (100%): **\$18 per person per day**
- Winter usage (50% ?): **\$36 per person per day?**

**A cost benefit analysis, using accurate detailed statistics, needs to be done before any decision is made on extending pool hours.**

## KEY CHOICE 2 - KERBSIDE COLLECTION

### How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?

**Option 1\***

We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027

**Option 2**

We use a staggered approach and roll out the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.

**Something else**

#### **Comment:**

#### **Wheelie bins encourage waste!**

- If there has to be a plastic bin, will a smaller 'landfill waste' bin be provided?
- At present our family recycles all items that can be recycled at the King Street depot.
- Our food waste is composted in a compost bin and used in our vege garden.
- We fill a Rangitikei Rubbish bag about every 2-3 weeks.
- Our main rubbish is plastic wrap, food contaminated cardboard and plastics that can't be recycled.
- Greenwaste is mulched, larger items are taken to King Street.

#### **Stop the waste stream!**

There is no such thing as throwing AWAY rubbish- it continues to stay with us ie. we continue to *'shit in our own nest'*

- The Bonny Glen Landfill enables waste from all over the North Island to be added to our pile at Bonny Glen.
- How many local Rangitikei people experience the bad smells, the dirty roads and endless trucks that trundle through Rangitikei roads, maintained by ratepayers, to dispose of their waste at Bonny Glen?
- How many Rangitikei residents know that Bonny Glen has permission to build a local 'landmark' rubbish heap hill approx 10 x higher than the height of the 'Bonny Glen' valley once it is filled with rubbish. **'Maunga Tutaenui'** will be a very apt name.

#### **Ban all single use containers from the Rangitikei!**

Only permit those that can be recycled and/or can be returned for the deposit.

- McDonalds wrapping- that litter our roadsides into Marton
- Plastic- coated paper drinking cups e.g. coffee cups
- Yoghurt containers
- Make-up and cosmetic containers
- Clear non-PET food containers
- Agricultural plastic wrap i.e. haybales and silage covers- the cost of recycling must be built in. It has never been acceptable to bury or burn it!

**Micro-plastics-** *only now are we becoming aware of huge quantities of micro-plastics in our air, soil and water and consequently our bodies. It is only a matter of time before 'plastic agricultural wrap' and other 'throw away plastics' will need to be banned. Plastics leach into our air, the earth and the food that animals and humans eat and products that we grow. Eventually particles flow into our rivers and eventually concentrate on our coasts. Human health is being severely compromised by plastic waste in our food and environment.*

## KEY CHOICE 3 - MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

**Option 1\***

Streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Option 2**

Status quo- Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton

**Something else**

#### **Comment:**

#### **What is a 'Streetscape revitalisation' as provided by the Council?**

- **The 'village green'**- an 'accidental' acquisition for local ratepayers to relieve a local church of their rates and responsibilities to an adjoining building owner with a shared wall- now permanently propped up.
- **Cell phone tower**- an ugly non-historical object placed on the 'village green' in prominent view of all locals and visitors entering Marton from South or West.
- **Historic corner buildings**- regrettably purchased by the RDC on ratepayers behalf and left to deteriorate for years after purchase. These buildings at the entrance to the main street are dirty and have now been surrounded by a 4 x 2 framing in the name of health & safety?

#### **First Priority:**

- **Support for existing main street buildings/earthquake prone buildings**- these buildings are usually owned by local businesses that have continuously paid rates to the RDC. In contrast, the multi-block of historical brick buildings that the Council bought and the 'village green' have contributed zero rates- for how long?
- **Brick buildings with shared fire/support walls**- require a collective response and support to solve the earthquake strengthening requirements. **If one or more building owners take the option to demolish**- then, 'like a pack of cards' the two storied distinctive 'streetscape' of the main street will be destroyed. We will then have many 'village greens' in the main street of our small town.
- **Unfortunately it is likely that historic 'character' buildings if demolished will be replaced**- by 'bland' single-storied modern utilitarian office sheds or shops.

#### **Collective action is required to save Broadway, Marton**

*Historic building owners (including RDC), tenants, engineers, architects, earthquake repair specialists, tradespeople and other businesses who have invested money into newer or non-earthquake-threatened buildings need to be brought together to solve this problem now.*

**Rates relief**- the new RDC proposal for 'rates relief' for earthquake prone buildings is great but it is 'too little, too late'.

**Step 1**- organise a major clean up and water-blasting of the filthy buildings and windows on Broadway, Marton..

**Step 2**- if buildings are able to be freshened up with cleaning and painting then this should be encouraged.

**Step 3**- the 'earthquake experts' seminar in Bulls was an excellent session. The RDC now needs to talk to affected building owners in Marton to determine what, if any, assistance they need to achieve an acceptable earthquake rating for their building.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

### Rangitikei District Council and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

*I recently attended the “**Commission on the Status of Women**” CSW68 at the United Nations in New York. I was self-funded but I was an international delegate for Graduate Women International (GWI). This organisation pre-dates the formation of the UN and it has observer status with ECOSOC. The **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** deals with **economic, social, cultural and health** matters as well as **human rights and fundamental freedoms**. It also **coordinates** the work of the UN and the specialised agencies.*

The status of women in the world is dire. Although the UN has a 2030 goal for 50:50 gender equality, it has been calculated that it will be at least 110 years before this target is achieved – if ever! Women and children are the global face of poverty, they are ‘the hungry’ and they are subject to sexual and physical violence in their homes and in other situations where they are vulnerable and have no power to protect themselves.

**The ‘Status of Women in the Rangitikei’ is something that requires action, especially by organisations such as the RDC and other funded organisations and businesses that operate in our area.** The weakest members of our society must have their basic needs addressed if we are going to have thriving, healthy, self-sufficient families and thriving communities.

**The first 6 Sustainable Development Goals (from 17 SDGs) are very relevant for the vulnerable women and children in our local Rangitikei communities.**

- 1. No poverty-** *we have families paying high rents who have low/no income ranging to mid-level incomes who are struggling to live. (Ask the local food banks and budgeting service)*
- 2. Zero hunger-** *significant numbers of children miss meals, do not have enough nutritious food to eat and are hungry.(Ask local social workers, teachers and schools that provide school lunches)*
- 3. Good health & well-being-** *poor quality and overcrowded housing is not healthy, inadequate nutrition makes you sick and visiting a doctor and accessing medicines is expensive. (Ask local health providers, doctors, nurses and pharmacy)*
- 4. Quality education-** *unless you have Nos 1-3 covered, it is difficult to concentrate on attending and achieving a quality education. (Ask local schools about attendance and children’s ability to focus)*
- 5. Gender equality-** *poor women have insecure poorly paid ‘gig economy’ jobs that they have to fit around childcare and household responsibilities. (Ask WINZ about part-time/insecure jobs in caregiving, cleaning/housework or pamphlet delivery)*
- 6. Clean water and sanitation-** *people in Marton are buying bottled water as they can’t rely on quality water from their tap. They do not have vehicles to collect water from the ‘public standpipe’ at the Memorial Hall. This is an expense that they have already paid for through their rent or rates! (RDC already knows about*

*this one- the problem has persisted for more than the 42 years that we have lived in Marton)*

### **The purpose and responsibility of Local Government**

Rangitikei District Council rates every adult member of the Rangitikei either through rates or through the rent that families pay. It also receives subsidies from the central government and its agencies that are paid for from taxes such as income taxes, gst, road tax, fuel tax.

Local government organisations such as Rangitikei District Council are purposed to serve the communities that they receive rates from. They have a duty to serve all citizens fairly and equitably. This means gender equity at all levels of the Council structure with full gender pay parity.

In previous submissions I have asked for issues of gender equity within the RDC to be investigated but this request has been ignored.

I respectfully ask that the RDC is transparent about:

1. **Council roles and gender equity-** gender equity is required at all levels within the RDC and also at MDC who operate crucial RDC services e.g. infrastructure. It is also important to assess 'gender bias' in adverts, recruitment consultants and the AI algorithms used to assess applicants and salary ranges.
2. **Consultation processes in the community-** are women's views sought and valued equally with men's views. Not just for topics judged as 'soft' but also for the 'hard' issues regarding finance, assets, infrastructure such as roading, water, broadband etc.
3. **Council Policies-** all Council policies, including draft policies, should be examined with a **gender-lens**. This includes all Council decision-making made on behalf of Rangitikei residents: financial, economic, cultural and social.

## **WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

<p>To;</p> <p><b>Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton. 4710</b></p>	<p><b><u>LTP 2024-2034</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Submission from;</u></b></p> <p>Lynne Sheridan 289 Bryces Line Marton 4788</p> <p><b>Phone;</b> 06 327 5980</p> <p><b>Email;</b> <a href="mailto:lynne.s@farmside.co.nz">lynne.s@farmside.co.nz</a></p>
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<p>Choice 1; Marton Pool</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> – trial for 3 years, and then decide on whether it is meeting a need and what the uptake of the service is. Council will have a basis (<i>evidence-based</i>) to make a decision that it can share and explain to our community and users.</p>
<p>Choice 2; Kerbside Collection</p>	<p><b>Not at the moment.</b> Nice to have but this needs to be simple to operate, - it would be better if it was managed by the current collection providers, otherwise Council is destroying an existing business. Organic waste will come with a whole raft of issues. Have these been fully considered. Our ratepayers need to know how Council has evaluated this option. <b>Could this please be investigated further and our ratepayers kept informed before any decision is made.</b></p>
<p>Choice 3; Marton Main Street Upgrade</p> <p><i>(please note that Main Street is not the town centre of Marton. Main Street is located off Station Road.)</i></p>	<p><b>No.</b> My reasons. <b>– do we need to do an upgrade?</b> The term ‘throw away society’ comes to mind immediately. Evidence-based decision making is the sensible option. It also creates and opportunity to involve our community in data collection as part of implementing the Significance and Engagement Policy. The CBD’s in all our towns are part of our district's ‘shop window’ and our character. They should not be looked at in isolation as they make up the image of our District. I took a walk down to the CBD in Marton recently and recorded what I saw. <i>(3 x Photos attached)</i> The streets were free from litter.- excellent The <u>green bollards</u> and <u>fancy poles</u> that were installed around 1997/8, - the <u>paint</u> has deteriorated, but the bollards and poles still appear sound, the just look so shabby. The <u>cobblestone footpaths</u>, these are very dull and dirty looking. These were installed around 1995/6? I don’t think they were sealed at the time and several years later they were turned</p>



over and sealed. But no scrubbing or sealing since. (*The cobblestone paths in Whanganui can look as good as they did the day they were installed - why can't ours*)

The gardens seem to receive some attention, but does anyone assess how the plants are doing (*they won't live forever*) and what about reducing the height of the trees (this is making the CBD feel very narrow and they must compromise streetlighting/safety. But has anyone assessed this? Plants and trees need to be managed.

Several years ago, the Town Centre enthusiasm took hold and the community dug deep into their pockets and energy and created the fabulous seating and garden areas in the middle of Marton. Communities did the same in the other towns.

