



## Tutaenui Reservoir reserve officially open to the public

On Saturday 10 October, the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society and Rangitikei District Council celebrated opening the Tutaenui Reservoir (also known as Marton B & C Dams) as an official public reserve.

This has been the result of years of hard work from many people. Around 700 volunteer hours have been spent at the dams, mainly starting from 2016. It began with cutting basic tracks through thick gorse and wading through mud. Then in 2017, the pine trees were removed changing the entire landscape of the dams. It allowed the team to see the potential of the reserve and planting began.

An incredible achievement of around 27,000 trees have been planted in the span of a couple of years. Many of these were planted by Council and during community planting days. If you missed out on one of these planting days don't worry there are lots more planned for the future.

Local residents, David Smith and George Death donated a block of land at the start of the Tutaenui Stream just below the dams and in 2018 a fantastic community planting day was held. Over 1000 trees were planted in the ground in one morning and two years on those trees are thriving. Aside from planting at the dams, the tracks have improved greatly and there is progress on making them even better over the next wee while.

Another effort that has made a massive difference to the ecosystem at the dams is the trapping program lead by Maree Gurney and Cath Ash. Every week these ladies are out there trapping and baiting to help rid the dams of pest species and encourage our native wildlife back to the reserve. Over 30 stoats have been caught, along with rats, mice, hedgehogs and other mammalian pests that cause immense damage to the fauna and flora at the reserve.

At the Open Day, Greg Carlyon (a member of the Tutaenui Restoration Society) and Mayor Andy Watson officially opened the kiosk at the beginning of the track. This kiosk will soon have a permanent historical display, information about the dams and a map of the tracks. For kids, there will



Mayor Andy Watson and Greg Carlyon officially opening the reserve.

be treasure hunts and other activities at the kiosk, so they can have a bit of extra fun as you walk around. The children that came along to the Open Day were given a trapping demonstration and learned all about the pest animals at the dams.

The Rotary Club has also been a great help and has put in a lot of work in at the reserve. On Saturday, they helped feed the masses with a sausage sizzle, as well as helping people see the dams by ferrying them around in side-by-sides utility vehicles so nobody would miss out.

The public reserve is now open from dusk to dawn, seven days a week, 365 days a year, for anybody and everybody that wants to come and enjoy the reserve. You can walk, run, or mountain bike the tracks. Dogs on leads and horse riding are also welcome.

There is a small bridge halfway around the 4km track that is a single person bridge, this will soon be replaced with a more accessible bridge, so keep that in mind when walking strollers or bikes around.

If you would like more information or to get involved with the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society, go along to a planting day or join the trapping group, by following the 'Tutaenui Stream Restoration Project' on Facebook.

## More than two dogs?



Council is proposing an amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw allowing for a maximum of two dogs in residential areas, with any further requiring a multi-dog permit.

The questions being asked in our consultation are:

- Do you agree with Councils proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw limiting occupier/s of residential properties to two dogs with a multi-dog permit being required for subsequent dogs? (The permit would last for three years).
- Do you agree with Councils proposed fee of \$30.00 for a multi-dog permit?

We want to know your thoughts on the proposed amendment.

Written submissions on the proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw may be made until midday 19 November 2020. For more information and to make a submission visit our website.

[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dogsbylaw](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dogsbylaw)



## Pre-engagement is designed to make it easier for everyone to have a voice.

We want to hear about the type of community you want to live in so that we can include community aspirations in the Long Term Plan consultation next year.

We'll be at most communities events across the district until the end of November – let us know if you have a community day planned and we'll do our best to be there.

Event Location	Date	Time
Rātana Pā	16 Oct	12pm – 3pm
Shemozzle - Hunterville	31 Oct	9am – 4pm
Marton - On Broadway	20 Oct	11am – 1pm
More dates to be announced		

For more information visit:  
[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/framingourfuture](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/framingourfuture)

## Upcoming Meetings



### Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Monday 2 November 4pm

### Turakina Reserve Management Committee

Ben Nevis Hotel, Turakina  
Thursday 5 November 7pm

### Turakina Community Committee

Ben Nevis Hotel, Turakina  
Thursday 5 November 7.30pm

### Hunterville Community Committee

Hunterville Town Hall, Hunterville  
Monday 9 November 6.30pm

### Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Tuesday 10 November 11am

### Rātana Community Board

Ture Tangata Office, Rātana Pā  
Tuesday 10 November 6.30pm

### Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Council Chamber, Taihape  
Wednesday 11 November 3pm

### Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Council Chamber, Taihape  
Wednesday 11 November 4pm

### Taihape Community Board

Council Chamber, Taihape  
Wednesday 11 November 5.30pm

### Marton Community Committee

Project Marton Office, Marton  
Wednesday 11 November 6pm

### Santoft Domain Management Committee

Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, Bulls  
Wednesday 11 November 6pm

### Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 12 November 9.30am

### Policy/Planning Committee

Thursday 12 November 1pm

### Bulls Community Committee

Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, Bulls  
Tuesday 17 November 6pm

### Community Grants Sub-Committee

Tuesday 24 November 10am

### Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday 26 November 9am

### Finance/Performance Committee

Thursday 26 November 10.30am

### Council

Thursday 26 November 1pm

All meetings are open to the public, unless there are specific items which Council resolves to consider 'public excluded'. Meeting papers are available online, at least two working days before any scheduled meeting, through the Council website or in hard copy at the libraries in Taihape, Marton and Bulls and the Marton Council office.

Any queries, please phone 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522.

All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton. Council meetings, where possible, will be live-streamed on Facebook.