

# WHERE'S IT @ RANGITĪKEI



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



**RANGITĪKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT

## Mihi

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rau  
rangatira mā o te rohe nei o Rangitīkei,  
tēnā koutou katoa.

Mihi mahana tēnei o te  
Kaunihera o Rangitīkei kia tātou katoa e  
noho ana ki roto i te rohe nei,  
nau mai, whakatau mai rā

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga,  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai,  
E hī ake ana te atakura,  
He tio, he huka, he hau hū,  
Tīhei Mauriora!

The Rangitīkei District Council  
acknowledges all those who live  
within our District.

We send a warm welcome to you all.

Cease the winds from the west  
Cease the winds from the south  
Let the breeze blow over the land  
Let the breeze blow over the ocean  
Let the red-tipped dawn come with  
a sharpened air  
A touch of frost, a promise of a  
glorious day!

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# HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF RANGITIKEI

## He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitīkei?

Everyone within the Rangitīkei District is encouraged to participate in Where's it @ Rangitīkei and provide feedback on the Long Term Plan 2024-34 through mail, online, in person or verbal submissions.

The Council wants to hear feedback from all ages and ethnicities, from townships and rural communities, right across the District.

To find more information on any part of this process, the LTP or this document, you can:

-  Visit our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)
-  Contact our Council staff by calling **0800 422 522** or contact an Elected Member
-  Email us at [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)
-  Attend one of our **Community Meetings** or **Hui-a-Marae** throughout the District.

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## IT'S EASY TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Anyone can make a submission on this Consultation Document by filling out the form online at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/longtermplan](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/longtermplan) or by completing a submission form.

**Your submission can be delivered to:**


**Email:** [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)

**Deliver to:**

- Marton Head Office  
46 High Street, Marton, 4710
- Bulls Information Centre  
Te Matapihi, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls, 4818
- Taihape Information Centre  
102 Hautapu Street (SH1), Taihape, 4720

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Rangitīkei District Council - 172050  
Private Bag 1102, Marton, 4741



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Supporting Information is available to explain our policies, plans and strategies in greater detail. QR codes will link you to what's available and relevant.

# HOW DOES THE LONG TERM PLAN PROCESS WORK?

Pēwhea te tukanga?

## WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

Haere mai and welcome to Where's it @ Rangitīkei, the Consultation Document for the Rangitīkei District Council's 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

This document sets out the key issues for the Long Term Plan for the next 10 years.

It explains what the Council does and what services it provides, where your rates are spent, what our big plans are for the future and the issues and challenges we face as a District.

We are committed to the future of our District and creating a plan that best serves the communities who live here. To achieve this we need to hear from you - our people - about what you want and need to make this District home.

**Help us make our big decisions to tackle the challenges we need to work through.**

### Proposed average rates increase

Y1	Y2	Y3
11.50%	8.90%	10.6%*

For full details refer to pages 28-29.

\* Proposed average rates increase will change in Year 3 depending on the chosen option for Key Choice 2 on page 17.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



### CONSULTATION

**8 March to 7 April 2024**

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



### HEARINGS

**18 April 2024**

We'll hear from you and what you think of our plans.



### DELIBERATIONS

**16 May 2024**

Then our Council will deliberate and make their decisions.



### ADOPTION

**20 June 2024**

Our Mayor and Councillors will vote to adopt the Long Term Plan.



### ACTION

**1 July 2024**

Our team will get on to putting the Long Term Plan into action.

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## What is a Long Term Plan?

The Long Term Plan (LTP) is a large and important document that sets out the Council's plans and budget for the next 10 years. Every three years, the LTP is reviewed and refreshed to make sure we're still heading in the right direction for our District's future.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Nā te Koromatua

### E NGĀ TĀNGATA KATOĀ O TE ROHE NEI, PIKI MAI KAKE MAI.

Welcome to our Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan (LTP) for the Rangitīkei District for 2024-2034.

In the last Long-term Plan (LTP) I said that “this plan has been the most difficult one to put together that I have been involved with”. The difficulties in understanding the Government’s direction and requirements are more difficult now than they have ever been. It is hoped that the new Government will provide this direction soon, which may well require changes to the LTP before it is even adopted in June this year. We have already changed our thinking and budgets in line with the Government’s suggestions to include the provision for our own management, funding and decision making for maintaining/improving the management of our three waters, i.e. the provision of wastewater, drinking water and stormwater. The new Government are currently enacting legislation to return three waters responsibility to councils requesting regions work together on this. Regional and city deals will be expected to include direction on solving regional three water issues along with economic direction focused on GDP (economic growth for New Zealand) growth. Our region has been working on these positions for some time and will include for us, for example, a request to Government for help with the industrial rail hub at Marton.

The Long-term plan is a 10 year plan which is refreshed every 3 years and as such it builds on the progress made over the last three years. Significant progress has been made since our last LTP in 2021 - Council has opened the new 'Ngā Awa Block' in Taihape; built and opened the new bridge at Mangaweka; upgraded the Memorial Hall in Marton; and finished the bus lanes and facilities at Te Matapihi in Bulls. Very significant progress has been made with wastewater plants in Marton, Rātana, Bulls and Taihape including, for some projects, purchasing of land, consenting and construction work. The long-promised upgrades to Marton water are nearing completion (by the end of 2024) with the new bores delivering the required volume and purity that is required. The upgrades to the treatment plants will be the focus for this year.

The escalation in the costs of doing capital work in



New Zealand has been well publicised nationally. Every Council has been impacted and funding this has been a challenge. Our rate increase on average to the rate payer will be about 11.5%. I stress that this is an average and the individual changes will vary greatly. This LTP coincides with a change in the property revaluations by QV where the capital value of each property is revalued, something that we base most of our rates on. This revaluation process is independent of Council. Because the value of some properties has increased dramatically, such as our beach settlements and rural properties in the north, compared to other properties in the Rangitīkei, the variation of rate increases has been challenging. We understand that although properties/individuals on paper have made substantial financial gains this does not help with affordability in the challenging financial environment we are currently in.

One of the ways Council can look to ease this rate burden is to continue to focus on economic growth. In simple terms the more people and businesses that we have spreads the financial load on rates. Council has been successful with the Environment Court after about 5 years, which permits the potential for industrial growth on the site planned for the rail hub. We are hopeful that the new businesses that want to be here will take up the opportunity.

I would like to end by thanking several groups of people. The workload on staff and Councillors has been exceptional in what has been a challenging political environment, they have all put in a huge amount of time on this LTP process and other challenging issues such as roading and I thank them for it. Over the past year we have also had a change in Chief Executive, meaning a change for the organisation and Councillors. The Rangitīkei is a beautiful place with many facilities several which have been made possible by volunteer groups with too many to name, but we are indebted to them, and they deserve recognition and thanks.

**Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitīkei.**

# UPDATE ON COUNCIL PROJECTS

## Whakahou i ngā Kaupapa Kaunihera

### Update on the Marton Offices and Library

Council has undertaken extensive options analysis for this project, considering a wide range of practicable options.



This included the development of a better business case, and options analysis.

As stated, the funding required for this project, of \$19M, was identified through the 2021-31 LTP and will be the maximum budget for this project, with the preferred location being at the current site of the Council's administration building. Council notes that the views and preferences of the community have been sought on this topic on four separate occasions since 2015, with consultation on redevelopment of Council's administration building going back many more years. Therefore, Council consider the views of those potentially impacted are already known. As this matter has been consulted on previously and no increased cost is proposed, Council does not consider there is a requirement for the item to be consulted on through the LTP as a key choice.

One of the options for the Marton Offices and Library was the Broadway/High Street corner block in Marton, which has been discounted due to the rising costs of redevelopment and the complexity of the site. Options for the corner block property will happen during 2024.

**The design phase will begin in early 2024 and will take 12-18 months. It is hoped the building will be completed in 2027.**



### Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Council has agreed to start the process to strengthen and upgrade the existing Taihape town hall, library and information centre as well as some administration services.



This follows the request of the Taihape community and an engagement process undertaken during the year.

**The project will be done using a design and construction contract, this will be commenced in early 2024. It is hoped completion will be 2027.**

### Update on the Marton Water strategy

The quality of drinking water in Marton has been an ongoing challenge for Council.

The good news is that Marton Water Strategy project will address this. Although Marton's drinking water is compliant with Taumata Arowai drinking water standards, for many years Marton residents have complained about the look, taste and smell of the water, which is worse in summer.

In the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, Council committed \$11 million to improve, and secure Marton's water supply, through the Marton Water Strategy project. Meaning a new bore will be drilled, near the Tutaenui Reservoir, and upgrades made to the Water Treatment Plant - both these are due to be completed in late 2024 to mid-2025.

Once the new bore has been completed water will no longer be taken from the Tutaenui Reservoir, meaning that we have better quality water entering the water treatment plant.

The upgrades to the plant are necessary to ensure that we have the capacity to treat the amount of water coming from the bore and ensure future demand for good quality water in Marton can be met.

Regular communications will go out about progress with this project. When it's near completion we will let residents know what to expect.

You can read more information on this project at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/marton-water-strategy](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/marton-water-strategy)

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING? | 2021-2024

## Kua tutuki | 2021-2024

Since our 2021-31 Long Term Plan there have been some major projects start and others completed. While the challenges of Covid-19 meant some delays, we have achieved a lot - here are some of the highlights from across the District in the last few years.

### Rātana Pā Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress

Together with our consultants, we are continuing to finalise the consenting process and we are waiting for a response from Horizons Regional Council.

The discussions with affected landowners around the ideal location for the pipeline to the irrigation site are also ongoing.

Once the resource consent has been approved and all conditions are known, we will start the procurement of the various components of the construction. Where possible we may purchase some products early to secure best pricing.



### The Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

The Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project has been established to address the discharge of treated wastewater in Rangitikei and improve water quality in the local waterways. The existing wastewater treatment plant in Marton built several decades ago, requires maintenance.

Treated wastewater continues to be discharged into the Tūtaenui Stream, which is an environmental concern due to the stream drying up in summer with treated wastewater being the sole source of inflow.

The project's objectives include removing wastewater from vulnerable/sensitive waterways, investigating discharge options around land discharge, determining storage requirements, and developing an efficient and sustainable long-term wastewater management solution for Marton and Bulls. By centralising wastewater treatment in Bulls, the project aims to remove wastewater from the Tūtaenui Stream, protecting and restoring the water quality of the stream.

There are risks which include finding available, suitable, affordable land in the right location; the consenting process is time consuming - to complete this project we need to get more than six different resource consents; the cost for this project is difficult to estimate due to so many dependencies - the longer the process, the more costs are likely to be expected.



### Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Started

Staff have been exploring what improvements can be achieved within the \$1million pre-approved budget. We have since had discussions with structural engineers and will be progressing this project in 2024. It is likely we will need to seek additional funds, eg. from local fund raising.



### Mangaweka Bridge

The new Mangaweka bridge was officially opened on 20 May 2022 one month ahead of schedule, following the closure of the existing historic 115-year-old bridge in October 2016.

It was going to be demolished after the new bridge was opened. However, there was a strong push to keep the historic bridge. Rangitikei and Manawatū District Councils decided to keep the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists to use. The Mangaweka Heritage Trust funds on-going maintenance of the old bridge.

### Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Work began in November 2021 to create a new bus lane behind Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre. The build was completed and the bus lane opened for use on 21 March 2022.

As part of this project, a new green space was created at the front of Te Matapihi to be used as a town square. This space has become a hub for the community with new lighting and artwork installed.

### Marton RSA and Citizens' Memorial Hall Upgrade Completed

The hall was built circa 1959 and then extended in 1986 with minimal improvements made since.

In May 2021, the Government earmarked funds for the renovation of town halls and war memorials as part of a renewed Provincial Growth Fund focus on projects with more immediate job and economic benefits, as part of COVID-19 recovery. The Council budget for the project was \$801,000 with an additional \$500,000 received from Provincial Growth Fund investment. The total spend came in just under the budgeted amount.



### Improvements to Papakai Park

The Friends of Taihape have led a lot of work around the Hautapu river over a number of years, which includes planting native vegetation for reforestation, removing willows, holding planting days with the community and Council staff, installing timber rail fencing and steps, establishing and maintaining walking tracks throughout the surrounding wilderness near Papakai Park. Council is now working with the Friends of Taihape to build five bridges over the Hautapu River.

Council has also upgraded the wastewater pumpstation at Papakai Park.

### Enhancement of the Tūtaenui Reservoir

Over the past 8 years the Tūtaenui Stream Restoration Society and Council have worked together to make this area an appealing walking and cycling space.

Many hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent clearing tracks and replanting alongside the dams. Council thanks and appreciates everyone that has been involved and who continue to work on improving this public reserve, which is now used by hundreds of people each day as part of their exercise routine, and is open all year round.



### Taihape Ngā Awa Block Finished

A necessary addition to the Memorial Park facilities, the Ngā Awa Block, was completed and handed over to the community in July 2023. The new building includes four changing rooms, each with toilets and showers, two smaller multi-purpose rooms, extra referee rooms, and a small commentators/observation room. The building is fully accessible, there are three public toilets, two of which include showers, and a car park.



# WHAT'S OUR VISION FOR THE DISTRICT?

## He aha ngā moemoeā?

### What do we want to see for our District moving into the future?

Council has reviewed its strategic framework for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. The strategic framework identifies what we're working towards. It identifies a hierarchy with our purpose as a guide at the top, with everything below working towards achieving that purpose - vision, community outcomes, strategic priorities, strategies, and plans.

It shows what is important and guides our investment so we can deliver services and projects that contribute to the bigger picture.

The design has been developed to align with our brand - the kowhai. Rangitikei is renowned for having prolific kowhai trees in New Zealand. The kowhai is a cultural and social icon and is an important and overlooked ecological feature of our District.

Icons that represent the community outcomes and strategic priorities have been placed throughout this document to show which outcomes our projects are working towards.



**Our Community Outcomes are a set of goals that guide the Council's work and planning and help to set our priorities for the District.**

Our community outcomes are a key part of the strategic framework. The community outcomes for our District aim to improve the wellbeing of our communities in five key areas:



**A trusted partner with iwi**

**A district leading collaboration with tangata whenua.**

Our goal is to have a high level of trust and collaboration with iwi across the district and to be working together to promote the wellbeing of our communities.



**Economic Wellbeing**

**A district where people want to live and do business.**

Our goal is for Rangitikei to be the place of choice for new and existing businesses to come and grow, with a desirable lifestyle and affordable housing.



**Social Wellbeing**

**A district where people thrive.**

Our goal is to build relationships with the community and agencies and provide services and spaces that enhance community wellbeing.



**Cultural Wellbeing**

**A district with diverse unique communities where people have a strong sense of belonging.**

Our goal is to provide spaces where our community can connect, promote the diversity of our cultures, and develop relationships that support community-led initiatives.



**Environmental Wellbeing**

**A district that has high-quality built environments and healthy natural environments.**

Our goal is to ensure our infrastructure, relationships, and regulatory framework support the ongoing development of high quality built environments and improvement in the natural environment.



## WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO CONSIDER

### He whakaaro ano ngā tātau

#### Growth

We are continuing to grow, and we need to make sure that we are in a position for that to happen.

Over the next 10 years we are expecting an increase of 1,350 more people calling Rangitikei home. We are continuing to work on having land available to build homes and opportunities for businesses to locate here and be successful.

The work completed on our Community Spatial Plan has given us a clear direction for where we can expand and make the best use of our land and assets.

You can read more about our Community Spatial Plan at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti)

#### Affordability of services

Keeping rates affordable is a significant challenge over the next 10 years. A recent challenge in the post covid-19 economic environment is rising inflation. This is causing the cost of goods and services and interest rates to increase significantly.

High level inflation puts pressure on our budgets and rates increases are inevitable. Council is working hard to maintain services. We understand the affordability pressures felt within our community, with ratepayers now facing cost of living challenges.

Council has looked through the draft 10 year budgets closely to seek savings and has come up

with a plan that we think achieves the balance of delivering services for our community in the most affordable way.

#### Legislative Reform

There have been a lot of changes from the Government over the past three years, with many more changes to come. Three waters reform is a key example where the past Government sought to transform the management to larger entities, while the new Government is planning on allowing councils to continue managing water. Likewise, the previous Government proposed significant resource management reform which has been quickly repealed by the new Government.

There is a lack of certainty in many areas, but we do know we will need to expect significant change over the next three years and be agile to respond.

#### Delivering our big projects

One of our challenges is whether we'll be able to complete all the capital work we've planned to do. Our planned Capital Works programme for the 10 years is \$347 million.

Delays could potentially result in increased costs or assets could fail before they are upgraded or replaced, risking continuity and delivery of services. There is also the risk that we charge rates to fund programmes that we then can't deliver in the proposed timeframe.

We have a highly skilled project management team delivering our capital programmes and use external expertise where needed.

There are some things we can't control, like the increased demand for skilled construction workers and materials, but we don't believe these risks to be significant and we are confident we can deliver our programme.

## The condition and performance of our critical assets

Council actively monitors asset conditions and develops renewal programmes to ensure that assets reach their maximum service life without compromising functionality.

Asset data knowledge underpins Council's ability to plan for the future. Quality, timely data must be available, and held in systems that can transform it into useful business decision making information.

Council has reviewed its asset management capability and identified an improvement programme to provide a more consistent approach to operational management and delivery of asset activities.

The collection of more accurate asset condition data will not increase the risk of additional spending. The more accurate data will allow Council to make informed decisions and spend existing budgets on the right assets at the right time rather than increasing the approved budgets.

## Climate change

The impacts of climate change, such as high temperatures and severe storm events, are already being experienced in the Rangitikei. There is a role to play to support our district adapt, mitigate, and prepare for coming climate change challenges.

The most significant risks for our district are severe weather events that cause flooding. We have communities susceptible to this risk, such as Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Scotts Ferry and Koitiata.

Storm events can severely impact our roading network, creating unanticipated repair works. This puts pressure on delivery of the wider roading programme.

Council is committed to meaningful climate action and is working regionally as part of the Manawatu Whanganui Climate Action Joint Committee. We have recently completed Council's first Climate Strategy and Action Plan. The strategy explores opportunities to make practical progress towards positive climate change action and support the movement towards an equitable, low carbon, resilient Rangitikei. This will benefit the future of the district.

Understanding the level of funding required to implement the Climate Strategy and Action plan is being worked on by Council and will be discussed by Council during the 2025/26 Annual Plan process.



**Our ambition is to play our part in driving adaptation and mitigation initiatives both within RDC operations and the wider district, to support a low carbon, resilient Rangitikei.**

Our ambition is guided by clarity that all climate action will require an integrated approach that considers sustainable outcomes for us as a council and district. We aim to support this ambition through two key themes, and six commitments.

### We Play Our Part

*Rangitikei District Council leads the way on climate action, and we hold ourselves accountable.*

#### Our Council commitments

- We will adopt climate as a key lens in major Council strategic and investment **decision making**.
- We will integrate **emissions reduction** initiatives and **adaptation planning** into the way we do business.
- We will develop a plan to **reduce council emissions** and measure progress each year.

### Enabling a Low Carbon and Resilient District

*Our influence on climate outcomes for the District is maximised and Rangitikei businesses and communities feel empowered..*

#### Our district level commitments

- We will support and **play our part** in the region to reduce emissions.
- We will actively promote adaptation planning for the district and support initiatives for a **resilient** economy.
- We will leverage climate thinking, building on efforts to date, to create an **inclusive, regenerative, circular** district.

## KEY CHOICE 1 | MARTON POOL

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



Rangitīkei has three public pools they are in Taihape, Hunterville and Marton.

Currently, the pools are open on a seasonal rotation and are available for use during the summer months which is generally the end of September to April. Taihape and Marton pools are managed and maintained by Council contractors. The Hunterville pool is managed by the Hunterville community paid with a grant by Council yearly. The cost of having these three facilities is \$1,163,199 per year.

**Marton is home to an olympic-sized heated indoor pool, currently one of the few in New Zealand, which is available to our community during summer only.**

The Marton pool can facilitate up to 200 people at a time with a staff ratio of one lifeguard to every 50 swimmers. There is an opportunity, as the Marton Pool is an indoor facility, to look at opening it year round. This would potentially open up the ability for Marton to promote the pool to clubs, swimming and sports events, swim coaches, health organisations and schools out of the district. At this stage it is not an option to look at opening the Taihape and Hunterville pools year around however, if there was interest in the future, it could be considered.

Opening the Marton pool year round allows qualified staff to be employed on permanent contracts, implement more programmes and services and open up the services currently provided to ensure continuity of services. Currently around 108 community members use the Marton pool daily, from babies through to our senior

community members, hosting a range of activities from aqua sports to swim classes.

The 2021 LTP included an amount of \$222,000 from 2024/25 onwards (ie. Year 1 of the new LTP) for this. These costs are now estimated to have increased by \$135,000 to \$357,000.

#### Options to consider are:

##### Option 1

- The Marton pool would remain only open on a seasonal basis. This means that the \$222,000 budgeted for in the previous LTP would be removed and no increase allowed for in the 2024/25 year, or future years. This would have no impact on budgeted increases but would instead reduce the size of the Councils current deficit.

##### Option 2

- From 2024/25 the Marton pool would open all year round. This means the \$222,000 budgeted for in the previous LTP would be retained from 2024/25; and an additional \$135,000 would be added to the budget from 2024/25 – bringing a total of \$357,000 annual increase.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?



## OPTION 1

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

This means that the \$222,000 budgeted for in the previous LTP would be removed and no increase allowed for in the 2024/25 year, or future years.

### PROS

- ✓ No increase of rates.
- ✓ Drop from planned increase of \$222,000 for 2024/25.
- ✓ Allows time to look at how the facility could be improved/upgraded.
- ✓ Look at what grants and funding are available to upgrade the facility.

### CONS

- ✗ Pool only available during summer season.
- ✗ Difficult to attract pool staff for seasonal work.
- ✗ Difficult for people to commit to water/fitness programmes for a season.

### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates</b>	Reduction of \$222,000 from 2024/25 ( LTP 2021-31)
<b>Impact on debt</b>	Nil
<b>Impact on levels of service</b>	Unchanged due to no increase of opening hours

## OPTION 2

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

This means the \$222,000 budgeted for in the previous LTP would be retained from 2024/25; and an additional \$135,000 would be added to the budget from 2024/25 – bringing a total of \$357,000 annual increase.

### PROS

- ✓ Employ permanent staff to implement activities.
- ✓ Clubs and Schools would have access all year.
- ✓ Attractive to outside clubs and organisations.
- ✓ Potential increased use of facility.

### CONS

- ✗ Increase rates to cover costs.
- ✗ Useage may not increase as, during winter months.

### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates</b>	Total \$357,000 (An increase of 1.2% on rates)
<b>Impact on debt</b>	Nil
<b>Impact on levels of service</b>	Increase in service levels as pool would remain open all year



## KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

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



In 2023 the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) released Te rautaki para - Waste strategy.

Te rautaki para - Waste strategy provides direction for New Zealand waste systems from now to 2050.

The vision of Te rautaki para - Waste strategy is "By 2050, Aotearoa New Zealand is a low-emissions, low-waste society. Built upon a circular economy. We cherish our inseparable connection with the natural environment and look after the planet's finite resources with care and responsibility."

Work has been started to repeal and replace the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and the Litter Act 1979. It is uncertain whether this will progress under the new government.

If new legislation was adopted, it is expected to support the delivery of significant initiatives including Te rautaki para - Waste strategy and actions relating to waste in the Emissions Reduction Plan.

### Kerbside Standardisation

At the beginning of 2023 MfE announced a move to standardise kerbside recycling across the country. This announcement signalled:

- Food scrap collections be available to households in all urban areas.
- A standardised set out of recyclable materials would be collected from households in urban areas.
- Minimum standards for diverting waste from landfill would apply to councils, with reporting requirements for private waste companies.
- Businesses would be required to separate food scraps from general waste by 2030.

### What does this mean for us?

Council has to meet the requirements laid out by the Ministry relating to kerbside standardisation. Based on current information, the key implications for Rangitikei are expected to be:

- All urban areas >1,000 residents have a council run recycling collection (by 2027).
- All urban areas >1,000 must have a food, or food and garden collection (by 2030).

### Council is proposing two options:

*As this is a legislative requirement there is no status quo option.*

#### Option 1

- Provide a Council-run collection to the urban households in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape with three bins for: organic waste, general waste and recycling from January 2027.

#### Option 2

- Provide a Council-run collection to the urban households in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape where one bin is issued from 1 January 2027 for recycling and a second bin is provided for organic waste (food and garden waste) from 1 January 2030. Residents will need to have a separate contract for general waste disposal.

Based on current information Rātana and Koitiata are not required to be serviced. Council may provide this service at their discretion.



# WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?



## OPTION 1



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

- **Organic Bin** – food and garden waste weekly.
- **General Waste Bin** – landfill waste collected fortnightly.
- **Recycling Bin** – recyclable plastic, steel, aluminum, paper, cardboard collected fortnightly.

Council would supply three bins to each urban household in our District. A collection service will empty these bins on collection day.

### PROS

- ✓ It helps to divert landfill waste.
- ✓ Source separation is very easy.
- ✓ Environmentally friendly.
- ✓ The simultaneous collection of all three bins will result in a single annual charge that will replace all other solid waste removal arrangements and could result in a more cost effective solution for all our residents.
- ✓ Will create a scale that will attract large service providers to the district.

### CONS

- ✗ It is very costly and needs extra resources.
- ✗ It is necessary to have organic waste processing facilities prior to the collection of green waste.

### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates*</b>	1.7% in 2026/27 and 1.5% increase in 2027/28
<b>Impact on Debt</b>	Increase \$1.5m
<b>Impact on levels of service</b>	Increase in service levels

For 2026/27 - approximately \$138 per year (\$11.50 per month) for every household that receives the service (the urban areas of Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape). From 2027/28 – approximately \$143 per year (\$12 per month). This cost covers kerbside rubbish, recycling, and food scraps.

## OPTION 2

We stagger the provision of a recycling bin (issued in January 2027) and an organic waste bin (issued in January 2030). Residents need a separate contract for disposing of their general waste.

The kerbside collection of the recycling bin will start in January 2027 followed by the addition of the food scraps bin in January 2030, each with additional costs as and when they start.

### PROS

- ✓ The cost increase in rates would be staggered over a period of time rather than a single larger increase.

### CONS

- ✗ Disposing of general waste remains the responsibility of residents, with the cost of the bins being an additional cost.
- ✗ The staggered approach to kerbside collection of the recycling bin then the organic waste bin will be smaller in scale and may not attract large national service providers to the district.

### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates*</b>	0.8% in 2026/27 and 0.7% in 2027/28 and 0.6% in 2029/30 and 0.6% in 2030/31
<b>Impact on debt</b>	Increase \$1m
<b>Impact on Levels of Service</b>	Increase in service levels

For 2026/27 - approximately \$63 per year (\$5.25 per month) for every household that receives the service (the urban areas of Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape). This cost covers kerbside recycling only. From 2029/30 – approximately \$77 per year (\$6 per month). From 2030/31 – approximately \$79 per year (\$6 per month). This cost covers kerbside recycling and food scrap collection.

\* Impacts are based on initial estimated costs and may differ from final costs. Any increase would only apply to ratepayers receiving the kerbside collection services. The proposed kerbside collection services would replace the requirement for residents to have their own privately contracted kerbside collection service, which may result in a decrease in cost.

## KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

### Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?



#### Thriving town centres are essential for the wellbeing of our communities.

They provide spaces where our community can connect with each other, support economic growth, and provide local services for our communities. To achieve the outcomes sought, significant investment is needed.

Council is already investing in a range of initiatives in Marton and across the district that are proposed to continue:

- **Town centre revitalisation projects:** Council was successful in receiving an external grant of \$200,000 for town centre revitalisation initiatives across Marton, Taihape and Bulls. A project will be completed for each town over the next three years.
- **Business support:** Council ran earthquake-prone building seminars for building owners in 2023 and are actively supporting business growth.
- **Rates remissions:** Council has a rates remissions policy aimed at supporting building owners to strengthen earthquake-prone buildings and for business expansion.
- **Developing strategy:** Council has invested in town centre plans, and the Community Spatial Plan to guide future development of our town centres.
- **Maintenance:** Council maintains the roads, footpaths, vegetation and open space in our town centres as well as cleaning and waste management.

To build on these initiatives and create transformational change for Marton, Council is proposing to lead town centre revitalisation for Marton through an upgrade of the main street (the exact area will be defined through the initial design phase). The aim of this project is to support town centre

revitalisation by improving the space for the local community, supporting local business development, providing a place where the community chooses to go, and attracting visitors. Revitalisation will be achieved by beautifying the main street, improving the experience for pedestrians, improving traffic flow, providing more spaces for our community to connect with each other, and greening the area. The project aligns with Council's strategic vision, the Community Spatial Plan which identifies town centre revitalisation as a top priority for Marton, and will support community wellbeing. The project will only make changes to public spaces such as footpaths, the road and open spaces and will not redevelop any buildings or private buildings.

**Council considers that this change will be a catalyst for revitalisation of buildings in the town centre.**

In 2024/25 Council proposes funding \$100,000 to develop a plan that will visualise the redevelopment. This is when the community will be able to input into the design and see what a new main street could look like. Developing the plan will mean Council will be able to see exactly what changes will be made and gain accurate costs of the redevelopment. The long term plan then proposes including \$2 million in 2025/26 to construct the street upgrade. This budget may need to be reviewed once the plan is developed. Including the funding in the long term plan for construction, signals to the community that Council is committed to significant investment. When planning the construction Council will work with Marton business owners to ensure any disruptions to their businesses are reduced where possible.



In the long term the street upgrade will support Marton town centre businesses by providing a more attractive place for people to spend time.

These capital costs will be met initially through debt, which is consistent with Council's approach for funding projects that have long term benefits. This debt and the interest is then proposed to be repaid on district-wide rates through the Uniform Annual General Charge. This will cost each ratepayer approximately \$18 per year. This district-wide system is the same as how Council funds other activities such as the three waters, or the civic centre projects.

We know the town centres in Taihape and Bulls are also facing similar challenges in the main streets. In the short term Council will continue to invest in the district-wide initiatives identified above (e.g. rates remission, business support), implement town centre revitalisation projects, and for Taihape, implement the Taihape Town Hall and Library redevelopment. Following the street upgrade for Marton, Council will consider street upgrades for Bulls and Taihape. Bulls and Taihape are more challenging because the main roads are under the control of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

### OPTION 1



Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

#### PROS

- ✓ Enhanced look and feel of the Marton Town Centre.
- ✓ Catalyst for town centre revitalisation.
- ✓ Improvement in the town centre experience for users.
- ✓ Opportunity to incorporate increased cultural and environmental elements into the design.
- ✓ Opportunity to create more spaces for community connection and build on the projects on the village green.

#### CONS

- ✗ Investment needed.
- ✗ Short term disruption during construction works.
- ✗ Full revitalisation is also dependent on the redevelopment of buildings along the street.

#### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates</b>	0.36% of rates from Year 3
<b>Impact on Debt</b>	\$2.1 million
<b>Impact on levels of service</b>	Increased levels of service

### OPTION 2

Status quo - Do not invest in Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

#### PROS

- ✓ No investment required
- ✓ Streetscape remains familiar

#### CONS

- ✗ No change to town streetscape.
- ✗ No progress made on revitalising the Marton Town Centre.
- ✗ No improvements to the user experience in the town centre.

#### WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US?

<b>Impact on rates</b>	Nil
<b>Impact on debt</b>	Nil
<b>Impact on Levels of Service</b>	Unchanged



# WHAT ELSE ARE WE CONSULTING ON?

## Ngā momo uiuinga



### Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges

Fees and charges allow us to pass on some costs directly to those who use particular services and facilities, like using the transfer station or hiring a hall. This reduces the amount of funding that needs to be collected through rates.

The proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2024/25 is being consulted on separately.

### Draft Rates Remission Policy

Council's Rates Remission Policy identifies the situations, objectives, and criteria for the remission of rates. Changes are proposed to the Rates Remissions Policy for earthquake-prone buildings, a new remission is proposed for land impacted by rezoning and other minor amendments.

The draft Rates Remission Policy is being consulted on separately.

### Draft Significance and Engagement Policy

The Significance and Engagement Policy is the document that Council uses to determine the significance of decisions and what community engagement will occur for different issues. The existing Policy has been reviewed, with changes made to make it easier to use.

The draft Significance and Engagement Policy is being consulted on separately.

### Draft Development Contributions Policy

A Development Contributions Policy can require developers to pay a fee that contributes towards the cost for infrastructure required to support growth. Council's approach is to not require development contributions and to work with developers on a case-by-case basis regarding their contribution for each major development.

The draft Development Contributions Policy is being consulted on separately.

### Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out Council's approach to, and sources of, funding operational and capital expenses. The existing Policy has been reviewed, with Part A updated to include reference to the principles of the preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and other minor changes (to reflect the uncertain nature of some grants Council receives), Part B updated for some changes in the relative split of funding sources for some activities and to the key beneath the matrix and a new Appendix 1 has been added.

The draft Revenue and Financing Policy is being consulted on separately.