The seats in the Marton Civic Square have been painted recently- but not the seats that **everyone sees in the middle of town** – how weird is that!!

If Council is considering changing the street traffic layout, has an analysis been done to back up any decisions? If answer is no, then an analysis needs to be done, particularly if there are concerns about safety. Our communities deserve evidence-based decision making.

I am suggesting that an assessment and analysis of all the CBD's is undertaken in conjunction with their local community committees/boards.

The outcome of that work is then shared with the respective, communities for input before a final decision is made.

This is a golden opportunity to work together with our communities concerning 'their public space', that they pay for. Working with our communities contributes to making Welcoming Communities. (Page 95. Draft LTP24/34. "Providing and looking after community places that are welcoming, safe, and fit for purpose, and where people feel valued, and have a sense of belonging".)

The money (\$2.1million) would sure achieve a lot of maintenance for a long time and likely for the whole district. Can we please start with getting the maintenance done regularly and the assessments done, before we start talking upgrades.

No upgrade needed yet – work with the communities first.

**– remember our CBD's in Council documents please**

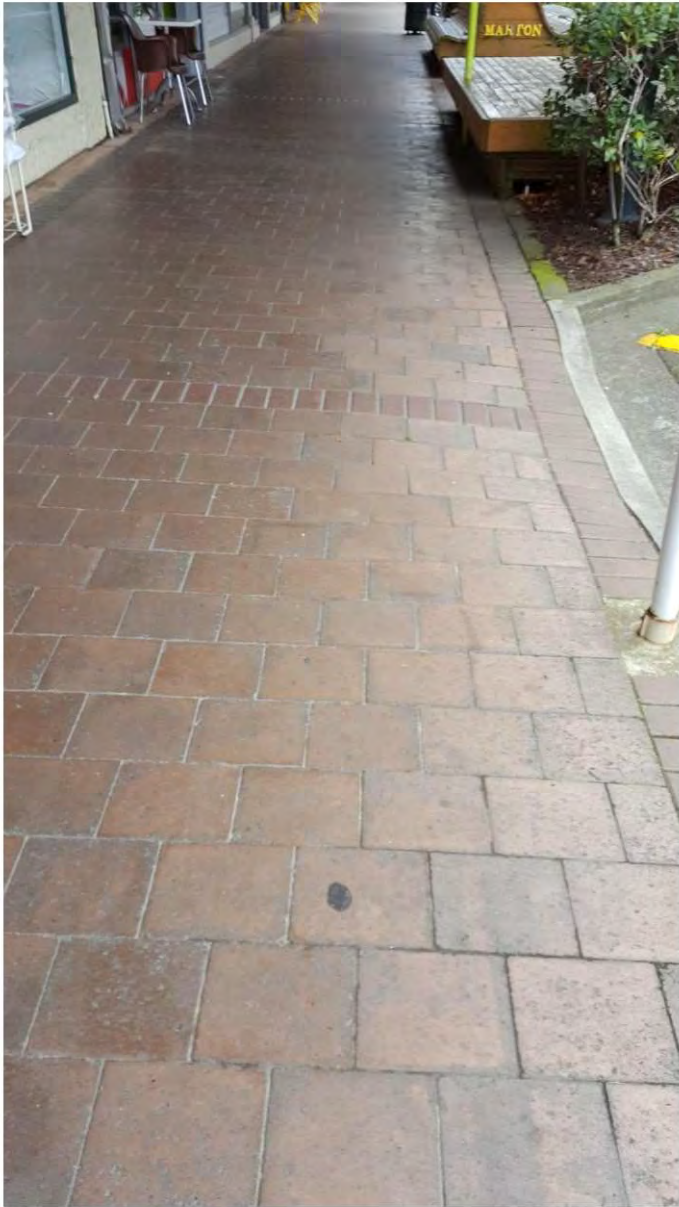
My concern lies with the fact that our CBD's are simply invisible to Council when it comes to acknowledging their existence in Asset Management Plans.

The CBD maintenance needs to be programmed and actioned, just as it is for the roads, the waters and other assets.

But how can this happen if the CBD's are not identified as another key asset in our Asset Management Plans.

	<p>This is not about service requests?  The CBD's need to be visible within Council documents so that ratepayers know Council sees them as a valued part of our communities and that they will maintain them.  <i>(page 16. Draft LTP 24/34)</i> "As stewards of local infrastructure, Councils must invest in the maintenance and renewals of all Council-owned assets. This is both to preserve the quality of the assets, but also to make sure that Council invests in the correct assets at the correct times."</p>
Affordability	<p>We have a population of 16,100. It is expected that population growth in the next 10yrs will be in the 65+ sector = people on fixed incomes.  <i>(page 6. RDC Environmental Scan 2023)</i>  We have a deprivation index of 9 (<i>Regional Economic Activity-MBI-Deprivation Index</i>) this is as high as it goes and high is not good. I could not find any reference to our Deprivation Index, in the LTP 24/34, but I may have missed it.  The mean deprivation index for NZ is 5.6.  Roughly 40% of Rangitikei households earn less than \$50,000/yr.  <i>(Regional Economic Activity-MBI- Household Income Distribution)</i>  How does the Council expect ratepayers to pick up the tab for the projects it has planned.  Council's budget needs to be revised.</p>
Community and Leisure Asset Management Plan	<p>Can Council please identify the respective CBD's in the next <u>Community and Leisure Asset Management Plan</u>, and determine the regular maintenance and works that are intended for each of the CBD's in the District, liaising with Community Committees/Boards.</p> <p>Can Council please <u>survey</u> Community Committees/Boards as well as Residents, at the time of the Annual Residents Survey as to how they feel about the condition of their CBD and invite suggestions/ comments.  <i>(Whanganui surveys residents – see their draft LTP 24-34, Performance Framework Table, page 28- Central Business District)</i></p>
Infrastructure Projects	<p><b>Storm Water</b>  There are 3 major projects identified in Marton <i>(page 31. Draft LTP24/34)</i>. Whilst the solutions put forward are admirable and may resolve the problem, has consideration been given to establishing a wetland/s to slow the flow of water moving through the centre of Marton. With climate events hitting hard when they arrive, it is all too easy after the clean up to simply go back to doing the same management practices as before.  One of the most critical assets during a wet climate event is stormwater.  "Integrate climate into long term planning and decision making"  <i>(page 10. Action 2. RDC Climate Change Strategy)</i> and the Council's Outcome says....•" Council understands the climate risks and mitigation opportunities for major projects." But has the Council considered and understands how wetlands function?  Could Council please reconsider and investigate the suitability in Marton, of creating wetlands to mitigate wet climate events. Wetlands are a carbon sink and have been created in many communities to manage stormwater as well as water quality.</p>

<p>Infrastructure Projects,..... continued</p> <p>(Note; There were no page numbers or footnote indicators in this part of the document)</p>	<p><b>Water</b></p> <p>In the former 3 Waters Asset Management Plan 21/31,(page157) Item 7.1.3.8, -2<sup>nd</sup> para, “.....These connections should be located and identified, particularly given that the Tutaenui Rd trunk main is programmed for renewal.” - This is the main supply of water into Marton and the says is that it is programmed for renewal. The current 3 Waters AMP 24/34, page 71 and 72, “Condition, para 3, says....A large portion of the reticulation is Asbestos Cement. This material was first used in the early 1950s. As the age of these pipes is now approaching their life expectancy, we would expect failure rate to increase. Replacement of pipes based on repair history where available.”</p> <p>Under the section Capital Projects, p. 65 .“Aging Infrastructure” – is top of the list and I am unclear if it is identified under the risk assessments (p.151), this lists the ....Raw water main failure, catastrophic burst. Certainly not sure exactly whether this is the truck main referred to previously.</p> <p>However, since the Tutaenui Trunk Main was mentioned in that 21/31 AMP, it has not appeared in any Annual Plan or Annual Report since. We are fortunate that it has not failed in this time.....but time is passing. I subsequently checked out the Marton Water Supply Strategy, and based on the updates on this, I was unable to find any mention of the Tutaenui Trunk Main.</p> <p>Could there please be some clarity in the 3 x Waters Asset Management Plan 24/34 regarding this pipeline, and if it is a critical asset, why has it not appeared in the programme of works.</p>
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Mōrena Kevin

Please find attached a submission for the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society Inc. in relation to the Long-Term Plan. The Society only received advice late last week that it needed to submit to the LTP as Council had previously concluded that the funding may have been in place. Following that advice, we needed to obtain a resolution from our members to lodge a submission, hence the short delay getting the submission to you.

Ngā mihi  
Greg



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6 April 2024

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Kia ora Kevin

### **LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034**

I write on behalf of the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society Inc, to seek Council's support for the ongoing restoration and upgrades at the Tutaenui Reserve. As your team will be aware we have been working since 2009 to open up the reserve to public use, restore the site via habitat management and pest control, and develop an extensive network of public facilities.

Our team has been working hard since 2017 and the evidence of that effort is plain to see. With nearly 40,000 trees planted, clear recovery of native wildlife populations, 12km of walking and mountain biking tracks and an average of 100 people every day of the week visiting the site, we consider the reserve to be a huge community success. For Councillors who know the site, the reserve was a pine plantation just a handful of years ago.

These outcomes would not have been achieved without ongoing Council support. This has occurred through daily operational support, advice from Council experts and over the last three years, a funding commitment of \$10,000 per annum. Having the Council as a partner in this project has allowed us to reach out to other funding providers, and with this additional support, provide more than 2000 hours per annum of volunteer time. With these resources we have been able to do some amazing things! When we say the reserve is "powered by volunteers", it truly is.

We seek Council's ongoing support to the reserve through the life of the proposed Long Term Plan 2024-2034 on the same terms as previous support Council has given us and would welcome the opportunity to speak to your Councillors in relation to that funding.

On an aligned matter, we would like to commend Council for the work it is doing to remove treated wastewater from the Tutaenui Stream. This outcome has been a very long time coming, but it is wonderful to see substantial progress in this space. The Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society was formed to advocate for the recovery of the Tutaenui Stream and we are pleased to have been influential in developing the direction Council has taken in this space. With the work we are all doing at the reservoirs, the recovery of minimum flows to the stream in the near future, and improved wastewater management, we can be very proud of the direction we are taking collectively.

We look forward to speaking with your Councillors at the appropriate time.

Ngā mihi  
Greg Carlyon



**Submission on the Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34**

**To:** Rangitikei District Council  
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**Introduction**

- 1 Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (**IROMAR**) wish to be heard in support of its submission.
- 2 IRO-MAR advocates for a group of residents living in Marton and the wider Rangitikei district who hold a strong affinity and commitment to the land and people of Rangitikei district, it's health and well-being.
- 3 We wish to see our district grow and flourish but not at the cost of the amenity and environment that make this area a special place to live.
- 4 We support environmentally-best practice development and protection of Rangitikei District , including its rural environment and communities, its flora, fauna, endangered species and soils.
- 5 We appreciate this opportunity to take part in the Long Term Plan process.

**Summary**

- 6 This submission is made in **support** of the proposed:
  - a) Marton Pool Facilities: extended hours
    - (i) IRO-MAR supports the proposal for the Marton Pool Complex to remain open throughout the year
      - a) The Marton Pool is a significant asset for the whole Rangitikei region, and the wider West Coast North Island region
      - b) Year round operation would allow the operator better ability to secure staff, and encourage more regular use from people throughout the region.

- c) If use can be continued throughout the year, clubs and schools and organisations are less likely to move to other locations, and this will encourage more visitors to Marton township.
  - d) The Marton Pool is an existing facility that requires ongoing maintenance and monitoring. Continuing investment in an existing asset is a positive use of ratepayer funds.
  - e) Nationally there is concern at the decline in the swimming skills of school age children: here is the opportunity to support our local primary and secondary schools with swimming facilities of a high standard.
- b) Kerbside collection:
- (i) IRO-MAR supports the proposal to stagger provision of a recycling bin ( issued in January 2027) and an organic waste bin ( issued in January 2030)
  - (ii) We support continual improvement of the kerbside rubbish collection.

7 This submission is made in **opposition** to the:

- a) Proposed Marton Main street upgrade:
- (i) We consider that the Marton Main street, needs to be better maintained and cleaned by the RDC.
  - (ii) We would like to see the Council actively engage with building owners on Marton's mainstreet to assist with strengthening and upgrade work before any future landscaping work is proposed.
  - (iii) A street upgrade will be disruptive to businesses at a time when retail and commercial businesses need foot traffic and continuity, and will be a waste of Council resources.
  - (iv) Any new hard landscaping is at risk of being damaged by the un-strengthened main street buildings in the event of an earthquake.
  - (v) The Council has an obligation to securely and safely support the brick party wall between the new public space of the " Village Green" and the Cooks Bar Building. When will this work be completed?
  - (vi) The proposed " main street upgrade" would be "lipstick on a pig" : The Marton Township needs a long term vision and plan that begins with involving the whole community, and supporting existing businesses. Relying on community groups to donate shelters is not a plan. Engaging consultants before proper consultation has taken place is doomed to fail our community. Marton needs to move with the Twenty First century and understand why new residents are moving here, why people stay and why they leave.

8. This submission wishes to comment on the following:

a) Proposed Rates increase; Developer Contributions and Proposed RDC Debt Levels:

- (i) We understand that Council is required to run a balanced budget. For the past 3 years, Council's accounts have been in deficit. This Draft Long Term Plan forecasts another 5 years of budget deficits. Council cannot afford NOT to require developer contributions.

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Felicity Wallace

On behalf of IROMAR

Dated: 07-04-24

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### Wheres it at submission

Due to medical issues with dexterity I will do this on computer.

Due to I have to drive to town to use library internet and time I have not got the online form. I will fill in my details and scan the submission form. And send as an attachment.

**Choice 1.** no comment. I have never used man made pools! Prefer billabongs and sea.  
 But expect as rural person I will have to pay towards it.

### Choice 2 curbside collection. Nether!

( I have been here for about 20 odd years an never used waste place till you came up with your very effective recycling system at your waste facility.)

points:-

1.there are several private organizations that seem to be doing a good effective job!

Just help them to be as effective as possible!

2.theres not much good one can say about Wanganui, but by their offices, they seem to have a very selective and efficient system set up. To enable the public to separate types of waste and put it in the appropriate bin.

(this keeps down the cost of separating types.

I have seen the same in QLD.

Re waste food! I was born in the depression times so nothing was wasted!

I feel that you can only try to educate the modern person to be more responsible with food.

Note. in your **choice 1 = pros** you state source separation is easy! But it is really the opposite as it will all have to be **manually** sorted after the truck drops its load!

Personally I hope you keep the very effective recycling operation going at your facility!!! It both separates and gives the public the chance to re use what others have no further use for.

### Choice 3 Main street up grade

A very firm **NO!!**

History in this country and abroad tells us that investment of this sort in town centers is a waste of time and so expense!

The main issue **A.** is businesses set up that are not supported by public an or unsuitable! to the needs of the local public. (this is proved by the number of failed businesses! And the resulting empty shops!

**B.** council should not encourage others to copy an existing business! ( eateries, coffee shops, stalls etc) as too many mean the pie is spread out to much! An no one makes a decent living out of the diluted resulting situation!

The next thing C. is parking! To many places are taken up by crap seating stuff etc! dump it! Or move to the green bit on the corner by the end round about

I like trees, but they should not be on the street! They take up parking spaces, they under mine rds-pavements and buildings! Pull them out!

D. I have been on to council several times in the past, about all the greenery around pedestrian crossings!

You have extended them out to increase visibility, then hide them with greenery!!  
Stupid!

Plus the public often treat them with arrogance! We have the right of way and march out! Had a lass do that the other day, walking along, then just turned to the crossing and marched out on to the rd! with her companion gesturing his disapproval and apologies!

Then we have the lasses that stick the baby prams out in the road!

An the kids see the grown ups doing it and suddenly appear on the road side. And then the same with skate boards ETC. then we have cyclists riding on the foot path suddenly on the rd side!

Yes the majority are careful, but as the drivers attention is the round about, they need as much visibility at the pedestrian crossing as possible.

The best thing that could happen is to pull down all the old buildings and erect a supermarket complex with the parking behind.

(remember it only takes the facade to be built like the present style!)

but we don't have the customer numbers to get the supermarkets to do it!??

If we get a bad earthquake 90% of the buildings would probably be red tagged earthquake protected or not!!!

E. Its good to see council have dropped the nonsensical idea of moving the council on to this street! Total irresponsible egotistical expensive nonsense!!

Really while it can be nice to save some examples of old building, there is nothing unique or special (may be the old post office but it's a freshly painted mess I think the owner would be glade to be rid of!)

F. You have just set up cycle tracks through this rather narrow street!!

In reality it a **totally dangerous move!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

There is simply not the space for cyclists to ride safely! between parking cars and the center part of the rd! they really need to be clear of opening car doors! And backing cars. **It needs removing for safety reasons!!!!**

Just look at the submission form picture!!!

In regard to cyclists they should all have a right hand mirror by law!!!!!!

Note I'm not against cyclists. I used a bike for years as transport and was a member of a cycle organization that did 110/ 125 mile day trips. And rode to the clubs rules.

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other thoughts.

Is there a need to replace the present council building!???

Really all that is needed is a comfortable building for the office staff!

The present building was built by sensible councilors that recognized that in reality there is no need for an elaborate building!

The if site if the building used by the fire service was reconfigured it would house the council staff bloat!

The councils work is functional, (rds and infrastructure) the main person is the CEO (Town clerk)

The communities representatives (councilors) set policy, the CEO applies and manages and employs the staff.

This council has a history of employing unsuitable people on short contracts.

The CEO needs to be a **local body career person**. And is the main continuity of council long term. (mayors and councilors come and go! The CEO (Town clerk) gives continuity and stability!

I think councils should go back to the old way!

Is this council soon to be irrelevant??

The MP has long walked away from here! And set up in the Manawatu! And have closed the office in Marton.

Our water is now partly run by Manawatu! Our postal system has now been set up to be run by fielding!

There seems to be other things set up with Manawatu!???

If has happened with other councils, will this council be forced to merge!??

If so do it now and save the expense!

There is a lot of duplication and policy conflict with regional councils! And councils!

Plus we have the same situations with regional council policy across the country.

I think it is time for a rethink of the setup!

Regional councils should be a semi autonomous departments of government and councils should be semi autonomous part of the regional councils with the flexibility to adjust for local ecology/situations.

This way every one would be on the same page, and they would be both more efficient and a economical!

The present economical system is close to falling over!

The economy has been based on the reserve bank governor being the puppet of corporations! (to drive the sale of products and services! The population driven to buy now pay later! not save. Negative interest did not could not work to control inflation!!

We are encouraging people to buy new cars rather than keep the one in use, wasting our over sees funds, We have lost control of our currency to overseas currency investors! So no stability!

Roger moronics has run its coarse! With the same result it had previously had in America! It needs sorting if we are to deal with inflation!

We also need to be rid of MMP!!!! Mickey /Mouse / Parliament soonest!!! Its corrupt because it gives small parties control of both government and government policy!

Both are the reason the country is in the state it is in now!

We have to dump list mps and give the community back its vote! Every one in parliament need to be put in by the community! not the party!!

An WE don't want apartate full stop!

One country!

One people!

One set of rules!

And every one has the same rights!

The treaty is at present nearly none existent!!

I spent 4 years in the Middle East and Africa dealing with the various results of apartate! We don't need it here!

Unfortunately the government used the associations as spoke persons for the building industry! Rather than the builders! And let them write the rules!

Yes the building industry needed to be upgraded but not the way and to ongoing existent it has been forced to!

The government has allowed them to just continue to make new rules (a manager thinks he or she is not doing their job unless they keep adding new rules.)

So the building industry is a costly mess!

The main cause of leaky houses was that councils lost control of the regulation of building! As private people were allowed to do the council regulation work, with out the supervision of the councils! And its even worse now as its largely controlled out side council by private organizations!!!

(When I was doing subdivisions I could put together a draft of what I proposed, take it to the planning officer to look, at and suggest better ways to comply if needed and reduce rule conflict. So your application was as clean as possible with minnable debate needed by hearing committee.

Now the paper work is more important than reducing any rule conflict.

We also have our best timber going to china. And a lot of rubbishy knotty timber having to be used by our builders. Plus they have brought in envelope treatment for pine. ( the Red stuff)

(pines life is 20 years! without pressure treatment! Not 50!!

(i'm talking of residential, not commercial! there money talks!)

We are getting very close to what happened in America and Japan!

The banks are lending on very inflated property prices, and for too great a % of price! (Of asset).

So as in America and Japan in the past, if it falls over the banks cannot cover lose of asset value by mortgage sales! And will have large losses and fail!

So a down turn, could lead to a lack of business confidence! and the down turn could end up in a depression! Rather than just a recession!!

Has council put any thing in place to enable them to keep the necessary infrastructure like water and sewerage running with a low rate in take??? When this happens!!

As it will if the present situation is not sorted!

Len Robinson

**KŌRERO MAI**

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Sunday, 7 April 2024

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# SUBMISSION FORM

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR LONG TERM PLAN

He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitīkei?

Submissions close at 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2024.



### Your Details

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Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 18 April 2024.

Someone will contact you to confirm this.

IF COUNCIL WISH TO SPEAK AT ME OIK

#### Please note:

Submissions on this LTP are public information and your information and submission will be made available to the public as part of deliberations, unless you tick below requesting your contact details to remain private.

Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the LTP process and will be held by Rangitīkei District Council at 46 High St, Marton 4710. You may access the information and request its correction, if required.

## PRIVACY ACT 2020

Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process.

Please tick here if you want your contact details to remain private.



# DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR PREFERRED OPTIONS?

## KEY CHOICE 1 | MARTON POOL

Should we open the Marton pool all year round? (see page 14)


I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
The Marton pool would remain only open on a season basis.

**Option 2**  
From 2024/25 the Marton pool would open all year round.

**Something else**


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## KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements? (see page 16)


I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Option 2**  
We use a staggered approach and roll out the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.


**Something else**

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**\* Councils preferred option**

## KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

 Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre? (see page 18)


I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Option 2**  
Status quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.


**Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Good afternoon,

Below are my preferred options and reasoning for the three key choices in the long term plan;

Key Choice one: option one is preferred.  
Key Choice two: option two is preferred.  
Key Choice three: option two is preferred.

With the proposed rates increases over 10% it is a bad look for the council to splurge on what appears to be luxuries such as extending the pool service, rolling out kerbside collection and revitalising the town centre. The council should be focussing on it's core business while new Zealand is in a recession and not focus on unnecessary luxuries that won't help residents build the local economy. With this the proposed rates increases should be minimised as much as possible while still being able to complete the necessary projects.

As a note of bias I have been a ratepayer for over 2.5 years and recently started working for RDC in the water treatment space.

Any queries please feel free to get in touch.

Regards, Regan



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### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

**Further comments:**

Please refer attached.

**Attachments:**

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**Speak to submission:**

I would like to speak to my submission.

Sunday, 7 April 2024

Rangitikei District Council  
Private Bag 1102  
**Marion 4741**

Dear Sir/Madam

## **RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL – LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034 CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Apollo Projects is a specialist Design and Build contractor that has delivered successful community, sports, recreation and aquatic projects for Local Government throughout New Zealand. We are making this submission in response to the consultation process for Rangitikei District Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2034 to share our knowledge and insights in relation to the delivery of Local Government vertical infrastructure projects. For the purposes of this submission our focus is on providing feedback to Council regarding the successful delivery of projects to ensure they deliver long-lasting benefit to the community.

### **Review of draft LTP and consultation document**

Apollo has reviewed the draft LTP and associated consultation document and have identified the following matters that are related to community infrastructure and that we wish to submit upon:

- Commit to providing multi-functional civic/community facilities in Marion and Taihape during the 2024-34 LTP.
- Key Choice 1 – Marion Pool: should we open the Marion pool all year round?
- The Draft LTP highlights **Affordability of services** and **Delivering our big projects** as two of a number of key 'Things to Consider' identified in the Consultation document.

### **Apollo Projects – Specific Feedback**

Apollo has successfully and proudly delivered many projects for Local Government throughout New Zealand, including swimming pools, recreation facilities and community centres. We have also observed however many other Local Government projects that have been delivered with varying levels of success. In some instances, these projects have either been discontinued or delivered at unaffordable budgets which has potentially wide impacts on their respective communities.

Apollo provides this feedback to RDC's LTP consultation process based on our proven knowledge and experience of undertaking value-driven projects that have become highly utilised community assets:

- *Developing and delivering to realistic capital budgets for projects* – recognising Councils typically need to apply conservatism and contingency when assessing project budgets, it is important that the budget does not become over-inflated to mitigate cost risk, thus resulting in that project becoming unaffordable. The worst outcome for a community is either to lose projects to an inflated budget when costs can be reduced, or for budgets to blow out during the construction phase. Apollo believes it is crucial for Councils to include expert construction feedback and advice that can often provide more realistic guidance on budget, or alternatively provide construction/risk alternatives that could reduce overall construction cost. We therefore applaud and support RDC for selecting Design and Build contracting methodology

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for the Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment project, thus bringing construction expertise to the final solution.

- *Design and Build should be leveraged* – Apollo is seeing more Local Government and Central Government projects move to Design and Build due to:
  - **Single Point of Responsibility:** With D&B, there's a single entity responsible for both design and construction. This can streamline communication, decision-making, and accountability throughout the project lifecycle.
  - **Faster Project Delivery:** Since the design and construction phases can overlap, D&B projects often have shorter timelines compared to traditional methods. This can result in faster project completion and earlier occupancy or utilisation.
  - **Cost Certainty:** D&B contracts often include a fixed price or a guaranteed maximum price, providing more certainty regarding project costs. This can be appealing to clients who want to avoid cost overruns.
  - **Innovation and Collaboration:** D&B encourages collaboration between designers and builders from the early stages of a project. This can lead to innovative solutions and value engineering, potentially resulting in better project outcomes.
  - **Reduced Administrative Burden:** Since there's only one contract and one point of contact, the administrative burden on the client is reduced compared to managing separate contracts for design and construction.
- The majority of Apollo's client contracts are Design and Build, and we recommend Design and Build also be the chosen contracting methodology for the Marton Offices and Library project as a way to further mitigate cost and programme risk to Council.
- We also recommend RDC consider the benefits of combining the Taihape and Marton projects to gain cost and programme efficiencies, while maximising local supplier content and certainty to those suppliers.
- *Conservative Utilisation Predictions* – Apollo has seen first-hand how community assets are utilised to far greater levels than initially predicted during the planning phase. Projects that Apollo has delivered such as Selwyn Events Centre and Kiwa Pools in Gisborne attracted considerably more visitors than planning data indicated. Apollo recommend to RDC that the projected utilisation of Community Assets, particularly those in highly engaged communities such as Taihape and Marton, be considered using predictions that are at the high end of probability.

### **Key Choice 1 – Marton Swimming Pool**

Apollo note RDC's 'Key Choice 1' in relation to Marton Pool and recommend that the pool should be opened all year round (Option 2), such as recently been made possible at nearby Foxton Pools through a refurbishment delivered by Apollo. Apollo has seen the community impact on improved water safety and health and wellbeing in various swimming pool projects throughout New Zealand, and despite the impact on rates, believe a year round swimming pool with an appropriate operating model be adopted.

Apollo Projects appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to Rangitikei District Council in relation to the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034.



Should it be available, we would appreciate the opportunity to present in person during the LTP hearing process, however note that we are currently engaged in an RFP process for Taihape Town Hall and wish to ensure Council do not perceive presenting to the LTP to be a conflict of interest.

Yours Sincerely,



**Simon Wall**

General Manager – Strategy and Relationships

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Name/Ingoa: Paula Skou - Country Chic

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I prefer...

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The Marton pool would remain only open on a season basis.

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From 2024/25 the Marton pool would open all year round.

**Something else**

**Comment:** yes - town population increasing  
so facilities are more  
accessible for families  
and also makes town  
more appealing to move to.

 Please include more pages if required.

### KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

👉 How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements? (see page 16)


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We use a staggered approach and roll out the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.

**Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Please include more pages if required.

\* Councils preferred option

### KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

 Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre? (see page 18)


I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Option 2**  
Status quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.


**Something else**

**Comment:** *Yes from Broadway Ave to New World - and High Street (wards Furniture)*  
*NOT just between roundabouts ALL The Business's need to be included*

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

*Village Green to be utilised more.*

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**Something else**

Comment:

Well overdue for make over



Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

Please see attached Page.



Please include more pages if required.

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Long Term Plan Submissions  
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Marton 4741

**WHERE'S IT @ RANGITIKEI**

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Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future

The need for central Motorhome parks in Taihape.

The area known as the 'outback', now called Outback Road, was developed in 1997 for commercial customers parking space. Council plans were to seal only half of the road but a petition from shop owners for a complete sealed road was successfully.

A request for four bus parks was denied.

Roll on 27 years..

As we advertise as a Motorhome friendly town the availability of dedicated parking is nonexistent and desperately lacking.

We are losing valuable customers. The main street isn't practical for MH parking.

Many many towns throughout the country provide parking spaces within town centre.

Motorhome parks (at least four) with the limit of two nights free parking is common.

Also parking is available for day parking.

Opportunity lost.

I propose that these parking spaces be made available in the 'Outback ' area for the benefit of the town as soon as possible.

There is a large area behind the picture theatre that could be converted to parking space at very low cost if it is council land (?).

If this land is available the parking area in the outback needs to be made available and marked as Motorhome parks .. no major cost needed to make these parks available.

Thankyou .

Regards,

Phil Shaw



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**From:** Submissions  
**Subject:** FW: Recycling Submissions  
**Attachments:** Presentation 5.pptx

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**From:** The Chairman <[tamakimakauraumkt@gmail.com](mailto:tamakimakauraumkt@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:56 PM  
**To:** info <[RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Recycling Submissions

My name is John Abraham and supply these submissions for the recycling.

I wish to make submissions to council preferable in the afternoon

Please contact if required.

John Abraham

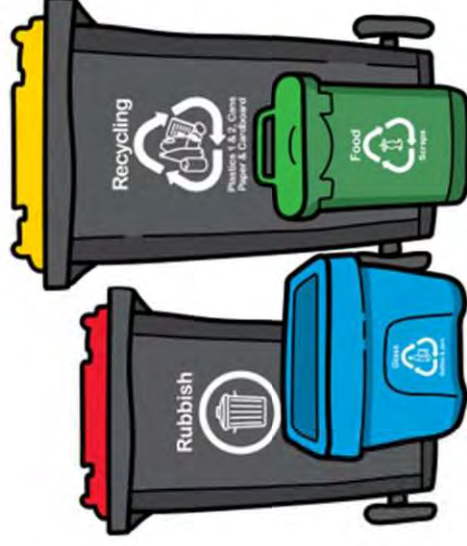


# Recycling in the Rangitikei

- ▶ The council has asked for submissions.
- ▶ I am a rate payer and have resided in Rangitikei for over 5 generations.
- ▶ I am disappointed at the last 15 years of lack management of our Waste assets. I have seen the service slide backwards and believe the tenderer was to low, it was sold privately, the saying goes pay peanuts get monkeys.
- ▶ I have seen abuse at the transfer stations.
- ▶ Our region is unique with regard to entry to landfill I believe this should be managed carefully.
- ▶ All I have discussed will ultimately effect recycling in Rangitikei.

# Council Options

- ▶ Option 1 And option 2
- ▶ Our preferred option1 ( what dose this mean) Who and when was this made?
- ▶ Debt \$1.5 m ,Service level What does this mean? What increase in service level?
- ▶ Any assurance for future rises or nil Rises.



# Transfer Stations

- ▶ What is the current status of the Transfer Stations?
- ▶ Ratepayers paid for infrastructure
- ▶ What is current status of entry to Bonny Glen Landfill?
- ▶ Transfer Station seen as a revenue gatherer with the price rise. Easy solution however the wrong option.
- ▶ Need to revamp the whole waste system.
- ▶ We have ability locally to service the Transfer Stations.
- ▶ Co-ordinate all movements and maximize diversion.



