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Council Message



Tamariki having their first go on Virtual Reality headsets at the Marton Community Hub.

It's been fantastic to see our community hubs bustling with activity during the Term 1 school holidays. Our holiday programmes were popular with tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau across Rangitikei.

Arts and crafts sessions continue to be popular, with both Easter and Anzac Day themes coming through strong in the creations, as well as lei making in Marton.

The Virtual Reality headsets got a good workout in Marton and Bulls, and the computers were full most days.

The Easter Ticket Hunt across the district was run by our Community Hubs team and



Sewing and Crafting with Angela and Clara - Tamariki showing off their sewn creations.

the Youth Council, and proved to be a hit with tamariki along with the colouring in competition, with over 100 entries.

Ka pai to all our winners!

Colouring competition results:

Marton

- Over 5's Neve and Zoe
- Under 5's Harriet and Billy

Bulls

- Over 5's Chloe-Rach, Carter and Paetyn
- Under 5's Luna

Taihape

- Over 5's Lucy
- Under 5's Aishreet and Neeve



District Plan - Urban Harmony

The District Plan is the blueprint for growth and land development for the district. The last District Plan was adopted more than 10 years ago, and council are now reviewing the plan. The Plan ensures that there is harmony between the different development zones such as rural, industrial, and residential.

The plan review will take part in sections, and the first section to be reviewed is Proposed Plan Change 3: Urban Growth, which will focus on Marton, Bulls and Taihape, as well as any villages that have a residential or rural living zone.

The three main things that the proposed plan change will look at are:

- How to better provide for the intensification of urban areas where appropriate
- Whether the District Plan's Residential and Rural Living provisions are working well and if not, what needs to change and why.
- Rezoning land from Rural to Residential to provide for greenfield development where there is an identified need.

We'll soon be seeking informal feedback, which will then be used by our planning team to finalise the draft proposal ahead of the formal consultation phase which is required by law.

If you'd like to know more, please visit www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district-plan-review

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025



Kerbside rubbish collection update

We're still seeing a few Rangitikei Wheelie Bins red rubbish bags being left on streets and roads.

We appreciate finding an alternative service provider is frustrating. However, Council don't offer kerbside waste removal and do not charge you for this in your rates.

Please dispose of your household waste responsibly at one of our transfer stations, or through an alternative service provider.

EnviroNZ	www.environz.co.nz 0800 240 120 or 06 357 8378
Low-Cost Bins	www.lowcostbins.co.nz 0800 754 748
Complete Trash	www.completetrash.co.nz 0211 191 138
Waibins.co.nz	www.waibins.co.nz 06 929 7549

For those wishing to keep using bags rather than bins, Complete Trash offer a bag sticking service where residents can purchase stickers and place them on any bag for collection.

Dumping rubbish is illegal - If you are caught dumping rubbish, you will face a minimum fine of \$400. Please note, cameras may be in operation at rural collection sites across the district and offenders will be charged.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/kerbside-collection

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025

2025 is a Local Election year

This means our communications might look a little different from now as we move into the election period.

Are you enrolled to vote? Now is a great time to ensure you are enrolled and your details are up-to-date. You can do this by following the QR code at the bottom of this issue of the Connect.

Soon we will start sharing information about what our Elected Members do, how local democracy shapes our Rangitikei, and why you might be interested in standing this year.

Our goal is to buck the national trend of declining voter turnout in local elections and increase the amount of people voting in Rangitikei. Nationally, only 41 percent of eligible voters took part in the last elections in 2022 (Rangitikei achieved 46 percent).

A reminder to everyone that Council's communications channels cannot be used for electioneering purposes. Any posts or comments from people discussing their own, or someone else's nomination, or intention to run for council, will be removed.

Local democracy is central to making our Rangitikei home. Having your say on who serves you and advocates for your voice at the decision-making table is incredibly important.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/local-elections-2025

WHERE'S ANNUAL PLAN & CO RANGITIKEI?

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

Annual Plan & Co consultation closing

You have until 5pm on Monday, 5 May to submit your feedback on 'Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitikei? We're seeking your input on Council's budget and work programme for the 2025/26 financial year.

Council aren't making any significant changes to the plan, we're just getting on with the things that we said we would do, and reducing costs where we have been able to identify savings. But the reality is that the cost of providing our services and funding the projects we're prioritising has increased. As the old saying goes, nothing is as cheap to do as it is now.

For us to carry on executing the plan that we have in place for the 2025/26 financial year, we need to increase the overall bucket of money to cover the costs by 9.1 percent (down from 9.9 percent proposed in the Long-term Plan last year). This means we are proposing an average rates increase across the district of 9.1%. You can find out more about what this means for your property by following the link below.

Take the opportunity to tell elected members what you think of the plan and if you'd like to see any changes made.

For more information and to make a submission visit: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations

