



# FRAMING 2023/24 ANNUAL PLAN

YEAR 3 LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31

*Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future*



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

*Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

I feel both these options aren't fit for purpose and I think they allow too much possible overspend due to their earthquake strengthening. A purpose built building could be built for well under this budget and be cheaper to maintain and run from an energy point of view. I would also like to see the Grandstand strengthened and returned to former glory as this is a used icon.

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

*Marton Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**



11. Comments:

### Key Choice 3

*New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

12. I prefer...

13. Comments:

### Taihape Town Hall

14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

As a library- but it was small and sometimes cold. Would be great to have a new purpose built building with some hot desks for remote working.

### Anything else?

15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

The Taihape Tennis Club, and Taihape Netball Club jointly- wish to apply to RDC for funding to upgrade the lighting at our facilities in Memorial Park, Taihape.

We would specifically like to apply for funding from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund of \$25,000, as well as further funding through the Annual Planning Process. We will provide details in an email submission after this submission. Thank you



## Offer To Construct Lighting Works

24 February 2023

Our Reference:

23002

Sheryl Srhoj  
Manager-Property  
90-92 Hautapu Street  
PO Box 187  
Taihape

Dear Sheryl,

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Yours faithfully

Director  
Ashley Williamson  
Alf Downs Street Lighting Limited

Alf Downs Street Lighting Limited, 235 Broadway, Po Box 275, Marton. Telephone: 06 327 0140



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3. This quotation was constructed using a lighting design from the lighting supplier.
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5. All work agreed to is subject to our full terms and conditions, a copy is available to download on our website at [www.thedownsgroup.co.nz](http://www.thedownsgroup.co.nz) , it is the customer's responsibility to ensure these terms and conditions are understood.

**Price Details. Note all prices quoted are excluding GST**

Alf Downs Street Lighting Price	\$ 101,212.00	excluding GST
GST	\$ 15,181.80	
Total	\$ 116,393.80	

Balance due 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month following project completion

*This offer is valid for 30 days from the date of issue.*

**Signed for and on behalf of Alf Downs Street Lighting Limited (The Contractor)**

**Signature:**



**Name:** Ashley Williamson

**Date:** 24 Feb 23

**Contact Telephone no.** 06 327 0017

**Postal Address:** Alf Downs Street Lighting Ltd. PO Box 275, Marton 4741



On acceptance of this quotation please return signed copies of the Agreement and Down payment to Alf Downs Street Lighting.

**Upon acceptance of this quotation a deposit of \$40,000.00+ GST will be required.**

Direct Credit Payments to ASB, Palmerston North 12-3211-0017391-00

Payment details to include your name & quote reference number.

**Offer Acceptance**

As the customer or customer's authorised agent I / we agree for the work to be carried out in agreement with the terms and conditions as set out in this offer and the terms and conditions as

Customer's Name: .....

Person signing this agreement: .....

Signature: .....

Date Signed: .....

Contact Telephone no: .....

Email Address: .....

Postal Address: .....

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Order Number: .....

**Purpose:** To support, strengthen and promote tennis in our community.

**Vision:** To be a vibrant & thriving, whānau oriented club where our community can play, learn, grow, and socialise

**Values:**

**T**eamwork: To be supportive, encouraging and kind

**E**xcellence in all that we do

**N**etwork: to be inclusive and Keep our members and stakeholders engaged.

**N**urture the game with purpose and innovation!

**I**ntegrity: to treat each other, and our other club relationships with respect

**S**ustainable service we provide for our members and the community.



**A 'Game Plan'** that is modern and inclusive – leading to increased membership, participation, and enjoyment.

**A Communications Plan** – leading to increased support, understanding and satisfaction from our 'partners'.

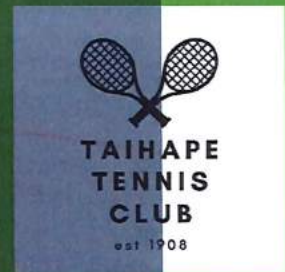
**A Financial Plan** – leading to a strong and sustainable future.

**Better Facilities** – leading to great enjoyment for all and connection between Council and community.

**A Governance Structure** – that leads to a more professional organisation.

**Our Key Priorities**

1. A club spirit that makes our members proud
2. A 'game plan' that provides for the needs of all members.
3. Engagement with all the community
4. Provision of first-class facilities
5. Financial sustainability
6. Best practice – Governance, planning and operations.



# Taihape Tennis Club Strategic Plan 2021 -41



# Taihape Tennis Club & Taihape Netball Centre

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## Joint Submission to Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan 2023



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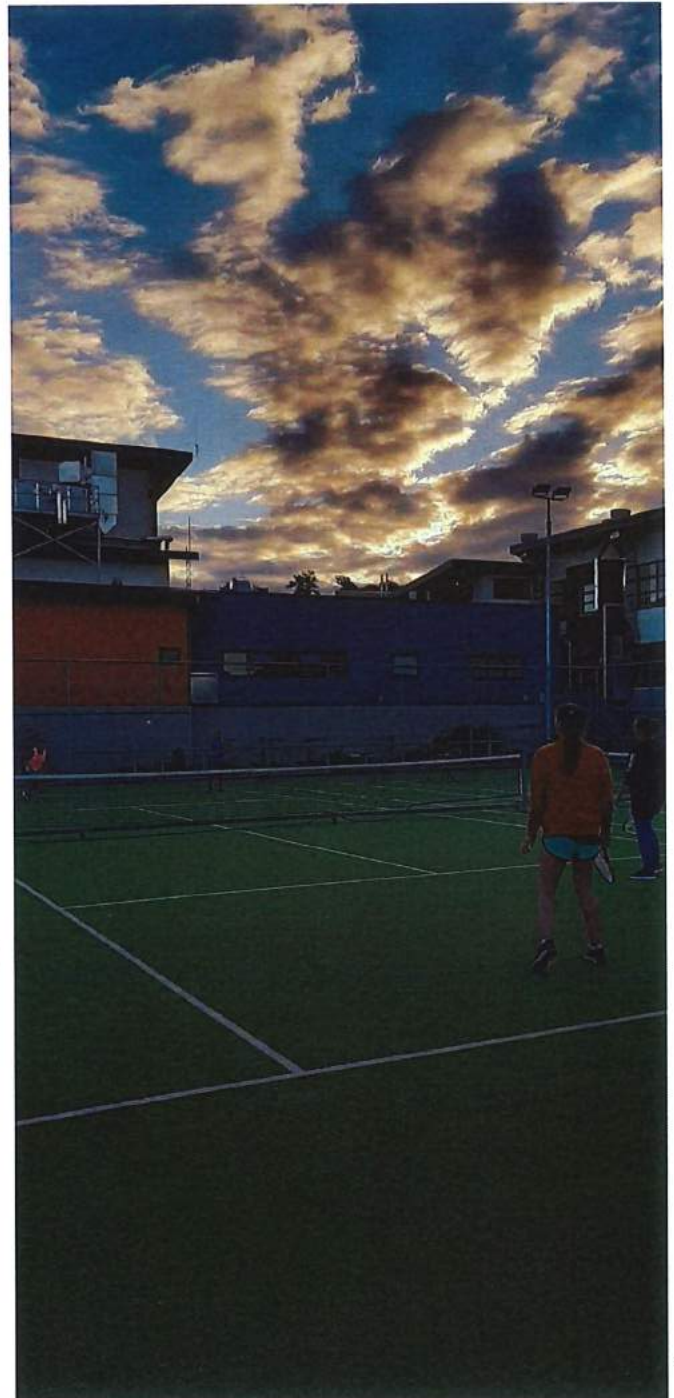
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## Introduction

Taihape Tennis and the Taihape Netball Centre welcomes the upgrade of facilities in the Taihape Memorial Park area by the Rangitikei District Council. The completion of the Amenities Block shows commitment to sport in Taihape and expands an already very active and popular sports hub. The Council will invest significantly in the Memorial Park over the coming few years which will provide first class facilities for rugby, tennis, netball and other park users. These facilities will serve those sports and the community for many years. As the Council looks to invest in the community, it is essential to consider and understand the specific needs of tennis and netball and how this opportunity provides for the exciting revitalisation of these sports in Taihape, now and in the future.

This submission is about revitalising tennis and netball, while working together to upgrade existing Council infrastructure, to realise the potential for growth in these sports in the community and the value that will play in the entire Memorial Park upgrade. Taihape has a long history with Tennis, with our club first being incorporated in 1908. Netball has also existed for a long time in Taihape. Much like the recent success of the Marton playground, we feel that this user driven/ Council partnership will lead to greater success.



## Vision for Taihape Tennis

Taihape Tennis Club's vision for tennis over the next 20 years is based on the success of other like-minded tennis organizations in New Zealand. In line with our strategic outcomes, our purpose is to support, strengthen and promote tennis in our community.

Tennis has historically been very strong in the Taihape community with 2 clubs during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The club waned with the close of the railways and drop in town population. In the early 2000's the club was resurrected to service a good cross section of the community playing summer business house tennis, with a skeleton committee. The club has since grown year on year.

The rise of the community awareness around health, fitness and mental wellbeing has seen increases in non-contact sporting clubs across the country. Tennis plays a crucial role in these things, especially for our largely rural membership.

During the last phase of consultation for the Amenities block in late 2020, it became apparent that Tennis needed more active governance and the timing seemed right with the growing membership.

The club has made a deliberate decision to have a more active committee and club president working towards a strategic vision to benefit tennis in Taihape and the wider community. We now have a strategic plan and are actively working towards our vision:

**To be a vibrant & thriving, whānau oriented club where our community can play, learn, grow, and socialise.**

This vision includes:

- First rate tennis facilities at Memorial Park that support a quality tennis experience for all participants.
- Allowance for expansion of the facility to support planned growth of 10% per year, to include but not be limited to; a more fit for purpose club house, more courts, flood lighting and resurfaced of the existing courts.



- A vibrant, well managed club with a membership of over 150 people, with 10% growth yearly, a mix of boys and girls, men and women, catering for all ages and abilities.
- The club providing a range of leagues, business house competitions, tournaments and events that meet the needs of both competitive, social and casual players and the wider community.
- A well maintained and updated club house facility that can be utilized by Tennis and the wider community for many different kinds of events.
- To establish a full time resident professional coach based in Taihape providing coaching for juniors and seniors from basic to advanced levels for members of the club, community and local schools.
- Greater links between the Taihape Tennis Club, schools, colleges and other like-minded sports and community groups.
- A growing partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Tennis Central, local business and the community.
- High visibility of actively creating an inviting view of tennis and the Rangitikei District Councils willingness to partner with local clubs for the community.
- Management and governance structures which match best practice standards as defined by Sport NZ or similar.

Taihape Tennis envisages that future tennis facilities at Memorial Park will consist of 7 tennis courts (5 existing resurfaced and 2 new courts on the bowling/croquet green), good flood lighting across all courts and an updated club house in the Kokako st Hall managed in partnership with RDC (which we submitted to the LTP 2021). This will allow for summer and winter coaching, tournaments, business house competitions, junior and senior interclub, mid-week, seniors, parents/child fun days, leagues, and casual play. The updated Kokako st Hall will still be able to be used by the groups that current use it, as well as providing a facility that could be used for other groups, business meetings and even social functions.

## Update and The Opportunity

### Update

In 2021, as part of the LTP process, Taihape Tennis submitted regarding the upgrade of the Kokako Street Hall and 2 additional tennis courts on the old bowling green. We were awarded \$100,000 from this process, pending a review of the Memorial Park Assets and Strategy being put in place.

While we waited for the Memorial Park Asset review to take place, we saw an opportunity to resurface the current courts together with Netball. The court resurfacing has been scheduled and will cost approximately \$80,000, jointly paid by Tennis and Netball. This was supposed to be done this summer, but with the delayed finish of the Amenities Build and the resurfacing company, Plexipave, being delayed due to weather- this will now be done in December 2023.

Tennis has used \$40,000 of their \$100,000 pledged by RDC for this resurfacing, and a further \$10,000 for new nets and posts.

### The Opportunity

This is in line with Tennis' Strategy

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and our key priorities of

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Taihape Tennis and Taihape Netball Centre jointly propose to install flood lighting on the current courts. This would be a major upgrade to the current system which at present doesn't cover the whole courts and is completely inadequate for playing tennis.

Further benefits are that these courts could be used for the current sports for a longer season and other sports and events all year round.

This new flood lighting system includes:

- new higher poles for light to be directed downward (rather than across which causes light nuisance)
- consistent, even, good intensity lighting across all tennis and netball courts in front of the amenities block, with no shadows
- Allows the Amenities Block to be fully utilised by both clubs, as the lighting will allow play directly in front of the building.

This proposed system is more than adequate for netball. However, when designing the lighting system, it needs to be designed for the smallest ball, which in this case is a Tennis ball. This is why a more expensive lighting design is required with higher poles, and a more highly spec'd light. This system is in keeping with the current upgrade of the surfaces on the courts and the Amenities Block

The current lighting system is inadequate for Netball, as it doesn't run the length of the courts. It is also inadequate for Tennis for the same reason, as well as creating large shadows and dark areas and not being bright enough. Tennis needs lighting (at both ends of the season heading towards start and end of daylight savings, and Netball during their entire season.

**Clarification:** At the time of writing, The Taihape Netball Centre intended to make a separate submission for funding of a smaller lighting solution for their needs which will mean they can play on the court situated directly in front of the Amenities Block.

The system proposed in this joint application is quite different and looks to upgrade the lighting across the whole court area, therefore making it suitable for both Netball and Tennis, and any other future evening activities year-round.

## Memorial Park Tennis Centre

The Taihape Tennis Club currently has 5 tennis courts and a small not fit for purpose building leased from Squash Taihape. A further tennis court is now underneath the newly erected Amenities Block.

We also utilize 4 courts down the Taihape Area School and 2 courts at the Old Taihape College site.

The Taihape Tennis Club has grown to:

- ↑ ○ **104 senior members (from 90 in 2021)** with 1 team of 5 being turned away due to lack of court facilities this year.
  - 54% men, 46% women.
  - 62% European, 34% Maori and 4% other
  - Largest proportion of members between 30 and 49 years old, with 50-59 yr olds the next largest group.
- ↑ ○ **51 Juniors (up from 30 in 2021) ranging from 5 – 12 yrs old.**
  - 59% boys and 41% girls
  - 36% Maori and 64% European

We currently have Business House club nights on a Thursday during Summer (October – end March, 16 weeks), where teams of 4 play in a social and competitive grade. The nights are often attended by families where both parents play tennis, and the children utilize the rec and playground facilities.



The Taihape Tennis Club Committee has determined a picture of the ideal investment in tennis at Memorial Park considering current and future needs of tennis and the wider community.

**Courts:**

7 Courts should be created. We currently have 5 but we have a need for more with our growing club numbers.

**Court surfaces:**

The preferred court surface is a mix of astroturf and synpave hardcourts. The mix of the two different surfaces will meet the needs of the wide diversity of players where older players prefer the astroturf and younger players and coaches prefer the hardcourt.

**Fencing:**

Fencing at an appropriate height, will minimize tennis balls going out of court.

**Lighting:**

To enable evening tennis such as business house during summer and winter, interclub team practices after working hours and also year-round coaching and casual play.

**Club rooms:**

The provision of clubrooms that supports the social aspects of the game including viewing, food and refreshments, and a storage room for club equipment such as tennis balls and nets in off season. Changing rooms and showers aren't required as these will be available in the new Amenities Block close by. Coaches will be able to run classes and the committee have meetings in this space, and the current locker room would be perfect to be sectioned off with a sliding door, and a board table added.

**Shared Facilities:**

The Taihape Tennis club is naturally interested in working with other sporting codes to share and maximise the facilities (especially the clubrooms and storage facilities) in the best interests of the community and the shared investment made by all.

## Memorial Park Netball Centre

The Taihape Netball Centre currently has 3 netball courts and a small not fit for purpose building leased jointly with Tennis from Taihape Squash. Part of 1 netball court is also under the newly erected Amenities Block.

The Taihape Netball Centre will utilize the control room and other facilities in the amenities block weekly.

Since 2019, games have been played on a Thursday night, enabling other sports to be played at the weekend.

Netball is the largest female participation sport in New Zealand.

The Taihape Netball Centre has grown to:

- 50 adults in 2022
- 130 juniors aged 5- 12 yrs. old.
- Junior teams travel from the wider district including Raetihi.
- In 2023 1 adult team will travel from Hunterville

Netball's future is secure in Taihape with the adult membership generally static. The junior membership does fluctuate from year to year.



## Benefits

### Community:

- This will enhance the participation in sport and particularly Tennis and Netball in the district.
- Along with the resurfacing, it will integrate well with the aesthetically new look amenities block.
- Will be complementary with squash building upgrade.

### Tennis:

- Consistent with Tennis' vision to become a strong vibrant club like that of the past.
- Provide first class facilities that will be a lot better than what we currently have.

### Council:

- Strengthens and enhances the community relationships and connection with Council.
- Investment in Taihape community facilities.
- Integration of the whole memorial park with the development of the amenities block.
- With Tennis and Netball able to apply for grants, if necessary, it amplifies council's investment at least.

## Resourcing the Opportunity

Tennis and Netball require:

- A commitment from RDC for the funding shortfall of \$47,393.80. (Between the Annual Plan and Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund)

There is the ability for Tennis and Netball to seek funding from outside funders for a portion of these funds if RDC deems it necessary.

### Draft budget for Taihape Tennis/Netball Lighting proposal

RDC LTP funds already committed to Tennis remainder (100K originally)	\$50,000.00
Tennis Contribution	\$10,000.00
Netball Contribution	\$8,000.00
Shortfall to be funded by RDC Annual Plan or Parks Upgrade Partnership	\$48,393.80
<b>Lighting Total</b>	<b>\$116,393.80</b>

The appendices contain the Quote from Alf Downs for the lighting system installation costing \$116,393.80.

## Summary

The Taihape Tennis Club and Taihape Netball Centre would like to work together with RDC to install a new lighting system at the Memorial Park Courts.

This is in keeping with the upgraded Memorial Park facilities on offer, including the new Amenities Block and resurfacing of the courts.