# Future Initiatives

- ▶ The law has taken 20 years for a law change to will enable us to implement real change to achieve effective waste diversion
- ▶ Investigating out new technologies to eliminate waste.
- ▶ Achieve no increase in debt
- ▶ Roll out multiple collections by 2027
- ▶ User pay



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**Subject:** FW: Long-term plan submission

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**From:** Nadine Nairne <[rangitikeiactivegym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rangitikeiactivegym@xtra.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:34 AM  
**To:** info <[RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Gaylene Prince <[Gaylene.Prince@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:Gaylene.Prince@rangitikei.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Long-term plan submission

To the Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing a long-term plan submission to the Rangitikei District Council on behalf of Marton Aquatic and Leisure Trust.

I am the current facility manager of Rangitikei Active Gym, and have been since 2018.

When I began working at Rangitikei Active Gym, we held approximately 200 memberships. Now, 6 years on, we are sitting at 425 members and growing! The population in the Rangitikei has grown significantly, & is projected to continue growing. I expect our gym memberships to have similar growth inline with this projection.

Our members are from a wide range of ethnicity, like that of our community, & we cater to members between the ages of 16 years old to 82 years of age (in fact, we have 110 members over the age of 56 years).

I am very fortunate to have a great working relationship with the pool staff, that will continue to grow as we explore more opportunities in the future. We reinstated Gym'n'swim membership options this Summer and added a fun pool day into a successful holiday program session over Winter.

At present, our facility can be extremely busy, & in turn, members are at a disadvantage with the lack of space. We are unable to offer on-site group classes due to lack of floor space.

Ways that I have tried to reduce the congestion has been to increase our opening hours & provide a training area in the courtyard between the pool offices & our facility. I have created a free holiday program targeted at local tamariki and rangitahi offsite at the Rangitikei College, again to reduce the impact on our outdoor space. This has been a great success but is very weather dependent. I would like to add a roof to this courtyard area, allowing members to train in another space throughout the year, in all weather conditions.

If I were to have this area covered, I intend to reinstate onsite classes, offer a new training style compatible with needs of our growing younger community, actively engage with potential new members to join our facility, & allow members to spread out further, removing the current congestion. The additional training space will be semi separate to our current operating footprint,

enabling me to target children and teens, under the age of 16 years old (currently not permitted in our gym facility), to explore body training styles suited to their age and abilities, as they can access this site externally. Prior to now, I was only able to assist this generation via our free holiday programs.

We would like the Rangitikei District Council to support work with Marton Aquatic and Leisure Trust & staff, to add an extension to this open space. Marton Aquatic and Leisure Trust would commit to \$30,000, ask Council to contribute up to \$50,000; as well as any building alterations to the pool area of the building that may be required for the fire design, that would be part of the building consent; plus waiver of building consent fees. MALT would apply for external funding to cover the remaining costs of the project.

Because Marton Aquatic And Leisure Trust would be investing in a building they don't own, they would like commitment from Council on an extension of the lease. I would also ask that the current lease be extended by an additional 10 years, with Marton Aquatic and Leisure Trust having the first right of renewal upon its expiry, & keep the current financial renewal date at the current expiry date.

By extending our current footprint with this extension, we will be able to manage the growing population, offer a range of exercise classes to manage a range of abilities & interests, & ensure that we can reduce another barrier to our community engaging in physical activity.

I believe that providing a safe & inclusive facility that can cater to our diverse, growing community is inline with WHO's facts & inline with RDC's parks, open spaces & sporting facility strategy by ensuring "spaces & places are versatile & cater for a range of diverse activities & users (existing & potential), with the ability to be flexible & physically reconfigured for a variety of users".

The benefits of creating a space suitable for the wider Rangitikei community are immense. In fact, the World Health Organization states that:

1. Physical activity has significant health benefits for hearts, bodies and minds
2. Physical activity contributes to preventing and managing noncommunicable diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer and diabetes
3. Physical activity reduces symptoms of depression and anxiety
4. Physical activity enhances thinking, learning, and judgment skills
5. Physical activity ensures healthy growth and development in young people
6. Physical activity improves overall well-being
7. Globally, 1 in 4 adults do not meet the global recommended levels of physical activity
8. People who are insufficiently active have a 20% to 30% increased risk of death compared to people who are sufficiently active
9. More than 80% of the world's adolescent population is insufficiently physically active.

Rangitikei Active gym is a community gym, & are committed to our community. We continually practice this by providing excellent service, imparting our extensive knowledge whenever possible, offering variety & evolving with the people of the Rangitikei. Now we need the facility itself, with the assistance of the council, to evolve with us.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Nadine Nairne

Rangitikei Active Gym

8 April 2024

Rangitikei District Council  
46 High St, Private Bag 1102  
Marton 4741

Tēnā koē,

## Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan 2024–2034

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on your Long Term Plan 2024–2034.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, National Public Health Service – MidCentral has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora Act 2022 Section 14 (1)(k) and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities within the Rangitikei District. Of particular focus for Health NZ is embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Te Tiriti) as its foundation toward improving health outcomes for Māori.

The Long Term Plan 2024–2034 aligns to Health NZ's commitment to healthier and more resilient communities by reducing inequities and promoting good health, particularly for Māori, Pacific peoples and disabled people.

Please find Health NZ's submission attached.

For any clarification regarding the submission, please contact Gillian Anderson,  
[GillianM.Anderson@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:GillianM.Anderson@midcentraldhb.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi,



### Paula Snowden

Ngāpuhi ki Whāingaroa

**Regional Director, Te Ikaroa Central Region****National Public Health Service**[TeWhatuOra.govt.nz](https://www.TeWhatuOra.govt.nz)

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## **Key Health and Wellbeing considerations for the Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan 2024–2034**

Health NZ acknowledges the consultation document sought feedback on key choices concerning Marton Pool, Kerbside Collection, and Marton Main Street Upgrade. However, we wish to take this opportunity to comment on areas that provide opportunities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities within the Rangitikei District.

### ***Climate Change***

Rangitikei District Council (RDC) notes in the Long Term Plan (LTP) that the communities at risk of flooding, Scotts Ferry, Kauangaroa, Koitiata, Marton, Hunterville and Bulls have implemented climate resilience or adaptation projects/plans. Health NZ is also pleased to note that RDC has completed Council's first Climate Change Strategy and Plan, and the level of funding is under discussion. Ensuring clear funding lines confirms the intent of this important piece of climate action work. Health NZ would like to offer to participate as a stakeholder in the implementation of this Climate Change Strategy and Plan.

### ***Community Housing***

Health NZ would like to highlight the importance of warm, dry, safe housing for improving health and recommends aiming for 100% compliance with the Healthy Homes Standards. The timetable that you have given is for 95% compliance with the standards by 2034. Unless there is a specific exemption for a part of any one individual home, 100% compliance is required with the standards for Kainga Ora or registered Community Housing Providers by 1 July 2024 and for all other rental homes by 1 July 2025<sup>1,2</sup>.

### ***Transport***

Health NZ would like to note that although RDC no longer needs a speed reduction plan for the district's schools, a new rule is to be developed around requiring variable speed limits on roads approaching schools during pick up or drop off times<sup>3,4</sup>. Variable speed signs have a considerable cost and should be accounted for in the LTP budget.

### ***Community Places***

The LTP refers to marae as community places (or hubs) where people gather to share, celebrate, mourn, learn, and grow. They also play an important part in the event of a civil defence emergency. The effects of climate change and the increasing severity of weather-related events place marae at risk of supporting communities particularly in times of need. Carrying out risk assessments for marae, particularly those that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, roading and access, and urupā protection, would be beneficial.

It is noted that there are projects to renovate the Taihape Town Hall and a new Marton Civic Centre that have previously been consulted on and are under review / in the planning stages.

Health NZ would like to comment that if these 'Community Places' activities are advanced they should include the following:

- paths that are adequate for all users including disabled people, have facilities and paths for cycling
- trees for shade planted. Should the trees produce fruit or nuts, this would add to the sustainability of communities<sup>5,6</sup>.

### **Definition of Public Health**

The Funding Source Analysis on p127 lists an activity as Public Health. It would be beneficial to provide clarity on this definition. The National Public Health Service (NPHS) as part of Health NZ works alongside communities to deliver national, regional and local programmes for achieving pae ora (healthy futures). People in public health focus on environmental health, communicable disease control, tobacco control and health promotion programmes<sup>7</sup>. The NPHS MidCentral would like to work with you to reframe this concept.

### **Summary**

Health NZ would like to summarise the key points.

- A budget should be set for the Climate Action Strategy and Plan to ensure its completion.
- All council community housing should meet the Healthy Homes Standards, or have exemptions approved within the appropriate timeframes, the latest possible being 1 July 2025.
- The LTP should account for the costs of reducing speeds around schools at pick up and drop off times.
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**Something else**

**Comment:** Try period of possibly 1-2 yrs to check on usage ~~and~~ during winters months. Then if not used close for summer season only.

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Would to council look at setting up site to possibly process waste into sellable products.

 Please include more pages if required.

\* Councils preferred option



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**From:** Submissions  
**Subject:** FW: Submissions for Recycling  
**Attachments:** Final Council slide 1.pptx

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**From:** Rob A <[robabr66@gmail.com](mailto:robabr66@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:31 PM  
**To:** info <[RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:RDCInformation@rangitikei.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Submissions for Recycling

Kia ora my name is Willy Abraham and want to submit this submission for the recycling.

I would like to present to the council and prefer the afternoon.

If any enquiries please contact.

Kind regards

W Abraham



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# Kerbside Rubbish Collection

- ▶ Rangitikei Wheelie Bins
- ▶ Privately Operated and Funded





# Status Quo - Privately run collection



## Benefits

- ▶ No additional charge to ratepayer
- ▶ Dependable service (25 year record)
- ▶ Waste data readily available to Council - All waste goes through Council transfer stations
- ▶ Local employment, local reinvestment
- ▶ Rubbish bags, wheelie bin and skip bin services offered - All demographics covered.
- ▶ No Council assets to manage

## Draw backs

- ▶ Not in contractual agreement with Council.- Has this proved to be a problem?
- ▶ Wheelie bins not owned and funded by Council- Is this really a problem?
- ▶ Have seen 5 attempts at recycling over 25 years fail.

# Alignment with MfE- Guidelines

## MfE Goal by 2030 - 50% urban waste diversion

- ▶ Guarantee that urban waste data will be shared. (Measurable diversion)
- ▶ We provide small waste receptacles (60L)- Bags that encourage waste diversion
- ▶ Rangitīkei Wheelie Bins can aligned with MfE waste minimisation targets
- ▶ What proof has the Council have regarding reaching MfE diversion targets?



# Future Initiatives

- ▶ Could become a Public/Private Partnership
- ▶ Have been waiting for a law change to implement real change to achieve effective waste diversion
- ▶ Received mandate by Ratana to seek out new technologies to eliminate waste.
- ▶ No increase in debt
- ▶ Roll out multiple collections by 2027
- ▶ User pay



# Summary

- ▶ Support local
- ▶ Proven track record of serving the Rangitīkei community
- ▶ Self-funding business model
- ▶ Not rates funded
- ▶ RWB 'Building a better future for all'

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Phone/Waea: 06 - 3221169.

