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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Kia ora koutou, I'd like to start this message by offering my sincere thanks to the Council staff, contractors and other service providers who helped come to the rescue of Rangitikei Wheelie Bin customers, who were impacted by their liquidation.

Council recognise the situation for customers is incredibly unfortunate. Our team worked incredibly hard to come up with a temporary solution alongside our transfer station contractors, Smart Environmental. I was very impressed with how much rubbish they were able to clear in a day. I understand that the other service providers are stepping up to provide kerbside collection to Rangitikei residents, so I encourage you to make contact with them to see if they can collect for you. Information about these providers is available on our website.

I was very encouraged by the number of people who turned up to the last of our public meetings for Local Water Done Well in Marton. It was great to have an engaged group bring their questions forward about our preferred model (a multi Council-Controlled Organisation with Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils). It's fair to say that like all other councils going through this process, we're making many assumptions out of necessity because information from the government hasn't been clear on a number of issues, rural water schemes as an example. While public consultation has closed, the work continues. Council will deliberate all feedback received and make a final decision on the future water services delivery model for Rangitikei in May. I encourage residents to remain engaged with us as we progress this important work.

In my Mayor's report at the most recent Council meeting, I made note of the need for social housing in the district, and I'm pleased to see that a new set of Kainga Ora flats are almost completed on Wellington Road, adding to the capacity that we need in Rangitikei.

Citizenship ceremonies are one of the pleasures of my role as Mayor, officially recognising our newest New Zealanders. The last citizenship ceremony was a large one, with 16 people taking the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty. Our ceremonies tend to be smaller than other councils, but this one was incredible with over 50 people in attendance to commemorate the citizenship of their loved ones. If you're going through the citizenship process currently, or are thinking about it in the future, I wish you luck.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.

Taihape Town Hall and Community Hub Update

At its Thursday, 27 March 2025 meeting, Rangitikei District Council decided on a concept design for the Taihape Town Hall and Library.

The unique heritage facade of the existing two storey office space and library building will be retained and brought up standard to comply with current codes. The rest of the building will be demolished and replaced with a new build. This new build will have the same features of the historical building that the community has treasured for generations (including the hall, stage, supper room and toilets). Council and their contractors, Maycroft, will continue to work closely with the Taihape Town Hall and Library Users Group as work progresses to ensure the final product reflects what they need and want to see in that space.

The goal is the development of a multi-functional building that serves the Taihape Community and attracts events and performances from across the district, region, and the country. www.rangitikei.govt.nz/projects



WHERE'S ANNUAL PLAN & GO RANGITIKEI?

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We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Monday, 5 May 2025



Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitikei? open for consultation from Friday 4th April 2025

The Annual Plan determines what the budget for the next financial year will be, what rates will look like for ratepayers, a summary of what we've achieved over the past year, and what we plan to achieve in the next year!

This year we're also consulting on some other important plans and policies hence the '& Co'. These are:

- Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- Proposed Fees and Charges 2025/26
- Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy

Obviously with the recent rubbish situation, the **Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan** is timely, and will be of interest. We'll have more details about what's in the plan and how we are intending to manage and minimise waste over the next six years, working on our own initiatives and enacting central government legislation.

Proposed Fees and Charges 2025/26 will determine how much a service will be paid by the user and how much that service will be subsidised by ratepayers. This might be of particular interest for those who wish to get building and resource consents, register dogs, take rubbish to the transfer stations, and hire Council venues and facilities (as examples).

The **Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy** provides Council with a means to ensure that dangerous and insanitary buildings are improved to meet building code standards, and that affected buildings do not pose a risk to occupants.

Consultation is open from Friday 4 April until 5pm Monday 5 May.

Submissions can be made using the online submission form on Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations

Rangitikei Wheelie Bins Update

As of March 2025, Central Waste (operating as Rangitikei Wheelie Bins (RWB)) has ceased trading and is no longer providing kerbside rubbish collection services to residents. Rangitikei Wheelie Bins (RWB) customers are encouraged to contact other service providers to see if they can assist with kerbside collection. Details are below:

Low Cost Bins - www.lowcostbins.co.nz

- info@lowcostbins.co.nz
- 0800 754 748

EnviroNZ - www.environz.co.nz

- manawatu@environz.co.nz
- 06 357 8378

Smart Enviromental Ltd

- www.smartenviromental.co.nz
- sales@smartenviromental.co.nz
- 0800 424 990

WaiBins - www.waibins.co.nz

- info@waibins.co.nz
- 06 929 7540

Complete Trash

- www.completetrash.co.nz
- 021 119 1138

Please note, Rangitikei District Council does not provide kerbside collection for residents.

More informations is available at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling/collection-days

Marton Harvest Festival

FOOD DRINK STALLS MUSIC

Sir James Wilson Park, Marton
10am-3pm | Sunday 6th April 2025

JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY
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YOUTH AWARDS 2025

NOMINATIONS OPEN

RANGITIKEI YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you know a young person or a group of youth aged between 12 and 24 that are exceptional... Of course you do. Make a nomination now!