This is a win win for Tennis and Netball, the community, and the council. These facilities could then be used for other sports and events.

We are endeavoring to create facilities at Memorial Park that are fit for purpose and futureproofed, allowing for it to be used far more widely than it currently is.

Both Tennis and Netball would like to work with the Council for better outcomes for the clubs and the community.

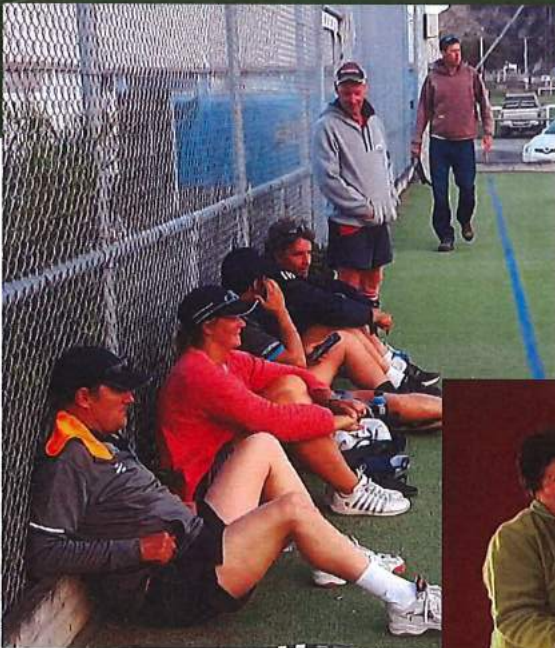
We are very excited to be able to put this proposal in front of you all for consideration.

We wish to speak to this submission.

Taihape Tennis Committee & Taihape Netball Centre

Sarah Bell & Alison Jones  
027 467 8506





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# Appendices I – Alf Downs Lighting Quote



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## Appendices 2 – Taihape Netball Centre Support Letter



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Rangitikei District Council

Joint submission to ROC 2023/2024 Annual Plan

This submission to the Rangitikei District Annual Plan 2023/2024 is in support of a joint application from Taihape Tennis and Taihape Netball to improve the court lighting at the Memorial Park courts in Taihape.

In support of this application, I offer the following information:

- Taihape Netball Centre is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act
- Netball is the largest female participation sport in New Zealand.
- Taihape Netball Centre facilitates a netball competition for the wider Taihape area. Junior teams travel from Raetihi to play in Taihape. In 2023 – there will be an adult team travelling from Hunterville.
- Playing numbers in 2022 were as follows – 50 adults, 190 junior players (aged from 5 to 11 years).
- Since 2019, Taihape Netball Centre plays its competition on Thursday nights (junctors start at 3.30pm). This is popular with adults as it allows them and their children to attend other sports on weekends.

The project of the new amenities building necessitated the use of one full netball court – reducing the court area from four courts to three courts – and a warm up area.

With the new build, a project to re-surface the existing courts was decided. This was a joint share between Taihape Tennis and Taihape Netball.

Taihape Netball's invested funds have been committed to the court resurfacing project. Netball does not have significant dollar surplus funds to commit to the court lighting and put in a request to Council (via Mayor Andy Watson) for Council to assist Netball (Tennis) with this project.

Netball's future within Taihape is secure with the playing numbers we have currently. They do fluctuate from year to year, more so in the Junior grades – but the adult teams have been very consistent over the last 3 – 4 years.

Signed:

*Aileen Jones*

Aileen Jones

Secretary – for Taihape Netball Centre Inc.

## Appendices 3- Taihape Tennis Strategy

**Purpose:** To support, strengthen and promote tennis in our community.

**Vision:** To be a vibrant & thriving, whānau oriented club where our community can play, learn, grow, and socialise

**Values:**

- T**eamwork: To be supportive, encouraging and kind
- E**xcellence in all that we do
- N**etwork: to be inclusive and keep our members and stakeholders engaged
- N**urture the game with purpose and innovation!
- I**ntegrity: to treat each other and our other club relationships with respect
- S**ustainable service we provide for our members and the community.

**Our Key Priorities**

1. A club spirit that makes our members proud
2. A 'game plan' that provides for the needs of all members.
3. Engagement with all the community
4. Provision of first-class facilities
5. Financial sustainability
6. Best practice – Governance, planning and operations.

A 'Game Plan' that is modern and inclusive – leading to increased membership, participation, and enjoyment.

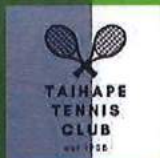
A Communications Plan – leading to increased support, understanding and satisfaction from our 'partners'.

A Financial Plan – leading to a strong and sustainable future.

Better Facilities – leading to great enjoyment for all and connection between Council and community.

A Governance Structure – that leads to a more professional organisation.

**Taihape Tennis Club**  
Strategic Plan 2021 -41



#191

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Karen Addenbrooke

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

8. I prefer...

9. Comments:

## Key Choice 2

***Marion Civic Centre***

10. I prefer...

11. Comments:



## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

Set aside funding until funding is obtained for Nga Tawa Road to complete the "town loop"

#### **13. Comments:**

I consider the information in second paragraph Key Choice 3 document in the Annual Plan (Active mobility pathway along Nga Tawa Road) misleading.

"While plans to construct a pathway along Nga Tawa Road are already in place..."

Last year many members of the public and residents saw contractors marking the Nga Tawa Road roadside and were advised by these contractors the pathway would be done by Xmas. Ratepayers may be under the impression, when submitting for the annual plan, that the Nga Tawa Road section of the "town loop" has plans under way and could support the proposed Calico Line pathway. The pathway along Nga Tawa Road may well have plans "in place" but what is the likelihood of obtaining the funding? It has been in the "pipeline" since 2021.

I have recently been advised.. "Funding for this project was being sought from NZTA. The money was planned to come from a 'walking and cycling' allocation which NZTA have nationally put a hold on. Discussions are taking place to see if in the next budget round i.e. July 23 to June 24 if funding can be obtained. The whole country would appear has no money available from this particular bucket".

Without the Nga Tawa Road pathway the "town loop" cannot be used safely. The Calico Line proposal should only go ahead if there is funding obtained for Nga Tawa Road otherwise it is a misleading use of ratepayers money. If funding is not available for Nga Tawa Road this "town loop" can only be safe enough to go along Calico Line to the Nga Tawa Road corner and turn back to town again along Calico Line.

The well-marked walkway that is now on Calico Line has been used for many years without incident and my question to the council staff and councillors is, what road at this stage would you consider the safest for you or your family to walk or bike on if you wish to use the "town loop"?

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Trevor Clark

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

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**5. Waea/Phone**

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1 with ammendment below

**9. Comments:**

Redevelop the town hall to include the Taihape Medical Centre, Purchase buildings \*and vacant site) behind the town hall to develop as housing for seniors housing. This puts these facilities in the centre of the town with easier walking access.

**Key Choice 2**

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

## 11. Comments:

A do nothing option should be included, Do you realise how much money that is???? Hopefully you can place a targetted rate on the residents of Marton.

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

## 12. I prefer...

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

## 13. Comments:

Would want to see a cost benefit analysis on this before proceeding.

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Once for a show and a couple of times to visit the library. I have no issues with the library and offices being moved from the main street - this would mirror many other town centres in the region. The i-site though is a different thing, it needs to be on the main street and accessible. Taihape, being on the main highway, can be developed into a major stop over for travellers, trucks, buses etc.

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Any project requires funding and significant projects proposed in this document need to be funded prior to commencement. We all know these projects will blow out cost wise and whatever the outcome this will need to be factored in and communicated.



#193

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Robert Baines

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Not often

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

#194

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Richard and Rachel Goodwin

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

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I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 2: Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**



## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

#### **13. Comments:**

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Rarely

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

We would love to see a new building at the McIntyre Reserve, Ohingaiti. This is a well used venue for large gatherings and the building is no longer providing suitable amenities. The toilets have constant issues, the kitchen is well below standard for serving food and there are holes in the floor which has created room for rodents to live inside.

Also the Otara Road bridge repairs - the closure of this to heavy vehicles has caused significant financial and time issues to our agricultural business. We are the main contractor for the area and now that our tractors are unable to cross the bridge, there is added mileage as we are having to take alternative routes, which also means extra wage costs. We also have a farming business and when we require trucks for cartage or freight they also have to take the alternative routes as a cost to them/us. Winter is just around the corner and these alternative routes will then become unreliable with closures due to slips. We also use

There is also a local school bus run which uses the bridge. If the bridge were to close this would impact the bus route majorly. There are only 2 alternative routes with one being very unreliable in winter with closures and the other very dangerous with a full load of children on board.

We would appreciate the bridge being fixed so we can continue to operate our business efficiently and effectively and also continue to be able to use the services in the local town of Hunterville. I work at the school during school time and the Vet Club, Wrightsons, Taylors and the BP are an integral part of our business.

#195

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Lucy Skou

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

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**7. Details to remain private**

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## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

I think putting a modern new building in the middle of Marton would look out of place as we have all of these beautiful heritage buildings (not all looking beautiful but they have potential). By keeping with the heritage look it could be a draw card for the town in terms of tourism.

### Key Choice 3

***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

I think it is important that there is a safe pathway for the students of Nga Tawa and any resident who would like to walk that route.

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

I am not from Taihape so I never use it.

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

I am in full support of developing the Rangitikei, especially Marton where I am based.



**1. Ingoa/Name**

Susan Benson

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**4. Īmēra/Email**

susan@hautapupine.co.nz

**5. Waea/Phone**

0273333060

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

It is important to keep the council services on the main street.

I would also like to comment that I support the Taihape Housing Steering Groups submission for the council to purchase more land on Tui St to enable the construction of a shared housing facility.

Taihape has no senior living available and I think it is very important that something is built.

## Key Choice 2

### *Marton Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

**11. Comments:**

I don't have an opinion on this

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

I attended ballet recitals, funerals and was a member of the cast for the Taihape Drama club's last two productions. None of these involved regular use of the hall, but it is so important to have a space like the hall available to the community. There is nowhere else in Taihape where you can perform (TAS's hall/stage is not suitable).

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Shane Casey

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

Youthline Central North Island Inc

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

4/145 Queen Street Palmerston North

**4. Īmēra/Email**

shane@youthline.co.nz

**5. Waea/Phone**

0274 309 258

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

8. I prefer...

9. Comments:

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

10. I prefer...

11. Comments:



## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

12. I prefer...

13. Comments:

## Taihape Town Hall

14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

## Anything else?

15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Youthline Central North Island Inc would like to present to the council for consideration, funding for youth services in Taihape, Youthline supports Taihape Area School on a Friday during each term, however the community demand is great and we are being asked to provide an extra day of services in the form of mentoring and youth programmes in schools. While I acknowledge that my request for funding consideration is outside the scope of topics for submissions, it is still worth highlighting the need for council support in the Community Wellbeing space. I can provide a budget and scope of services for council prior to presenting in person to council.

#198

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Matthew Thomas

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

Friends of Taihape Charitable Society

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

**9. Comments:**

As a group we prefer not to comment on other groups' objectives

## Key Choice 2

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

**11. Comments:**

As a group we prefer not to comment on other groups' objectives

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

#### **13. Comments:**

As a group we prefer not to comment on other groups' objectives

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

once every two years

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

- 1) We would like to see RDC support for Parks and Reserves to be equal across the District. At the moment we are fighting a losing battle with Old Man's Beard in the Taihape Reserves. There is only so much reserves REG are able to provide the Taihape Reserves. We applaud the support to Tutaenui Reserves (Marton), RDC has contributed seats, shellrock for paths, agreement to weed-release for the first three years and a clicker counter to count the people using the reserve. Are other groups able to receive similar ongoing parity for ongoing track and weed maintenance?
- 2) Once our track and bridge concepts are completed, we will looking to carryout sign design and marketing in line with RDC concepts. This will hopefully create a talking point for the RDC for opportunity tourism etc. When we engage with the designer, can we work with RDC to adapt signs based on the RDC concept design and market appropriately through RDC's tourism adverts/website?





**2023/24 Annual Plan Consultation Document**

# Puka Tāpaetanga Submission Form

*He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitikei? Have your say on our 2023/24 Annual Plan*

Submissions close at 5pm Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

### Your Details

Ingoa/Name: MRS JAN BYFORD

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

Kāinga noho/Address: 21 HUIA ST, TAIHAPE

Īmēra/Email: jbyford46@gmail.com

Waea/Phone: 0274875222

Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 11 May. Someone will contact you to confirm this.

Please tick here if you want your details (but not your name) to remain private.

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**Optional Demographic Information** *This is kept confidential for analysis only.*

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## Key Choice 1? (see page 8)

### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
- Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Something else**

**Comment:** Vital this building remains the main centre for the community. Information Centre must stay on site 1 & inside this stunning building

Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

## Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else**

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include more pages if required.



## **Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre**

I write this to express my deepest concern for the future of the Taihape Town Hall in the hope that its retention will continue to be the centre of the Taihape Community offering all aspects of entertainment & business as a 'one stop shop'.

I have been associated with the Town Hall for the past 25 years wearing many hats at many visits.

As the past co-ordinator of Gumboot Country Promotions, past Taihape Community Board member, past RDC councillor, past TCDT member, a member of other committees involved in working with council staff & attending many meetings in all meeting rooms. I personally frequented the Town Hall on numerous occasions for personal business & enquiries and still frequent the Information Centre working with council staff.

Over the years I have visited every part of the Town Hall for all the above reasons but more significantly as a co-presenter of the Royal New Zealand Ballet for 10 visits, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra visit, 2 centenary celebrations and a Gumboot Art exhibition.

All these activities have given me a fair understanding of how & what works for so many occasions and with the Taihape staff & user groups consultation we would ensure that any changes would be cost effective as well as beneficial to all users.

While I realise that further opportunities will be given I wish to emphasise the need to retain the size of the auditorium for all the activities and events held in the past, are likely for the future. While it could be screened off for small breakout groups, having the ability to return to full size is essential.

I have examined the 'high level concept designs' in detail and express real concerns that there are wasted spaces in lobbies and hallways & relocation of toilets and kitchens. Locals know their facilities & what works, so before further developments there must be consultation with all user groups & local staff. Chances are that our input would show some serious cost cutting efforts.

One staff member commented to me that 'she had never realised how valued the Town Hall was until she looked out the window on various occasions and saw how frequently the building was being photographed by passer-by's'. THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES.

**So while I support OPTION 1, I ask that there is ample communication with user parties to ensure we get what is needed in our community for now & the future.**



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### Your Details

Ingoa/Name: Geoffrey Wilson

Tōpūtanga/Organisation (if applicable): Treasure Trove

Kāinga noho/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Īmēra/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Waea/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Something else**

Comment: You will need to revise the Concept Plan. - Its not Functionable in the presented Format - Desk should be at the front for Example

*Please include more pages if required.*

\* Council's preferred option.

## Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1\*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else**

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

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**Your Details**

Ingoa/Name: Susan Saunders

Tōpūtanga/Organisation (if applicable): N/A

Kāinga noho/Address: 24B Kaka St, Taihape

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Waea/Phone: 0276068220

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**← Key Choice 1? (see page 8)**

### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

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- Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Something else**

Comment: The heart of our town.

The concept plan needs urgent reviewing. Most unsuitable in its present format.

Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

**← Key Choice 2? (see page 10)**

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else**

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Details Ingoa/Name: STEVE CROSS
Tōpūtanga/Organisation (if applicable): TOWN HALL SUB-COMMITTEE
Kāinga noho/Address: 28 PARADISE TCE TAIHAPĒ
Tmēra/Email: S.CROSS@XTRA.CO.NZ
Waea/Phone: 027 2405123

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Key Choice 1? (see page 8)

Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
Option 2 - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
Something else

Comment: REFER TO THE ATTACHED PAPERWORK

Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

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Option 2 - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
Something else

Comment:

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## **Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre – service & value**

This building is the centre of the community not only physically but a centre that **every** local visits at some stage or other thus the relationship is quite a personal one. It is truly part of the fabric of Taihape and Taihapeans in so many ways. Apart from this it is a much-photographed building who consider it a most iconic building with outstanding features. The colour scheme reflects Taihape features- the papa cliffs, the sky, the river & the kowhai.

There are so many areas of the building that are used by the community – the full usage has never been published & it is timely to do so, so there is a complete understanding of its worth.

### **Front ground floor ;**

- Community board chambers & meeting rooms for the community groups & staff meetings
- Public Toilets – best in town-for travelling public-staff-locals.
- service centre for 7 days-locals to pay rates-dog licenses,etc.
- library for 7 days-place for locals to read papers, peruse books, etc.
- information centre for 7 days-for travelling public-bus ticket sales for locals & travellers.
- Computer services for 7 days -for travellers, students, locals

### **Front Upstairs accommodates.**

- the RDC property managers office
- the TCDT office
- The TCDT storage rooms at the rear of the upstairs seating
- The upstairs seating for shows
- The staff kitchen also used as an evening meeting room
- bathroom facilities

### **The Auditorium.**

- Hall (at present unheated) capable of seating 300 people
- stage & auditorium considered capable & suitable for RNZB & NZSO, drama groups, school concerts, local ballet concerts, funerals, weddings, balls, centenaries, badminton & indoor bowls, etc, etc with changing rooms in the wings of the stage with toilet facilities.
- stage - storage of 300 seats for the auditorium seating
- stage – special sloping floor, lighting

### **Downstairs of the Auditorium (known as supper rooms);**

- Male & female toilet facilities
- Meeting room for community with kitchen facilities & outside access & inside stairs to auditorium
- Youth group meeting room,
- Friendship Group meeting room
- 3 Storage rooms for various groups such the garden club, KTB Christmas lights & RDC excess equipment, seating & any other group requiring storage for community.

### **Back of Hall upstairs side rooms (outside access);**

- Rooms & toilet facilities available for groups & storage (previously used in the past for Weedbusters).

### **Underneath the building.**

- Storage of old equipment
- An outdated heating installation – plenty of room for an updated heating/cooling system

**Concern has been expressed why this building has not in the past been considered as a registered Heritage Building.**

**Considering all of the above, the main concern is if we don't have this Town Hall how and where do we accommodate all of the above facilities, activities and events in one building?**

**Taihape's population is growing & with interest from city areas to move to rural towns it is time to consider retention of all buildings with potential to accommodate new activities.**



## **Taihape Heritage Trust – Town Hall Sub committee**

### **Supporting Option 1 -earthquake proofing & full restoration.**

**That our sub committee, representing several user groups request that all user groups are consulted from ground level discussions & consultations on the full restoration including plans, alterations & refurbishment.**

**Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre** - Built in 1912 it was officially opened on 5 December 1912. Early photographs show a gracious building - the front at least with elegant Greek pediments and parapet, and Georgian details. The windows were generous and well-proportioned. The interior rooms were high ceilinged and there was a broad staircase leading to the upstairs offices. In 1928 the New Zealand Central Heating Company supplied a warm air furnace at a cost of 184 pounds.

In 1977 was a major upgrading with a renovated interior, ceilings lowered, offices altered, and heating & lighting approved. Prior to the 100 years celebration in 2012 a new roof was installed & wheelchairs ramps, which although very necessary have detracted still more from the original elegance of the building. Exterior painting of the whole building in specifically chosen Taihape colours reflecting the environment happened in late 1990s.

For some time it functioned as a picture theatre in the 1930s with silent movies when the Majestic Theatre was leased out. Strangely enough when the Majestic theatre was 'saved' in 1998 the Town Hall was again used as a movie theatre to raise funds for refurbishment of the Majestic.

However, it was not prepared for the Royal New Zealand Ballet in 1998 so Byfords Construction Co Ltd replaced the ropes on the stage & did necessary maintenance on the stage & the form chairs. Further refurbishment by the RDC followed with new seating, curtains & interior painting of the auditorium in time for the RNZB 2001 visit. The RNZB made a further 6 visits to Taihape which became one of their most popular stops with shop displays & a window competition.

The Town Hall auditorium has had the most amazing array of events from weddings, funerals, dances, centenary celebrations, furniture sales, Sunday markets, drama groups, balls, local concerts, fundraising events, science fairs, national concerts such as the RNZB & the NZSO, badminton, indoor bowls, art & flower exhibitions & more - if the heating issues were resolved then there would have been many more.

In many cases the activities held in the Town Halls auditorium have been fund raisers for numerous clubs & organisations in the community – this is a vital aspect to consider.

Apart from this one room - the auditorium, one must consider all the other rooms around the auditorium that add to this building being a very community-based building for many community activities. A great ONE STOP SHOP so to speak.

Taihape has been blessed with retention of some heritage buildings mainly through the sheer hard work of many locals who treasure their iconic sites that adds interest & flavour to the town. Considering the two heritage buildings that are the first to be sighted from the south coming into town are the Majestic Cinema & the Town Hall. Aside from that it's the fact that our heritage buildings have become multipurposed adding such value to our community.

**Four points add to the success of our remarkable building – the Taihape Town Hall;**

- 1. Location on SH1 (where passing traffic is captured).**
- 2. Size of the auditorium.**
- 3. The grandeur of the building.**
- 4. The busyness creating atmosphere in & around the building.**



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Ingoa/Name: Pono Whiro

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

Kāinga noho/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Īmēra/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Waea/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key Choice 1? (see page 8)

### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
- Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Something else**

Comment: Offices, Library & toilets to remain with Option 1.

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Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

## Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else**

Comment: None of the above. Funds to be used in Taihape

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Ingoa/Name: KEN MASON

Tōpūtanga/Organisation (if applicable): Taihape Movers

Kāinga noho/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Imēra/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Waea/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Something else

Comment:

WHATEVER THE RESIDENTS ARE HAPPY WITH. RETAIN OUR HERITAGE REFURBISH BUT NOT RENOVATE

Please include more pages if required.

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Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

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### Your Details

Ingoa/Name: HEATHER McQUEEN

Tōpūtanga/Organisation (if applicable): RE: McQUEEN School of DANCE

Kāinga noho/Address: P.O. Box 337 TAIHAPE (19 Heron Drive)

Īmēra/Email: d.hmcqueen46@gmail.com

Waea/Phone: 06 3880004 0272226556

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- Something else**

**Comment:**  
Attached Sheet.  
Please read over.

Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

### Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

#### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else**

**Comment:**

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I have been in Taihape all my 78 years of life. The Town Hall has been a big part of my life. As a child I recall visits to the Town Hall to perform in concerts, to attend events such as St Patricks Day concerts. As a teenager I attended community dances with local bands.

As a resident of Taihape the Town Hall was a 'go to' place for all matters of daily living such as payments for rates, dog registrations etc.

I also attended various meetings for community activities & town meetings in the auditorium.

As a Ballet teacher since the early 1980's to 2019 I held my annual dance concerts.

In 1998 I was involved with the Royal New Zealand Ballet when they presented Tutus On Tour every two years to 2013. This was a most prestigious event for our small community but it involved many businesses & organisations so the value was enormous.

1. Businesses participated in window displays
2. Organisations ie Rotary provided refreshments
3. Community leaders were treated to complimentary tickets
4. Local ballet dance students were funded to attend courses out of town & overseas.
5. Funds raised supported local NPOs such as the Fire Brigade, Rotary, Taihape Heritage Trust-Cinema.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having a good quality functional building which accommodates all the aspects of community life AND it is in the central area of the town.

#### HIGH LEVEL CONCEPT DESIGN FOR THE TOWN HALL;

While I cannot fully comprehend the lay out proposed for the town hall I wish to request that the following retained as I have had so much experience in what facilities are essential for a concert.

1. Toilet & dressing room facilities off stage retained
2. Retain stage as is as stage floor has correct bounce having a room underneath.
3. Retain sloping floor not a problem as dancers become accustom to it.
4. Supper room layout to be retained as toilets required at all times, especially for a large production.
5. Retain library & Information Centre at the Town Hall
6. The town hall foyer is a concern as there doesn't appear to have a welcome counter for customers and travellers.



**1. Ingoa/Name**

Rita Batley

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

Taihape has been blessed with retention of some heritage buildings mainly through the sheer hard work of many locals who treasure their iconic sites. The local community should be involved closely with the planning and execution of all works on the Town Hall.

Our heritage buildings have become multipurposed adding value to our community.

The town hall is a remarkable building located on SH1 for all passing traffic to appreciate. The auditorium is sizeable and adds to the grandeur of the building.

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

#### **10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

#### **11. Comments:**

It would be easier to support either option if a case for the retention of the current offices was adjoined to these proposals

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

#### **13. Comments:**

## Taihape Town Hall

#### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

weekly

## Anything else?

#### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**





**Key Choice 3? (see page 12)**

New active mobility pathway along Calico Line

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Build a new basic pathway
- Option 2 - Wait and apply for funding
- Something else

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

**Taihape Town Hall**

How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Comment: *perhaps once per year when there was a public event*  
*key limitations are nearby modern facilities & lack of population*

Please include more pages if required.

Anything else?

*really this facility was built for an era when public communication + socialisation was vastly different to today. The problem just towns like Taihape have is letting go of the past in order to be economically + socially prepared for the future.*  
*See my notes (attached), we currently have 3 publicly or former public owned spaces that struggle with the critical mass of patronage to stay viable. Grandstand / Townhall / majestic theatre (formerly council owned but now a trust)*  
*We really can't afford one or even less than one of these buildings.*

Please include more pages if required.



**Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future**



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Ingoa/Name: Belinda Harvey-Larsen

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

Kāinga noho/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Īmēra/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Waea/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Something else

**Comment:** As this building has had ongoing maintenance fill recent Obsolete. The exterior fascia retained as it means a lot to local towns people and visitors alike. If a cafe is included 7 days a week or 5 days including w/ends:

Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

## Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1 \* - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2 - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include more pages if required.

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**Key Choice 3? (see page 12)**

**New active mobility pathway along Calico Line**

I prefer...

**2**

**Option 1\*** - Build a new basic pathway for roughly 200 pupils.

**Option 2** - Wait and apply for funding

**Something else**

Could Nga Tawa make 50% contribution plz.  
**Comment:** As per the Whanganui Chronicle write up on 31 March 2023 that have approached the Council via this Annual Plan. There are several schools in Marton where pupils have to negotiate crossing by foot without Pedestrian Crossings.

4 Schools are on Wellington Road Crossovers to get home safe. Please include more pages if required.

**Taihape Town Hall**

**How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

**Comment:** Have not seen it!

Please include more pages if required.

**Anything else?**

① Dog Poos Bins → Stalken Poles  
Could these be placed on our walkways, Sir James Wilson Park, Centennial Park, Foilet Street Park, and Green Area 'Village' Green.

② Would appreciate immediate installation of 'Warning Tactile Indicators' or 'Decision Tactile.' These should be installed to the walking surface not just for the sight impaired pedestrians and those who have a mobility impairment and need to use assisted items eg: scooter, walkers to remain independent.

Please include more pages if required.



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## Key Choice 2.

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### Annual Plan - Marton Civic Centre

As the building submitted in the plan on High St / Broadway Ave has been derelict since purchase. There could be a budget blowout with either Option 1 or Option 2.

With the Economic downturn through out New Zealand and the world, I can not see the council should spend this amount of monies when people in the Rangitikei District are hurting financially which has a flow on effect to business's being retained. This money in this time frame of the Annual Plan could be utilized in more urgent areas for Martonians and Surrounding Areas.

For Now: Why can't we utilize existing land High St, Grey St and William St. To Price/quote / Submissions at bringing in proposed built fabricated buildings starting with Reception Area / Conference Room Mayors Office, Toilet / Shower block on the Grassed area on the corner of High / Grey St's corner with the plumbing interconnection with the old house.

As the plan is put together pre-fabricated builds can add areas that council lack in space. Could increase RDC / Staff carparks internally of the road. Visitor / Disabled parking at the main Reception entrance.

On the old council building cnr Grey / William St if not designated for anything you could incorporate purpose built for the purpose of rent/lease hot spots/hot desks with Coffee making small kitchen / Toilet for those working from home. Some could be made available at no-cost to non-profit organisations Volunteer who may need a location to work. When Council do choose the 'Marton Civic Centre' commencement the old RDC site could become housing for less fortunate, Kaimatua, council flats or a Motel complex if Solid or Fabricated as a multi purpose block. There would still be an income still coming in from Independent building of hot spots / hot desks.

Please consider the above.



### Key Choice 3

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### Annual Plan - Mobility Pathway

Continued re: Calico Line

The schools other than Nga Tawa that use our major roads.

Marton Primary 585 pupils

Rangitikei College 261 pupils 33% Maori

These pupils have to not only Wellington Road / Hereford Street on foot but senior students ride push bikes.

From just these school there are 846 pupils

where say 50% travel by vehicle leaves 423 pupils

and 25% travel in other direction away from Wellington Rd

Hereford Street leave 318 pupils that is 118 more pupils

than Nga Tawa School. Not sure all girls walk, some drive.

This does not include:

James Cook School 188 pupils

36% Maori + 16% Pacific

who also use Wellington Road and Pukepapa Road to walk home safely.

This also does not include our daycare centres,

and two kindergartens who also use the footpath either by foot or in a pushchair with their family.

This also does not include folk walking with walkers or Walking Sticks, Sight Impaired or Electric Scooters.

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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 Annual Plan process.

**Summary**

- 6 This submission is made in **support** of the proposed:
  - (a) Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre ( Option 1)
  - (b) New Active Mobility pathway along Calico Line From Nga Tawa School to Marton
- 7 This submission is made in **opposition** to the:
  - (a) Proposed Marton Civic Centre at the junction of High St and Broadway ( Options 1 & 2)
  - (b) Proposed Rates increase;
  - (c) Proposed RDC Debt Levels



***Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre ( Option 1)***

- 8 IROMAR **supports** the full restoration and strengthening of the Taihape Town Hall, including new heating AND ventilation systems; and compliance with fire and accessibility requirements, to improve all spaces.
- 9 IRO-MAR supports Council to commit \$1 million towards the earthquake strengthening and refurbishment of the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand.
- 10 IRO-MAR considers that the Taihape Town Hall and the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand are significant and memorable buildings within the Taihape town landscape, and that their restoration will contribute to community well being, and also encourage further private development within the rohe.

***New Active Mobility pathway along Calico Line From Nga Tawa School to Marton***

- 11 IRO-MAR supports the design of a new safe pathway from Nga Tawa School to Marton.
- 12 We consider that this pathway should be designed to provide an attractive and safe mobility connection from the School into the Town, however this should not be alongside a busy 100km main road.
- 13 The current access is simply a gravel berm and is extremely dangerous. This is an opportunity for the Council to demonstrate care towards its citizens; and create a beautiful, thoughtfully landscaped introduction to Marton for all those travellers who take the Calico Line road into the town , or bypass our town to head towards Whanganui; Feilding; or SH1.
- 14 Has the Council put a value on the negative publicity that will ensue when a pedestrian is struck by a car or truck on this route? Does the Council care about the many young secondary school students who risk their lives to walk into our town?
- 15 Does the Council appreciate that Nga Tawa School is one of the largest employers in Marton? Council needs to support existing businesses within our town.
- 16 IRO-MAR considers that this relatively small spend should be increased, but should be funded through a grant as per the footpath to Huntley School on Wanganui Road. This is a perfect example of the work that Council should be supporting to enhance our town.

***Proposed Marton Civic Centre at the junction of High St and Broadway ( Options 1 and 2) on the basis that:***

- 17 The proposal costs have now grown to an excessive level.
- 18 The nature of the proposal is inappropriate for its location and for a small country town/region.
- 19 The site includes several heritage buildings that are better suited for development by private interests.
- 20 The cost risk burden has grown owing to delays; interest rate rises and changing regulations.

- 21 The site is within a flood hazard zone making it subject to possible flood risk during emergency times when Council activity is of high importance.
- 22 IRO-MAR submits that the current site for the Rangitikei District Council offers a far better development opportunity:
- 23 The current site is easily accessed and is not within a flood hazard zone.
- 24 Most of the existing buildings on the current site can be demolished relatively easily.
- 25 What is Council provision for the Emergency Management Base? Currently it is housed within an Earthquake Prone building at the existing RDC Marton buildings.
- 26 The Council would be putting significant cost and resource load on a massive and risky development in a high-risk zone, demolishing several significant heritage buildings and providing Council accommodation.
- 27 Site development by an external party would ultimately provide rate income for the prime location site.
- 28 Council should focus on providing and maintaining community services. Embarking on the role of a developer would be at odds with the prime regulatory function of Council.
- 29 As Council has no track record of effective property development, it would be better placed to support and provide incentives for experienced developers to refurbish and develop our town.

#### **Rates Increase/Debt Levels**

- 30 Council forecast debt levels in its Long Term Plan up to \$70 million in an economic climate of increasing inflation and increasing interest rates. Consequently the Councils LTP forecast capital expenditure will have significant costs to achieve and finance this. This is a significant risk to rate payers.
- 31 IRO-MAR believes Council will need to scrutinise its Capital Works programme; and its ability to manage the significant risks of cost increases. IRO-MAR wishes Council to maintain prudent and risk adverse fiscal management of rate payer funds.
- 32 Council should not be overspending and passing on excessive rate increases to its ratepayers.
- 33 What is Council's predicted debt level if \$20 million of government funding for 3 Waters is not received in Year 4?
- 34 IRO-MAR **Opposes** any rate increases beyond 5%.
- 35 IRO-MAR **Opposes** Council debt levels exceeding \$40 million.

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Felicity Wallace

On behalf of IROMAR

Dated: 24-04-2023



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Ingoa/Name: ROBERT SNIJDERS

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

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Īmēra/Email: moolookiwi@onhook.com

Waea/Phone: 0210 410 001

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I prefer...

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**Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand

**Something else**

Comment: Start again.

See supporting document

 Please include more pages if required.

\* Council's preferred option.

### Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...


**Option 1 \*** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible

**Something else**

Comment: Start again.

See supporting document.

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**Key Choice 3? (see page 12)**

New active mobility pathway along Calico Line

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Build a new basic pathway
- Option 2 - Wait and apply for funding
- Something else

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**Taihape Town Hall**

How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Comment: Never  
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Anything else?

• what is library usage  
 • what numbers visit council buildings.

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 DISTRICT COUNCIL

## INTRODUCTION

My wife and I have resided in the district for almost 8 years. It never seems to amaze us that each time the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Consultations roll round quite often it contains poorly thought through options and it is presented in a way that ratepayers (and residents) become disillusioned. So much so that in the end they tell themselves '*what is the point*' making a submission, it will not make a difference. And each year, council place weight in a squad of loyal supporters who make submissions to bring about those projects presented in the annual plan.

The current spatial plan consultation is a similar event and is also a way in bringing about a District Plan change by stealth. A poorly thought through document with blotches of colour that becomes an engineers headache. 'How we will make this work'?

This year in the Mayors' Message at the front of the consultation documents talks of Three Waters, rates increases around the country far worse than Rangitikei and reducing district funding opportunities to make savings. He also talks of inflation and interest rate increases since the development of the long term plan.

What I find bewildering is that most businesses in this country would have seen higher interest rates and inflation on the horizon for some time and adjusted some of the strategies to suit. Given the make up of councillors with business background I find it a struggle to see why the district is not prosperous. One councillor recently completed a building on the corner of High Street and Bowen Street. A simple structure clad in colour steel. Why not cedar? Would look smarter? Suspect there would be cost reasons behind the decision. Why isn't the same approach taken to council buildings?

The cost savings identified in the Mayor's introduction are futile and there are plenty others that can be found such as reducing the number of council vehicles leaving the district everyday at ratepayer expense most of which are single occupancy. I suspect not all of these employees are 'on call'. Much has been said about the street lights. Think of the energy and money wasted while they are on during daylight hours. This has been going on since daylight saving began in October 2022. It sums up what interest staff and councillors take in their district not to notice some of these simple things.