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Will never be cheaper

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Look to the future - Tirohanga Whakamua

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Shop owners & Land owners do not show any interest in improving the look of the area so the rate payers should not fund their lack of support.

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

 Please include more pages if required.



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**Name/Ingoa:** Kylie Toka

**Organisation/Tōpūtanga (if applicable):**

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Kyliemtoka@gmail.com

**Phone/Waea:**

02102200344

### Key Choice 1

**Should we open the Marton pool all year round?**

Option 2 - From 2024/25 the Marton pool would be open all year round.

**Comments about opening the Marton Pool:**

It makes it harder to get back into the habit of using the pool when it re opens. Often people have found something else to do and dont go back to using the pool. Perhaps give it a few years and re evaluate but I believe we should try the all year approach.

### Key Choice 2

**How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?**

Option 1\* - We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Comments about Kerbside Collection:**

### Key Choice 3

**Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?**

Option 2 - Status Quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Comments on upgrading Marton Main Street:**

There is no need to spend money on the Main Street other than to attend to the unused, propped up buildings on the corner.

**Further comments:**

There seems to be a focus on pretty things rather than long term goals in the Main Street. I personally find the Main Street to be an attractive part of Marton with local businesses taking care of shop frontage and even decoration of the street. It wasnt that long ago that seating and gardens were introduced. I fail to see where the money would make such a significant difference in the ambiance of the township. It's about the people and in that area, we are rich enough. The 'Village Green' has the capacity to be an attractive community space perhaps a focus on that would be helpful to the business of Marton.

**Attachments:**





**Speak to submission:**

I would like to speak to my submission.

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### Your Details

Name/Ingoa: James Kilmister

Organisation/ Tōpūtanga (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email/ Īmēra: jamesvirginia@xtra.co.nz

Phone/Waea: 027 4419599

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**Comment:** Seems to be a lot of money to run it for 4 months, the use or the amount of people using it in those 4 months needs to be established before you would even spend that sort of money.

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**Something else**

**Comment:** Doesn't affect us.

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**Comment:** Would Marton rate payers be targeted with rates, this benefits Marton.  
All rate payers pay for the plans I'm happy with this it benefits Rangitikei.  
Local Marton businesses which it basically benefits should be consulted to improve the front facade.

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

I see a doctor based in Hille for maybe 2 to 3 days a week a key community service missing. To go to Steward Street surgery takes alot of my time, 1 hour traveling and upto 1 hour waiting.  
- Not sure if this a council thing

Hille Domain - the rugby club has been proactive over the year to help maintain grandstands and build new showers which are great.  
Club rooms have been well maintained and we have a great result. We have put in a new chiller last year and currently re doing the kitchen to the value of \$45,000.

 Please include more pages if required.

We are currently redoing the lights which will benefit the community but mainly the rugby club benefit.

Dealing with the Parks person has caused delays of everything which has been idea. (Needs to be more user friendly.)

I understand we need to consult and do things by the books, but with the Hulle mentality we get on and do it. We have good people with common sense to do the job properly.

The old poles were falling down, one pole did fall down in a strong wind which set us on task to better the Domain.

The shemongle is our main community event for the year, it takes alot of hard work and money to run the day. We do have money in reserve for community projects if required and to help subsidize the day in a year where we are short of sponsors money.

Thanks to R.D.C for host money donated from the sponsorship grant fund - it certainly has helped lower the cost of some of our many expenses.

ATO

We will always need the support from R.D.C  
to help run our day it is a great way  
to promote Rangitikei and bring money into  
Hulle businesses.

So consider is <sup>schemozzle</sup> when there is funding opportunities  
available, we will require assistance every year as  
long as the event keeps going.

NB Sorry for the ramble, just 2 things I'm passionate  
about - Rugby Club, Hulle Huntaway Festival  
and Hunterville Town / Community.

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Name/Ingoa: Roxanne Phillips

Organisation/ Tōpūtanga (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comment:** swimming lessons in ~~at~~ Marton, and it's facilities are excellent. we drive here every weekend from Whanganui to attend due to this, and an inability to access lessons (hard to get a place) Whanganui swim lessons do not extend my child's skills to keep him safe in the water.

 Please include more pages if required.

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**Something else**

**Comment:**

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Comment:

as this would result in an overall increase in rates at a time where most people are struggling & realistically they could travel to Feilding from Hunterville at just over the distance to Marton - I think leave at this time.

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Comment:

Thank goodness recycling options are coming to Hunterville!

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**Comment:** Invest in the initial plan development of \$100,000 to put to the Marton community for funding. Businesses in Hunterville & community groups largely do this themselves & this should be the same for Marton & definitely not funded by district wide rates - if anything rates targeted at Marton only.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

Continue to support the Hunterville community, businesses & organisations.

continue to work on the roads around Hunterville that are being impacted due to large numbers of forestry trucks

- Pakiove Valley
- Turakina Valley
- Papanui

Please include more pages if required.

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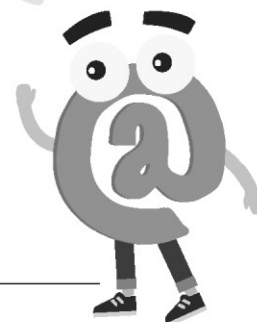
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Organisation/ Tōpūtanga (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Something else**

**Comment:**

In the current economic climate, I feel, it is unnecessary to start opening the Marton Pool all year round. I would like to suggest that the pool personnel are re-deployed into other positions during the winter months when the pool is not in Use

If re-deployment is not possible, maybe council could utilise university students during the summer months to operate as lifesavers and pool staff under the jurisdiction of one permanent pool manager.

🔗 Please include more pages if required.

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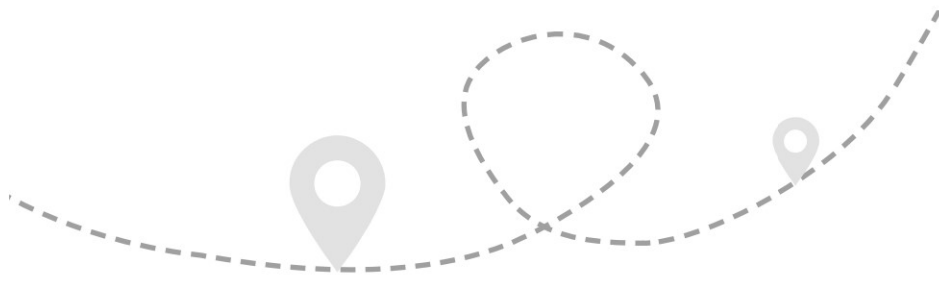
**Something else**

Before launching any new kerbside services, I think council should wait to see what the new government are proposing. The legislation requiring kerbside food removal may be repealed. Also, rate payers, such as ourselves here in Hunterville

do not throw away food scraps, we have several compost bins, chooks and a dog, providing us with a food waste bin would be a waste of rates. Perhaps a better option could be to provide households, which have the space, with composting bins, and provide a general composting food waste bin in areas where residents do not have the space for an individual bin. There are also options such as Bokashi composting.

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**Comment:** I do not feel the Marton town centre needs revitalisation - it does however need the toilets to be re-opened.

Providing the existing garden areas are maintained and occasionally revamped - which I assume is already in the parks and gardens budget - I feel the Marton Town Centre is looking quite good.


I really like the new green space on the corner of Broadway and High Streets and feel it would be a shame to build on it - any further than the covered stage presently there. Perhaps a few shade trees and seats for people wishing to eat lunch.

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

It seems to be a local council "thing" to give themselves fancy new offices and buildings - in the current economic climate, I don't feel council should be even considering upgrades to the Marton Council offices or the library. As the Taihape Town Hall requires earthquake work - that is undoubtedly necessary to strengthen the historic building, concentrate on that.

Exponential rate increases year upon year of over 11% are not acceptable - RDC is going to have to look very carefully at spending - especially on "nice to have" but not necessary items. ie: town centre upgrades and council office upgrades. Preference should be given to concentrating on the basics and borrowing as little as possible.

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RD1 MARTON

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**Something else**

**Comment:** ALL USERS SHOULD PAY/BEAR THE FULL COST  
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**Comment:** WITHOUT ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESS TENANTS, IT IS  
A POINTLESS EXERCISE. MAIN STREET BUSINESS'S SHOULD  
FUND THIS

 Please include more pages if required.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

COUNCIL IS PROPOSING A WORKS PROGRAM THAT IS  
UNSUSTAINABLE AND UNFAIR TO FUTURE RATEPAYERS.  
THE BUILDING OF NEW OFFICES IS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY.  
COUNCIL SHOULD LEASE A BUILDING IN PALMERSTON NTH  
AND WORK TOWARDS PREPARATION TO BE PART OF MANAWAITU  
COUNCIL. MARTON LACKS A RATEPAYER BASE, AND THE  
ONLY WAY TO FIX THAT IS ACOAGAMATION WITH BIGGER  
NEIGHBOURS. FUTURE GROWTH PREDICTIONS ONLY FORECAST 1%  
ANNUAL GROWTH. THIS IS NOT EVEN SUSTAINABLE. THE BUILDING  
ON TOWN FRINGES IS A REEPIE FOR DISASTER - RATES WISE.

 Please include more pages if required.

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**Subject:** FW: Late Submission

Hi Kym

Im wondering if I can lodge a late submission.

Apologies for the lateness.

I am the Health Manager for Sport Whanganui and I fully support the pools staying open all year round. I have had many dealings with the Marton and Taihape pools over the years.

Our clients are referred to our health programmes from their GP for us to work alongside them helping motivate and support them into regular exercise and activity for the betterment of their health. Pool activities is very much a part of our programme planning.

100% of our referrals from the GP surgeries in Marton and Taihape are referred on to pool activities. We are dependent on the pools as it is a non impacting water based supportive activity that all our clients love.

We have struggled over the years to find an activity in the regions that offers such a valuable and important lifeline as the pools does during winter month. Our clients are hesitant to be outdoors in winter which has an impact on their overall health. But with access to indoor pools over the winter months our clients can maintain their fitness they have worked so hard to get to during summertime.

We are absolutely indebted to the doctors and practice nurses from Stewart Street surgery, Taihape Health and Bulls Medical, the management and staff of the CLM Marton and Taihape pools who support our programmes. We have enjoyed for many years the joy and value of prescribing water based activity plans for the community.

We fully support the pools to remain open all year round.

Thank you



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## Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan submission April 2023

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## **Submission:**

### **Introduction**

1. Recreation Aotearoa is a registered charity and the organisation responsible for providing leadership, advocacy, and professional development opportunities for those involved in the broader recreation sector. We work at an agency, industry and professional level to build capability, develop partnerships, and equip individuals and organisations with the skills they need to deliver high quality recreation experiences that engage participants.
2. Recreation Aotearoa's membership includes recreation policy makers, territorial local authorities, voluntary organisations, regional sports trusts, consultants, outdoor recreation organisations, and others involved in the delivery of recreation throughout New Zealand.
3. Our mission is enhancing wellbeing through recreation.
4. We welcome the opportunity to provide input into the Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan.