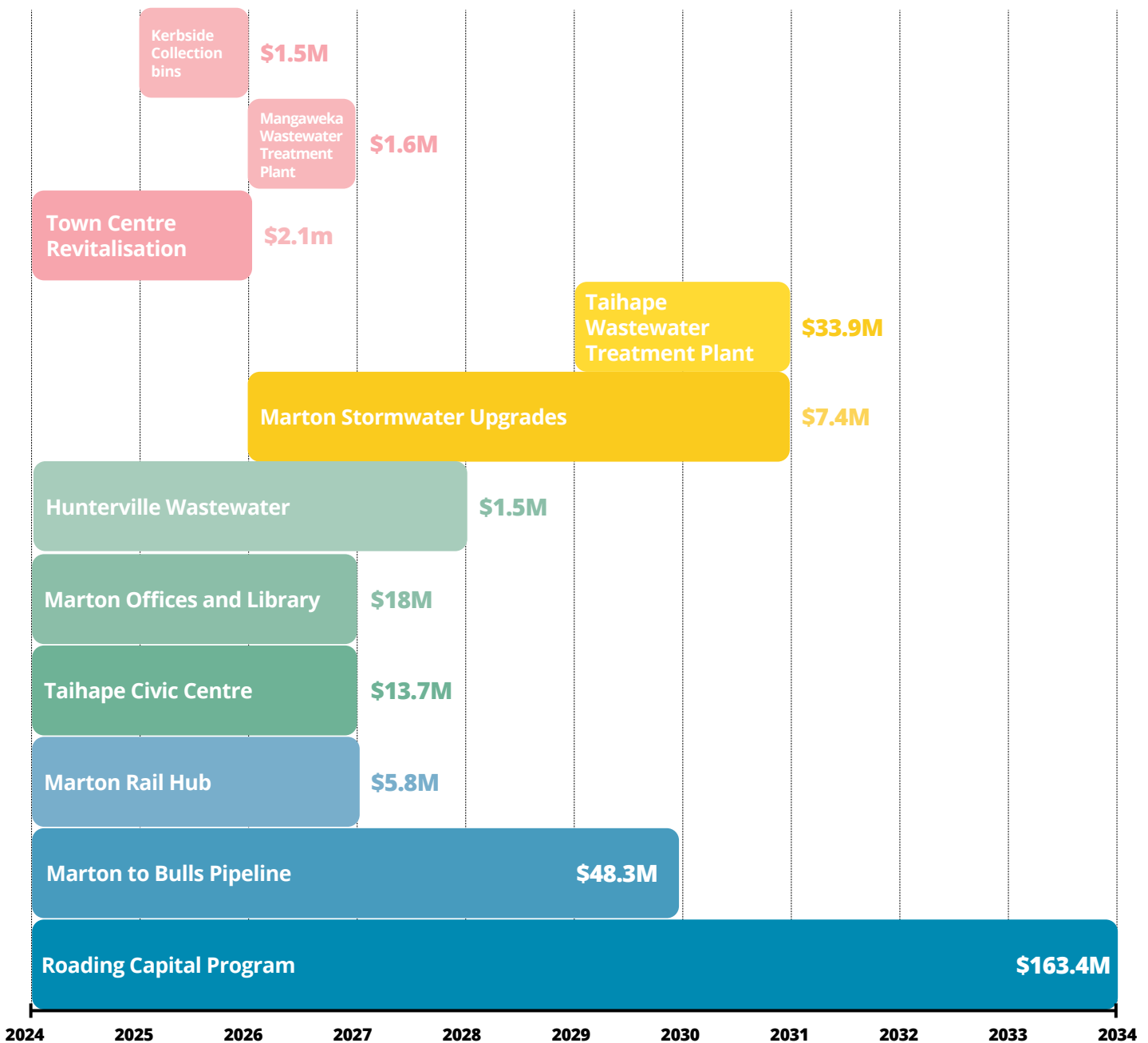


# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIG PROJECTS WE HAVE PLANNED?

## He aha ngā whakakaupapa matua o te Kaunihera?

In our 2021-31 LTP we outlined a number of big infrastructure projects that were planned to take place during that 10-year period.

Our commitment and work on these projects have not changed, they are critical pieces to ensure we continue to deliver services at the best possible dollar value and that the generations to follow won't be the ones paying for resources not being upgraded or maintained.

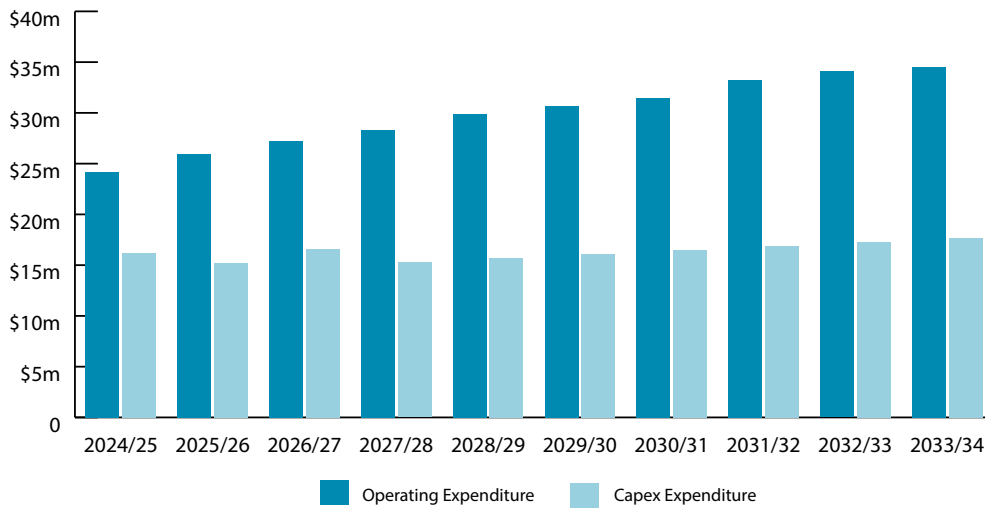


These are some big projects and infrastructure investments that we have planned for in the next 10 years for our District.

(The numbers in the graphic are rounded, and are not inclusive of everything we have planned in the LTP 2024-2034).

# ROADING

## Ngā rori



**Our Roding is one of the most important parts of infrastructure. It is critical that we have safe, reliable, and accessible road networks around our District.**

Without a solid roading network, we lose our ability to not only travel but to work, to have a logistic supply chain of goods and services moving around our District, and to build our economy.

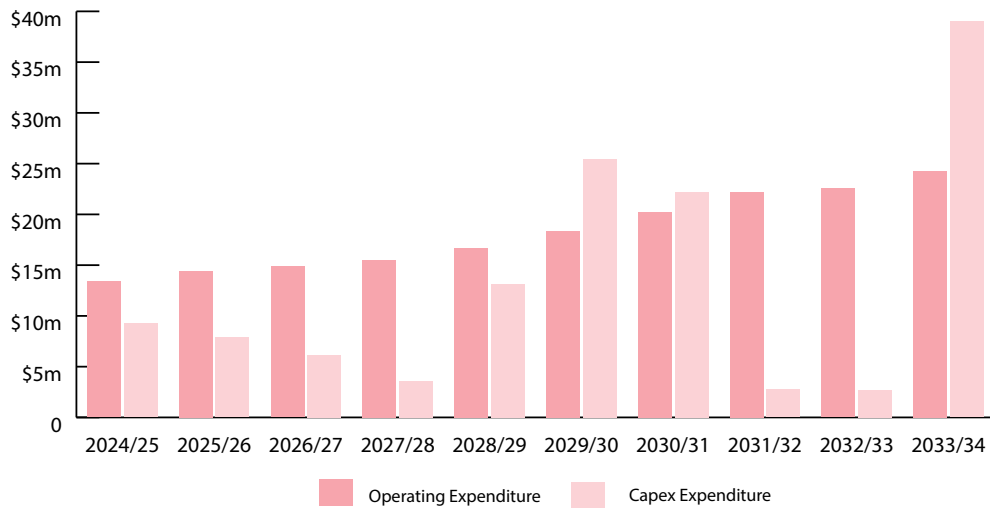
We have a challenging geographical spread throughout our District which continues to add pressure to our Roding network. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi co-funds some Roding in our District. To carry out the work that needs to be done \$150 million of rates over 10 years are committed to Roding projects.

The final approved roading programme has not yet been agreed with by NZTA. If the funding is less than expected there is a risk the network condition could deteriorate over time



# THREE WATERS

## Ngā ratonga wai



The National Government, elected in October 2023, announced a new direction for water services and is currently enacting legislation to repeal what the Labour Government had put in place for the Three Waters, and return responsibility to councils.