Rising construction inflation, and inflation as a whole, needs to adjust the mindset for procuring large capital items such as the civic centre and town hall projects. Some projects around New Zealand and the world for that matter, are being delayed for that reason or in some cases trimmed or a stepped approach taken. I see from the March and April council minutes there was an unsolicited approach to strengthen the Taihape Town Hall. Council voted to reject the offer. What surprises me is that there would have been no harm in continuing the conversation and seeing what could be developed. Early Contractor engagement would be prudent in these cases. Or is it Council are scared of being shown up?

In assessing the Marton Civic Centre and Taihape Town Hall capital expenditure, council has adopted the Better Business Case approach guidelines laid out by central government. This is on the back of the fiasco associated with the Bulls Civic Centre which has still not gone away. The approach is clearly biased towards one solution, the most

expensive of options with all the nice to haves. The group invited to the workshops is also biased to one solution. What is the operational need of council when determining requirement? And what will happen in the future.? Given the Three Waters Reform it is only natural that other district council functions will be combined to best harness cost savings. I suspect the Mayor and Councillors are gambling on this happening so that central government will absorb debt.

I see no script to suggest council have considered what other authorities have done nearby or further afield. Nor have they considered what commercial operators have constructed. There are numerous alternatives around the country that have all the engineering completed. Even prefabricated offices are an option. This may appear to cheap in the eyes of council?

Whanganui not that long ago upgraded the Opera House for under \$2m based on a risk approach. They also upgraded the Alexander Library for a similar sum. Some of the cost was related to modernising support and access facilities with a lesser amount on earthquake strengthening. I do not see any of this text in councils documents. Gisborne is another classic example of strengthening unreinforced masonry buildings for commercial and residential occupation at a commercially viable cost.

I believe there is a case for the Auditor General and the Local Government Ombudsman to investigate the method that council has used thus far included the money spent on developing schemes.

And, more applicable to Marton than Taihape, if council get there way and spend \$34m on a single building in the Town Centre, what about the rest of town? Are council going to buy all the rest of the buildings and renovate them? Unlikely. Meanwhile, footpaths are decaying, water is undrinkable, pools are open only 6 months of the year and roads are in such poor condition no business want to locate here because it is impossible to get in and out.

## **KEY CHOICE 1 - Taihape Town Hall**

### **Choice – Something Else**

#### **Reason**

- Councils Options put forward are aspirational and not economically viable considering the population of Taihape let alone the district.
- For both the Town Hall and Grandstand the starting point should be for strengthening of the current structures without alteration to 67% NBS. In addition upgrading of key support functions such as toilets, disabled access and emergency exits to suit current requirements for example should take place. Any further improvement such as a council chamber and meeting rooms should be considered as a 'nice to have'. If the community wishes to see the aspirational options then they should consider funding those locally rather than socialising the cost for them across the districts' rating database.



- There have been no operational costs associated with the options being considered for Taihape.
- The 'Better Business Case' has only considered one option. Demolition and reconstruction has not been priced and presented and one for ratepayers to consider.
- This work should have been undertaken in conjunction with the new amenities building at the Taihape Memorial Park.
- Council should halt any further work and use residents with suitable experience along with the appropriate external support to bring forward a cost effective and clear strategic plan for the Town Hall and Grandstand. This plan should be affordable and suit the current economic climate.
- Develop a set of Principals Requirements and Budget and got to the market for options.

## **KEY CHOICE 2 - Marton Civic Centre**

### **Choice – Something Else**

- Councils Options put forward are aspirational and not economically viable considering the population of Marton let alone the district. It equates to \$2,300 per person in the district.
- The council offices currently occupy a considerable amount of land that could be utilised to build single storey office units that could later be repurposed. A stepped approach could be developed to suit budget and other more essential capital spending such as water and wastewater.
- There have been no operational costs associated with the options being considered for the civic centre which will be considerable. The costs to run Bulls Civic Centre has never been disclosed despite requests.
- The 'Better Business Case' has only considered one option. This is primarily as the panel developing the option has only one solution in mind.
- The council has had ample time to consider better use of the current site which would be much more affordable. The Mayor has been on a crusade to bring forward an aspiration scheme which is 'Shadbolt-esque' and totally unaffordable.
- Council should halt any further work and use residents with suitable experience along with the appropriate external support to bring forward a cost effective and clear strategic plan for the Civic Centre.
- If the council do redevelop the Civic Centre in the form it wishes to, what of the rest of the town centre which is crumbling. The Old Post Office, Marton Hotel, BNZ building are just examples.
- Councils' current spatial plan does not address the fact that Marton is now a 'dormitory' town. It will take more than a \$34m Civic Centre to alter the course.

**KEY CHOICE 2 - New active mobility pathway along Calico Line, Marton**

**Choice – Something Else**

- This is a poorly costed and thought out project.
- There is already a designated route.
- Currently, it is poorly used,
- There are no safety grounds to justify the need,
- There are more imported projects that need to be implemented than this,
- If council had better thought out a spatial plan for the town then those subdivisions brought forward in the last 10 years could have provided much more sustainable cycle and pedestrian connectivity across the town.
- The \$300,00 should go to increasing the pool opening hours which potentially will save lives.





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Hi Jeff,

I have read all the documentation regarding the options for the Taihape Town Hall. Would you please pass this on to whom it may concern.

My preferred option is Key choice 1 option 1 Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre. I'd prefer that the facade is preserved and the rest of the building demolished and redesigned to be more functional while retaining all the functions of the current building. Yes, it may cost a bit more to earthquake-strengthen the facade, but it can be done, and will fulfill the council's wish to retain town heritage features. I'm sure a clever architect can incorporate all the current features: Council services, work spaces for staff, Library, Hall (with sprung floor stage) changing facilities for actors, as well as meeting facilities (plural) for public groups and council staff and officials, and public toilets with exterior access (for buses)

I do not support moving most of the council services to the grandstand, away from the main thoroughfare.

Thank you.

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4 Komako Street  
Utiku

25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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RE: Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future – 2023/2024 Annual Plan Consultation Document

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future – 2023/2024 Annual Plan Consultation Document (“**Consultation Document**”), which has been released by the Rangitikei District Council (“**The Council**”) for public consultation. Alliance Group appreciate’s the opportunity to review and submit on the Consultation Document.

#### **ALLIANCE GROUP LIMITED**

Alliance is a large meat processing and exporting company operating five meat processing and export plants throughout the South Island and two plants in the North Island. These plants are located at:

- > Stoke, Nelson
- > Smithfield, Timaru
- > Pukeuri, North Otago
- > Mataura, Southland
- > Lorneville, Southland
- > Levin, Horowhenua
- > Dannevirke, Hawkes Bay

The company was established in 1948 and is New Zealand’s only 100 per cent farmer-owned red meat co-operative. On an annual basis, Alliance processes approximately 5 million lambs, 1 million sheep, almost 400,000 cattle, 100,000 deer and 270,000 calves.

This equates to approximately 30% of New Zealand’s sheep meat production, 15% of beef and 30% of venison.

The company exports products to over 65 different countries. Processing is vertically integrated with about 80% of the meat production being further processed by boning, cutting and consumer packaging. A proportion of the production is exported in a chilled state to Europe and North America. Co-products such as wool, skins and other carcass material are also processed for export by the company, usually at the same location as the meat processing facility.

As a wholly farmer-owned co-operative, profits are returned to the company's farmer shareholders. Alliance employs approximately 4,800 people (permanent and seasonal staff) and services about 4,500 farmer shareholders who supply livestock.

## **THE KEY POINTS OF INTEREST TO ALLIANCE**

Alliance will not be submitting and providing feedback on any of the key choices that have been outlined in the consultation document by the council. Though Alliance supports the fair and equitable consultation and submission process that the council has conducted for the 2023/2024 Annual Plan for members and interested parties of the Rangitikei District.

Representing the interests of Alliance's farmer shareholders; a key point of interest that has been raised is the current closure of the Otara Bridge, which connects the Manawatū and Rangitikei districts and provides passage over the Rangitikei River to general access vehicles exceeding 6,000kg (6T).

On Friday 27 January 2023, it was identified that damage had occurred to the Otara Bridge and as a precautionary measure the allowable weight crossing the bridge was reduced to 6000kg (6T) gross and the speed limit was also reduced to 10km/hr. The bridge had previously been strengthened in 2018 to accommodate General Access Vehicles (Class One), allowing truck and trailer units up to 46,000kg (46T) access between Manawatū District and Rangitikei District.

Alliance has numerous farmer-shareholders who farm in the surrounding areas of the Ōhingaiti and Rangiwahia townships which the bridge connects. These farmer-shareholders supply approximately 10,000 lambs annually to be processed at Alliance's Levin and Dannevirke Plants. With the bridge currently closed to general access vehicles exceeding 6T (truck and trailer units), the required detour adds a significant increase to the journey for livestock procured and transported out of these catchments. This is of particular concern where farmer shareholders either side of the Rangitikei river require livestock to be transported to an Alliance processing plant on the same transport consignment. Which is a regular occurrence.

Due to the required detour and increased transport time with the bridge closure there is a significant increase in cost and increase in potential animal welfare concerns for livestock transported out of the Ōhingaiti and Rangiwahia catchments. As well as potential limitations to market access for product due to the exceedance of agreed and required transport duration of livestock to meet customer requirements. This is irrespective of the decrease in productivity of livestock transport providers and increase in transport emissions caused by the closure of the bridge and required detour.



Alliance is aware that structural investigations and repair costings are currently underway for the Otara Bridge. With the potential animal welfare concerns, financial and logistical issues outlined above, Alliance requests that the council prioritise appropriate funds in the 2023/2024 Annual Budget. To complete the required structural repairs of the bridge and re-open the bridge to general access vehicles up to 46T (truck and trailer units). The repair and re-opening of the bridge will alleviate the concerns and issues that have been outlined throughout this submission.

Yours sincerely



Dan Cairns

**Assurance and Sustainability Manager – Livestock**

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I have provided 3 location specific forms using your online system. This may refer to these as well as explores individual and generally important themes to assist guide RDC in their decisionmaking.

#### Annual Plan

What will our rates look like?

Rates are a massive source of concern to communities, and are becoming more unaffordable. The days of councils thinking they can just constantly increase rates are well past and people vote with their feet (irrespective of increases from elsewhere, the community changes from engaged contributory to just those who have no further choices).

Therefore I find it disingenuous that the LTP has been deviated from, and rate increases are higher and little effort to justify this increase made other than general waffle about costs. Rural rates are obviously high, evidenced by farmers selling off, or developing, their front paddocks to be able to pay for this expense. How much longer do you think this is sustainable for?

Then you attack them with unfair restrictions on their properties (Significant Natural Areas, centrally dictated practices that have no science to them (CO2, excess Nitrogen, usage of detached land)) and still wish to charge them more when the previous reduces their earnings.

Stop killing the golden goose.

Residential Urban rates are similarly unaffordable. I am finding between rates, interest and insurance costs, I cannot charge a reasonable rent, which forces a loss in diversity of resident.

What about debt?

The single most glaring comment I have about your presentation on this is, you're likely to receive a "get out of jail free" card in the taking over of an earning asset and associated debt, but your plan is to immediately jump right back into the slimy pond of debt.

Insanity prevails. While I understand you CAN increase debt based on rateable homes, don't forget that these homes are then paying a second rate to 3Waters and will have LESS money to pay your new debt off.

Take the win and reduce rates. This is the single most important opportunity residents will ever see in their lifetimes, and you're squandering it without a MANDATE from the people. Cut some of these plans for buildings and get back to your knitting and look after services first.

Use every opportunity to keep the total government spending within the community's tolerance levels.

Do NOT increase the debt ceiling.

What do we spend our money on?

If 3W comes to pass, roads will become the single biggest cost to our region. It is recognised that we have many roads to maintain and few houses to pay for it all. While farms pay the vast bulk, the stated possibilities that some roads may not be recovered after a minor disaster means that future revenue from affected areas is threatened, like it or not, this will come to pass.

While roading standards may be reduced based on the traffic densities, we'd like to see more studies and counts displayed regularly for comparison purposes, to the public.

We lost the revenue that Bonny Glen may have reaped through a questionable process, and as a consequence, lost control over the dumping of hazardous waste we the community will have to clean up one day (We know regulations are broken and inspections inadequate.

Always have been, always will be).

Stop handing over assets that earn money. Also do not hand over assets that we can utilise in future. Yes, stopped roads can be sold off, but are we really getting value from that process?

3Waters reform

The council has consistently refused to listen to ratepayers and present their considerations to the working groups, committees and discuss during their meetings.

The council needs to become more community focused and discuss the issues being raised with them, or they will continue to be seen as obstructive and irresponsibly obtuse.

We wanted more input into where the \$14 million was spent.

We wanted initially the council NOT to accept this as it's a temporary bribe that we the ratepayer will be paying back eventually (it becomes debt that is transferred to the new entity that gets charged back in a water rate).

We wanted the council to refuse all overtures from central government and demand that nothing changes. That regulations be fair and reasonable and central government recognise that communities decide how much security and safety they wish to endure, themselves.

We also did not want the maori wards. The council decided for us without a referendum of ratepayers, presenting this as already decided, just how many councillors we wanted.

This was undemocratic and reduced faith in the system to a lot of people.

Better attention needs to be paid towards the wishes of the community and less unmandated (i.e. councillors getting in on policy they have declared) matters are considered in meetings without reference to the community.

Rangitikei Beyond

Bulls

One argument put forwards is to make Bulls a destination town. Increasing infrastructure to support this, such as bus stop, community centre, commercial hub, etc.

To fully cement home "Destination Bulls" or "Stop-A-Bull" for the tourist is to provide a waste dump station for caravans and campervans.

Presently these facilities are only locally provided in Marton and Sanson, and people travelling there to discharge will stop and linger instead of at Bulls.



## Infrastructure

Presently, Bulls has a significant problem with water. Our pipes are still asbestos cement (prone to discharging fibres that can be swept up by the wind and enter lungs). e.g. Wellington city council advises residents to the East of the airport to filter their water and restrict watering on the ground due to AC contaminated pipes that they have not yet replaced. RDC should be removing AC pipes as soon as possible.

PFOS contamination in Bulls is at levels that may be below NZ water allowable limits, but are far higher than globally accepted levels, e.g. 2 million times higher than US EPA lifetime allowable limit, which is set to the lowest detectable limits because PFOS is deemed a "forever compound" and exposure over time will present with health issues. As the Health and Safety process hierarchy requires Elimination, Substitution, Control through Engineering or Administrative and PPE (Mitigation), and in the short term only mitigation is an option, RDC should be educating residents of the dangers and subsidising carbon water filters and mitigating public supplies through proper filtering.

A prudent council would do these things.

## Climate Change

There are many factual errors being presented by this chapter, not least of which is the reference to emissions causing record breaking rainfall and events. This is disingenuous as no references are given and one can only assume this is rhetoric gleaned from LGNZ and/or central government with zero justification.

If RDC expects people to accept unsubstantiated claims that are without global scientific reference, then they are dreaming.

RDC shall, where claims are made to justify requirements of ratepayers in ANY area, provide factual data and evidential studies that prove their claims, and allow rebuttal studies and claims to be presented, regardless of acts of government. E.g. there are no rigorous independent studies or evidence that emissions reductions will achieve 1.5 degrees limitation. The evidence is clear that ma's contribution is limited and extremely low in comparison from other sources that have been ignored or deliberately played down in the models.

Fair transparent democracy shall be the driver.

There is no problem where new technologies are to be harnessed to reduce pollution and increase exercise rates, but changing something purely on speculative and undocumented claims of "this is bad for Earth" is plainly wrong.

## NPS-HPL

This shall be referred to as an active policy regardless of future developments. We cannot afford to continue to lose high productive land to housing development and lifestyle blocks purely so farmers can pay their rates. Other ideas shall be explored to reduce overall rating and prevent the constant increases.

This supports development in areas with existing reticulation.

## NPS-IB

This shall not be undertaken on people's properties without clearly explained requests for consent. All implications for requesting access shall be explained and the landowner allowed a period of time to consult before being required to respond.

"A man's home is his castle" is a creed that dates back beyond councils and government, and this credo shall be allowed to persist.

The property owner shall also be permitted to provide input into identifying and logging areas they may wish to voluntarily allow for setting aside.

## Future Growth - Bulls

The flood risk of Western Bulls is well known and evidenced. To help reduce this risk and to open up land for growth, it would seem prudent to provide some form of flood protection. This could be stopbanks, over level diversions or mandated detention upstream to reduce the influent.

The increased values for existing homes, plus the increased land development areas would provide offsets and improve cost effectiveness.

The effect from Rangitikei River flooding can be mitigated by allowing channel works to resume. While this is not something RDC has control over, they do have influence.

#### Vacant Land Map

I object to Haylock Park being included in the "Vacant Land" zone on this map. It is not vacant, it is waiting for development into a park comprising sports grounds and playgrounds.

#### Community Recreation and Facilities Map

The representation of Haylock Park as a "Green Space" decries its potential for development into the sports grounds and playground that it strives to be.

Decades of under development by RDC in this park has led it to be salivated over by developers and the council for potential windfall if sold.

It's value lies in this is the ONLY space available to adjacent developments to provide playground for children and open space for development for sports this side of SH1/3.

It shall not be developed into commercial space nor residential.

I declare have an interest in this space, owning an adjacent property. But even if I did not, I am supportive of this type of development as I have lived in dense cities where open space is difficult to achieve and sporting grounds where children can run and play formal sports is impossible outside.

Its health and wellbeing value to the hundreds of residents denied these facilities by main highways, in this regard far outweighs the commercial value of shops or homes.

#### Growth Scenario

While I support higher density development as a tradeoff for maintaining productive farmland, I believe terraced and apartment housing would not be suitable for Bulls for a few reasons. The main highway forms a barrier to amenity, noise and danger to children.

High density introduces new culture into a community, forever changing it to one of closeted in, inwardly focussed and not community minded people. Any high density would have to be planned carefully to present a sense of community, so this denies efficient rows of faceless housing, and requires open spaces to be designed in by a good architect. The low sale value unfortunately prevents this occurring in small towns.

#### Housing Strategy and Plan

##### Rental Housing

I am a landlord in the Bulls township and am currently developing 2 new rentals due to come to market shortly.