### **The value proposition of investment in Active Recreation**

5. Recreation Aotearoa believes recreation is vital to New Zealand society. Recreation is not just about enjoyment. It is about being healthy, engaged, stimulated, and interacting with others. This occurs via outdoor recreation, community recreation, and within parks, aquatics, and facility-based recreation centres.
6. Recreation generates significant value for society across several of the wellbeing domains and outcomes expressed within NZ Treasury's Living Standards Framework: Health; Subjective Wellbeing; Income Consumption and Wealth; Work, Care, and Volunteering; Family and Friends; Safety.
7. The most significant benefit of recreational physical activity, surpassing others by a significant margin, is derived from health benefits, even when factoring in the costs associated with related accident and injury claims. Overall health benefits to New Zealand amount to \$9.0 billion, or \$8.4 billion after deducting the injury claims. This constitutes nearly half of the net social value generated by physical recreational activities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

8. Our population instinctively understands this. In a large survey 90 per cent of New Zealanders agreed that “by being active they are in turn maintaining a good level of health and fitness, and this helps to relieve stress.”
9. Physical inactivity is associated with loss of productivity, health costs, as well as associated costs with pain and suffering. Healthier, happier individuals are more likely to do well in other areas of their lives, whether it is in social or professional situations. This has a positive flow-on effect for communities.
10. The availability of public green spaces, including those designated for recreation, has been linked to increased mental well-being.
11. In a study conducted in New Zealand; individuals who met the global physical activity recommendations were found to have a 51% higher likelihood of experiencing healthy mental well-being.
12. Engaging in active recreations is known to reduce the prevalence of mental health conditions like depression and anxiety, as well as non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes, ultimately enhancing life expectancy.
13. Studies indicate that involving peers and parents in developmentally suitable play provides children with the chance to cultivate social-emotional skills. These skills encompass problem-solving, collaboration, negotiation, language acquisition, and self-regulation. This contributes to the development of executive functions and facilitating effective social interaction with others. Engaging in outdoor recreation during childhood has also shown a positive association with the development of pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours in adulthood.
14. Moreover, research has demonstrated that recreation enhances social cohesion, fosters community connectedness, and strengthens community identity. A recent literature review presented compelling evidence of positive outcomes for older adults, including increased social support, the formation of friendships, and a heightened sense of integration within the community. Similarly, for young people, participating in such activities contributes to the development of friendships, a clearer sense of self among peers, a feeling of belonging, and an enhanced sense of community. 74% of New Zealanders agree

that “sport and physical activity help build vibrant and stimulating communities.”

15. Research indicates that offering fair and secure opportunities for sport and active recreation, that are inclusive of the entire community, can create connections among individuals and groups, bridging societal divides based on factors like race, class, gender, ability, or religion. 84% of New Zealanders believe “sport and physical activity bring people together and create a sense of belonging.”
16. Play serves a therapeutic and rehabilitative function in aiding tamariki to recover in the aftermath of crises, such as the impact of Covid-19 or recent events like Cyclone Gabrielle. This involves assisting children in regulating the body's stress response, providing an avenue to comprehend the events affecting them and their community, and facilitating the development or reconstruction of social connections through shared experiences. In a time where Tamariki will be subject to the increased frequency and intensity of severe weather events, play will be critical.
17. Research indicates that establishing connections with supportive individuals or groups within organised recreation settings fosters the development of various 'protective factors,' potentially mitigating antisocial behaviour. Enhancing community recreation facilities, such as local parks, has the potential to elevate participation rates and community mana, simultaneously diminishing perceived instances of antisocial behaviour within the community.
18. A thriving recreation industry can also help our nation prosper socially and economically. At last count, Play, Active Recreation and Sport contributes \$4.9 billion or 2.3% to our annual GDP, and the sector employs more than 53,000 New Zealanders.
19. Newly released findings from a Social Return on Investment study reveal that each dollar allocated to play, active recreation, and sport yields a social return of \$2.12 in New Zealand. In essence, every dollar invested in these activities results in more than a twofold social return. It's important to note that this is a conservative estimate, and the actual return, particularly for those currently excluded from opportunities for physical activity, is likely to be even higher. This submission will expand on this point with reference to the disability community and tangata whenua, separately.



20. The nation's recreation values and opportunities are fundamental to the tourism industry, and support regional development by encouraging skilled professionals and migrants to consider options in and beyond the main centres. Approximately 50% of international visitors to New Zealand participate in one form of outdoor recreation, or another.
21. Creating well-designed green spaces for physical activity in urban areas can enhance their resilience to severe weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle. Additionally, these green spaces contribute to cooling urban environments and promoting the health and well-being of residents. This submission will expand on this point, separately.
22. Greater understanding of these benefits and their downstream impacts, along with awareness of how Local Government can influence recreation delivery, are key to ensuring that New Zealand's recreation opportunities remain among the world's best.

### **Recreation through a Te Ao Māori lens – Te Whai Oranga**

23. The English term "recreation" lacks a direct translation in te reo Māori. Te Kāhui Kura Māori, the Māori navigational group of Recreation Aotearoa, offered an insightful alternative, defining recreation in their strategy as "Te Whai Oranga" – the pursuit of wellbeing. Te Whai Oranga has subsequently been adopted as the title and fundamental underpinning of our organisational strategy.
24. This definition prompts a shift in approach, encouraging individuals to consider recreation not just as a pursuit of physical activity but as a holistic endeavour focused on providing wellbeing. This perspective diverges from the conventional approach of prioritising the physical aspects of recreation, emphasising that the tangible outcomes are byproducts of the overarching pursuit of Te Whai Oranga.
25. In a society struggling with disconnection and environmental challenges, the wisdom of Te Whai Oranga, a Māori approach to recreation, offers a powerful and much-needed antidote. It's not simply a collection of activities, but a holistic philosophy that weaves together well-being, environmental connection, and community spirit, creating a tapestry of resilience in the face of modern challenges.
26. Te Whai Oranga reconnects people to the Natural World. Māori recreation prioritises time spent outdoors, fostering a deep respect for

the environment. This is more than just enjoying nature; it's about understanding our place within it, becoming stewards rather than possessors. Māori knowledge systems and practices offer solutions to environmental challenges that are often missing in mainstream approaches.

27. Te Whai Oranga strengthens relationships and communities. Māori recreation is rarely a solitary endeavour. It's about shared experiences, storytelling, and strengthening bonds within whanaungatanga (extended family) and the wider community. This focus on collectivism and support networks can combat social isolation and build the resilience needed to tackle challenging issues like poverty and incarceration.
28. Te Whai Oranga promotes holistic well-being and recognises the interconnectedness of physical, mental, and spiritual health. Activities like dance, music, and storytelling are not just fun; they can be forms of emotional release, stress reduction, and spiritual connection. This aligns with the Māori Health Strategy's emphasis on "Te Oranga Whanui," the holistic well-being of the community.
29. Te Whai Oranga raises environmental awareness. Engaging with the environment through traditional practices like hunting, fishing, and gathering fosters a deep understanding of its resources and limitations. This awareness can translate into sustainable resource management and responsible environmental stewardship.
30. In our hyper-connected world, Te Whai Oranga offers a counterpoint to the constant noise and distractions. Activities like weaving or carving require focus and mindfulness, promoting inner calm and reducing stress. This resonates with the growing understanding of the detrimental effects of information-overload and the importance of mindful practices.
31. Ultimately, Te Whai Oranga is about recognising that our well-being is intrinsically linked to the well-being of our communities and the environment. It's about prioritising connection, respect, and holistic health. In a world struggling with disconnection and environmental neglect, Te Whai Oranga offers a powerful path towards healing ourselves and our planet.

32. Encompassing the kaupapa above, Recreation Aotearoa lays down a wero (challenge) to Council's to consider and invest in providing opportunities that reflect Te Ao Māori views of recreation and to encourage and support more Māori to recreate in culturally-centred ways.

### **Disability - Accessibility & Inclusion in Recreation**

33. Recreation Aotearoa believes that the significance of enhanced access to active recreation for people with disabilities is currently underappreciated by local government. The Sport New Zealand Spotlight on Disability Report (2018) tells us that in any given week, people with disabilities participate less, and in fewer sports and recreation activities than people without disabilities across Aotearoa.
34. We also know that people with disabilities who participate in fewer sports and activities score less favourably on health and wellbeing indicators, and according to the NZ Wellbeing Statistics (2021), people with disabilities are currently faring worse (comparative to people without disabilities) across a range of wellbeing outcomes.
35. Recreation Aotearoa submits, however, that there is a strong appetite by people with disabilities to participate more, comparative to people without disability, particularly with disabled adults aged 25 and over.
36. Sport NZ's Active New Zealand data also demonstrates that the majority of the top 20 activities disabled adults want to try in the next 12 months are recreational in nature (rather than traditional sport), with a similar trend demonstrated for children and young people.
37. It's clear that individuals with disabilities often experiences even greater benefits from recreational activities than their non-disabled counterparts.
38. However, people with disabilities also have more barriers to increasing their participation than people without disability. For rangatahi for instance, a lack of nearby accessible facilities and spaces is a much stronger barrier than people without disabilities of the same age.

39. Recreation Aotearoa note that 52% of respondents with a disability/access need in the 2020 Access Survey reported there is a range of public activities and events that they would like to participate in but are currently unable to because of inaccessibility.
40. Recreation Aotearoa note that funding is a common barrier reported by Councils to enhancing the accessibility of recreation places, spaces, and opportunities. Strategically prioritising and allocating funds to enhance accessibility within existing budget investments for public recreation spaces is vital to ensure that the development and improvement of these areas actively and effectively addresses the diverse needs of people with disabilities.

### **The importance of Local Government to the Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) Sector**

41. Councils in New Zealand play a critical role in providing opportunities for New Zealanders to be physically active. Reciprocally, the realisation of various local government objectives and outcomes relies on investment in facilities, infrastructure, resources, and opportunities that promote engagement in play and active recreation.
42. It has been recently established that total funding to the play, active recreation, and sport (PARS) sector was \$4.0b, in 2022. Over 25% of this total (\$1.06b) is from local government. Local government funding of the PARS sector far exceeds that of central government and class 4 gaming grants, combined.
43. Recreation Aotearoa recognises that local government is contending with a multitude of financial challenges, including those related to water infrastructure, climate change mitigation, inflation, and the imperative to restrict rates increases. Additionally, there has been a notable decrease in the Lotto Significant Projects Fund, which traditionally supports sport and recreation infrastructure. Currently, there is no specific central government funding allocated for community sport and recreation infrastructure, and the prevailing financial conditions indicate that this issue may not be addressed in the near future.
44. However, Recreation Aotearoa submits that central and local government are jointly responsible for the well-being of New Zealanders. The establishment of a national direction and a shared framework for wellbeing lies with central government. However,

developing local wellbeing plans and allocating resources, largely sits with local government, which can foster innovation, collaboration, and localisation.