As the Government have signalled a restoration of council ownership and control of water assets, budget for delivering Council's three water services is included in our 2024-34 Long Term Plan budgets.



# WHERE DO WE GET OUR MONEY FROM?

## I ahu mai te pūtea moni i whea?

The Council is tasked with delivering a huge range of services to the community, as well as maintaining and delivering a variety of infrastructure projects.

While we have big goals to achieve and a lot of work to do to ensure Rangitikei is a place people want to call home, we know how important it is to stick within our financial limits and ensure that what we do is affordable.

*We aim to get the best value we can for everything we do, to ensure we maintain equity between our communities and between current and future generations, and maintain a strong balance sheet without too much debt.*

This means trying to keep rates affordable, capping increases in our spending to a level our community can afford, and ensuring that we choose to fund the right projects at the right times.

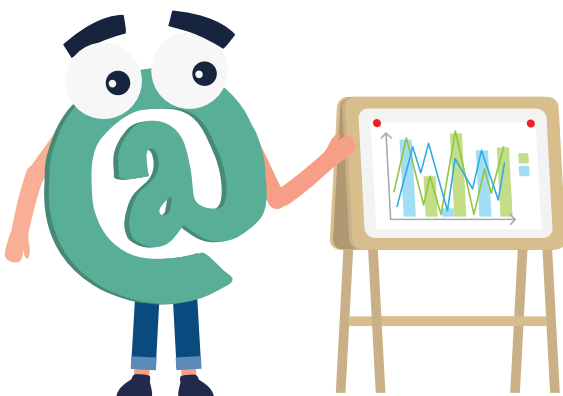
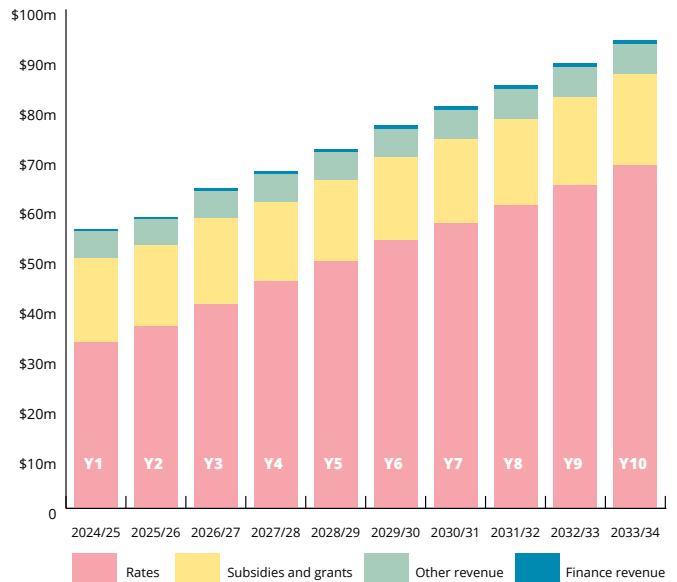
### So, where does our money come from?

The Council's income is to fund through rates, which are referred to by many as being a form of tax where anyone who owns property in Rangitikei pays a set amount to the Council annually. There's more information about rates on the next few pages.

Fees, charges, grants and subsidies are also important sources of income for the Council, and these help us to keep our rates at an affordable level.

The most significant subsidy we receive is from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, which helps us to maintain our roading network. We also receive grants and funding from the Government for specific projects.

We seek external funding, wherever we can, to assist in alleviating rates burden and work to achieve our goals for our community.





# WHAT ABOUT DEBT?

## Ngā nama pūtea

**We use debt to pay for items that have an intergenerational benefit.**

*Borrowing allows us to get the things we need now, and pay it off over time.*

Repaying loans over time also means that current and future ratepayers contribute to the cost of the asset that they are benefiting from.

This graph shows our projected levels of debt over the next 10 years of our LTP. We have capped our debt limit at four different levels throughout the next 10 years, as we expect our debt to increase significantly during this period:

- Years 1 and 2: \$102m
- Years 3 to 5: \$119m
- Year 6: \$145m
- Years 7 to 10: \$150m

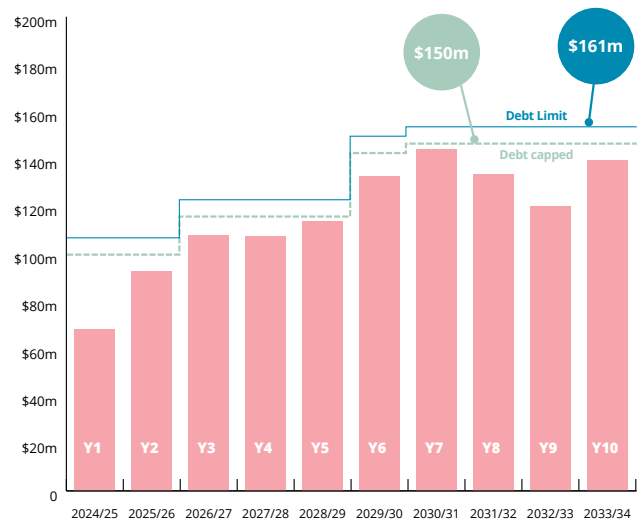
**It is important to note that:**

1. These limits are based on an assumption that Council will maintain a bank balance of \$11m to \$17m during these ten years.
2. Council could hold larger bank balances during this period and increase its borrowing limits without breaching any external borrowing covenants.
3. Council has the ability to borrow more than the amounts noted above, but wishes to retain some sort of buffer against potential future unknown events.

Council's planned capital expenditure during the Long Term Plan is budgeted to be around \$350m.

Council's capital expenditure is often split into two categories, renewals and growth.

Renewals capital expenditure is essentially where Council replaces its current assets. This expenditure is generally funded via rates or grant funding. Growth capital expenditure is where Council is either adding new assets or increasing its current asset base. Such expenditure is often significant and can straddle financial years. The precise timing of the future payments associated with such projects can not always be accurately determined. In these cases Council is conservative with how it phases the expenditure on the basis that it can bring forward the related expenditure, should the project be able to be progressed in advance of the budgeted expenditure (as long as the overall project is not exceeded).



### Council is planning deficits for the first five years of the Long Term Plan.

The major cause of these deficits, as noted in Council's previous Long Term Plan (and as will be noted in many other Councils' Long Term Plans), is depreciation. Council's depreciation has increased from \$12.6m to over \$17m in the two years ended June 2023. Council considers it prudent to rate for such cost increases over a number of years, thus avoiding large increases in any one year. Although this will result in Council having an unbalanced budget for some years, it will still generate sufficient funds for Council and will result in an ongoing, sustainable, balanced budget.

Council's planned Capital Program and the asset revaluations Council has to undertake during the Long Term Plan mean that our annual Depreciation charge can expect to increase from its 2023/24 level of \$18m to around \$30m in 2033/34.

This presents Council with a significant challenge in balancing its budget and keeping rate increases low.



# WHAT DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY ON?

## Ngā whakapau pūtea

Council funds and looks after assets and infrastructure in our District, such as roads, pipes, buildings, parks, town signage and rubbish bins.

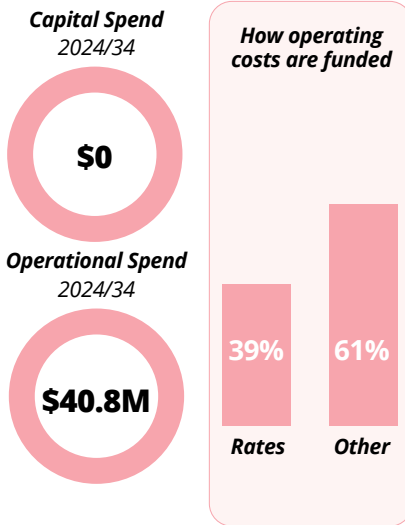
The money we spend on developing, upgrading or maintaining physical assets is known as **capital expenditure**.

Council's capital expenditure is generally funded by debt, grants, subsidies and/or rates. Additional debt will mostly be in relation to the acquisition and construction of new assets and infrastructure, rather than the replacement of existing assets and infrastructure.

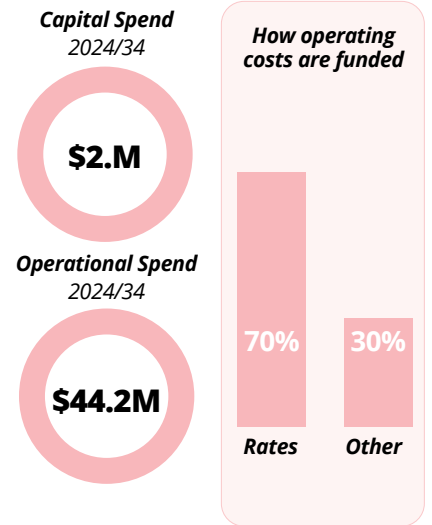
We also fund and take care of many services in our District, including running, monitoring and regulating the goings-on in our communities. This is known as **operational expenditure**.