I propose that to support small landlords wishing to provide affordable housing, that a rating differential or rebate be prepared which reduces rates significantly where the rentals are at or below 90% of market rate.

This means, say, for a property with a rental value of \$450 per week is rented at \$405 per week, a saving of \$45 per week for a tenant, the commensurate rates decrease be 20% per year. This can be subsidised by a rates differential of +20% for rentals demanding more than 20% above rental value.

This would be in addition to the rates rebate for 2 years currently in place.

Numbers just plucked out of thin air, but you get the point.

The issue with "community Housing Providers" is that the number of new rentals starts at 20, and this is well beyond the potential for small investors.

All your "council role" arguments pertain to large developers, and the small investor needs encouragement too.

This is especially if you wish to encourage infill housing to be placed into the rental domain. These people otherwise have little encouraging them to subdivide. One other encouragement could be to provide free surveying services to infill developers. This would remove one barrier to the decision to subdivide.

I do not wish to speak to this as I work during the day and I am not able to take time off work.

Any questions can be emailed to me for a response.

I do not wish my comments to be made public due to the controversial nature that some people assign to subjects I have mentioned.

Regards



## Marton Community Committee

### Submission to Rangitikei District Council’s Annual Plan 2023/24

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Do we wish to speak to this submission on 11 May? **Yes**  
**I am happy that the above details are publicly available.**

#### Demographic Information

<b>Key Choice 1</b> <b>Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre</b> <b>We Support “Option 1”</b>	<b>Key Choice 2</b> <b>Marton Civic Centre</b> <b>We prefer “Something Else”</b>	<b>Key Choice 3</b> <b>Calico Line Mobility Pathway</b> <b>We prefer “Something Else”</b>
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Great to have a grand plan, but with many households struggling in the district, we feel there ought to be a greater focus on achieving the basics ie the most cost effective and speedy fix of infrastructure, not to build ivory towers.

We are aware of a growing number of residents who are unable to leave the town due to the expense of travel. They have no additional finances to go to luxuries as they are struggling to cover their necessities. During the present economic climate, household incomes are stretched, so, there is a greater need to provide better support services on many levels.

#### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

MCC feel to fully restore and earthquake strengthen Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre would be beneficial to the town. All user groups need to be consulted at the start of the restoration planning process, to avoid issues such as those which resulted from the Bulls construction of Te Matapihi.

#### Marton Civic Centre

MCC would prefer to see land such as 46 High Street land used, not the Broadway Corner.

Broadway / High Street is in the flood zone - how can that be used for Civil Defence if it does not give dry / easy access such as during the 2015 floods?

What ought to be a Retail space will be taken up by Council facilities the present parking availability will be stretched even more. The Broadway / High Street location should better used for Retail entities.

MCC have the opinion that in the past there has been a lack of fiscal prudence. We feel a project manager (or process / system) needs to be put in place which is fully independent from council involvement / interference. This we anticipate would provide more opportunity that full community engagement is

achieved to ensure a comprehensive design is achieved with thorough decisions and robust tendering, plus all stages of construction are adequately monitored.

With few attractants to Marton - to destroy a significant portion of the "CBD" and replace it with an ivory tower is not viewed as economically viable. We feel there has been inadequate consideration of alternative options, which leaves us doubting greater aspects of the current proposal.

To utilise the current vacant land by bringing in Pre-fabricated units, rather than building from scratch appears to be a cost effective solution which does not appear to have been considered.

The final building(s) need to incorporate:

- The Library area to be a multi use / flexible space which can accommodate a variety of activities for small groups through to larger audiences.
- Room / facility use. We recommend serious consideration be given to a Multi Use / Hot Desk facility which would allow small business owners, who presently work from home - to be able to carry out activities with others. Desks could be "hired out" by the day, to give the space a wide opportunity base of interest to many. This area should also be available out of normal 9-5 business hours, to allow anyone who has business activities overseas to be available to other time zones.
- After hours access is needed for meetings which take place eg community groups whose meetings occur during evenings or weekends - Saturdays as well as Sundays.

Involve the Community Support networks to help provide assistance - provision of a location which can be utilised by liaison officers of entities such as the Heart Foundation / Cancer Society / Citizens Advice Bureau, to allow them to have private meetings - a café is not always a good location to discuss private issues.

An added bonus would be storage facilities eg the Cancer Society have wheelchairs stored at a private property, thanks to the good will of the property owners. Is this not supporting Community Wellbeing?

## **Calico Line pathway**

MCC are opposed to the provision of a pathway along Calico Line, there are other activities which were committed to happen, but are still outstanding eg Cobber Kain Avenue has not yet been sealed.

Car Parking / the area at the back of Memorial Hall was committed to be made good, it is still in need of rectification.

Residents seeing lack of action by RDC in relation to their previous promises - we keep hearing of RDCs lack of action. The regular promise / commitment to do something but years later no progress is obvious in the eyes of local ratepayers. It would be much better to commit to do something, then have it completed promptly.

Nga Tawa students are stated as high users, so for the school to pay for the walkway for their students is not viewed as being unrealistic, or they ought to at least contribute for at least half the cost.

There are other school children (long term residents) throughout Marton who do not readily have safe passage across significant roads such as along Wellington Road and High Street - to name only two.

- There is no pathway beyond 547 Wellington Road going towards Hawkstone Road.
- beyond the Library towards Pukepapa Road and beyond.
- MCC feel there is a greater / wider safety opportunity to install many more crossings around Marton which would not only be used by School Children, but the whole community.
- Crossings (existing as well as new) should incorporate warning indicators, to assist blind and those with low vision users that they are at a crossing.

As Marton is heavily reliant on private vehicles to move around town plus we wish it to be a top destination in the Rangitikei Rural district. There are environmentally limited mobility networks. The 68% of low income earners / MSD benefit receivers who cannot afford to go out of their township even though they own a vehicle, so they shop locally. This can be a limiting existence for some. Mobility access to interesting education / heritage buildings / museum / parks would improve the wellbeing of many.

Money saved on not installing a pathway, is recommended to be put towards other key activities eg employing a staff member to reduce waiting times for building consents or improve communications (see below).

**Funding** - MCC strongly object to the plan(s) to remove or reduce funding for Parks / Events / Placemaking, we believe these are opportunities to encourage community involvement. RDC claim to want to be a Welcoming Community, but here is another barrier to making things happen or improve facilities in any way.

### **Other aspects we wish to raise:**

**Three Waters** - With recent changes to Central Government's plans, we see no reason that that money could be redirected to improve items perceived by the ratepayers as key, eg expedite improving Marton's Water supply.

**Recycling** - MCC would like RDC to reconsider their decision with regard to kerbside recycling, this service would be beneficial to many.

As it appeared extensive research was carried out a few years ago [sorry I cannot find specific details or a date on searching the RDC website] information should be readily available internally. An option could be to have once or twice a year an occasion which would allow residents to recycle / dispose of more than general refuse.

**Dog Poo Bins** should be installed at parks in Marton, we also would be supportive of such bins being installed throughout the district.

It is felt a **Youth Club** would be beneficial for youngsters in the town.

**Forestry** - Concern has been raised regarding how RDC would cope with a weather event, learning from recent problems caused by slash from forestry areas. We do not see that the affect forestry has on the district, is limited to the damage to roads and/or bridges.

**Forestry Differential "engagement"** - If not including all (beyond iwi & forestry) is that not discriminatory?

### **Community Leadership and Community Wellbeing**

There is a combined spend indicated as \$3.2million, however, it is not clear what this is actually spent on. It is assumed this is simply salaries of council staff and councillors. Given the cost of living crisis, increase in poverty, gang activity, drugs and other social issues within our district it would be opportune to see spending specific to projects particularly around community wellbeing. It would also be advantageous of the council to better connect and collaborate with community partners to realise this vision. This is not a time to reduce community funding at the expense of our people.

### **Communications**

MCC struggle with RDC's ongoing lack of communications between itself and the community as a whole.

➤ How do people know what they don't know?

A specific MCC example: At MCCs meeting on 11 April several MCC members did not have a copy of any consultation documents. Council staff seems to be OK with sending out order papers about discussion matters, but seem to think these volunteers committees can fend for themselves when it comes to



getting other relevant documents. And the availability of the documents ... when the Chair offered to deliver the documents - no offer was made to rectify the situation by council which is another set of issues! Some may feel this is another effort to exclude by omission. This is not the first time MCC have been actively excluded from communications on topic(s) which affect the Committee.

More opportunities need to be created to connect with the Maori and Pacifica communities.

MCC recommend RDC actively are involved with the Poppy Project to achieve street signs to include a Poppy to commemorate veterans throughout the district, not just in Marton.

We are sharing the following information with the acknowledgement that, these are operational aspects of RDC. We appreciate, to improve these and other aspects costs money, by way of employing someone to "fix" things, it needs to be raised here / now. Please do not view this as us simply having a gripe, MCC want things to improve and are happy to help staff and ratepayers.

Finding information on the RDC website, is a challenge on a good day - here are "some" examples:

- When encouraging a group to apply for funding - if a new Treasurer has no understanding of what is required, how can they be expected to competently complete forms. In the past paperwork could be viewed as part of Order Papers. Now, there are no recent previous applications which can be viewed for someone to upskill themselves on what is needed.
- When giving information eg The Mayor's instructions on "How to check your rates" was wrong. Yes, the Customer Care Team do a great job BUT, the provision of correction information is essential.
- Ensuring things like deadlines are correct and communicated consistently eg Annual Plan deadline. The print, online AND verbal message all need to be the same.
- When meetings such as MCC have not taken place, the lack of information on the website is far from ideal.
- Meeting Documentation which show as "Tabled Document" does not tell a reader anything as to what the document relates to.

We are happy to work with staff to improve communication, but a willingness to accept, we are trying to improve things NOT just complain, we are simply conveying the frustrations we encounter and/or hear from the community.

Make things easy . . .

- **Promote that CCs and CBs are there to help.** MCC feel there are opportunities missed frequently for us to help eg "you want to submit", have a chat with your local Community Committee member. That said, we need to be armed (informed ahead of time) with RDC's intentions, not find out afterwards. We feel to also promote that RDC have staff who speak NZSL / Te Reo / Samoan etc available to help would be beneficial.
- **Provide better options.** An ability for residents to submit at any time to any future Plans, be they Annual, Long Term or other, By-law revisions or other policy documentation or processes.
- **Consultation opportunities.** Encouragement is key, not discourage - give people a better chance to be heard:  
If six people submit on one topic, each get an opportunity to speak (so, 10x6=60 mins) while;  
If one person submits on six different consultation topics, they only are afforded a total of 10 minutes - it is felt that this is not encouraging. Everyone needs to be given an opportunity to be heard.  
Previous consultations have resulted in comments from staff and elected members, that too few people are willing to submit - so if more submitted and all wanted to speak, it would be a longer process, but to willingly give "a few" an opportunity to speak on each topic, at least indicates a willingness to hear what that person wants to say.
- **Out of Hours Service.** The team frequently fail to know where places in the district are, not just streets but towns as well! Callers perceive they are talking to RDC Staff, so there is an expectation of at least "some" local knowledge.

## Submission to Rangitikei District Council’s Annual Plan 2023/24

**Name:** Carolyn Bates  
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Do I wish to speak to this submission on 11 May? [Yes](#)  
I am happy that the above details are publicly available.

### Demographic Information

<p><b>Key Choice 1</b>  <b>Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre</b>  I prefer “Option One”</p>
<p><b>Key Choice 2</b>  <b>Marton Civic Centre</b>  I prefer “Something Else”</p>
<p><b>Key Choice 3</b>  <b>Calico Line Mobility Pathway</b>  I prefer “Something Else”</p>

I am chair of the Marton Community Committee (MCC), so I have provided input to the MCC submission and am fully supportive of their input, therefore I will not repeat myself here on those topics. I do wish to add:

### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I support a full restoration and earthquake strengthening of Taihape Town Hall/Civic but this needs to be done with input from all user groups from the outset.

### Marton Civic Centre

I despair at the grand plan to build offices for RDC staff on Broadway, I see this should be a retail, not administration location. When many struggle to pay for essentials, for those people to see RDC spend rates on such a construction there, is far from acceptable in my mind. I will repeat my previous suggestion to build on the existing land (46 High Street, Marton), please see attached.

Travel out of town is a struggle if not towards impossible for those who, through no fault of their own, are unable to drive, so are unable to get out of town. I therefore view that better retail opportunities would be beneficial on so many different levels. There are so many items not readily available, I wonder how some get by.

### Calico Line Pathway

A definite NO from me, the cost outweighs the benefit with other calls on available funds. Additionally the unsafe condition of footpaths around town to me ought to take priority for the Marton ratepayers, not just a new path for +/-200 students at one school.

## What you spend our money on

The lack of detail made me chuckle specifically:

The costs indicated as Community Leadership:

- I wonder are they the basic costs for staff and elected members, salary / expenses?  
No explanation is given at all as to what these numbers represent.
- If not where are those costs, To me using the term conveys a “we are leading a charge”, when many people simply want RDC to do the mundane basics of road repairs and give us drinkable water. I do commend the water improvements to date.
- No clear statement is given that staff get paid for doing the great job I see they do.

Community Wellbeing

- No clear explanation is given at all as to what these numbers represent!
- There is a reference in the Taihape Town Hall Options will this \$\$\$ be contributing to the renovations?

**Funding** – I feel “removing the funding” = “remove the incentive” for locals to get involved.

**Forestry** – Include everyone, do not discriminate by allowing only selected portions of the district to voice their opinion. Road damage affects many plus if there is significant rain, the damage caused by slash is likely to affect the whole community significantly as evidenced in the Hawkes Bay recently.

## Communications

I am appalled at the number of times more recently I have seen/used facilities and observe a complete lack of signage to report problems.

This may be viewed as a minor operational matter BUT the cost to fix has to be way higher than the cost to get things right in the first place, yet this failure continues.

I have offered in the past and offer again, to be willing to test / check new aspects of the RDC website. I struggle to accept, that when an incorrect public explanation is given (to an audience of over 200), that the website is not fixed. The opinion was, it is not worth the effort – this was potentially a less than 5 minute fix. I acknowledge “lots of 5 minutes” translate into a day or longer spent on seemingly small tasks BUT the perception around town is RDC are failing to get the basics right.

The frequent lack of attention to detail / consideration of how information is available to users - gives me a headache eg information as well as deadlines being different, in different locations. This does not convey a professional / capable image to ratepayers. Extension of deadlines to achieve results, to me, smacks of desperation, not inclusion.

I am more than happy to work with staff to improve communication, **but** a change in attitude / willingness to accept, if reporting something is wrong, it is **not** my fault. If “you” do not know something is wrong, how do you know there is an opportunity to fix it.

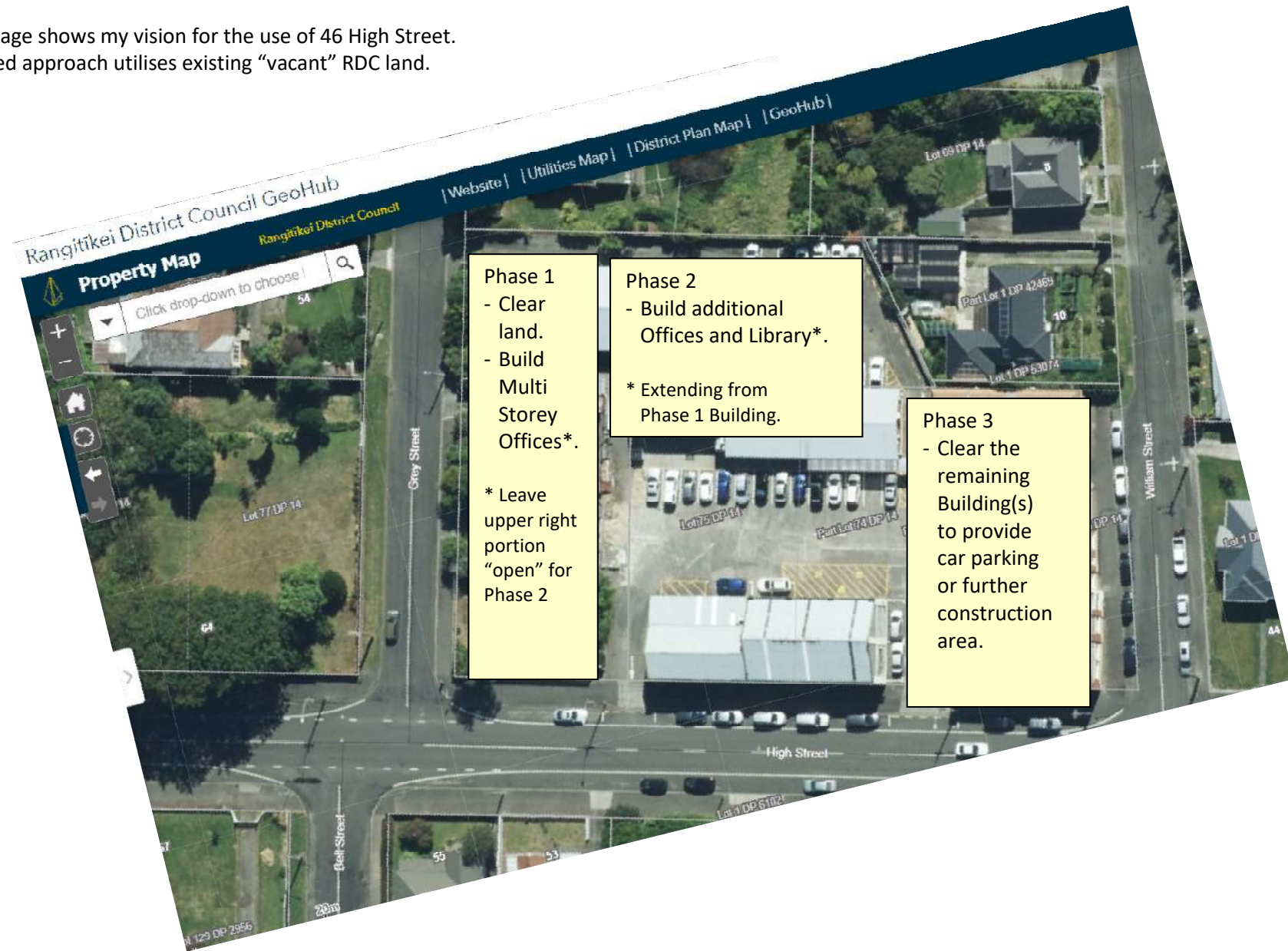
- Perhaps I am the one with the wrong attitude, maybe this is done deliberately – ignore / annoy people to the point that they give up – well that is how I see things are at the moment, so many locals talk in terms of “why bother, RDC hear but do not listen - they will do nothing”.