45. We have observed that regional funding forums, currently in place in many areas, play a valuable role in ensuring alignment at a regional level. Additionally, partnerships between organisations can help reduce costs, achieve economies of scale, and explore innovative approaches to provide opportunities for physical activity.
46. Local government plays a crucial role in addressing the escalating challenges posed by climate change, urbanisation, economic uncertainty, and threats to social cohesion. Prioritising physical activity can serve as a means to tackle these overarching issues. For example, effective placemaking that promotes recreation can enhance the appeal of cycling or walking, creating more attractive, safer, and inclusive spaces for social interactions. This, in turn, encourages spending time in and around local businesses and retailers. Active local communities contribute to the overall health, of individuals and families, leading to reduced strain on the healthcare system and improved well-being outcomes.
47. Recreation Aotearoa submits that transforming local government into a champion of well-being, with backing from central government, has the potential to yield tangible and positive results for both local communities and the entire country. We propose placing a distinct emphasis on recreation as an integral component of this wellbeing focus. Furthermore, we believe that recreation could serve as a proving ground for a novel partnership approach involving central and local government, as well as Māori.
48. The above-mentioned challenges and opportunities demand the efficient utilisation of funding at national, regional, and local levels. Ensuring that the available funding is employed in ways that yield the best return on investment is of paramount importance. Improved understanding and collaboration among organisations, coupled with a heightened awareness of the priorities of each organisation, can facilitate alignment and mutual support across various funding sources. Ultimately, it is local government supported by Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) that will lead this kaupapa.

## **The vital importance of urban green spaces - The PCE weighs in**

49. As an independent Officer of Parliament, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) has broad powers to investigate environmental concerns and is independent of the government of the day. The Commissioner's work is directed towards the single output of independent reports and advice on environmental issues, and a mission to maintain or improve the quality of Aotearoa New Zealand's environment.
50. In March 2023, the PCE published a report titled "*Are we building harder, hotter cities? The vital importance of urban green spaces*". It has been very favourably received by professionals in a variety of sectors including town-planning, ecology, Civil Defence Management, Infrastructure, and Recreation. It makes many salient points, that Recreation Aotearoa affirms and submits to TCC for consideration.
51. In recent decades, factors such as population growth, urban sprawl, traffic congestion and loss of productive land have brought about profound transformations in New Zealand cities. In response, various changes in the realm of infrastructure, densification, re-zoning, transportation, and water services have been carried out. However, amid these changes, the significance of green space is at risk of being overlooked, or even neglected.
52. Instead of the traditional model of stand-alone homes in new peri-urban suburbs, a significant portion of the current housing construction takes the form of attached or semi-attached dwellings, such as apartments townhouses or terraced houses, within city limits. 60-80% of new residential titles in New Zealand cities since 2016 are within the pre-existing urban footprint.
53. This urban intensification reduces both the quality and quantity of urban green space. Infill housing removes gardens, lawns, trees, and soil. Increased population density impacts on the usability of existing Parks and green Spaces. In some cases, parks and green spaces are repurposed for other uses, all together. Grass berms, shrubbery, and trees adjacent to streets are reduced or removed.
54. The report goes into some detail and proves abundant examples and evidence of the important role green spaces provide. Including, temperature regulation, stormwater management, air filtration, carbon sequestration and habitat provision.

55. The PCE outlines three risks associated with this loss of green space. The first concerns what the loss of green space might mean for the health and wellbeing of cities population and is largely covered previously in this submission. Similarly, the amenity or 'placemaking' benefits that urban green space provides is covered elsewhere in this submission and the risk of its loss is obvious.
56. Perhaps the most pertinent point the PCE made, in light of Cyclone Gabrielle and the likelihood of further severe weather events, relates to stormwater management.
57. Recent flooding events highlight the risks of creating large, hardened surfaces that cannot cope the increased precipitation resulting from climate change. While one response might be to further fortify infrastructure, climate change brings additional challenges like temperature stress. As New Zealand anticipates potential heat wave crises, an urban landscape dominated by concrete and asphalt could exacerbate discomfort and, in some cases, pose risks to lives.
58. For these reasons and many more, Recreation Aotearoa submits that the Long-Term Plan pay much more regard to the provision and expansion of green space within Rangitikei. We urge that a considered, regionally appropriate, and well-funded programme of tree planting be implemented in public spaces. This should specifically focus on areas adjacent to streets and footpaths, which are the most popular places in which physical activity takes place. We face a future in which, without adequate tree cover, it may simply be too hot to be physically active outdoors in summer.

### **Recreation in Rangitikei**

59. We acknowledge and thank Rangitikei District Council as the major provider of the areas sport and recreation facilities. By investing in recreation, Rangitikei District Council is helping to instil a lasting culture where active living matters. The work of Rangitikei District Council makes a real difference.
60. The Rangitikei District Council has a critical part to play in ensuring people continue to enjoy quality recreation opportunities. These need to be available to everyone, regardless of age, fitness level, ability, or socio-economic background.

61. Council planning needs to adopt a long-term approach that considers factors such as urbanisation, population growth, and an ageing population, to ensure recreation can continue to thrive amid change.
62. Research has found that in areas of activity decline, government and community-led interventions helped reverse the trend. When the infrastructure is in place, such as parks, playgrounds or aquatic facilities, people are more likely to be active.
63. Population growth and increased demographic diversity has and will continue to place pressure on recreational infrastructure in Rangitikei.

### **Specific Comments:**

64. Recreation Aotearoa supports the proposed investment in Active Recreation infrastructure and services, outlined in the Draft LTP.
65. Recreation Aotearoa supports the Councils commitment to investment in active transport infrastructure. Recreation Aotearoa has long supported Active Transport initiatives across the motu. Investment in Active Transport infrastructure achieves the dual symbiotic benefit of easing congestion and making it easier for residents to integrate healthy recreational activities into their day-to-day lives.
66. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the investment in Play by Rangitikei District Council. Recreation Aotearoa notes that co-design kaupapa for Play infrastructure often results in a desirable bias towards less structured and informal modes of play.
67. Recreation Aotearoa cautions against deferred maintenance and upgrades of playgrounds, specifically. It is essential that investments in public toilets, walkways and connecting green spaces are also implemented.
68. We further encourage Rangitikei District Council to increase investment in the accessibility of playgrounds and parks. Considering the wider whānau impact of disability and inactivity, and the increasing rate of impairment comparative to the aging population, statistically there is a significant proportion of the community currently missing out on the irrefutable benefits of being physically active.



69. Recreation Aotearoa submit on the importance of genuinely consulting and collaborating with people with disabilities and their whānau, and encourage Rangitikei District Council to undertake inclusive consultation processes within the design, development, and upgrades of the recreation and play spaces specified within the LTP.
70. We further submit our support for maintaining collaboration with people with disabilities throughout the duration of such projects and warn of the risk of only consulting with end-users at the beginning of a project, or after it is too late. Maintaining ongoing input from the disability community and advisory groups at regular intervals, is an essential principle to imbed within the project developments.
71. Alongside robust processes for maintaining collaboration with people with disabilities, Recreation Aotearoa also submits its support for ensuring there are processes stipulated in policy whereby people with disabilities can notify council of any barriers to accessing recreation places, spaces, and programmes. This includes aligned procedures of how such barrier will be addressed and remediated by council.
72. Recreation also submits its concern that cost escalation in undertaking these investments may be inadequately accounted for. Recent observations from around the motu, in both the PARS sector and others, have demonstrated that inflation in materials, labour and debt-servicing has placed considerable budgetary pressure on long term projects.
73. Recreation Aotearoa cautions Rangitikei District Council of a predictable lag-effect of participant uptake in the utilisation of new recreational facilities. Many forms of recreation have suffered a loss of participant numbers and organisational capability after recent challenges. Recreation Aotearoa urges Rangitikei District Council to be patient with regard to how quickly and fully new facilities are utilised by different recreational groups.
74. Additionally, we submit that rapid changes in demographics, participation trends and technology mean that a 'build it and they will come' approach doesn't always work. Simply building infrastructure is not enough. Recreational assets need to be activated and programmed to make them more appealing and to break down barriers for the hard-to-reach areas of the community.



# DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR PREFERRED OPTIONS?

## KEY CHOICE 1 | MARTON POOL

👉 Should we open the Marton pool all year round? (see page 14)

I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
The Marton pool would remain only open on a season basis.

**Option 2**  
From 2024/25 the Marton pool would open all year round.

**Something else**

**Comment:** I dont swim

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## KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

👉 How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements? (see page 16)

I prefer...

**Option 1\***   
We roll out three bin kerbside collection services in one go starting January 2027.

**Option 2**  
We use a staggered approach and roll out the bins one at a time over the prescribed time period.

**Something else**

**Comment:** I do my own

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\* Councils preferred option

## KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

 Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre? (see page 18)


*I prefer...*

**Option 1\***   
Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

**Option 2**  
Status quo - Do not invest in streetscape revitalisation for Marton.


**Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Stopping investing in such public spaces is a false economy. The investment has a long-term life over several generations so should be paid for by intergenerational loan which reduces the short-term effect on rates increases. The effect on rates is very modest, particularly when compared with the benefits to the community and local economy.

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Timaru District Council – Caroline Bay Playground – 2<sup>nd</sup> Parklet





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Selwyn District Council – Rolleston Town Library – Kai Table

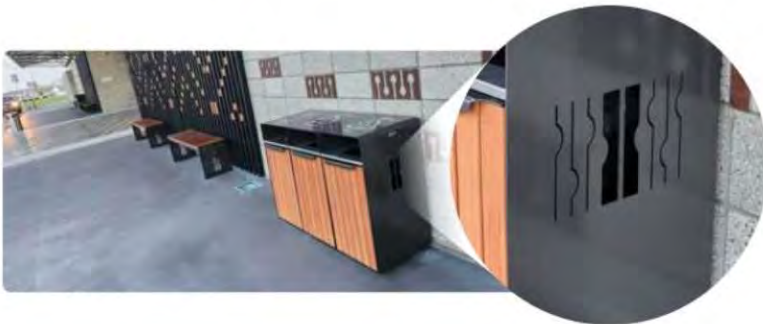


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Location: Kaitiaki, New Zealand

Council: Far North District Council

Products: Urban Contour Single BBQ with Stainless Steel Wing, Hydrate Accessible Drinking Fountain, Metro Enclosure Bin- Double, Parkvale Pedestal Table Setting, and Liffiton Seat with arm rest



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**LORENZDALE PARK**

Location: Whanganui, New Zealand  
 Council: Whanganui City Council  
 Partner: Stone Soup Community Group, IAD  
 Products: Skillion Shelter, Urban Double Gas BBQ,  
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- \*Portable Grandstands
- \*Commercial BBQ's

- \*Commercial Table Tennis Tables
- \*Outdoor Shelters

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Kind regards,

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