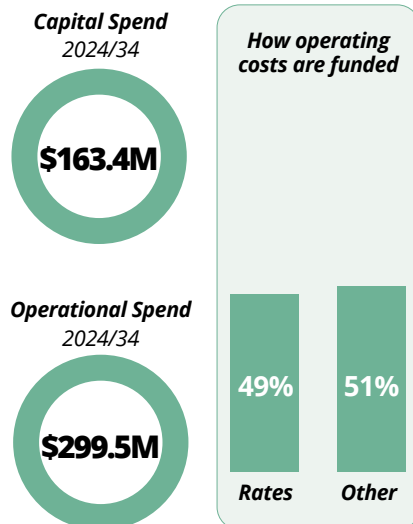
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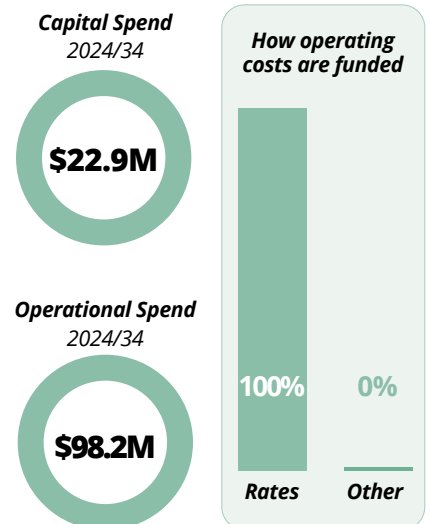
### Rubbish & Recycling



### Roading & Footpaths



### Water Supply





### Community Leadership

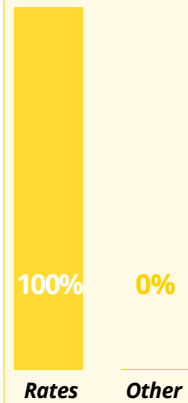
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How operating costs are funded



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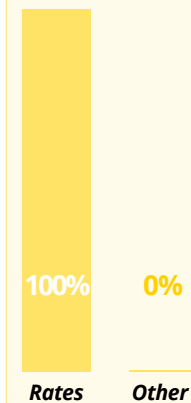
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How operating costs are funded



## KŌRERO MAI

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



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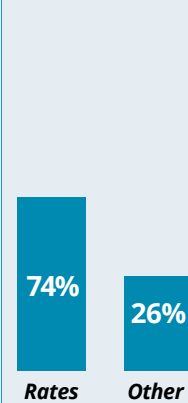
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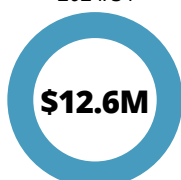


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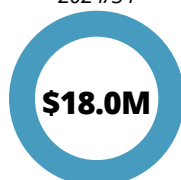


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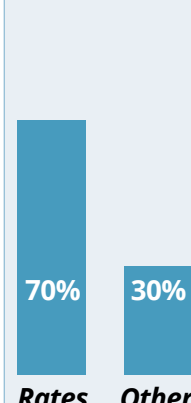
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How operating costs are funded



### Community

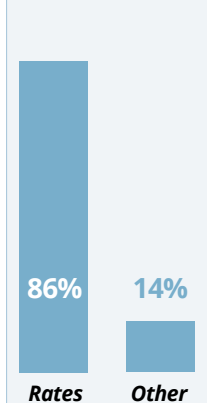
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How operating costs are funded



# WHAT WILL OUR RATES LOOK LIKE?

## Ngā tāke Kaunihera

### Initial proposed rates increases

Council is entering the Long Term Plan with a deficit budget and, accordingly, has to increase its income quicker than its costs will increase. Should Council wish to eliminate its deficit in a single year it would have to impose a rate increase of around 20% to 25% in 2024/25.

Council considers that this would be too much in a single year and has decided to set a rates limit to eliminate the deficit budget over five years.

Council's initial proposed rate increases over the next 10 years were:

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
<b>Initial increase in Council's Rates Income</b>	12.5%	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%	8.75%	8.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
<b>Initial average Impact on Current Ratepayers*</b>	11.5%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%	7.75%	7.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%

\* For example, where annual growth in the District is 1%, then existing ratepayers can expect (on average) to be charged annual rate increases 1% lower than the figures noted above.

However, some properties will receive a rates increase in Year 1 in excess of the above increase due to the property revaluations that have recently been conducted. Properties that increased in value above the average increase are likely to receive higher rate increases than noted above.

### Changes to initial Proposed rates increases

Council has been advised that it is required to introduce kerbside waste collection as detailed on pages 16-17 of this document and Council will obviously incur new costs as a result of this. Council intends to cover these associated costs via a new rate. This new rate will be a targeted rate levied on those ratepayers who receive the service. (Note: it is expected that many of these ratepayers will be able to stop paying other contractors who may be currently providing this service).

The new targeted rate will impact Council's 'initially-proposed' rates, depending on which Key Choice is implemented:

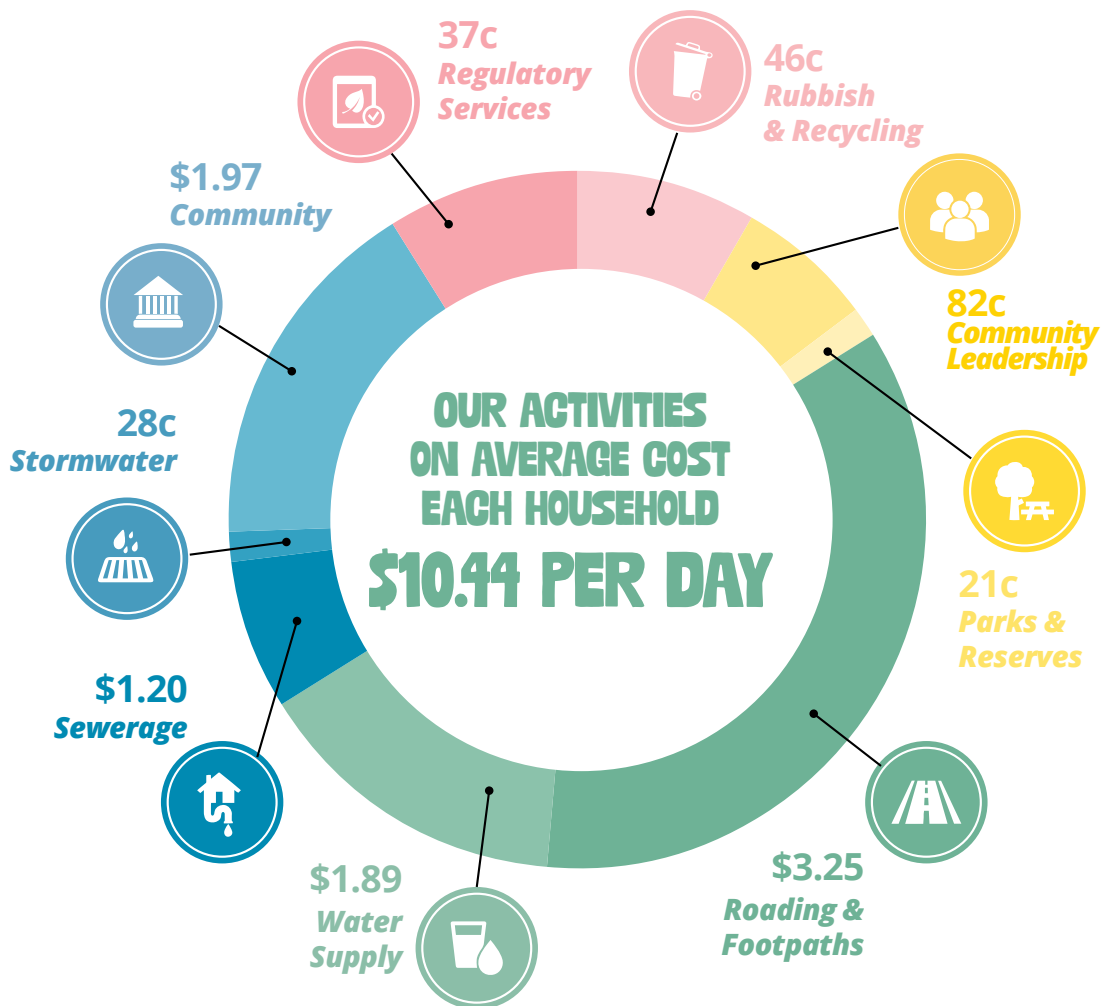
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
<b>KEY CHOICE 2   OPTION 1</b>										
<b>Proposed increase in Council's Rates Income</b>	12.5%	9.9%	11.6%	11.4%	8.6%	8.3%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
<b>Proposed average Impact on Current Ratepayers*</b>	11.5%	8.9%	10.6%	10.4%	7.6%	7.3%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
<b>KEY CHOICE 2   OPTION 2</b>										
Proposed increase in Council's Rates Income	12.5%	9.9%	10.7%	10.6%	8.7%	9.1%	7.1%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
Proposed average Impact on Current Ratepayers*	11.5%	8.9%	9.7%	9.6%	7.7%	8.1%	6.1%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%

Council's updated limits on its rate increases (excluding penalties and remissions) are as follows:

- Less than 13.5% for Year 1
- Less than 12.5% for Years 2 to 4
- Less than 9.5% for Years 5 and 6
- Less than 7.5% for Years 7 to 10.