More effort needs to be put into making things easier for people to interact with RDC . . .

- Take input at any time ahead of any consultation or planned change(s).
- Give everyone a chance to be heard, on **all** topics they are concerned about.
- Ensure RDC’s back up service “the Out of Hours team” are at least reasonable representatives of RDC.



The image shows my vision for the use of 46 High Street.  
A staged approach utilises existing “vacant” RDC land.



26 April 2023

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Tēnā koe Peter

### ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24 – HORIZONS' SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Rangitikei District Council's (RDC) 2023-24 proposed Plan. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values the strong relationships between our two organisations and the other local authorities in the region.

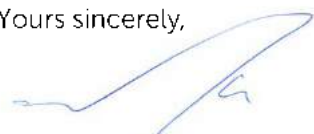
With regard to your proposal, our submission relates to the work RDC has done and continues to do in climate change adaptation. Climate change mitigation and adaptation is one of the biggest challenges facing New Zealand, our region, and our communities. Horizons support Rangitikei District Council developing their Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan. Developing a Climate Action Plan is a key recommendation for all councils from the recently released Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan. Horizons commend Rangitikei District Council for prioritising development of their action plan and welcome the opportunity to work with Rangitikei District Council to implement joint initiatives recommended in the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan.

Horizons note that broader sustainability aspects for building proposals such developing a new Civic Centre in Marton do not appear to be considered in the options provided. We encourage RDC to consider 'greenbuild' design features in major building projects.

Horizons recommend that low or no emissions vehicles are considered in any fleet upgrade as a practical measure for RDC to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

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

Yours sincerely,



Michael McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 April 2023 11:52 am  
**To:** Submissions  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Ihi Mete <ihi274@yahoo.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 April 2023 9:41 am  
**To:** Katrina Gray <Katrina.Gray@rangitikei.govt.nz>  
**Subject:**

Good morning katrina

The storage shed at the Ratana community gym needs replacing.council owns the land and buildings currently.at the moment we are storing equipment inside the gym which is not ideal..we would like to replace the shed with something bigger which there is room on the section to do so.is this something to talk to council infrastructure about or something to put into the annual plan.i heard you say at our meeting last week you would accept late submissions.

Nga mihi  
Charlie Mete







Rangitikei District Council  
2023/24 Annual Plan Submission  
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To Whom It May Concern

ANZCO Foods is writing in support of the local community in requesting the Manawatu District Council to fix the Otara bridge which has been damaged and now has a weight limit – rendering it unusable by trucks including stock trucks.

ANZCO Foods has two processing sites in the Rangitikei and Manawatu areas. As well as being significant employers we also contribute to the community through rates, livestock and supplier payments as well directly supporting a range of community groups and initiatives.

The damaged bridge means the most direct route to our sites is now unavailable for a number of farmers in the area which is impacting the local community as well as having an impact on animal welfare through slightly longer transporting times.

Being unable to use the bridge means that costs for livestock transportation will be increased, at a time when the industry is already facing financial pressures.

Bridges such as the Otara one are important pieces of infrastructure connecting communities. As well as having an impact on farmers trying to get their stock away to our processing sites the weight restriction on the bridge is impacting other industries and businesses in local townships eg: Marton.

ANZCO Foods notes funding to investigate and fix the Otara Bridge is not featured in the Council’s annual plan and requests that the Council consider redirecting funds to remediate the bridge which is so important to the local community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

**Brendan Poole**  
**ANZCO Foods Site Manager - Rangitikei**

Rangitikei Site - 672 State Highway 1, Marton, Rangitikei. PO Box 111, Bulls 4863  
Ph 06 327 0010

**Submission:** Annual Plan 2023-2024, Rangitikei District Council (25 Apr 2023)

To: Rangitikei District Council  
[info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)

Submitter: Gretta Mills

- I would like to speak to my submission at the Council Hearings on 11 May 2023
- I want my details (but not my name) to remain private.

### Summary:

**Key Choice 1-** Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre- **Option 1**

**Key Choice 2-** Marton Civic Centre- **neither option**

**Key Choice 3-** New active mobility pathway along Calico Line- **neither option**

### I support:

**Key Choice 1 -** Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre- **Option 1**

1. **The Taihape Town Hall-** is an iconic building on SH1 i.e. the main street, Taihape. It already has many community functions such as the library, information centre & council offices. This key community building should be fully restored to improve all spaces and be earthquake strengthened as soon as practicable.
2. **Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand-** I commend the Taihape Heritage Group for their work with this building that has enabled Heritage New Zealand to grant Category 2 Heritage building status in January 2023. I support the RDC commitment of up to \$1million toward the earthquake strengthening of this historic building.

### I do not support:

**Key Choice 2 -** Marton Civic Centre- **neither options 1 or 2 are supported**

1. **Existing Rangitikei District Council Headquarters, Marton-** the Rangitikei District Council has existing buildings that are used as council headquarters. The buildings are single-storied, on a large flat site which is not in a flood zone. The main buildings face onto High Street and the site adjoins quiet streets. There is ample parking in the vicinity. This site should be renewed and brought up to standard for a public building used as the RDC Headquarters.

2. **Better Business Case-** following on from the expensive fiasco with the Bulls Town Hall- Te Matapihi, the council decided to complete a 'better business case' appraisal of three options for Marton:
  - a. **Build a brand new Marton Civic Centre** (i.e. demolish the heritage buildings in town) - an extremely expensive option which is not justifiable and is not affordable. It is intended to be funded by huge borrowings supported from the District's approximately 8,000 rated premises
  - b. **Restore and renovate the heritage buildings in town**
  - c. **Do nothing** (except earthquake strengthen RDC's current facilities)- this is the cheapest option in the safest position with ample parking.

*The findings of the better business case process have not been made transparent so ratepayers are unable to make informed decisions.*

3. **Rangitikei District Council Staff and Functions-** placing Marton Council staff in a new Civic Centre in Broadway won't make a more vibrant town centre. It is a business and staff go home at 5pm then there is an empty building!  
Marton Council Staff include:
  - a. Staff who work full-time at the Marton Council headquarters
  - b. Marton Council Staff who work from home or elsewhere some days per week.
  - c. Staff who live out of town or in neighbouring towns/cities.

*There are also elected representatives who meet for council purposes- not always at the Council buildings.*

4. **Alternative accommodation for Marton Council Staff-** while existing premises are renovated or for a more permanent solution for new premises:
  - a. Te Matapihi, Bulls Town Hall- it is near amenities, there is parking, EV charging and a bus depot for public transport to/from nearby towns/cities.
5. **Cost projections-** the proposal to borrow funding for either option: \$33-\$34+ million is an outrageous expense that a town of 6000 people doesn't need and cannot afford.
6. **Developer role-** the RDC is not a Developer and nor should they act for any Developer. The group of heritage buildings on the corner High Street and Broadway, which were purchased by the RDC, should be sold so that some else can privately renovate and repurpose these buildings.

**Key Choice 3-** New active mobility pathway along Calico Line, Marton- **neither options 1 or 2 are supported**

1. **Active mobility pathways-** active mobility pathways should be sited well away from existing busy roads. The edge of the road on Calico Line between Nga Tawa Road and Bredins Line is far too narrow to be safe.
2. **Health and safety for all-** active mobility pathways should ideally be off-road & safe for people of all ages- walking, riding slow moving scooters, wheelchairs etc.

The RDC states, *while plans to construct a pathway along Nga Tawa Road are already in place, we are seeking your views on what we should do about the Calico Line pathway. I have no idea what the RDC already has planned?*

### **Alternative ideas**

3. **Subdivision Roading**- the RDC/ratepayer already funds/has funded roadways into two new subdivisions in Hereford Heights (off corner - Bredins Line and Hereford streets) and also off Nga Tawa Road. These roads have been provided for the community so it would be sensible to look at options to extend their use:
  - a. **New subdivision links**- an active mobility pathway through the trees at the rear of the Hereford Heights subdivision? There are already 'fenced alleyway' links at the rear of Hereford Heights. I have driven around these two subdivisions and looked on Google Maps. A walkway that links the Nga Tawa Road subdivision and the Hereford Heights subdivision should be investigated.
  - b. **Marton Junction active mobility pathways**- there should also be a safe pathway from the Junction's Marumaru Street alongside Wilson Park/Nga Tawa Road to the new road/housing off Nga Tawa Road.

\*Nga Tawa School students walking into town to replenish their tuckboxes etc. has been a weekly event for many years- why is it suddenly an issue now?

*If Nga Tawa School provides a safe pathway South along Nga Tawa Road, but within their school grounds, the students could then cross Nga Tawa Road to the 'Nga Tawa Road' subdivision and walk through both subdivisions to Bredins Line. From this point they could either walk down Hereford Street and into town or they could walk along Bredins Road to Rangitikei College and access the walkway opposite the school which will take them straight into Hammond Street, Marton. Another shorter option would be to investigate how Nga Tawa students could get to/ from Nga Tawa Road across 'private' land to access the 'public' Rangitikei College grounds and then use the walkway across Bredins Road from the school to access Hammond Street & Broadway, Marton.*

### **Other issues:**

#### **What key projects are we planning?**

*The Rangitikei District Council needs to differentiate between 'wants' and 'needs' and to decide if they should have the expertise and/or should they take on the role to engage in some projects.*

- **The Marton Rail Hub \$9.1m**- this project has already been overspent and if it proceeds it has many unknowns that have not been fully costed
- **Marton Water Strategy (including new bore) \$11m**- is this going to result in Marton having 'quality' drinking water that doesn't stink?
- **Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project \$25m**- we have now paid to build an empty 'fresh air' pipeline from Marton wastewater treatment ponds to nowhere...in Bulls. The land based treatment stage has not yet purchased land or been planned. How will this 'jumping the gun' expenditure be affected by the new 'Water Services Reform Programme'?



- **Marton Civic Centre Development \$33m-** no,no,no! This 'want' is not affordable, desirable or necessary!
- **Improving Roads, Drainage, Cycleways and Bridges \$113m-**
- **Improving Three Waters Infrastructure \$14.2m-** this expenses will presumably be affected by the planned 'Water Services Reform Programme'

#### **What will our rates look like?**

- **Rates-** need to be kept under control having respect in regard to ratepayers' ability to pay. The present projections are not acceptable. They should definitely be kept below a rate of 5-6%. *I notice that the Council has already raised all its service and other fees by 6%.\**

#### **What about debt?**

- **Debt** should be only for absolutely essential services i.e. 'needs' not 'wants'.
- **Ratepayers-** already have personal debt to deal with e.g. essential mortgages. They do not need the Council indebteding them, their children or their grandchildren.

#### **What else are we consulting on?**

*I have read both of the documents below and it is impossible to compare the changes for 2023/2024 with the previous 2022/2023 figures.*

1. **Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024-** *it would be very helpful if there was a previous years charges column was added for a clear comparison*
2. **Revenue and Financing Policy- Part B-** many of the rating have changed and the colours for *primary\**, *secondary* and *minor* funding levels have changed from 2022/2023

*\*I am pleased that someone has a sense of humour - images of pigs, including a big flying fat pink to represent the largest source of activity funding!*

Thank you for the opportunity to submit,

Gretta Mills

#220

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Charissa Lawlor

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**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

I would like to see the project managed in a way of ensuring that it does not go over budget and a plan put in place ensuring this. Albeit that is my feedback with such project.

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Purpose built building in town

## 11. Comments:

It is a massive investment to the community. I would like it to be reevaluated in a better cost efficient way. Again another massive cost to the rate payers, when people are struggling to put food on the table, put clothes on their family and are living in vehicles etc. I do appreciate something needs to be done but at that cost? I'm not so sure. How will this be managed should it go ahead to prevent again from going over budget.

## Key Choice 3

### *New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

## 12. I prefer...

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

## 13. Comments:

I agree this needs to be done for the safety of not only students but those who walk/exercise along Calico line.

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

I haven't

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

I can appreciate a lot of hours of work has gone into the Annual Plan and thank the staff and councillors for the time it has taken to benefit the Rangitikei District. However strongly believe, is this the time to spend millions of dollars when so many are struggling to make ends meet and entire Rangitikei area don't actually benefit from the new or upgraded developments, say living in Hunterville for example and new buildings in Taihape and Marton. What will Hunterville see? A question I'd like council to ask themselves.

#221

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Alan McCubbine

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

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## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Keep the same building as the offices are in now, sell or demolish the buildings on Broadway/High street



## 11. Comments:

For the council to increase rates yet again above inflation is unacceptable especially when neighboring councils are able to keep their increases below inflation. Now is not the time for ridiculously expensive vanity projects, surely the council should have learnt from the Bulls Community Centre. 30+ million dollars is ridiculous, 60 flash houses could be built for this amount. The council should be concentrating on getting the basic services right and not on "would be nice" projects at this time. Only when the basics such as water, roads, timely consents etc are right should the council be contemplating getting involved in nice to haves.

## Key Choice 3

### *New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

## 12. I prefer...

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

## 13. Comments:

What about spending this money on keeping the swimming pool open year round so benefitting far more residents

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Never as I don't live in Taihape

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

#222

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Marton Development Group

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

Marton Development Group

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**4. Īmēra/Email**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

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## Key Choice 1

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Marton Development Group would like to keep the Parks partnership upgrade fund, event sponsorship and place making grants.

#223

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Door of Hope Rangitikei

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**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marlon Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**



### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

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Property brokers

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

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## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

We don't want to look like Bulls the heritage look is more boutique like and stays with the surrounding buildings more

### Key Choice 3

***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Never

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Joseph Skou

#225

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**



### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

I am against removing funding from the Event Sponsorship Scheme funding, Parks Upgrade partnership funding, and placemaking fund. Without these available funding options it is very difficult for community groups to access funding for their projects. By getting funding through these avenues it encourages community groups that the council is in support of their ideas and projects.

**1. Ingoa/Name**

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n.a.

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 2: Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand

**9. Comments:**

May as well do the whole lot for the community of Taihape.

**Key Choice 2**

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**11. Comments:**

Purpose-built new building please.

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

Get it done sooner rather than later.

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

I have not, as I live in Marton. But I would hope that the northern Rangitikei community could have access to it, soon.

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

n.a.

#227

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Grant Huwyler

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

We have no position on this matter.

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility



## 11. Comments:

Should the Council proceed with a new Civic Centre for Marton, we support the option of a newly built facility. We also suggest that room is made for Ngā Wairiki and Ngāti Apa values to be included in the design and build in a way that demonstrates biculturalism and the history of the district.

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

## 12. I prefer...

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

## 13. Comments:

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

NA - we are not active in the Taihape area.

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

There are two other matters we would like to highlight.

One is the inadequate protection of pre-European archaeology. We would like to work with Council on improving the protection of our heritage in line with perhaps a greater effort to capture and protect the history and heritage of Rangitīkei.

The other matter is our ongoing concern about the forestry differential. We are a new entrant to the forestry sector, having planted our first forestry five years ago. We have therefore not previously benefited from forestry activities which have damaged the District's roads and led to the introduction of a forestry differential or something similar. And it is many years until our activities will have any impact on the roads. It therefore feels unfair that we could be paying the same differential as other parties who have been involved in forestry for a lot longer than us, or who will perhaps be engaged in productive thinning and harvesting a lot sooner than we will.

#228

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## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

8. I prefer...

9. Comments:

## Key Choice 2

### *Marion Civic Centre*

10. I prefer...

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

11. Comments:

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

#### **13. Comments:**

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Otara bridge needs to be urgently repaired as currently very disruptive for businesses and families, and our school bus as has restrictions on it. This is not sustainable. Trucks and tractors can not get across bridge causing extra costs and fuel usage for businesses having to travel extra kms. This is adding costs to families and businesses as they are charging extra for their interrupted services. Damaging Sandon block road also.

This is a major through road to communities whereby we use alot of Rangitikei businesses eg Hunterville, Taihape and Marton.

We are ratepayers in Rangitikei and MDC as have 2 farms down Marton way and need to get out machinery down their weekly, very disruptive.

Our privately funded Ohingaiti School Bus takes local children from both sides of the river to Hunterville School each day and we need to ensure that the Otara bridge is safe for our children and driver and is easy to get across. Currently big concrete road blocks situated are causing stress when driving (that don't scrape them).

We need a bridge that can uphold large stock trucks and logging trucks, emergency service vehicles and our school bus.

We recently had to pay extra for a Taihape septic tank cleaning truck to come via Ruahine Road.

This is not sustainable and dangerous for large vehicles in winter months.

The Otara bridge NEEDS to be fixed urgently!

#229

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I wish to speak to my submission

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I do not want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

This is an iconic building in Taihape and sadly Taihape is looking like a very old town. The building needs to be fully restored and strengthened as Taihape does not have any other halls/facilities this size.

It is essential Council manage this project correctly and that there are not cost blow outs like what happened with Bulls Civic Centre. The downside of consultation is that those tendering on the project effectively know what Council budget is so then end up quoting to that level so Council needs to be mindful of this & not be taken for a ride.



## Key Choice 2

### **Marton Civic Centre**

#### **10. I prefer...**

No action until a business plan is presented to the community

#### **11. Comments:**

In the current economic environment, Rangitikei Ratepayers will struggle to pay the proposed 9% average rate increase.

We agree the council offices do need rebuilding in some capacity, but spending \$33m on such a facility is not affordable for the community nor have we seen a business case to prove it is. Marton already has a town hall which we are unsure how often this gets used.

