



FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Isn't it great to be in Level 2!

Level 2 provided the opportunity for some of our local businesses to reopen and bring in some much needed cash flow.

It also gave me the opportunity to spend time in Bulls, Taihape and across the district again, which was impossible during lockdown.

I have spent the last few weeks phoning around our businesses seeing how they are and asking if there are areas where Council may help. If we haven't reached out to you and you want to talk to me or any of the councillors, please do so, we are only too happy to visit or speak to you; this can be done in confidence if you prefer.

This week myself and Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, went on site to see progress at the new Bulls Community Centre, it was fantastic to see tradespeople back on site and work proceeding at pace.

It's exciting to see the building take shape. The construction phase is due to be finished within the next seven weeks. Following that there will be a fit-out stage, which involves moving the library, including all the books, to the new premises, exterior decoration work on car park and town square areas.

We acknowledge the Bulls project has had its issues and problems that were then compounded by COVID-19, it has been frustrating at times but the support that the community has given to the new Centre is really appreciated; Bulls and our District will very soon have a fantastic facility which I'm sure we will all be very proud of.

On a really positive note, I was recently advised that Rangitikei District Council was one of four rural councils that will receive \$100,000 from Central Government, to be part of a pilot programme to assist people into employment. This was initiated through an organisation called the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs, of which I am a member. It was great to be given the opportunity to be part of this pilot, if it is successful there may be the opportunity for further funding.

Again I give my personal thanks to everyone involved in our response to COVID-19, especially the staff of our Council. It has been a difficult few months, but we had, and will continue to have, the strength to get through this together.

Ngā mihi,

Andy Watson
Mayor of Rangitikei District



Thank you very much for the grocery shopping!

A bunch of flowers and a box of chocolates is a pretty good gesture at the best of times. But Liz Whitton and the team of RDC Welfare staff and volunteers were knocked out of their socks when they all received a lovely box of chocolates out of the blue.

Liz, and Vicki of Council's Welfare Team, along with the band of tireless volunteers – Mike, Katie, and Lynley were surprised and delighted to receive a thank you-box of chocolates each from Brendon Shoebridge, owner/ manager of New World. The chocolates were in appreciation for their work during the coronavirus lockdown.

The Welfare Team were exceedingly busy during the lockdown over level four and three. Throughout this time they carried out the supermarket shopping for elderly residents in Bulls, Marton and Hunterville. Firstly, because sometimes the elderly find it difficult in the best of times to do their shopping, but secondly, during the lockdown, it has enabled our most vulnerable residents to be protected from possible virus exposure they could have encountered while shopping.

Now that we are into level 2, the team have just finished ringing all the elderly residents that they have been shopping for over the past seven weeks. And the response from these folk has been as equally delicious as the chocolates from New World. "Everyone I talked to expressed their gratitude for our help and service," says Liz.

"Comments such as 'absolutely marvelous', 'wonderful service', 'has helped us immensely', and 'we are so very grateful', were just a few of the heart-felt messages of thanks we received.

"This has been a fantastic initiative for Council to be a part of and shows just what an important function of Council the care of our seniors is," Liz notes.

The Welfare Team went out twice a week at 7.30 in the morning to do the shopping and dropping it around to some very grateful people. And not only

were our elderly appreciative of having their groceries brought to them, they also relished the social contact they had with the team.

"An example of this was a note from Kathy in Hunterville to Mike thanking him for his weekly shopping trips and chats," says Liz.

Brendon at New World was very thankful to our Welfare Team too. He said their shopping expeditions on behalf of our elderly acted as another level of safety and protection both for them and for other supermarket shoppers. "It took a bit of pressure off my staff having the Welfare Team do the shopping for our seniors," he said.

Council also wishes to express its gratitude to the Welfare Team for its dedication to the community.

CE Peter Beggs comments, "It shows just what a great heart our community has and highlights the calibre of Council staff and their desire to do the very best by our residents and ratepayers. I personally commend and thank all members of the Welfare team. I have also received lovely messages and cards with words of gratitude and appreciation from members of our community, it is great to be acknowledged by messages of kindness in appreciation of our efforts."

Upcoming Meetings



Council Meeting

Thursday 28 May 1pm

All Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers - 46 High Street, Marton and live streamed on Facebook.

Public Notices

Rating Information Database

The Council gives notice under Section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that once we reach Alert Level 1 the Rating Information Database will be available for public inspection at the Council's Administration Office, 46 High Street, Marton between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. The purpose of the database is—

- (a) to record all information required for setting and assessing rates; and
- (b) to enable a local authority to communicate with ratepayers; and
- (c) to enable members of the public to have reasonable access to the information in the database relating to the calculation of liability for rates.

No fee is payable for inspecting the database, but a fee may be charged to supply a copy of particulars from the database.

Rates information for individual properties is available on Council's website: www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you can phone 0800 422 522.

Intention to Close Road to Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads as listed below for the purpose of permitting the Community Doors Open Event and Parade on Saturday, 27 June 2020.

Roads to be closed: Broadway, Marton

Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

Roads: Broadway, Marton, Between High Street and Follett Streets (closed between the two roundabouts).

Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4pm on the 11 June 2020, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said roads, a public notice shall be given.

Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Notice of impounding and of proposed sale of impounded stock

Section 46(2), Impounding Act 1955

The undermentioned stock, having been seized for impounding at Hereford Street, Marton are impounded at Manawatū District Council Pound.

Description of stock: Three ram sheep and four ewe sheep.

Notice is hereby given that, unless claimed by the owner, the stock will be sold by public auction or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955 at Manawatū District Council Pound, 16 Awa Street, Feilding on Friday 5 June 2020 at 8.30am.

Date: 25 May 2020

By order of Rangitikei District Council.

R Peterson, Authorised Officer

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