### Daily rates breakdown



Proposed Annual Rates 2024/2025



**RESIDENTIAL TAIHAPE**

<b>Average Property Valuation</b> <b>\$327,471.88</b>	<b>Proposed Average Rate:</b> <b>\$3,585.45</b>		<b>Current Annual Rate:</b> <b>\$3,100.83</b>		
	<b>New Property Valuation</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Increase per week</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$410,000.00	\$3,427.20	\$3,985.99	\$10.75	16.30%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$325,000.00	\$3,263.40	\$3,792.80	\$10.18	16.22%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$245,000.00	\$3,196.00	\$3,610.97	\$7.98	12.98%

Average Increase:

**\$9.32**  
per week

**15.63%**  
per week



**RESIDENTIAL MARTON**

<b>Average Property Valuation</b> <b>\$415,473.30</b>	<b>Proposed Average Rate:</b> <b>\$3,879.44</b>		<b>Current Annual Rate:</b> <b>\$3,517.58</b>		
	<b>New Property Valuation</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Increase per week</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$520,000.00	\$3,868.80	\$4,183.81	\$6.06	8.14%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$415,000.00	\$3,650.40	\$3,945.17	\$5.67	8.08%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$310,000.00	\$3,432.10	\$3,706.52	\$5.28	8.00%

Average Increase:

**\$6.96**  
per week

**10.29%**  
per week



**RESIDENTIAL BULLS**

<b>Average Property Valuation</b> <b>\$493,313.72</b>	<b>Proposed Average Rate:</b> <b>\$4,042.64</b>		<b>Current Annual Rate:</b> <b>\$3,574.90</b>		
	<b>New Property Valuation</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Increase per week</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$610,000.00	\$3,945.90	\$4,388.36	\$8.51	11.21%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$485,000.00	\$3,650.40	\$4,104.26	\$8.73	12.43%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$365,000.00	\$3,444.90	\$3,923.18	\$9.20	13.88%

Average Increase:

**\$9.00**  
per week

**13.08%**  
per week



**COMMERCIAL**

<b>Average Property Valuation</b> <b>\$451,622.78</b>	<b>Proposed Average Rate:</b> <b>\$4,486.52</b>		<b>Current Annual Rate:</b> <b>\$3,727.33</b>		
	<b>New Property Valuation</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Increase per week</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$570,000.00	\$4,106.30	\$4,391.45	\$5.48	6.94%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$435,000.00	\$3,893.55	\$4,398.68	\$9.71	12.97%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$335,000.00	\$3,569.25	\$3,818.59	\$4.80	6.99%

Average Increase:

**\$14.60**  
per week

**20.37%**  
per week

In 2023, properties in the Rangitikei District were revalued and we are required to use these new valuations to determine how much you will pay in rates for the 2024/2025 financial year. Properties right across our District have seen increases in their property values, and for some they have been significant. You may see if your property has experienced a higher than average value increase.



## RURAL (ALL)

Average Property Valuation	Proposed Average Rate:		Current Annual Rate:		
<b>\$2,153,802.16</b>	<b>\$6,260.55</b>		<b>\$5,670.27</b>		
	New Property Valuation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase per week	% Increase
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$2,690,000.00	\$6,954.00	\$7,378.70	\$8.17	6.11%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$2,150,000.00	\$6,188.20	\$6,099.21	-\$1.71	-1.44%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$1,610,000.00	\$4,672.50	\$4,871.90	\$3.83	4.27%

Average Increase:

**\$11.35**  
per week

**10.11%**  
per week



## RURAL (GREATER THAN \$1M NEW CV)

Average Property Valuation	Proposed Average Rate:		Current Annual Rate:		
<b>\$4,106,405.58</b>	<b>\$11,039.32</b>		<b>\$10,068.38</b>		
	New Property Valuation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase per week	% Increase
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$5,130,000.00	\$12,474.10	\$14,137.02	\$31.98	13.33%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$4,100,000.00	\$10,016.00	\$10,531.17	\$9.91	5.14%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$3,080,000.00	\$6,825.60	\$8,265.09	\$27.68	21.09%

Average Increase:

**\$18.67**  
per week

**9.64%**  
per week



## RURAL (LESS THAN \$1M NEW CV)

Average Property Valuation	Proposed Average Rate:		Current Annual Rate:		
<b>\$536,634.16</b>	<b>\$2,302.72</b>		<b>\$2,027.71</b>		
	New Property Valuation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase per week	% Increase
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$670,000.00	\$2,411.80	\$2,735.47	\$6.22	13.42%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$535,000.00	\$2,013.90	\$2,480.82	\$8.98	23.18%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$402,000.00	\$1,869.85	\$2,152.45	\$5.43	15.11%

Average Increase:

**\$5.29**  
per week

**13.56%**  
per week



## UTILITIES

Average Property Valuation	Proposed Average Rate:		Current Annual Rate:		
<b>\$3,641,067.80</b>	<b>\$11,146.68</b>		<b>\$9,677.77</b>		
	New Property Valuation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase per week	% Increase
<b>High</b> (Approx. 25 % above average value)	\$4,357,000.00	\$116,890.50	\$118,201.90	\$25.22	1.12%
<b>Medium</b> (nearest to average value)	\$3,412,000.00	\$68,788.40	\$92,827.44	\$462.29	34.95%
<b>Low</b> (Approx. 25 % below average value)	\$2,246,000.00	\$54,997.40	\$61,519.73	\$125.43	11.86%

Average Increase:

**\$28.25**  
per week

**15.18%**  
per week

We have worked to reduce this burden on residential ratepayers as much as we can, and you can read more about that on pages 28-29.

\* These examples are based on the proposed changes to the rating system as detailed on pages 28-29. The calculations reflect the average across our sample properties in each of these towns, including the average valuation, rates increase and actual rates. We have included these six rateable property types as an example. To see further information on our sample properties, please check out the Supporting Information on our website.



# MEET YOUR COUNCIL

## Ngā Kaikaunihera

This is your Council. You've elected representatives from across the Rangitīkei District to work alongside our community as we move towards making this place home.

We want to hear from you throughout this process. Get in touch with a Councillor from your ward if you would like to have a chat about this Consultation Document, or about the Long Term Plan



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- Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward



# OUR DISTRICT OF RANGITIKEI

## Te rohe o Rangitīkei



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR LONG TERM PLAN

### He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitīkei?

Submissions close at 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2024.

The Council wants to hear feedback from all ages and ethnicities, from townships and rural communities, right across the District.

To find more information on any part of this process, the LTP or this document, you can:

-  Visit our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)
-  Contact our Council staff by calling **0800 422 522** or contact an Elected Member
-  Email us at [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)
-  Attend one of our **Community Meetings** or **Hui-a-Marae** throughout the District.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



### CONSULTATION

**8 March to 7 April 2024**

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



### HEARINGS

**18 April 2024**

We'll hear from you and what you think of our plans.



### DELIBERATIONS

**16 May 2024**

Then our Council will deliberate and make their decisions.



### ADOPTION

**20 June 2024**

Our Mayor and Councillors will vote to adopt the Long Term Plan.



### ACTION

**1 July 2024**

Our team will get on to putting the Long Term Plan into action.

## KŌRERO MAI

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







# WHERE'S IT @ RANGITIKEI

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