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FROM THE Mayor's Desk



Kia ora, I celebrated Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour with the RSA Service at Marton Park. This year was especially poignant as it came with the recent announcement of the death of Sir Robert "Bom" Gillies, the last survivor of the famed Māori Battalion. The volunteers of the Māori Battalion, who numbered 3600 men, fought in the Second World War in places such as Cassino and followed the Māori contingent that left New Zealand to serve in WWI in 1915. The Armistice Day Memorial speech was written and read by Luci Downes a senior Rangitikei College pupil and with her permission, I attach that speech for you to read - it was very moving and thought provoking. Lest we forget.

The Dudding Trust met recently and made decisions around who will receive money in this financial year. At the moment those results haven't been announced and successful organisations will be contacted in the very near future by the Trustee. What I can say is that we are distributing around \$900,000 to the wider Rangitikei community. The Rangitikei district is not eligible for a number of other funds and in this regard we absolutely rely on the foresight of Mr Dudding and I hope to be in the position to be able to congratulate successful recipients in the near future.

Previously, I made comment that we are going through a recruitment process to select a new Chief Executive. Council have now reduced what was a very long list because we had a significant number of people interested in the position and we are hoping to be able to appoint late this year for someone to take up the role early next year. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Kevin Ross who took on the role of what was an interim Chief Executive position last August. Staff have loved working with him and he has been able to successfully deal with a number of long standing issues.

Lastly, I will be attending prizegivings, where my diary allows on requests from schools for end of year. For Rangitikei College and Taihape Area School there will be announcements around four successful scholarships that Council makes available to Year 13 students. I look forward to hearing about and celebrating the success of our local students.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.

Building and Resource Consents over the 2024/25 holidays

Our Regulatory team have confirmed the following days for Building and Resource Consents acceptance and processing times over the Christmas/New Year period:

Any Building Consents and Resource Consents submitted after **19 December 2024**, will not start to be processed until **13 January 2025** due to the Christmas/ New Year Shutdown period. (as per Section 7 Building Act 2004)

For further information contact our team on 0800 422 522 or info@rangitikei.govt.nz

Geosmin increase in Marton water

It's that time of year again where people are noticing changes to the water that comes through the taps. The water supply in Marton sometimes has muddy taste and smell, and people often associate that with the water having dirt in it. But, the reason for the taste is actually geosmin. Geosmin is essentially the breakdown of algae, which is more prominent in warmer months. Geosmin is in all surface freshwater sources like rivers, lakes, storage ponds and reservoirs. However, the smell and taste is more easily detected in warmer water.

We know that the water at times is not pleasant to drink, but geosmin is not harmful to people or animals, and our water is regularly tested to ensure that it meets Taumata Arowai drinking water standards.

For more information on how we treat geosmin and ways to help the water taste better see www.rangitikei.govt.nz/geosmin-in-marton-water

Fill and Go - Marton Filtered Water Taps

Filtered water taps are available at the Marton RSA and Citizens' Memorial Hall - Wellington Road. The water is filtered through a 4-stage filtration system, removing unwanted odours and taste.

The filters are inspected on Monday's and Friday's by our contractors, and will be replaced if needed.



FREE ENTRY

Marton Market Day is back for 2024!

★ 200+ stalls ★ Circus Act ★ Mechanical Bull ★ Mega Maze
★ Climbing Tower ★ Mini Jeeps ★ Obstacle Course ★ Play Trailer
★ Bouncy Castle ★ Bubble Ball ★ Retail Stores ★ Food Stalls ★ Live Music

9am - 3pm | 7th December 2024
Broadway and Marton Park

RANGITIKEI COMMUNITY HUBS

Our elves have been very busy preparing for the holiday season - a gingerbread house has popped up at our Marton Community Hub, just in time for Christmas! Come check out it and stay for the other fun activities happening at all our Community Hubs.

REMINDER: Our Marton Community Hub (Library) will be closed on Saturday 7 December for Marton Market Day. Come and visit us at our tent on Follett Street.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/communityhubs



Roading Update

Our contractor Higgins have been busy over the month of October, with \$1,095,126.96 worth of work completed.

This includes:

- Grading on 15 roads (82.76km)
- 258 potholes repaired
- Reactive slip clearances at 33 locations
- Roadside mowing of 59 roads
- 90m of culvert pipes were replaced
- 62 Signs were cleaned and straightened

Coming into the peak of summer, you'll likely see more road sealing works happening, which means temporary speed limits in places. These speed limits are often ignored by drivers, but here's three reasons you shouldn't ignore them.

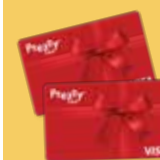
1. It's safer for the crews working!
2. Less likely to damage your vehicle or others!
3. Less likely to cause damage to the new seal, and saves us having to do it again! (and therefore saves ratepayers money!)



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between 28 October and 19 December 2024 and enter the draw to win one of 8x \$100 prezzie cards



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