Our rough business case, if we said a civic centre in Marton would get used for say 6 events per year (that couldn't be held in the existing town hall), and the lifespan of the proposed civic centre was 60 years, that's 360 events. Of the \$33m, we assumed half this cost was for the civic centre = \$16.5m, divide this cost over 360 events means the hireage per event needs to be \$45,833.33 just to recoup the capital cost of investment, not even covering running costs etc.

Starting such a project in these uncertain economic times would be irresponsible of Council, we know you cannot get fixed price contracts and given RDC track record (Bulls Civic Centre), there is a real possibility the \$33m project could balloon out to \$60m which would simply cripple the region and community. If Council are prepared to borrow \$33m, they need to spend the \$33m on income generating investments eg better roads, water, etc (critical infrastructure), not a nice to have building.

Council should also not be planning on building offices for staff that there is a high possibility won't be employed in the region as Central government look to control and strip assets eg 3 Waters.

## Key Choice 3

### **New active mobility pathway along Calico Line**

#### **12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

#### **13. Comments:**

We support getting on with this project, should have been done years ago.

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Once a year for watching our daughter in Ballet concert. Periodically companies like Ravensdown which we are shareholders of held meetings we attended

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Otara Bridge - we have emailed a supporting document to [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)

**Submission to the Rangitikei District Council and the Manawatu District Council on their 2023 Annual Plans. Prioritisation of the Otara Road Bridge.**

Background: We are farmers & rate payers in both the MDC (Current Year Annual Rates \$6,066.37) and RDC (\$8,180.40 and lease further land of which rates make up part of the lease payment). We use the Otara Road for access to our properties, to move stock between properties, move stock & wool for processing, access products & services including agricultural contractors, fertiliser, timber.

We are active members in our community, we support our local businesses as much as possible.

**As residents, business owners and importantly rate payers of the Rangitikei District Council and the Manawatu District Council, we strongly encourage the Council's to prioritise the repairing and/or upgrading of the Otara Road Bridge.**

The Otara Road Bridge is an essential asset in our community. Many people use this bridge on a daily (if not multiple) basis - connecting the Rangitikei community with the Manawatu and vice versa. It enables children to attend school; it provides access for our volunteer fire brigades that service our area to support each other in time of need and in a timely manner. Many farmers that own or lease land on both sides of the river, requiring livestock, fertiliser, timber, agricultural equipment to cross the Otara Bridge and access their properties.

Livestock frequently is trucked from the Manawatu side to the Rangitikei to be processed. Store stock breed in the Taihape hill country is sold and trucked into the Manawatu region across the Otara Bridge. Current weight restrictions on the bridge mean trucks are having to use the Sandon Block Road (truck only & questionable/treacherous at that) or Ruahine Road (when open – is frequently closed particularly in the winter). Using these alternative routes requires animals to be yarded & loaded earlier, trucked further, on the truck for longer which all leads to higher costs to processors/farmers – reduced returns on livestock as well as being stressful on animals.

For our farm business, the cost of transporting livestock between our farms has now doubled with the bridge restriction and our carrier has informed us it will probably go higher. Spending extra money on freight simply erodes our profit margin and then we end up spending less money in the community on other things like farm development or personal shopping in the community/local towns.

Some farms are having to find alternative companies to process their stock as their normal processor will not send trucks around the detour routes as it is eroding their profit margins, they want to avoid damage to their trucks, the extra time involved in taking the detour routes is not viable.

The Otara Bridge weight limit has not been clear leading up to this situation (& is not clear on other bridges in the area) which reduces access for logging and stock trucks over some bridges. Possibly the lack of clarity on the weight limit on the Otara Bridge has compromised the bridge & caused this current damage with trucks crossing the bridge when they are too heavy.

To avoid this happening on any other bridges in the Manawatu & Rangitikei regions, we strongly suggest signage should be on all bridges stating what limits are in place for individual bridges. There are various truck and trailer weight configurations whether they be for livestock trucks, logging trucks, bulk fertiliser and freight so for the avoidance of doubt, clear signage on the bridge is

required. Bridge weight limits should also be loaded onto mapping/despatch programmes so that trucking companies can easily see when planning routes and know what routes are excluded.

The Ruahine Road is frequently closed especially in the winter. This traffic has previously used Otara Road Bridge when this road is closed or when the Ruahine Road bridge was getting replaced. This caused extra demand and stress on the Otara Bridge through this time & maintenance should have been more frequent.

It is known that the Ruahine Road (intersection with Cage Road) near Mangaweka needs major work on it due to slippage near the edge of the road – it could slip & be closed at any time. While we are waiting for the Otara Road bridge to be fixed, work needs to be completed on Ruahine Road proactively to avoid this catastrophe & further cost to our community.

Sandon Block Road is not suitable for truck & trailer units; truck suitability is even questionable especially the value of these trucks and the high probability of damage. Agricultural equipment with contractors & others are also opting to take the Ruahine Road (even though it is longer) as they do not feel safe on the Sandon Road. Even having a pilot vehicle (which adds more cost) it is not ideal and all road users feel vulnerable.

The Councils do not seem to be taking the bridge situation seriously. Recommendations in the report (dated August 2017) have not been followed through (namely speed, weight restrictions, vehicle restrictions – one vehicle at a time) and since meeting with the Councils and engineers (Ohingaiti Hall 24 March 2023) the speed bumps & one vehicle signs (as at 21/4/2023) are still not in place.

### **Our Recommendations to the Councils**

- Council must investigate if work completed in 2018 caused the failure on the bridge now identified. This is highly important as there is community support to engage our own engineers to review the 2018 work but we would prefer/encourage council to do this & take ownership for the lack of attention this bridge has received.  
If it is found the work completed in 2018 has contributed to the bridge failure, then this totally changes the situation and means further remedial work and not just a fix of what's visibly bent and broken.  
Of particular focus the community would like the engineers to assess whether the fixing of the bridge to the road has caused failure to the mechanism of the swing bridge.
- All bridges in the Manawatu & Rangitikei District Councils should have clear and visible signs on them stating their weight limit (if less than 60 Tonne) & any other restrictions.
- The Otara Bridge services both the Rangitikei and Manawatu districts and we do not believe either district benefits greater than the other, so costs should be split 50/50. The longer councils argue over who pay's more/who benefits more, it is costing the road users who at the end of it all are paying regardless & this cost is building.
- Community should be consulted on the proposed fix/repair plan. It could be in the community's best interest to wait longer for a more future proof fix as against a quick (& cheap?) fix that may fail again.
- While we think both regions benefit from the Otara Bridge, there is an immediate danger if the Otara Bridge is not fixed back to its 44 Tonne rating, the ultimate loser will be Marton & Taihape township as farm supplies such as timber, fertiliser, wool and livestock can not efficiently move across the bridge so these inputs/outputs will go via Feilding. If we are going



to Feilding to organise timber, we might as well get the ute tyres fitted while we are there and do the grocery shopping.

In summary we would like to see the Manawatu & Rangitikei District Councils make the fixing &/or upgrading of the Otara Bridge a priority. Council's need to critically analyse where they are spending rate payer money throughout their Districts and whether it is absolutely necessary; whether the people/businesses they engage have the capability for the projects; and whether the contractors used are value for rate payer money. Wasteful spending needs to stop immediately.

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

**9. Comments:**

Option one.. would be committing the rate payers of Taihape to a mountain of debt that we can't afford for what.... Retaining an old building that will forever have maintenance issues and costs due to an aging out dated structure.

For the monies proposed in option One or Two a new facility could be built ...

**Key Choice 2**

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

11. Comments:

### Key Choice 3

*New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

12. I prefer...

13. Comments:

### Taihape Town Hall

14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

### Anything else?

15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

We are burdened with excessive rates now..

Taking on a mountain of debt in the present economic climate for the purpose of empire building isn't prudent management.

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Aron Moroney

231

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

The library, more offices and toilets to remain at the town hall

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

**11. Comments:**

Not interested in Marton as I do not live there I am interested in Taihape and Utiku only



### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

All the time

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

1. As I live in Utiku and provided all our amenities and maintain all our services at no cost to the council, I want to see a rate reduction for our property.
2. As Utiku does not have rubbish collection, would like to see a reduction in cost at the Taihape Waste Transfer Station.

#232

**1. Ingoa/Name**

CJ Atkinson-Kos

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

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I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### *Marion Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

I think that wherever possible, we should try and preserve heritage features, especially facades so I am in favour of option 2. When I am in Marion (which is often) I love seeing the old buildings and

see this as a massive point of difference from other towns and cities eg Wellington. However, I also believe that it must be economically viable to preserve any heritage. From looking at the annual plan, the project estimate of option 2 is only \$1m more than option one with lower risk for cost overruns and complexity level.

Futhermore, there is a risk when completely demolishing old buildings in favour of a large new one that it looks completely out of place and sticks out like a sore thumb.

I'm very curious to see what the overall consensus with this is seeing as option one is the Council's preferred option, but I strongly support option 2.

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

#### **13. Comments:**

While I think that the Council should be very prudent with when it chooses to take on debts and proceed with essentially unfunded activities, the relative cost of this appears to be significantly outweighed by the benefits to the students of Ngatawa and general Marton. Am keen for this to go ahead.

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**



### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Scott Parkes

#234

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

Huntermville Rugby Club

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

8. I prefer...

9. Comments:

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

10. I prefer...

11. Comments:

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

12. I prefer...

13. Comments:

### Taihape Town Hall

14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

### Anything else?

15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Please do not close off the parks and recreation fund.

The Hunterville Rugby Club committee would like to undertake an upgrade to the lights at hunterville rugby club to allow training at night and night games. This is a council owned ground and we would like some assistance in the costs from the parks and recreation fund

**1. Ingoa/Name**

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**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

McDunhaven Deer Park

**3. Kāinga noho/Address**

**4. Īmēra/Email**

**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

*Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

I would like to see infrastructure like otara bridge fixed first.

**9. Comments:**

infrastructure is the most import priority

**Key Choice 2**

*Maton Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

**11. Comments:**

I have never used this. It is not a high priority



### Key Choice 3

*New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

**12. I prefer...**

otara bridge needs to be fixed immediately

**13. Comments:**

Otara Bridge needs to be fixed first. priorities!

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

zero

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Infrastructure is the most important part of any region and the first priority of this region with Manawatu District Council is to repair the Otara Bridge as this route is the most reliable option for locals. Using proposed routes which are unreliable increases costs private/public businesses, tourists, and the like that bring in millions to the region. Higgins for example are unable to cross the bridge with their trucks. I am also including additional in emails to council. I would like to so an oral submission.

additional information on the Annual Plan

- I am sending this to both Rangitikei/Manawatu District Councils as co-operation on this matter is essential for immediate fixing of Otara Bridge which was only up graded a few years back.
- An appropriate sign indicating one vehicle at a time across bridge is missing. As there are many tourists and non-locals using the road need to be aware of the issue. I have seen two vehicles on the bridge at one time – twice so far. Having signs is essential and appropriate for the bridge's preservation.
- We have recently extended our business and now have property on both sides of the river. Costs have increased as transporting any implement pulled or tactors over the weight limit.
- Our caravan even though under the 6,000kg weight restrictions cannot get through roadblock barrier adding excess expenses and time for travel. As time away is precious this adds time to our journey. Alternative routes are narrower and therefore place higher chance of accidents which causes unnecessary stress.
- Manawatu/Rangitikei councils/government has placed many unworkable regulations. It is harder for us as a family to take time out. We also know that having good infrastructure is essential when running any business. Improved infrastructure is essential for higher economic outputs/returns for the region. Costs of farming such as fertiliser costs, feed, transport, to name only a few have significantly increased. Fuel expenses need to be kept as low as possible, every extra kilometre costs.
- Alternative route roads have higher access issues and are more unreliable than Otara Road.
- Culverts on alternative routes are regularly blocked as seen on Mangamako/Sandon Block Road due to weather events and slow maintenance repairs.
- Alternative road slips are a regular occurrence. Clearance often takes longer than the 3-month repair allowance for emergency repairs (such as weather events) as seen on Mangamako road after 2015 storm, it took years to fix. Only after a meeting with the council did it get fixed. Currently in the same place there is an uncleared slip which has been there for some time. Its where the road narrows and is on a blind corner. This occurs regularly. How long do we need to wait until this is cleared?
- Water tables/shoulders of Mangamako/Sandon Block Road are dangerous in places where these are insufficiently maintained. Narrowing down to one lane in places where contractors (harvesters) truck and trailer units have trouble passing as I have indicated during my opposition to the drovers amendment bill some time ago.
- Sandon block /Mangamako road needs more grading – with higher volumes of heavy traffic. Corrugations harmful for particularly babies' humans with repetitive jarring to the brain - long-term this may cause brain injury.
- Corrugations on unsealed roads add extra cost to vehicle maintenance and cause health issues.

[https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/northland\\_road\\_pm\\_health\\_impacts\\_6aug19.pdf](https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/northland_road_pm_health_impacts_6aug19.pdf)

- Road dust is unhealthy for road users and bystanders. As outlined in 1.2.1 Health effects of road dust Historically, airborne dust from unsealed roads was considered primarily a nuisance issue. It is only since the turn of this century that the full health impacts of suspended particles (dust in the air) began to be recognised in New Zealand (Ministry for the Environment, 2003). There is now widespread, global scientific consensus that exposure to particulate pollution causes predominantly respiratory and cardiovascular effects, ranging from subclinical functional changes (e.g. reduced lung function) to symptoms (increased cough, exacerbated asthma) and impaired activities (e.g. school or work absenteeism) through to doctors' or emergency room visits, hospital admissions and death (World Health Organisation, 2006). The effects, in terms of escalating severity, are described as increased visits to doctors for many individuals, hospital admission for some individuals and death for a few individuals. The exposure-response relationship is essentially linear and there is no 'safe' threshold; adverse effects on health are observed at all measured levels (World Health Organisation, 2013).
- Dust/sediment that is air born and road runoff enters surrounding workplaces for rural workers, cyclists, and surrounding properties. Animals in adjacent paddocks are also affected with the dust through inhalation and it fouls clean pastures.
- Extra heavy/road traffic will affect the cyclist trail that use Sandon Block Road and Mangamako Road. I talk to many cyclists and remind them to keep left. Some see grass growing in the middle of the road and think that the road is not used. They DO NOT keep LEFT on an unsealed road. There have been a number of near misses and I would like this recorded in councils' records. It's only a matter of time before there is a serious MVA verses cyclist. During the last drought I did contact the Kenneth brothers who organises the Tour Aotearoa (TA) to express the dangers and asked them to remind cyclists to keep left. Also, to let him know that logging trucks from John Turkington were regular users along with heavy tractors taking supplement feed to animals. Both vehicles took the full road width in many places. Some of these riders from overseas drive on the right hand of the road. Please note they come through all year round.
- With extra traffic heavy/vehicles being redirected to use Mangamako/Sandon Block Road means higher costs of maintenance to local vehicles and the increase possibilities of road crashes.
- Economically has a huge impact on our business – deer/cattle/sheep trucks, stock feed trucks, contractors, Powerco trucks, etc. increases costs for all.
- Contractors with implements can not cross the bridge therefore farm costs increase up to 50% for producing supplement feed. Weather this year has meant that there are only small windows of opportunities to cut and press. Contractors cannot cut here and go to other places with implements as the long route stops this. Crops are not being cut at optimum time and therefore feed quality is compromised.
- Animal health and comfort needs to be addressed. Last week deer got trucked out with Rotorua Deer Transport and went via Manawatu Scenic Route - to Rotorua. The driver is accredited. I received a text today that said ...'that detour way yesterday all up took me an extra hour and a half compared to normal. So many corners I kept stopping every hour to

check on them the whole way home as not having good airflow for the first part of the journey is really stressful for them. Second text read, 'Your deer never pant or get stressed ... my front pen was panting the whole way back. That's from all the extra corners etc! The extra driving time stopped any other work for the day as hours were reaching the maximum legal driving hours.

- If there was any slips/road works on the alternative route this means that animals going to the processors could miss their scheduled time. This could mean the animals need to be returned home. Animal health and comfort needs to be addressed.
- In emergencies time is critical; heavy weighted vehicles must go the long way – lives are at risk. We have a 2yr old granddaughter on 11- 12 hours dialysis per night. When she stays here power is critical, emergencies vehicles are needed without hinderance. As an ex-ambulance volunteer officer my experience for ambulance emergencies or rescue helicopter is that these things may not be available in time of need due to weather events (helicopter cannot fly), on another job, bridges out, etc. obstacles for example concrete blocks, having to take the long way around due to weather where slips may be a further obstacle means life and death for some.
- Long travel time increase stress and effect animals' weight which decreases income.



**1. Ingoa/Name**

Charity Davis

#236

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Taihape Playground Group

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Strengthen grandstand aswell.

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**11. Comments:**

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

12. I prefer...

13. Comments:

## Taihape Town Hall

14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

I used it often for school events, community gatherings and productions.

## Anything else?

15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

The Taihape Playground Group seek the approval from the Rangitikei district council to grant us permission to upgrade the current playground on the existing site at Taihape memorial park. We also seek formal permission to use the site north side of the grandstand adjacent the parks toilets for a small children's/parents play area. This will allow us to take the next step to get in a playground designer. We need funds for this. The RDC have offered \$50k to our group which we have not yet received. Can we please have this money put into our playground account so we can then pay for a designer. We would love more funding as well please as this project will be a very costly.

#237

**1. Ingoa/Name**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**11. Comments:**

Its the smarter option, then parking can be built with the building. Certainly quicker and less messy. Not to mention the cheaper option in the long term

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

I don't see why rate payers should be funding this. When Rangitikei College had the new turf to be built and Nga Tawa pushed to have their own (on private land for a private school) and the funding was split between the 2. No public use of the turf at Nga Tawa. My thoughts are public funded means public use.

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Never

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Please try and reduce spending to help keep the next rates increases to a minimum, this is mainly for the elderly who will feel the pinch the most.



**1. Ingoa/Name**

#238

laura

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

otara bridge needs fixing

**9. Comments:**

priority infrastructure

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

otara bridge needs fixing

**11. Comments:**

infrastructure is a priority

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

otara bridge needs fixing

#### **13. Comments:**

infrastructure is a priority

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

zero

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

'The Otara Road is a road we travel often and the Otara bridge needs repairing.

the big blocks on the bridge are so close together I have almost hit them in my car. This is quite concerning, when they where first put there they had no clear signs that they where in place there and I was quite shocked when they suddenly appeared and just missed them, they blend in with the greys of the bridge and road.

In a medical event, time of an ambulance arriving may be added on due to having to travel alternatively. The 'Golden Hour' is critical.

The Sandon block road is very narrow in places, and I am concerned of the amounts of big trucks/traffic using this road for a head on crash could to occur.

It is incredibly frustrating for my parents not being able to bring a trailer over the bridge. Even when i have a trailer to bring our motorbikes across (is within weight limit). I cant even fit it through the barrier blocks.

Farmers are the backbone of New Zealand. Its costly when it comes to stock shipping and harvesting. For those who live across the river, they won't be a priority and potentially contractors may not come because the drivers have to make such a detour. The result is, no stock, no crops, no food.

The extra fuel that will be used by vehicles taking this detour is costly not just to peoples pockets but also to the environment.

Family homes are at risk of burning down completely if there is a fire, the fire brigade would not make it In time. This would be heart-breaking if my childhood home was not saved if I fire occurred.

There is a lot of community that is suffering due to this bridge being out of action it doesn't just affect a small group of people it goes on to affect people even out to Rangiwhahia. GPS often send

people through this way to go to Vinegar hill camping ground. If there is a crash on state highway 1 often people come through this way. If they have trailer or caravan they will not be able to turn around at the bridge.

Signs are poor for large trucks should they miss the bridges weight limit. There is no way to turn around.

#239

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Jack Baker / Jill Woolley

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Pairoa Farming

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

OTARA BRIDGE NEEDS FIXING

**9. Comments:**

PRIORITY TO INFRASTRUCTURE OF OTARA BRIDGE

**Key Choice 2**

***Maton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

OTARA BRIDGE NEEDS FIXING

**11. Comments:**

INFRASTRUCTURE IS A PRIORITY



## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### 12. I prefer...

otara bridge needs fixing

#### 13. Comments:

infrastructure is priority

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

zero

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Otara Bridge repairs need to be immediate due to these factors:

- One at a time across the bridge sign is needed.
- Time out is harder for farming families and Manawatu/Rangitikei councils/government has placed many unworkable regulations the bridge is yet another stressful and time producing problem.
- Otara Road is more reliable for users that alternative routes due to slips and the like.
- Culverts on unsealed alternative routes are regularly blocked eg. Mangamako/Sandon Block Road due to weather events and slow maintenance repairs,
- More grading is needed to keep roads safe and effective for users eg. Sandon block /Mangamako with extra heavy traffic.
- Road dust is unhealthy and comes houses along unsealed routes.
- Economically has a huge impact on business.
- Our house will burn down before the fire brigade arrive.
- Animals' health is at risk as travelling time is increased.
- Contractors' costs have increased immensely due to extra travel times.
- In the morning 90% of vehicles go from Rangitikei to Manawatu. In the evening there is a rush hour on the Otara hill 5.30 – 6.45pm. I don't put stock on the road during this time due to heavy traffic.
- All the logging come from the Rangitikei side - empty then when loaded to go out alternative routes.
- All the shearing contractors come for the Rangitikei side.
- General farm contractors come from Rangitikei.

- The Otara bridge is the only single suspension span bridge on the Rangitikei which is not influenced by the river bed.  
Turning bay into OTARA ROAD is essential because;
- Toe Toe road and Te Hou Hou road had a turning bay in only after lives were tragically lost. We don't want any of our community to suffer the death of a loved one.
- Major events such as Ohingaiti kids hunt, the mud run, fireworks, etc, have large numbers coming to the event.
- Tourists who do not understand the dangers use this turning point to go the Whitecliff boulders.
- Police vehicles often park there and they block the side of the road as do trucks or trailers,

#240

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Gabriel McCartin

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### *Marion Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Often

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**



**1. Ingoa/Name**

James Winiata-Moroney

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

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**7. Details to remain private**

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## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### *Marion Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

All the time

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Council to start showing the Taihape community you actually care about our town. Taihape is on State Highway 1.

- More money should be spent in Taihape not Marton
- help uplift our main streets look
- help uplift the look of our all gardens in the main street
- help sort out keeping the gutters clean, so when it pours with rain the footpaths are not flooding

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Jean Osten

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**7. Details to remain private**

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

fix Otara Road bridge

**9. Comments:**

must be a priority to fix Otara Bridge

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

fix Otara Bridge

**11. Comments:**

must be a priority to fix Otara Bridge

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Fix Otara Bridge

**13. Comments:**

must be a priority to fix Otara Bridge

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

zero

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

THE BRIDGE IS NECESSARY FOR FARM VEHICLES OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND VISITORS PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE AREA AND TOURISTS INCLUDING TARGA RALLY, CYCLISTS, BOULDERS, FISHING, ETC A TURNING BAY FROM STATE HIGHWAY ONE ONTO OTARA ROAD FOR RIGHT HAND TURNING TRAFFIC HEADING NORTH. BECASUE THE ROAD IS STRAIGHT AND TRAFFIC TRAVELS 100 KM/H TO TURN IS DANGEROUS TO ALLOW SAFE TURNING. ITS A COMMON PLACE FOR POLICE TO SIT IN A LESS THAN SAFE SPOT TO MONOTIOR TRAFFIC CREATING A LESS THAN SAFE PLACE FOR THE TURNING CARS TO TURN RIGHT.



#243

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Pania Winiata

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Taihape Housing Steering Group

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### *Marion Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

All the time

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Additional land to be purchased adjacent to 22 Tui street for more housing

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Craig Whitton

#244

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Earthquake strengthened Taihape town hall but not any transformation of the Grandstand

**9. Comments:**

Do not support the Rangitikei ratepayers funding the grandstand transformation. Consider this to be a burden to the ratepayers outside of Taihape. This should only be funded outside of Council rates

**Key Choice 2**

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Status quo. Remain in the buildings the Council presently uses

## 11. Comments:

The heritage buildings in the main street have been neglected and need to be demolished as they are incredibly unsafe. I believe the front of the buildings should be maintained only to maintain the heritage features. If a new building is to be built, I believe this could be built more cost effectively, for a more basic building suitable for retail. Hamilton and Christchurch have good examples of this. I believe the Council buildings should remain in the current location and I am not sure why this was not an option. I have no confidence the Council can build cost effectively and believe this will result in a major budget blowout. Basic and economical designs for warmth and efficiency could be built on the corner of Grey and High Street where there is already available land. Better parking could also be provided in this area, particularly for tradies and other visitors to the Council which wouldn't clog up the main street. I do not consider the new design option is appropriate for Marton at all. This would not fit in with our Heritage buildings and would look out of place and would result in a hugely expensive build.

## Key Choice 3

### *New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

## 12. I prefer...

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

## 13. Comments:

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Never

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Higgins needs to be more accountable for the roading. The road repairs around Rangitikei are very poor.



**1. Ingoa/Name**

Timothy McCartin

#245

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**5. Waea/Phone**

**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### *Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre*

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### *Marton Civic Centre*

**10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Once a fortnight

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

#246

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Renee Russell

**2. Topūtanga/Organisation (if applicable)**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Neither

## 11. Comments:

Spend \$33million or spend \$34million? How can you justify spending this much money on buildings in Marton?

## Key Choice 3

### *New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

## 12. I prefer...

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Build a new basic pathway

## 13. Comments:

I don't understand why this wasn't done years ago especially when somehow Huntley got one.

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

2-3 times a year for functions as well as bi-monthly trips to the library.

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

Otara Bridge needs support from the RDC. At a 6tonne weight limit it is having economic impacts to businesses on both the Rangitīkei and Manawatū sides of the river. It is not good enough for you to say that it is a mainly Manawatū problem. I live on the Manawatū side but I do the majority of my grocery shopping in Taihape or Marton. The farming services and stores I use are all in Hunterville or Taihape. The cafes I frequent are in Mangaweka and Hunterville. The community groups I belong to are all on the Rangitīkei side of Ōhingaiti. This will be a similar story for the majority of Ōhingaiti people who live on this side of the river.

We also host our tourists on our roads. According to Trip Advisor the number one thing to do in the Rangitīkei is to visit the Whitecliffs Boulders. To get to these the tourists have to go across the Otara Bridge and travel through the Manawatū side of Ōhingaiti along Peka Road. Campervans and tourists are quite big on our narrow gravel (Manawatū rate paying) road and can be quite disruptive.

Yes the Manawatū District Council should definitely pay their fair share too since we live and pay rates on this side but this part of Ōhingaiti contribute a lot financially and socially to your district.

We would like your continued support in getting repairs done as quickly as the engineers can manage but we would also like you to acknowledge that in order to future proof this link of these two sides of Ōhingaiti that some costing needs to be done on a new bridge. Trucks and trailers are getting heavier. 2018 is when it was last fixed. Will we be fixing it again in another 5 years time and



asking the same questions? This bridge contributes a lot more to your district than a new civic centre.

**1. Ingoa/Name**

Helen Craig

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I do not want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

The Trust has members in Rangitikei, Whanganui and Ruapehu Districts and sees a very strong heritage story growing in the wider region which over time will become a strong attractor to tourism and attracting residents. The Town Hall is an outstanding unique heritage building which is the anchor of Taihape and full restoration makes sense in terms of making full use of it and providing maximum benefit to residents. The Memorial Park Grandstand is also a significant building for the area and the \$1 million contribution toward earthquake strengthening should be a good base to raise further funds for gradual restoration.

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

#### **10. I prefer...**

Option 2: Refurbish Existing Buildings, preserving some heritage features, where possible

#### **11. Comments:**

The Trust has significant experience, internationally and locally around town centre regeneration and the value of heritage buildings. Repeated international studies have shown that retaining and restoring heritage buildings significantly increases value to retailers and building owners compared to new builds. Once demolition occurs, there is never a guarantee that a replacement building can be afforded, or that it will have the character desired to be a draw card due to budget limitations. The exterior of a building is the attractor in most cases, and by retaining as much character as possible, whilst making the spaces usable for modern retail or offices or accommodation can be a practical step. Modern earthquake strengthening techniques can be practical and affordable in terms of the total build and of course retaining an existing structure uses less carbon and less waste to landfill. The buildings in question are significant to Marion in terms of location and complement all the other heritage buildings in this very historic town. If Council demolishes them, then most other owners are likely to decide their own buildings aren't worth restoring and Marion will lose its character. It is a charming town that will grow in popularity as a heritage gem, but not if it loses these key buildings. Whanganui has restored all its very largest heritage buildings through a dedicated "heritage rate" and Whanganui is now attracting huge interest for its heritage tourism and exciting young new residents who are attracted by the art and heritage vibe. Our percentage of young people in the district has grown markedly in just a few years which in itself is making Whanganui even more vibrant and exciting with new bars, cafes and retail opening up because of these residents.

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

#### **13. Comments:**

## Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Personally visited once just prior to Covid

## Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**



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**1. Ingoa/Name**

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**6. Speaking to your submission**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**7. Details to remain private**

I want my details to remain private

## Key Choice 1

### ***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 2: Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand

**9. Comments:**

## Key Choice 2

### ***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

**11. Comments:**

DO NOT PROCEED WITH EITHER OF THE FIRST TWO OPTIONS - We can not afford it, please prioritise water and infrastructure upgrade (parks, roading, reservoir, reserves).  
If the council needs to upgrade their offices, look at what they can do with the existing site and buildings. Use existing halls and Bulls civic centre for meetings.

### Key Choice 3

***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

**13. Comments:**

A pathway down Calico line + Nga Tawa road... linking to Wilson park would be more practical option and more benefit to the rest of the community (not just Nga Tawa).  
Nga Tawa to invest % of pathway if it goes ahead.

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

Never.

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Please look into your developer fees, as ratepayers we should not be subsidising them. This needs to be reassessed and fall inline with what other councils already have in place.  
Do the basics well before you start on big \$\$\$ projects

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**1. Ingoa/Name**

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**11. Comments:**

### Key Choice 3

#### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

### Taihape Town Hall

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

### Anything else?

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**



# Puka Tāpaetanga Submission Form

He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitīkei? Have your say on our 2023/24 Annual Plan

Submissions close at 5pm Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

### Your Details

Ingoa/Name: Malcolm Leary

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Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 11 May. Someone will contact you to confirm this.

Please tick here if you want your details (but not your name) to remain private.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Submissions on this Annual Plan are public information and your information and submission will be made available to the public as part of deliberations.

Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the Annual Plan 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.

Optional Demographic Information This is kept confidential for analysis only.

CUT-OUT SUBMISSION FORM

Tape edge together before free posting

## Key Choice 1? (see page 8)

### Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
- Option 2 - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Something else

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

\* Council's preferred option.

## Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

### Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- Option 2 - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- Something else

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

**Key Choice 3? (see page 12)**

**New active mobility pathway along Calico Line**

I prefer...

- Option 1\* - Build a new basic pathway
- Option 2 - Wait and apply for funding
- Something else

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include more pages if required.

**Taihape Town Hall**

How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include more pages if required.

Anything else?

There needs to be controls on the hours of use of binel scorers. I have had a neighbours scorer go off at 5.15 am and after 10.30pm on occasions.

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Please include more pages if required.



*Tirohanga Whakama - Look to the future*



Rangitikei District Council  
2023/24 Annual Plan Submissions  
Att: Democracy and Planning  
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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

fix the otara bridge

**9. Comments:**

infrastructure to get to the hall needs fixing first!

**Key Choice 2**

***Marion Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

fix the otara bridge

**11. Comments:**

infrastructure needs fixing first

## Key Choice 3

### ***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

#### **12. I prefer...**

fix the otara bridge

#### **13. Comments:**

if they cant stay off the road then the deserve to get run over. do a real job and keep the country moving

## Taihape Town Hall

### **14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

zero

## Anything else?

### **15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**

Turning bay into OTARA ROAD from state highway 1 is essential because;

- Toe Toe road and Te Hou Hou road had a turning bay in only after lives were tragically lost. We don't want any of our community to suffer the death of a loved one or our school bus.
- Major events such as Ohingaiti kids hunt, the mud run, fireworks, etc, have large numbers coming to the event and otara road is backed up onto the highway.
- Tourists who do not understand the dangers use this turning point to go the Whitecliff boulders.
- Police vehicles often park there and they block the side of the road as do trucks or trailers,
- Speed cameras also park where view is blocked and turning vehicles would otherwise use this space

OTARA BRIDGE REPAIRS need to be immediate due to these factors:

- With a growing family this adds and extra pressure for getting to hospital and not just getting there but getting there in a comfortable timely manner.
- Time out is harder for farming families and Manawatu/Rangitikei councils/government has placed many unworkable regulations the bridge is yet another stressful and time producing problem.
- Otara Road is more reliable for users that alternative routes due to slips and the like.
- Culverts on unsealed alternative routes are regularly blocked eg. Mangamako/Sandon Block Road due to weather events and slow maintenance repairs,
- More grading is needed to keep roads safe and effective for users eg. Sandon block /Mangamako with extra heavy traffic. You cannot expect to maintain this route at the same pace and frequency that you have been with twice as much traffic flow.

- Road dust is unhealthy and comes into houses along unsealed routes. Our house will be hugely affected so will need to be addressed.
- Economically has a huge impact on business on both Manawatu/Rangitikei self-employed workers like myself.
- Our house will burn down before the fire brigade arrive.
- Animals' health is at risk as travelling time is increased.
- All the logging come from the Rangitikei side – empty- then when loaded to go out alternative routes. They cant pass each other on these roads as too narrow.
- All the shearing contractors come for the Rangitikei side.
- General farm contractors come from Rangitikei.
- The Otara bridge is the only single suspension span bridge on the Rangitikei which is not influenced by the river bed. This is the most sound location for a bridge should there be an earthquake cause liquefaction or major weather event.



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I do not wish to speak to my submission

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I do not want my details to remain private

**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Restoration of both buildings.

**9. Comments:**

I believe that the restoration of both buildings to be fully functional council assets is possible, and should not be put up as mutually exclusive options.

**Key Choice 2**

***Marton Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

I oppose any work that does not restore the facade and basic character of the existing buildings.

## 11. Comments:

The destruction of this building would leave a gaping hole in the heritage value of Marton. I am the owner of four heritage buildings in both Australia and NZ, I have looked at the buildings, read your RDC consultants earthquake and veranda reports spoken to other restoration experts. I was even asked to speak to a RDC earthquake strengthening seminar last year.

Marton has a near unique main street in that the majority of original heritage buildings survive. Few towns are able to boast this, and I sincerely believe that this is an asset that the RDC does not fully appreciate.

Other “revitalised” town centres lack the sole and sense of belonging that this near unique setting bring to the town. Beautiful buildings are replaced by apologetic street art.

I ask if the town would rather be considered something of an area like Oamaru heritage district, or Porirua town centre.

I do not consider that the building in question is too far gone for restoration and repurposing, but would take some careful planning. I don't believe a civic centre would be the best reimagining for the building. I have some ideas and am happy to work with RDC on other uses should it result in the saving of this beautiful building.

I do not have an understanding of the council requirements for a civic centre and don't question this, I just cannot understand why the RDC would actively work to destroy such a heritage asset.

I don't believe that in the long term it would be looked back upon as a great day for the community and the RDC council and staff when the wrecking balls fly. We should all be careful what we are remembered for.

## Key Choice 3

### *New active mobility pathway along Calico Line*

## 12. I prefer...

## 13. Comments:

## Taihape Town Hall

### 14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

## Anything else?

### 15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council

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**Key Choice 1**

***Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre***

**8. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Fully Restored and Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

**9. Comments:**

**Key Choice 2**

***Marlon Civic Centre***

**10. I prefer...**

Option 1: (Council's preferred option) Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility

**11. Comments:**

**Key Choice 3**

***New active mobility pathway along Calico Line***

**12. I prefer...**

Option 2: Wait and apply for funding

**13. Comments:**

**Taihape Town Hall**

**14. How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?**

One to two times a week

**Anything else?**

**15. Please provide any other feedback you would like to give Council**