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Council Message



Autumn is stunning in Rangitikei! Despite the rain, the district has seen some spectacular weather over the last fortnight. It's great to see so many out there experiencing all that our beautiful backyard has to offer.

Council staff have been working hard to bring you the **Rangitikei Heritage Weekend** scheduled for the 17th and 18th of May. A district-wide celebration of local history and culture, activities across the weekend will span the museums in Taihape, Managaweka, Huntville, Marton, and Bulls. This year Heritage Weekend will highlight the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII with local information, and stories about the district during this time. Pick up your passport when you visit, if you get it stamped at all five museums over the weekend, you will be entered in our prize draw! **All museums will be open 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.**

In the background, Council continues its programme of work in the lead-up to the 2025 Local Election period. Notably, Council will deliberate all submissions made on the future of Rangitikei water services delivery on Thursday. You can tune in to these deliberations on our Facebook livestream from 1pm, Thursday 22nd May. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to submit to our 'Where's Water @ Rangitikei?' consultation, and those who engaged with this work throughout the consultation period. www.facebook.com/rangitikeidc

Bulls Domain community engagement workshop

As Bulls prepares for growth, we need to develop a plan that will protect, enhance, and ensure effective use of natural spaces in our community. The parks, reserves, walkways, and green spaces in Bulls facilitate community connection, and are important to making this place home. To help us plan for growth, Rangitikei District Council have partnered with Design Environment to prepare a Recreation and Open Space Network Survey and Analysis for Bulls. The purpose of this project is to ensure a planned and cohesive approach to the future development of open spaces in the Bulls area.

Community Engagement

We are hosting an open public session to gather wider feedback from Bulls residents. You are invited to attend this workshop for Bulls residents and interested members of the public on **Wednesday 4th June from 5:15pm-6:15pm at Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre, 4 Criterion St, Bulls.**

This is an opportunity for you to share how you currently use the Bulls domain and its surrounding green spaces, and the constraints and opportunities facing the spaces as you see them.

If you have any questions about this workshop or process, please contact info@rangitikei.govt.nz



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Future of Marton Swim Centre decided

At the Council meeting held Wednesday 30 April 2025, Rangitikei District Council decided on a path forward for reopening the Marton Swim Centre.

Council have opted to do basic repairs to get the pool open as soon as possible. These repairs include replacing the roof, earthquake strengthening the Marton Swim Centre building to a minimum 67 percent of New Building Standards, and replacing or upgrading assets that are nearing end of life. Council's preference is also to look at new innovations, such as replacing the iron roof with one that lets daylight into the facility, whilst maintaining the structural integrity of the building.

At the meeting, Councillors unanimously recognised that the Marton Swim Centre is important to Rangitikei, and that it should be made available as soon as possible. While the total cost of repairs is yet to be finalised, the operational budget that is normally allocated to the Marton Swim Centre may be absorbed into the overall budget for the project. In addition, a private funder has approached Council with an offer to contribute to repair works.

While Council's decision gives certainty for residents of the swim centre's future, the consent process and current availability of potential contractors may mean that it will remain closed until the middle of 2026 at the earliest.

In the meeting, Council noted that the prolonged closure of the pool will be frustrating for residents, especially for many who rely on the facility during the summer season.

"Staff will continue to work with our swimming centre contractors, Community Leisure Management (CLM) on alternative swimming and recreation options for the 2025/26 summer swim season. With a clear direction from Council, we now have time to plan for the upcoming season," says Rangitikei District Council Chief Executive, Carol Gordon.

Staff will now work with engineering contractors, Create Architects & Engineers, to determine the final scope of the work needed at the swim centre based on the resolution from Council. Councillors will be presented with finalised design options and cost estimates at an upcoming meeting, before a call for tender is put out.

Residents can keep track of this project's progress via our website, social media and in regular printed publications. www.rangitikei.govt.nz/projects

New gambling policies adopted



At the Council meeting on Wednesday, 30 April, Rangitikei District Council adopted its Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and its TAB Venue Policy.

These policies have been reviewed and consulted on, and no significant changes have been made with only small alterations to adhere to current legislation.

The status quo will remain in place with these new policies, which means that the limit on gaming machines (aka pokies) will remain the same, and no stand-alone TAB venues will be permitted in the district.

Council would like to thank everyone who submitted feedback on these policies. www.rangitikei.govt.nz/policies

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